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IN PURSUIT OF TRIVIA

At our May 10 meeting, as a change from having a speaker, Ray Williams organized a game of Trivial Pursuit with some very challenging questions.



Garnett Birney, Marcel and Julie Rondeau, Joan Bebee and Carolyn Williams



Congratulations to the winning table!
Michelle Langevin, Michele Duval Lane, June Lentir, Steve Snell, Pat Clarke, Dorothy Giddings and Bill Langevin



Ron Frizzell thanking Ray Williams for arranging this fun and interesting event.

COFFEE AND COOKIES AT STEVE'S



Steve Snell hosted a coffee and cookies event at his home on June 4th for new members and those who don't normally attend Appetizers and Drinks events. It was a great opportunity for the management team to meet new members as well as some long time members.



Garry Curtis with new members Leslie Ewert and Michelle & Bill Langevin



Janet Kershaw, Helene Fisher (new member), Helen Hunt and Dorothy Giddings



PARKWOOD ESTATE



On May 31st, 66 of our members visited Parkwood Estate in Oshawa. We had a very informative tour of the lovely house which was once the home of R.S. McLaughlin, the founder of General Motors. We then enjoyed lunch outside at the tea room following which we had a tour of the extensive gardens. Many thanks to Penny McMahon and the Special Events Committee for arranging this enjoyable day.



Helen Hunt, Sharon Rathbone, Julie Joyce and Helene Fisher at the Tea House waiting for lunch



Penny McMahon and Carolyn Williams



Bob & Laurel Shaw and Pat & Sam Rawson enjoying the sunshine

PORT HOPE PROBUS CLUB

A group of our members were guests of the Port Hope Probus Club at their meeting on May 15th.

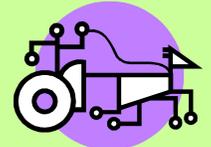


Steve Snell with Barb Hawthorn of the Port Hope Club



Barb Tiffin with Margot Agnew of the Port Hope Club. Barb won \$63 in the 50/50. Congratulations!

GIDDYUP HORSEY



A happy band of Probus Rovers had a great evening at **Kawartha Downs Harness Racing** on May 10. A delicious buffet dinner was followed by the excitement of the races. I think some members actually made a few dollars! We all received a \$5 coupon for the slots and some of us were lucky there too. Many thanks to Steve Snell for organizing this fun evening.



Lois & Verne Meadows and Frank & Marion Griffin (looks like Verne is studying "form")



Lorna Turner, Elaine Simmons, Maggie Colborne, Gayl & Larry Squire, Reg Colborne and Steve Snell



Perfect vantage point to watch all the action and eat at the same time. Hey, isn't that horse going the wrong way? Must be the one I had my money on!



At the finish line: Garry Curtis, Linda Goldie, Ray & Carolyn Williams, Hugh Parker

Some of you may remember Caroline Thornton of Oak Knoll Stables who was the speaker at our August meeting last year. "OK Carolion", the winning horse in the 10th race was born at Oak Knoll. A number of us actually won some money on that race! Here's Caroline's comment about the horse: "OK Carolion was named that because the small son of one of my best friends mispronounced my name - he called me Carolion so we named her after that "mistake." She is a sweet horse and has been racing very well. We sold her a year ago but we always watch her race and cheer her on. I am so glad the Probus folk got a chance to see her win."



Garry & Betty Curtis with their winnings from the slots. Just in time to help them celebrate their

**50th Wedding Anniversary –
Congratulations!!!**

APPS AND DRINKS

Lorna Turner hosted the apps and drinks on May 30 at her home in Newcastle. About 30 members attended for a social afternoon and enjoyed sharing the many delicious appetizers.



Ladies in the Garden: Lynda Britton, Carolyn Williams, June Gibson, Gwen Logan and Felicity King



And the men, still trying to solve the world's problems: Mike O'Grady, Bruce Britton, Willy Jakobi, Ray Williams and Tom McMahon



Sylvia McMahon, Lois Meadows and, in the background, Mike O'Grady, Verne Meadows, Anthony Skinner and John King



HAPPY CANADA DAY

Delicious locally grown strawberries will be in abundance by Canada Day so add this delicious salad to your celebration BBQ. It's quick, easy and travels well if you are going for a picnic.

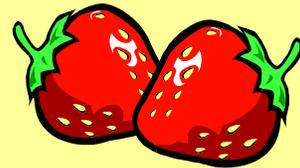
STRAWBERRY ROMAINE SALAD

Ingredients:

- 1 head romaine lettuce, rinsed, dried and chopped
- 2 bunches fresh spinach, chopped, washed and dried
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1 Bermuda onion, sliced
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds

Directions:

1. In a large salad bowl, combine the romaine, spinach, strawberries and sliced onion.
2. In a jar with a tight fitting lid, combine the mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, milk and poppy seeds. Shake well and pour the dressing over salad just before serving and toss until evenly coated.



