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WELCOME SPRING

Spring is sprung, the grass is ris. I wonder where the birdies is?



ROVERS NIGHT OUT

A happy band of Probuss Rovers had a great evening on March 13th at Harry's Little City of Bricks. As always, the noise level was very high with chatter and laughter. As the service was slower than usual, the manager announced that everyone's first drink was on the house! That certainly added to the merriment.



Gayl Squire, Michele Duval-Lane, Bruce Britton and Steve Snell



June Lentir, Larry Squire, June Gibson and Lynda Britton



Jan Blaikie, John Wright, Lois Meadows & her daughter, Betsy Wright, Eric Blaikie

March Leprechaun



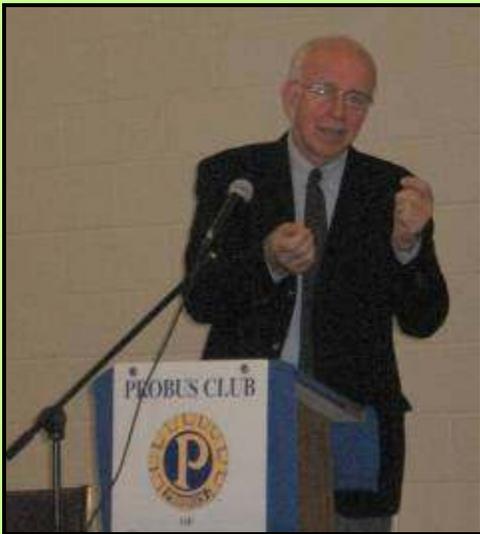
As March 8th was our closest meeting date to Saint Patrick's Day, Doug Pettigrew came all prepared!



A Floral Approach to Justice

Photos: Carole Elliott

At our March 8 meeting, David Chisling, a retired teacher and non-denominational minister, spoke to us about a horticultural program he has organized which he runs for young people who have ended up on the wrong side of the law. David has worked very hard to obtain funding from the Government and the Rotary Club to finance the project. The Bowmanville garden provides a haven for David to work with the young offenders by using plants and gardening to improve their physical and emotional well-being. After digging, weeding and watering, the young people who take part in the program have the opportunity to transform the garden and themselves and derive great satisfaction in creating something beautiful.



David Chisling

David introduced us to Curtis, a young man he has been working with at the garden project. Curtis told us how he had got in trouble with the law about two years ago which was basically a very sad story about drugs. Curtis accompanies David when he talks to school children hoping to deter them from making the bad decisions that he made. Curtis went on to say how much he has benefitted from the garden project and how it gives him a sense of peace and calm.



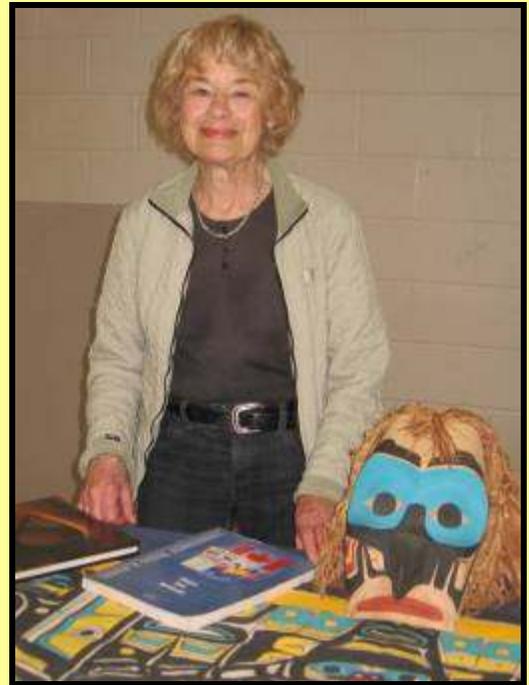
David and Curtis

NISGA'A

DANCING IN BOTH WORLDS

Photo: Carole Elliott

Roz Farber, a retired CBC producer, brought a very interesting presentation to our March 22 meeting about the survival story of a group of aborigines - the Nisga'a - who live in the remote River Nass Valley north of Prince Rupert in northwestern British Columbia.



