



THE PRO-BUZZ

February 2010

RABBIE BURNS TRIBUTE*

What a party and what a tribute to Scotland's best loved bard. In all more than 400 of Burns' songs are still in existence. On the anniversary of his birth, Scots both at home and abroad celebrate Robert Burns with a supper, where they address the haggis, the ladies and whiskey. A celebration which would undoubtedly make him proud.

The Northumberland Probus while not a supper was a terrific start to a Thursday. The information on our tables together with the tartan table centres, gold stands, heather arrangements, picture of the man himself, and poem from Mr Burns were the result of some work over the years by the McGeachys and Kerbys.

The ceremony was spectacular. Archie McGeachy, in his everyday dress kilt for all bands, piped in with his bagpipes Barry Hollis carrying the haggis. Barry, as resplendent as Archie, was wearing his 1960's Cobourg Kiltie Band uniform and carried the haggis on a silver tray. Probus members and guests accompanied these two with a slow handclap.

Archie in his full Scottish brogue then gave his address to the Haggis. As one who has a tad of difficulty understanding Archie at the best of times, I hadn't a clue what he was saying but he had great inflection and spirit in his speech. The following is a translation the first stanza of his address:

Fair full your honest, jolly face,
chieftan of the sausage race!

Great

Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe, or intestines:

Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm.

In the third stanza when Archie reached the line "an cut you up wi ready slight, he cut open the haggis with a sharp knife. It is customary for the company to applaud the



speaker then stand and toast the haggis with a glass of whiskey, or the whiskey may be poured into the haggis, or a select duo may do the sampling for the ensemble. The haggis was served at the break. Maura outdid herself as usual after getting up at 6:00A.M. to start the procedure. If anyone wants to help her next year the coffee percolator is on a timer and even works in the wee small hours of the morning!

* Rabbie Burns is the correct spelling before it was translated for the Americans.

4 Worms and a Lesson

A pastor decided that a visual demonstration would add influence to his lesson. He put one worm in a jar of alcohol. He put a second worm in a jar full of cigarette smoke. He put a third in a jar of chocolate syrup and a fourth in a jar of good clean soil.

At the end of his sermon, he announced the results....The worm in the alcohol was dead. The worm in the smoke was dead. The worm in the syrup was dead. The worm in the soil was very much alive.

The pastor asked what was learned from the demonstration.

An old lady near the back of the church stood up and said, “As long as you drink, smoke, and eat chocolate, you won’t have worms!!”

Submitted by Pat Hawkins

THE SPEAKERS CORNER.

Feb.11th

Angi Sazekas speaking on Ten Thousand Villages.

Feb.25th

Shari Seymour speaking on Rehabilitating Pets

March 11th

Kim Lauder speaking on Habitat for Humanity

March 25th

Paul VanLaren, C.E.O. of Sabic Innovative Plastics, describing his business.

Submitted by Ron Templer



Coming Events.

February 11th

Will be our Valentines Bash. We will have lunch after the meeting here at the Lion's Centre. We will have our usual mixer with valentines. Please make or buy a valentine and sign your name on it. Put it in an envelope and we will collect them at the door and randomly give them out. You will meet other members of the club so bring a valentine and enjoy it.

Your social committee is exploring many, many possible venues for us to explore or attend in the near future. Keep some time available.

submitted by Verna Templer.

Oops

*Archie McGeachy as part of his service to Queen and country in 1953 was involved in the Queen's coronation. He was in the detail with the Royal Artillery who escorted Her Majesty back to Buckingham Palace from Westminster Abbey.
I missed mentioning this earlier and think it's pretty neat.....Jamie*

AGING INFORMATION

In order to receive them, you must apply for Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan benefits. They do not start automatically.

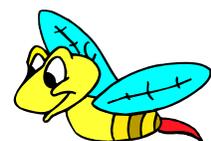
Old Age Security..You must be 65. More info at 1-800-277-9914

Canada Pension Plan..After 60 if no earned income. More info at 1-800-463-5185.

The age limit for converting a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) to a registered retirement income fund (RRIF) has been increased from 69 to 71. More info at 1-800-959-8281.

OR

Printed information is available from M.P. Norlock's office on Covert Street behind Quinn's Blooms & Greenery.



A New Proverb

"A Lion would never cheat on his wife... But a Tiger Wood."

Submitted by Doug & Jennifer Lloyd

Lunch Bunch Musings

Our last lunch bunch, held at the Buttermilk Café on January 28th, was a great success due to the excellent lunch and pre-planning. Twenty-six signed up and twenty-seven attended. The beef pie was a big hit! There will be no Lunch Bunch in February as we will be having our popular Valentine Lunch at the Lion's Club after our meeting on February 11th. The next Lunch Bunch will be at The Dalewood Golf and Country Club on March 25th. They serve a wonderful buffet so sign up early.

Submitted by Doris Rasmussen

Upon reaching 65, I decided to retire. After having me under foot for a few months, my wife became very agitated with me. She suggested I go and do something to occupy my time, like join a club or get a hobby. I obliged and went out for a couple of hours.

When I got home my wife asked about my day and I replied, "Oh, I just went down to the park and hung out with the guys. And oh yeah, I joined a parachute club.

"What? Are you nuts? You're 65 years old and you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

"Yeah, look I even got a membership card."

"You crazy old man, where's your glasses! This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!"

"Oh, great! Now what am I going to do? I signed up for 5 jumps a week!"

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