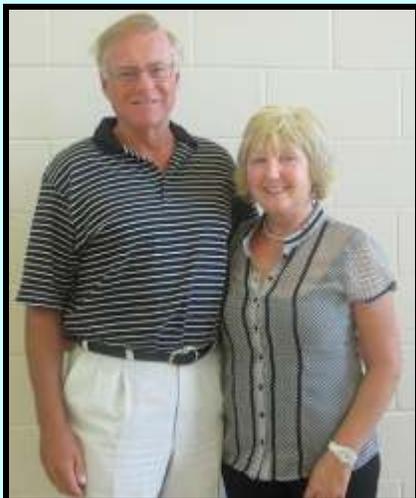
Our own funny lady – Barb Tiffin – with some of our Probus Moms answering Barb's very amusing Mother's Day Quiz

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Leslie Ewert

Leslie was born in Kingston and spent her public school years in Saskatchewan and high school years in Bowmanville. She graduated from Toronto Western Hospital in nursing and spent her earlier years as a pediatric nurse and her later years as an operating room nurse, mostly in Toronto. Leslie retired July 1st, 2011 and loves the freedom and not feeling exhausted! She doesn't miss the constant commute to Toronto one bit. Leslie enjoys being a part time O.R nurse at Centenary Hospital in Toronto which she finds invigorating and good for the soul. Leslie is still inventing this new chapter called retirement and has taken some computer courses to hopefully have her foot in the door to becoming part of the modern age. She very much enjoyed downhill skiing this winter and just being able to go to lunch is a real treat. Leslie also enjoys travelling, photography and is learning to sit down and read. Also, as a retiree Leslie finds that it's so much easier to help her Mom who is almost 90. Leslie lives in Newcastle and has many friends in Toronto, Oshawa and Port Hope as well as family in Newcastle. Leslie would like to thank her friend, Meredith Boughen, for introducing her to Probus and she looks forward to meeting new friends and enjoying the many activities.



Laurel & Bob Shaw

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Laurel and Bob Shaw come to the community from Etobicoke Ontario. Both born in Toronto where they have spent the majority of their lives. Laurel, after a brief career in journalism, had a very successful career in the transportation business, first with a tour company and 26 years with Canadian Airlines and Air Canada. Her last position with Air Canada was as a Concierge at Terminal 1 where she enjoyed a very successful tenure providing support to the airline's "Super Elite" customers who represent the top 1% of airline flyers. Bob also had a very successful career with Canadian Airlines/Air Canada, a tenure that featured jobs within airport operations, international route development, marketing and strategic corporate sales. Since leaving the airline he enjoyed a position as Director, Sales, Customer Relations and Reservations with Air Transat, ran a wholesale travel company and recently finished a tenure as Director, Strategic Corporate Sales with Enterprise. Laurel and Bob have been married for 16 years and are proud of their sons Brynn and Zak. Brynn and his wife are currently moving to Gagetown New Brunswick. Brynn has recently been promoted to the rank of Captain in the Canadian Army. Zak and his wife live in Whitby with their daughter Lilly. Zak has a successful career in the Medical Industry



Michelle & Bill Langevin

Bill Langevin is a retired secondary school teacher of building construction, woodworking and communications technology with the TCDSB. He is enjoying the town of Port Hope. Michelle Cunningham-Langevin is a retired elementary school teacher in the French Immersion programs of TCDSB. Her hobbies include, yoga, classical music concerts, ballet, reading, gardening, decorating and traveling. She is looking forward to meeting new people through the Ganaraska Valley Probus Club.



National Immunization Day in India

Photos: Eric Blaikie (mostly taken from Bob Wallace's slides)

At our May 24 meeting, Bob Wallace, Rotary District Governor, gave an incredible presentation about the trip he and Kathy made to India as part of Rotary International's National Immunization Day. This was an amazing project undertaken in conjunction with the Government of India, Rotarians, UNICEF and the World Health Organization to achieve the removal of India from the list of polio-endemic countries. Bob and Kathy with their team were joined by hundreds of other NID teams in India in February 2012 to administer life-saving oral polio vaccine to children in booths set up in cities, slums, train and bus stations as well as going from house to house to ensure that no child age 0-5 years old was missed.



Bob administering vaccine to a small baby

The liquid vaccine was administered by placing two drops into a child's mouth. The child's finger was then marked with a marker to indicate that the vaccination had been done.