Roz Farber with various Nisga'a artifacts

On August 4, 1998, after lengthy negotiations, a land-claim was settled between the Nisga'a, the government of British Columbia and the Government of Canada. As part of the settlement nearly 2,000 square kilometers of land in the Nass Valley was officially recognized as Nisga'a and a water reservation was also created. As well, the Bear Glacier Provincial Park was created as a result of this agreement. The land-claim's settlement was the first formal treaty signed by a First Nation in British Columbia since 1854.

We watched the documentary "Nisga'a: Dancing in Both Worlds" which was completed after four years of research with sponsorship obtained from the BC Treaty Commission.

Thank you Roz for bringing this interesting presentation to our meeting.

THIS LOOKS A BIT FISHY ..

Photos: Carole Elliott

As some of you will recall, at our meeting last August, Dave Rosborough, the manager of the Harwood Fish Hatchery, gave us a very interesting presentation. On April 3rd, 26 of our members made a trip to the fish hatchery where we were given a great tour of the facility.



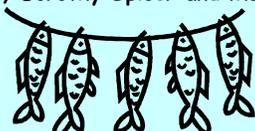
Chris Wilson, the Acting Operations Coordinator, speaking to our group outside the facility. Dorothy Giddings, Larry Squire, Frank Griffin, June Lentir, Ruth Newington, John Ferguson and Leo Spicer



Anthony Skinner, Susan Gaudion, Joan Bebee, Leo Spicer, Don & Ruth Newington, Wilson Gaudion, Lorna Turner, Henrietta Mills and Frank Griffin



Checking out one of the fish tanks - Ruth Newington, Joan Bebee, Dorothy Spicer and Marion Griffin



Liz Linton with a container of tags that are inserted into fish to facilitate identification and tracking



A few of the many fish tanks

Still thinking fish, perhaps you'll enjoy this recipe.



Maple Glazed Salmon

Here's an easy recipe (courtesy of Canadian Living) to celebrate the Maple Syrup Season. Serve it with small red potatoes, tossed with butter and chopped parsley, and steamed asparagus for a real spring time treat.

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 4 tsp grainy mustard
- 4 tsp soy sauce
- 2 lb salmon fillet, skinned

Preparation:

In a small bowl, combine maple syrup, mustard and soy sauce. Arrange salmon on foil or parchment paper lined rimmed baking sheet; spoon glaze over fish.

Bake in centre of 400° oven until fish flakes easily when tested – 8 to 10 minutes. Using 2 lifters, transfer to warmed serving platter.

Serves 6.

OUR FAMOUS FESTIVAL

Who would have guessed after the devastating flood in Port Hope on March 21, 1980 that it would be the start of such a successful festival. "*Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny*" has recently been voted by *Canadian Geographic* as one of the top 10 winter events in Eastern Canada!



Crazy Crafters making their way down the Ganny

Within 2 years of the flood, which was caused by ice jams in the Ganaraska River and a sudden, record 68 millimetre rainfall, the town had been restored and *Float your Fanny Down the Ganny* became an annual event not to be missed in late March or early April. Whatever the weather, thousands of spectators line the banks of the Ganaraska to cheer dozens of kayakers, canoeists and crazy crafters as they race from Canton, 10 kilometres upstream, to the finish line near Lake Ontario.

March 31 this year marked the 31st anniversary of the festival and the "boats" are certainly becoming crazier and more imaginative.



Just a few of the food kiosks along the river



The 'Captain Chair' didn't stay occupied for long due to the challenging rapids.



That roof is a nice touch!

Now that the Golf Season has begun....

If you think it's hard meeting new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball. (Jack Lemmon)

If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play at it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf. (Bob Hope)

The uglier the man's legs are, the better he plays golf. It's almost a law. (H.G. Wells)

Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air. (Jack Benny)

While playing golf today, I hit two good balls. I stepped on a rake. (Henny Youngman)



SHARE THE WEALTH WINNER

March 8. Reg Colborne won \$38.50.
March 22. Lorna Turner won \$43.50.



APRIL/MAY CREWS

CATERERS

April 12
Captain
Helpers

Jan Blaikie
Julie Joyce
Helen Hunt
Meredith Boughen

April 26
Captain
Helpers

Charlie Dobbie
Gwen Logan
Carol Patterson
Anthony Skinner

May 10
Captains
Helpers

Eileen & Russ Mountain
Elsie & Brian Board
June Lentir
Dorothy Giddings

GREETERS

April 12

Leo & Dorothy Spicer

April 26

Lynda & Bruce Britton

May 10

Julie & Marcel Rondeau

HELP WANTED

**Kitchen Help and Greeters needed
for July through to October
Please sign up with Joan Bebee at next
meeting**

Some spring time thoughts ...

