

Pro-Buzz

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SCATTERED SHOWERS, FOLLOWED BY RAIN, THEN SNOW

But it's always fair weather at Probus Northumberland, Tom Cruise once said in an Academy Awards Night interview with Barbara Walters. So we need not flinch on learning that today's speaker is Colin Banfield, who, Ron Templer asserts, will speak on meteorology. Give him a warm welcome.

The speaker at our next meeting, Nov. 24, will be Margaret Booth, manager of chapter development for The Arthritis Society. She'll talk about establishing a chapter in Cobourg to provide support and information.

Anybody who's ever bought or sold a home in Northumberland has probably heard of Mike O'Grady, who is to home inspections what Jonas Salk was to vaccines. He'll be our speaker on Dec. 8.

And to kick off 2005, on Jan. 12 our very own Larry Jones will step up from his table by the door to share the podium with Maureen Williams and a dog. Their subject: therapy dogs.

AND NOW, A FEW WORDS FROM DIANE MAGGS

As the festive season approaches, we start to receive requests for our support from local organizations.

Salvation Army Christmas Kettles We have been asked to man the kettle at the Canadian Tire Store in Cobourg. The kettle is situated indoors from Nov. 23 to Dec. 23. The Salvation Army would like us to do three-hour shifts -- 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m. and 5 p.m.-8 p.m. No Saturdays or Sundays. Please consider signing up; our support is always appreciated.

The Giving Tree I don't need to say much about the Giving Tree, as this worthwhile cause gets overwhelmed with volunteers.

Coats for Kids and Adults The Salvation Army collects coats, hats, mitts, scarves and winter boots for children and adults. These items are usually given out in October but we can still donate them. Maybe next year we can help with their collection and distribution. Apparently, the Cobourg club has done this for years.

Christmas Magic Sherri Wright may have already contacted some of us who assisted last year. They are looking for help with the checking of strings of lights used in decorating the park. If you have time to assist, please call Sherri at (905) 372-4224.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out when called upon.

WE ALL OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES

Christine Wilson will be absent from our club activities for the rest of the year and so won't be able to photograph our Christmas happenings. But we still need pictures. So she asks anyone who takes photographs of us to send them to her either by e-mail at hpks@sympatico.ca or by snail mail at 433 Sunset Crescent, Roseneath K0K 2X0. "I'll keep the book up to date and send it to meetings," she says.

AND SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS...

Probus Northumberland's Christmas Party is wisely considered the hottest ticket in town at any time of the year. And this time it's on Dec. 15 at that glittering nightspot, the Lions Community Centre, 157 Elgin St. E. Jo Carleton and her committee have already hand-picked the turkeys, the DJ and the entertainer, one of our club's faves. Tickets are a paltry \$25 for members and a mere \$32 for guests.

