



WEARIN' O' THE GREEN



Probud Club St. Patrick's Day Lunch

Photos & Text by Carole Elliott

Irish and would-be Irish members of Probud, Ganaraska gathered at Dalewood Golf & Curling Club on Thursday, March 18th to honour St. Patrick and share blarney. Wearing green clothes, hats and hair and quaffing green beer, members showed their allegiance to leprechauns, fairies and little folk on the special occasion.



The luncheon, planned by Dorothy Giddings and June Lentir of the Special Events team, was an obvious success. Forty-eight celebrants enjoyed green salad, Irish Stew and green parfait.



When Irish eyes are smiling....



Leprechauns, fairies and little folk enjoy blarney at the St Patrick's Lunch

Dalewood generously donated a round of golf for four as a door prize, which was won by Sam Rawson a keen golfer.



Stephen Snell, presented the door prize to giant leprechaun, Sam Rawson.

How To Make A Quilt When You Haven't Got A Clue!

By Joyce Prince

Madam dog was sitting in the car on her way home from the groomer's – looking lovely and wearing yet another triangular scarf around her neck, an item always provided by the groomer.

"What are we going to do with all these little scarves?" I asked. Madam, of course, didn't answer.

The colorful scarves were piling up in a drawer at home, each carefully put away after being washed and ironed. Every few days I would pull out four or five for madam to choose from and lay them on the bed. She'd sniff, debate and finally nudge her choice. We'd then remove the old one and dress her in the new. She is obviously fashion conscious and a smart dresser.

Then a neighbor suggested I make a patchwork blanket for the dog's bed. A small project she herself had undertaken with great success. And, obviously, a good way to use the coveted scarves.

I had no idea how to start—but because I had piles of scarves (ten or more grooms per year times eleven years) a larger project was my grand scheme. How about a queen-size quilt for the master bedroom?

So, first of all, I nurtured the friendship of an experienced quilter (prize-winner at many Fall fairs) and wooed her with cups of tea and goodies. With her help, a simple windmill pattern was chosen and yardage for background fabric was purchased.

Then I coerced the spouse of the house into helping. This included some cutting, pinning and pressing of the finished squares. As well, any visitors to the house during this early construction period were encouraged to lend a hand. If you dropped by you were handed scissors or pins and gently persuaded to enjoy the experience. I found that the Tom Sawyer approach works very well.

All volunteers, male or female, made the job go smoothly. My role—make tea as needed—was a cinch. Though I also had a role as chief sewer of squares. In all, the project took a few winter weeks to complete. The socializing and camaraderie were an extra bonus.

Madam jumped up on the bed to sample the finished quilt. She rolled around on her scarves and was obviously pleased with our efforts. It did look pretty good. With almost no clue about how to achieve my dream of a homemade quilt, I am enjoying a beautiful queen-size bed cover for little cost and a few teabags!

Does anyone want to help make the matching pillow shams? Tea's ready!



Farmers do feed cities...

John Boughen, our 25 February speaker, is a 4th generation farmer. He and his brother have been farming full time for 50 years.

John regaled us with stories of his ancestors who came over in 1874, as well as others who came to make their homes in the area over 130 years ago. To say that life was difficult back then is a gross understatement! Imagine the following: it is in the 1800's and settlers have just been granted a few acres of land. This land needed to be cleared so that wood could be used for building primitive log cabins, so the future farmers had a roof over their heads. They managed to clear 1/2 acre a day, without the benefit of John Deere or Gilmer's! They grew peas, string beans, corn, wheat and tomatoes...

John showed us various pictures of the family farm taken in the 1900's-- of a silo, a windmill, and the ladies who supplied food for a plowing match.

When it cost more for feed than what they could get for the eggs from their 1,000 chickens, they switched to dairy farming.

John finished his presentation with a true story of how his father almost had dinner with Roy Rogers but he had to refuse...he had to milk the cows instead!

A farmer's work is never done....



AGING AT HOME

Kate Reed was the speaker for our 11 March meeting.

Kate is a former nurse and an MBA. She explained how the LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) oversees local health system planning and coordination and how it can affect seniors in Northumberland County.

With the Central East LHIN, Kate's current portfolio includes being the Lead in planning for a seamless system of care for seniors and their caregivers. She is also the Lead for the Aging at Home Strategy. The priorities of LHIN are as follows: Community Support services, Supportive Housing and Caregiver support.