**The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.**

Robert Frost

**In the spring, at the end of the day, you should
smell like dirt.**

Margaret Atwood

**Spring shows what God can do with a drab and
dirty world.**

Virgil A. Kraft



PUB NIGHT

A great Pub Night was enjoyed at the Beamish House on March 27 with the usual good food and good company.



Joyce & John Ferguson and Kathy Wallace



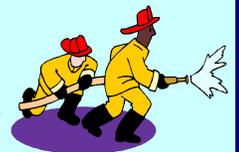
George Grimes, Russ Mountain,
Don & Ruth Newington

UPCOMING SPEAKERS



April 12. Lois Richardson is a talented artist who has turned her talents to designing and constructing sets for theatre productions at the Capitol Theatre. She will be sharing with us how she does this from concept to final result.

April 26. Ken Burgin will talk to us about The Canadian Firefighters Museum which began in 1983 as the project of a group of local firefighting enthusiasts. A free tour of the Museum will be available following the presentation.



May 10. We will be playing Trivial Pursuit, organized by Ray Williams. Remember how much fun it was at the AGM?

UPCOMING EVENTS...

BE SURE TO MARK ALL THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR SIGN-UP INFORMATION

ROVERS NIGHT OUT

April 17. Penryn Mansion 6 p.m. \$10.95 for pre-set menu (Salmon or Chicken). Numbers limited. See Sam Rawson for sign up.

APPIES & DRINKS

April 20. Bryan & Georgina Rose will be the hosts at their home at 1443 Elizabeth Street, Campbellcroft. 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

KAWARTHA DOWNS HARNESS RACING

May 10. Doors open at 6 p.m. Buffet at 6:20 p.m. and post time for first race is 7 p.m. \$25.68 per person payable by cheque to Ganaraska Probus. Includes buffet and seating to view the races, a \$5 voucher for Kawartha slots and 1 racing program per 2 people. Sign up with Steve Snell - March 22 and April 12. Limit: 30.

PORT HOPE PROBUS CLUB

May 15. Port Hope Probus Club meeting at 9.30 a.m. at the Port Hope Lions Club. Limit: 50. Sign up at April 12 meeting. \$2 meeting fee payable at sign-up.

PARKWOOD ESTATE, OSHAWA

May 31. This lovely house was once the home of R.S. McLaughlin, the founder of General Motors. House and garden tour – cost \$8.48 to be paid in advance to Carolyn Williams. Lunch will be available at the Tea Room for \$19 including tax/tip. Choice between quiche or a wrap with salad, pastry and beverage. Directions available at May 24 meeting.

4TH LINE THEATRE

July 26 at 6 p.m. "Queen Marie" a musical comedy based on the extraordinary life of Cobourg-born Marie Dressler, one of the greatest comediennes of her generation, the toast of Vaudeville and one of Hollywood's best loved stars. Approximate cost \$27.50. Sign up with Julie Rondeau at April 12 meeting. Even though the date seems a long way off, please sign up quickly so that numbers and pricing can be confirmed.

SUMMER PICNIC

August 23 at Irwin's Farm. More information to come.



ONGOING EVENTS & contacts

PUB NITE

- Join us for dinner, conversation & drinks.
- Last Tuesday of the month 6:00 PM at the Beamish House
- Coordinator: George Grimes 905-885-1594

APPIES & DRINKS

- Bring an appetizer and your own drinks
- Coordinator: Marilynn Dunne 905-786-2549

EUCHRE

- Every 2nd Tuesday from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Ruth Clarke Senior Centre, 81 Mill Street
- Coordinator: Lois Meadows 905-885-6715

LUNCH BUNCH

- After the last meeting of the month.
- Coordinator: Maggie Colborne 905-885-1722

BOWLING

- 1st Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at Northumberland Mall Bowling Alley. **LAST BOWLING FOR THIS SEASON: MONDAY MAY 7.** Bowling will restart on Monday September 10.
- Coordinators: Georgina & Bryan Rose 905-797-3415

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