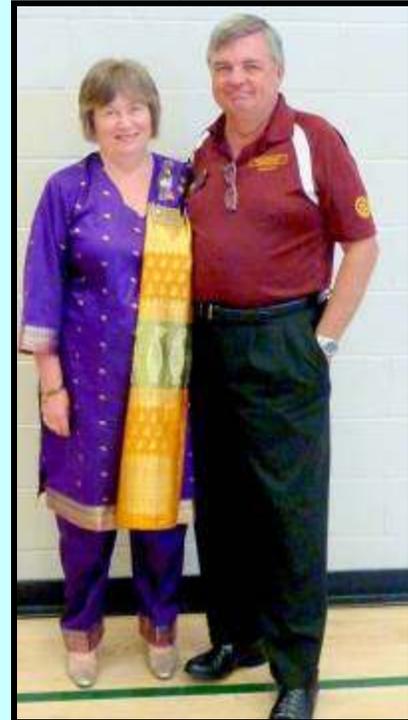
Group of smiling boys



More lovely children



This little guy so proud of the maple leaf pin Bob showed us an amazing slide and video presentation describing the efforts of the teams of people from many countries who made NID such a successful endeavour. Bob described the traffic chaos, garbage everywhere in the streets, houses in the slums made of cow patties as well as heart breaking images of people crippled by polio. It must have been a life-changing experience for all participants.



Kathy & Bob



This is what it's all about

SHARE THE WEALTH WINNER

May 10. Steve Snell won \$59.00.
May 24. Dave Strong won \$51.00.



JUNE/JULY/AUGUST CREWS

CATERERS

June 14
Captain Charlie Dobbie
Helpers Gwen Logan
Julie & Marcel Rondeau
Linda Popham

June 28
Captains Betsy & John Wright
Helpers Margot Franke
Linda Popham
Lorna Turner

July 12
Captain Carol Patterson
Helpers Anthony Skinner
Julie & Marcel Rondeau

August 9
Captain Charlie Dobbie
Helpers Gwen Logan
Roger Ingram
Lacey Ingram

GREETERS

June 14 Shirley Harrison and Gayl Squire
June 28 Lois & Ron Frizzell
July 12 Georgina & Bryan Rose
August 9 Dorothy & Cliff Donaghue

**Summer Meeting Reminder:
There is only one meeting in each of
July and August.**

SOME INTERESTING THOUGHTS

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Winston Churchill

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

Lana Turner

A stockbroker urged me to buy a stock that would triple its value every year. I told him, "At my age, I don't even buy green bananas."

Claude Pepper

LUNCH BUNCH

Following our May 24 meeting, the Lunch Bunch met at the Limestone Grill in Cobourg. As always, many thanks to Reg and Maggie Colborne for arranging the lunch, even though they themselves were unable to attend this time.



Ron Frizzell, Garnett Birney and Leo Spicer



Tom McMahon, Bob Shaw, Pat Rawson and Sylvia McMahon

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

June 14. Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. Sandy Holmes, Public Information Representative from the Port Hope Area Initiative Management Office will address the current status on local activities.



June 28. Pete Fisher will speak about his Highway of Heroes book.

July 12. Brian Bowden will speak to us about raising llamas and using their wool.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

APPS & DRINKS

June 15. Ron & Lois Frizzell's home. 2 till 5.
14 Fenton Lane.

ROVERS

June 19. 6 p.m. Bobby C's Dockside
Restaurant & Marina. 70 Port Darlington Road,
Bowmanville. Directions and sign-up with Joan
O'Grady.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 21. 9 holes at Cobourg Creek Golf
Course. 1 p.m. shotgun start. Probus
members only, limited to 36. \$47 includes golf,
dinner (choice of steak, chicken or vegetarian)
at The Mill with tax and gratuities. Limited
number of carts available for additional \$10.
There may be a couple of spots left. Sign up
with Ray Williams.

CANADA DAY PARADE

July 1. As in previous years, our Probus Club
will have a float in the Port Hope Parade.
Details will be announced at the June meetings.

APPS & DRINKS

July 19. Lynda and Bruce Britton's home on
Rice Lake, Bewdley. 2 till 5. Limit 40.

4TH LINE THEATRE

July 26 at 6 p.m. "Queen Marie" a musical
comedy based on the extraordinary life of
Cobourg-born Marie Dressler. Baxter Creek
and 4th Line work together to provide a menu
for those wishing to eat prior to the
performance. There are 4 menus to choose
from and the price is \$13.00 each (taxes
included, beverages extra). The food will be
delivered by 4 p.m. As the food is pre-paid and
pre-ordered, Julie Rondeau must have your
cheque by the June 28th meeting. If you prefer
to bring your own food, picnic tables are
available.

SUMMER PICNIC

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

CAR RALLY

September 20. Mark the date on your calendar.
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

ROVERS

- Second Tuesday of each month. Different locations and
coordinators as announced at meetings.
- Contact: Joan O'Grady 905-885-1018

APPIES & DRINKS

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

EUCHRE

- Euchre will restart in September.
- Coordinators: Garry & Betty Curtis 905-885-5304

LUNCH BUNCH

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

BOWLING

- Bowling will restart on Monday September 10.
- Coordinators: Georgina & Bryan Rose 905-797-3415

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