MIDDLE EAST ADVENTURES

By Eileen Simmons

On January 31 a small group from St. John's Church in Port Hope departed for a Holy Land Pilgrimage. Probus Club members included **Lyn and Dave Bradshaw**, **Betty Curtis**, and I. After an eleven hour flight we were met at Ben Gurion Airport and began our journey through the Rift Valley to Eilat. On our second day there we left our hotel after dinner to experience one of the "high" lights of our trip to Mount Sinai. A bus ride to the Egyptian border, a change of buses, a ride to the base of Mount Sinai, and a camel ride of seven kilometres up the mountain found us at a Bedouin rest stop, a tent. Here Lyn, Dave and Betty decided to spend the night but I joined a friend and continued seven hundred and fifty steps to the next Bedouin rest stop. Close to sunrise our group left in the freezing, windy cold to ascend the last one hundred and fifty steps to the summit to watch the sunrise. Then began the grueling descent, all the steps and a seven kilometre walk back down the mountain. We were all foot sore but very proud of ourselves for surviving the challenge.



From Eilat we crossed the border into Jordan, once again having to change buses as Israeli ones were not allowed in Jordan. Our trip to Petra was the highlight. This was another "on foot" tour as we descended to view the rose-red tombs and buildings carved into the sandstone mountains, the most famous being the Treasury Building where "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" was filmed. We also visited a school where the most beautiful rugs were being hand made.

Across the border and back to Israel as our bus tour of Israel continued. Here we experienced a sail on the Sea of Galilee, a visit to Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Cana (where some of our groups renewed their wedding vows), Nazareth and finally Jerusalem. A view of the city from the Mount of Olives was breathtaking and one we won't forget. A walking tour of Jerusalem included the Western Wall, Temple Mount, Mount Zion, and the room of the Last Supper, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Via Delarosa.

A bus trip to Masada and a dip in the Dead Sea were well worth while.



A visit to Bethlehem, which is in the West Bank was memorable. We also visited the Holocaust Museum. The last day was available to revisit favorite sites or rest up for the journey home. This is where I had to say good-bye to my pilgrimage friends to fly to Cairo via Amaan to meet another Probus member **Lorna Turner**.

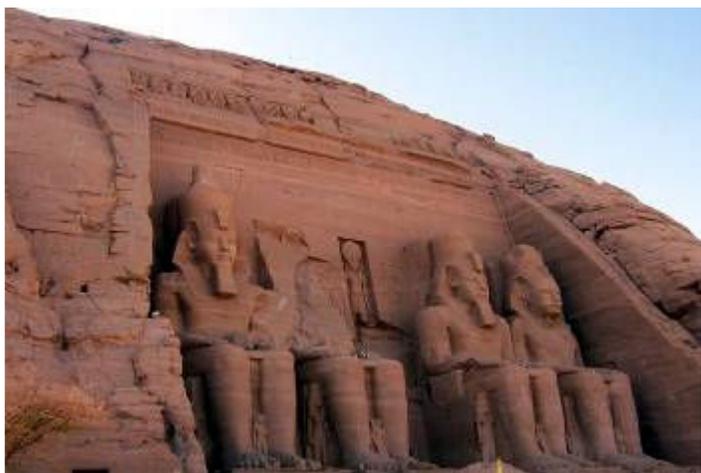


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We met at a hotel near the airport and early the next morning were back at the airport for a short flight to Sharm el Sheikh which is a lovely resort area on the Red Sea. The weather was superb making our R&R there very pleasant. The routine seemed to be pool, beach, bar, outdoor dining, shopping and then more of the same not necessarily in the same order.



Four days later we returned to Cairo to join a small group with an excellent guide provided by Insight Travel. Our hotel was the former palace of King Farouk and was quite sumptuous. A visit to the Cairo Museum, the Mohammed Ali alabaster mosque and the immersion in a completely foreign culture were the highlights of our Cairo stay.



Another short flight to Aswaan where we visited a stone quarry to see the unfinished obelisk, then another flight to Abu Simbel where we boarded our first cruise ship. Once settled in we returned through the desert heat to visit the most spectacular of the thirteen temples moved to escape the flooding of Lake Nasser. This is a mountain moved piece by piece and re-assembled in the Nubian Desert. The first sight of this temple was definitely an "ah" moment. We also enjoyed a sound and light show at the temple that evening.

Back to our ship to enjoy the most magical part of our trip including an camel ride in the Sahara from one temple to the next. The Nubians were relocated to Aswaan due to the flooding, the cruise staff were Nubian and were such a pleasant and happy group.

