



Ganaraska Currents
**GANARASKA VALLEY
 PROBUS CLUB**



Our Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS

50-50 winner!

10 Jan – **Wilson Gaudion**
 won \$43.00

FEBRUARY CREW

Caterers:

Captain.....Joyce Prince
 14 Feb.....**Reg & Maggie
 Colborne
 Sheila Rooney**
 28 Feb...**Eileen & Russell
 Mountain
 John King**

If unavailable please find a
 substitute or call
905-885-8281

Greeters:

14 Feb.....**Eric & Jan
 Blaikie**
 28 Feb.....**Carol & Murray
 Bolton**

If unavailable please find a
 substitute or call
**905-797-2555 or
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 NEWSLETTER**

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 on the **Northumberland
 Probus website** at:
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 newsletter in **colour**
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**PORT HOPE'S
 HISTORICAL
 SPEAKER**

Not only is he an historian who lives in Port Hope, but he is also the author of the only history of Port Hope that has been written since 1901. **Ian Montagnes**, our 10 January program speaker, is the author of **Port Hope A History** published in 2007 by Port Hope's Ganaraska Press with photographs by **John de Visser** and a forward by **Farley Mowat**. Mr. Montagnes gave us a broad overview of the major historical periods in the development of Port Hope which was augmented with very interesting and lively details from the daily lives of the inhabitants, from the tragedies of the man who lost his family and the



young teacher who died of overwork to the hilarities of dishonest voting schemes and the 1910 semi-professional Port Hope hockey team that got into the playoffs.

He described the research techniques he used such as archival sources, the internet and old copies of the **Port Hope Evening Guide**. He urged us to write our own personal histories and memoirs and to donate them to the local archives so that future historians will have material from daily life to work with because people no longer write long descriptive letters or memoirs due to the instant and temporary computer assisted communications that we use today.

**Privacy of
 Membership Lists**

You will soon have your own club membership list so that you will be able to contact any other member with ease. The lists will contain each member's name, mailing address, telephone number and email address unless individual members choose to eliminate some of their personal information from the list. If you wish to do this, the lists will be available at the check-in tables for the next few meetings and you will be able to strike out any items of your own personal information that you wish to keep private.



MAKE A SUGGESTION

A **suggestion box** has been added to the check-in tables. Feel free to write down your ideas and suggestions for future activities, program ideas, speakers or articles for the newsletter and slip them into the suggestion box.

**PROBUS MERCHANDISE
 UPDATE**

Garry Curtis says, "The unknowns that I had when I placed our first order of Probus clothing was, how much the shipping charges would be. Because of this unknown expense I added a \$1.00 surcharge on every order placed. On the recent shipment of Probus clothing the total charge for shipping was higher than expected. I was, therefore, short of funds to pay the total invoice. To ensure this does not happen again I will be raising the amount I charge for each order from \$1.00 to \$1.50. My apologies for any inconvenience this may cause."

Editor's note: Let's all give Garry \$.50 for the items we have already received.

BOWLING FOR FUN

Didn't Win, Didn't Lose

Ganaraska Valley was represented at the Northumberland County Probud Clubs' annual bowling tournament on 14 January by three five-member teams. The tournament was



held at Northumberland Lanes in the Northumberland Mall. Afterward, luncheon was served at the Cobourg Lions Club Centre where prizes were awarded. None of



our teams won any prizes including the toilet seat that was awarded to the team with the lowest score, so as a new club, we made a solid showing that we can be proud of.



Throughout the course of three games, each of our players on all three teams improved their scores significantly.

FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

14 Feb. York Bell-Smith, a member of the **Hospice of Northumberland** Board of Directors and also a client service volunteer at the Hospice, will describe the history of the Hospice and the services that it offers.

28 Feb. Jeanette Etter will talk about growing up during World War II in the German-occupied Channel Islands.

Rendezvous 2008 is coming



Rendezvous 2008 is the annual conference for all Probus Club members in Canada. It will take place in **Saint John, New Brunswick** on the weekend of **25 to 27 September**. There will be workshops presented by Probus Headquarters of Canada, sightseeing and touring, buffets and dinners, entertainment, and dancing. Accommodations will be available at the Saint John Hilton and the Delta Brunswick hotels. Registrations received prior to 31 March will be eligible for draw prizes of upgraded luxury accommodations at these hotels. An **information folder** with all the details for this conference has been prepared and will be on a table at all meetings for members to look at during coffee break.

CLUB CHARTER RECEIVED

At our 13 December meeting, Hugh Parker was presented



with our new club charter by a delegation of officers from our sponsor club, the Port Hope Probus Club, led by Past President Eric Norenus on the left.