



The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – December 2019

The President's Message

♪♪ It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year ♪♪ ... Or is it?

For many people, this time of year is their favourite time of year. Whether that pleasure comes from seeing all the brightly coloured lights around town, continuing those family traditions, enjoying the goodies and songs that are special to Christmas or because it is the base of your religious belief, this time of year can provide many reasons.



For others, when the reality of circumstances doesn't measure up to the expectations of the season, the holiday season only serves to highlight daily difficulties.

Thank you to our members who have contributed to the *Salvation Army Food Drive* (Larry Flood) and/or *The Giving Tree* (Mary Dunphy) or who support other such good causes that try to ease hardships.



Let us take time to truly appreciate our many blessings.

Merry Christmas!
Marcia MacLeod

Note: Save the Date

Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:00am - 2:30pm

The PROBUS Northumberland 20th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

Appies and Drinks

Despite the arrival of winter, 28 members arrived in high spirits to our home for Appies and Drinks on November 7th.

It wasn't long before the dining room table was laden with a variety of appetizers ... none of which were the same type.

Four "newbie" members realized very quickly that attending a smaller event such as Appies and Drinks is a fun and great way to get to know other members a little better.

Certainly, it has to be one of the easiest ways to entertain in your home when all you need to do is provide bar area for your guests to set their BYOB and a table to hold all the goodies everyone brings.

The 2019 Appies and Drinks Hosting sign up board will be coming down so that another board can be hung in readiness for the good times in 2020.

Marcia MacLeod





Karin Wells

Karin Wells committed journalism in more than 50 countries while creating radio documentaries for the CBC. A packed audience at our Nov. 14 gathering listened raptly as she shared stories and memories from some that involved memorable women.

There were girl soldiers in Sierra Leone, kidnapped and trained to kill and sent out to destroy their home villages. A woman in Srebrenica who'd watched her brother being killed on television and then been told to choose the knife that would be used to kill her son; and then she was raped.

A "happy story" about a Canadian woman who'd corralled musicians and set them busking to raise funds to launch The Soweto Strings, an orchestra and music school in South Africa that now has 18 teachers, 16 of them African. Dr. Lucille Teasdale of Montreal, who set up a clinic in Uganda where she performed 13,000 operations. After contracting Aids she stopped surgery, but still saw more than 300 patients in a morning. Mothers named their daughters Lucy after her.

Preparing current affairs features means going to the scene after the event, she said. So there she was in Aceh (pronounced ah-chay) in Indonesia in the aftermath of a tsunami. She met an Islamic female chemistry professor with a liking for soft-core porn and was told the local mosque had claimed the tsunami was the result of people having sex on the beach.

Karin has a book coming out in the spring. Perhaps another Probus talk?

Michael Hanlon



2019—2020 Management Team



Speaker 28 November *Constable Frank Francella*, a 22 year veteran of the Cobourg Police Force, gave an entertaining and wide-ranging talk on senior safety. He began with a slide show highlighting issues around senior driving such as impaired hearing, impaired vision, limited mobility, reduced reaction time and use of medication. Frank went on to address phone scams, email scams, and safety regarding canvassers both door to door and around local businesses. His presentation, delivered in an honest and often humorous style, generated multiple audience questions and comments.

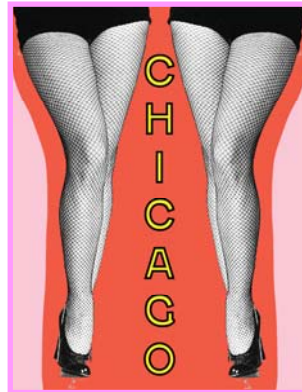
Marg Clarkson

Social Events

It's hard to imagine that we are nearing the end of 2019 – but we have lots of plans for some wonderful social events in 2020.

The Best Western Dinner Theatre is featuring Neil Simon's ***The Sunshine Boys*** and we have 6 tables reserved for **Friday, January 24th**. You may remember the 1975 movie starring George Burns and Walter Matthau as two cranky retired vaudevillians who are persuaded to reunite for a TV special on the history of comedy, in spite of the fact that they are not on speaking terms! Cost is \$55 and I'll need payment by the first January meeting at the latest. This should be a fun show!

Chicago is based on a true story/play from the 1920's and features the fantastic music of the Jazz Age. The movie won 6 Oscars in 2003 and introduced such musical numbers as All that Jazz, Roxie, Cell Block Tango and many more. We have 36 tickets for the Northumberland Players production at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope - **Saturday, February 22nd** (2 pm matinee). The price is **\$35** per person and I'll need payment by the second January meeting.



Merry Christmas to all!

Dianne Graham ggraham24@cogeco.ca

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Christmas Party:

Thursday, December 12th, Lions Centre

Remember to bring your ticket – you might win a door prize!

Valentine Luncheon: Thursday, February 13th, Lions Centre

Regular meeting date

10:45am Doors Open – Registration

11:30am Regular Meeting

12 noon Lunch

1:00pm Entertainment (in lieu of speaker)

Tickets will be available at both meetings in January. Cost is \$22.



Carol Petter



Men's Koffee Klub

Meet at **Kelly's Homelike Inn** on Third Street at 09:30 am on the Tuesday following Probus meetings for Breakfast or Coffee.

Dates for year 2020 — First Half of Year

January 14, January 28

February 18

March 3, March 17, March 31

April 14, April 28

May 19

June 2, June 16, June 30

Chevy's Café at Kelly's Tavern requires advance notice for room setup. Please let either Jack or Ron (the convenors) know if you plan to attend.

Jack Butler — (905) 269-5062 or jehb1701is@gmail.com

Ron Luciano — (289) 252-1939 or ron@lucianogroup.com



Harry Nash, Past President and military retiree lays the wreath on behalf of PROBUS Northumberland at the Remembrance Day service in Victoria Park on November 11th.

Need a Ride?

If you need a ride to a meeting, you can phone Marg or Bob (not John) MacDermaid at 1-905-309-1598 by 5:00 pm the day before the meeting.

They will arrange to have you picked up and returned.

Golf Get Away June 1st & 2nd, 2020 at Eganridge Resort

Fifty people are now signed up for the 2020 Golf Get Away! The deposit has been sent and the resort is booked. Our maximum number of participants is 50, but we are opening a waiting list. If there are any folks who are interested, just let me know and I'll put you on our list.
~ Sue Tee ~

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Deadline for the next ProBuzz is December 28th.

Please send any material to john@cobourginternet.com

Membership Announcement



Estelle Morrill was inducted at our meeting of November 28th, 2019. Sponsored by Trish Morgan and Gladys Maggs. Estelle was a business administrator for a health unit and a past owner of a Cable TV business. Her interests are travel, theatre and social luncheons. She is willing to help as a greeter.

Please welcome Estelle to our club.

Maureen & John Crofts, Membership Committee

Editor's Corner

The number of printed copies of the Probuzz is gradually being reduced since 144 members can get it via email and that saves the club money. None will be printed in December and 40 or less in January.



Future Meetings & Speakers.

- Jan 9** Cynthia Hunt Hockey night in Ladakh
 - Jan 23** Dan Buchanan. Brighton History Week
 - Feb 27** Michael Hanlon - His life as a reporter
 - Mar 12** David Newland — Arctic Adventures
- Speaker Committee*

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