After four days we arrived back in Aswaan where we transferred ships to begin our Nile cruise. While here we enjoyed a Felucca ride on the Nile and a visit to a Nubian Village. On the way we passed through the very fertile banks of the Nile, bird sanctuaries and a view of the Aga Khan's tomb. The village itself was very rustic, camels and donkeys being the mode of transportation and goats the inhabitants of the local dump. During the cruise we saw temples that hadn't been moved including Edfu. We also had time to enjoy the amenities on the ship. Four days later we arrived in Luxor where we visited the Valley of the Kings, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the Luxor Temple and the Karnak Temple where we experienced a fierce sand storm.

Another flight to Cairo and a return to King Farouk's Palace through a torrential rain storm. Rain up to car handles as there are no storm sewers to handle the water. Our last day included a trip to Giza to see the pyramids and the sphinx, the step pyramids of Sakkara, the alabaster sphinx in Memhis then back to our hotel for a rest before our midnight wake-up call to get our 4a.m. flight back home.



Lyn & Dave Bradshaw renewing their marriage vows at Cana. See their anniversary announcement on the last page.

A most memorable trip to be immersed in so many different cultures in so many different countries but after a month of living out of a suitcase it was wonderful to be back home and see the Olympics hockey game and closing ceremonies.

50-50 WINNERS

25 February: Joan O'Grady won \$35.00

11 March: Shirley Harrison won \$31.50

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APRIL CREW

CATERERS

Captain: Ken O'Neill

8 April: To be announced

22 April: To be announced

If unavailable please find a substitute or call 905-885-4872.

GREETERS

Captain: Muriel Cornelius

8 April: Betsy & John Wright

22 April: June & Ron Smith

If unavailable please find a substitute or call 905-885-5530.

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Meet Our New Members Marge & Garry Martin



We were born in Newfoundland and moved to Ontario when we finished school.

Garry worked as a surveyor for the City of Toronto for 38 years and took early retirement in 2000.

Marge was employed as a health care provider for medically challenged children and senior citizens until she retired in 2004.

We were married in 1966 and have two children and three grandchildren.

Upon retiring, we bought a summer home in Newfoundland where we enjoy boating, berry picking and visiting friends and relatives.

Winters are spent in Ontario spoiling the grandkids and traveling to warm parts of the world. In February 2009 shortly after returning from a cruise of Panama Canal, Garry suffered a stroke but is recovering well.

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18th Wedding Anniversary Lyn & David Bradshaw



Dave and I met in 1986 while colleagues at Bell Canada on the Saudi Arab contract. We got together in 1987 and got married on 4th of April, 1992, in the Republic of Singapore.

We've lived in Pickering, Singapore, Parry Sound, China, and now Port Hope. We've totally embraced living in Port Hope and have been blessed with many new friends and activities here.

We have a holiday home in Greece where we go each summer, and we love to travel. We just returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where we renewed our wedding vows at Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding there. Here is a photo of the ceremony.

We're off to Australia now for the month of March to stay with good friends in Queensland, and then to our son and his family in Sydney.

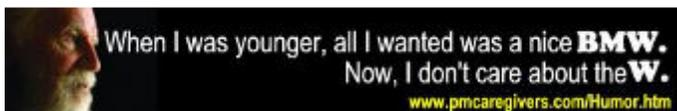
UPCOMING EVENTS...

SPRING FLING IS COMING "The Spirit Of Quinte"

26 May 2010
Maranatha Church
100 College St. W., Belleville
Doors open at 8:15 AM
Program begins at 9:30 AM
Door prizes & 50/50 draws
Buffet Luncheon with a cash bar
Live entertainment
Tickets will be \$35.00 per person
Garry Curtis 905-885-5304

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APRIL SPEAKERS

8 April – Betty Delong, Port Hope Horticultural Society, Spring Gardening.
Bring lots of questions about gardening.

22 April – Hobby Day will consist of four members who will present their hobbies. There will not be a speaker at this meeting.

ONGOING EVENTS...

PUB NITE

Join us for dinner, conversation, drinks
and a very nice door prize
Last Tuesday of the month
6:30 PM at the Beamish House
Eileen Mountain 705 632 0575

APPS & DRINKS

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks
Steve Snell 905-885-9929

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1st & 3rd Tuesday from 2 to 4 PM
Ruth Clarke Senior Centre 81 Mill Street
Reg Colborne 905-885-1722

BOWLING

1st Monday of the month at 1:30 PM
Northshore Bowling Lanes
Marshall Johnstone 905-885-8477

LUNCH BUNCH

After the last meeting of the month at
12:30 PM
Betty Curtis 905-885-5304

April Birthday

Pat Rawson

DID YOU HEAR...

...about the 83 year old woman who talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going?

Makes perfectly good sense to us.