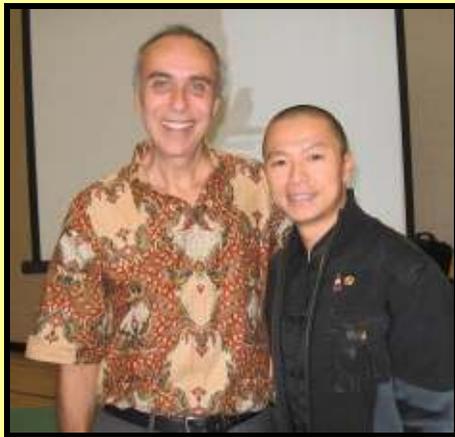




## OCTOBER SPEAKERS

Photo: Carole Elliott. Story: Bob Kearns

The speakers at our October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were Steve Rutledge and Mike Yap who have started a special project to bring fresh water to the people of rural Laos.



Steve Rutledge and Mike Yap

Steve and Mike Yap discussed their project to build schools, teach hygiene and bring fresh water to the people of rural Laos, which comprises 40% of its population estimated to be 6.5 million in 2012.

Laos is a landlocked country in Southeast Asia, and is unfortunate to have Vietnam as a neighbor. It has been reported that Laos was hit by an average of one B-52 bomb load every eight minutes, 24 hours a day, between 1964 and 1973. Of the 260 million bombs that rained down, particularly on the Plain of Jars, some 80 million failed to explode, leaving a deadly legacy. Steve and Mike told us of local photographer Ted Amsden walking to within 20 feet of a live bomb to take a photo of the site before a school was built.

Because of this and the fact that the money raised actually gets to the people, they choose to keep working in this country. The need is certainly great but they can see the results of their work.

*Thank you Steve and Mike for a very interesting presentation.*

## Your Probud Calendar

<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>Probud Meeting</b> at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Paul Bailey, local resident and historian, will speak to us about some local characters who have given colour to life in Old Port Hope.
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>Appies and Drinks</b> at the home of Verne & Lois Meadows. 15 Ramsey Road. 2 p.m. till "whenever". Check availability with Lois & Verne.
<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>Euchre</b> at the Ruth Clarke Centre. 1:30 p.m. (Garry Curtis: 905.885.5304)
<b>Nov. 13</b>	<b>Rovers</b> will meet at 5:30 p.m. at The Railside Restaurant. Sign up with Frank Griffin.
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Probud Meeting</b> at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9.30 a.m. Yvonne O'Neill will speak to us about her involvement with The Giving Tree.
<b>Nov. 22</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch</b> 11.30 at Red Rice Buffet, 125 Peter Street. Sign up with Bob Kearns.
<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>Euchre</b> at the Ruth Clarke Centre. 1:30 p.m. (Garry Curtis: 905.885.5304)
<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>Pub Night</b> 6:00 p.m. at The Beamish. (George Grimes: 905.885.1594)
<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>Euchre Group Christmas Lunch.</b> 12:00 noon, The Railside Restaurant.
<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Bowling</b> at the North Shore Lanes in Cobourg at 1:30 p.m. Please join us - we need more bowlers so we're ready for the February tournament! (Bryan and Georgina Rose: 905.797.3415)
<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Probud Christmas Party.</b> 12:00 noon at the Cobourg Lions Centre. Sign up with Dorothy Giddings no later than November 22 meeting. \$19 per person - cheques only. <i>Please note that in the event the lunch is cancelled due to inclement weather conditions, only half of the cost will be refunded.</i>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Appies &amp; Drinks.</b> Hosted by Charlie Dobbie & Gwen Logan. Party Room at 145 Third Street, Cobourg. Limit 40. See Gwen & Charlie to sign up.

## OCTOBER SPEAKERS,

*Continued ...*

At our October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, Peter Boos, a Senior Consumer Service Officer with the General Insurance OmbudService (GIO) shared with us his expertise in the area of insurance from the ombudsman's point of view. Peter has had 25 years related experience in the industry and explained that GIO is a non-profit organization which seeks to help policy holders with their complaints against their own insurance companies regarding automobile, property and business insurance. GIO helps consumers across Canada reporting to an Executive Director and is governed by a Board of Directors.

Peter has taught insurance courses at the Insurance Institute of Canada and Seneca College and has won high accolades for his effective teaching style and ability to demystify difficult concepts regarding insurance. Members of the Port Hope Probus Club joined us for this meeting.



**Bruce Britton thanking Peter Boos**

*Thank you Peter for a very entertaining presentation!*

## THANK YOU STEVE!



A HUGE THANK YOU to Steve Snell for stepping in at the last minute to do the September Newsletter while I was tripping around Ireland and England. Fantastic job Steve! Any time you want to take over, let me know! I will follow Steve's lead and put a calendar on the front page of each newsletter as a lot of you said that was helpful. I am always looking for ways to improve the newsletter so please let me know if you have any ideas.

I'm looking for a volunteer to pick up the printed copies of the newsletter from the printer on John Street in Port Hope the day before the first meeting each month and then bring them to the meeting. If you can help me out with this, please let me know.

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## APPIES AND DRINKS EXPLAINED ...



"Appies and Drinks" are fun get togethers to sample some goodies and get to know one another in a relaxed and comfortable setting. The Host provides the venue, sets the time, the date and the number of guests appropriate to the size of their home. The host provides paper plates and napkins.

Guests bring a drink of their choice (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), along with a glass, as well as an appetizer with enough for the size of the group. Plan to have a good time AND take home your glasses and leftovers so there is very little clean up for the host.

You don't have to have a "model home" to be the host, or try to have everyone in our Probus group at the same time. YOU determine the number of people, the day and the time. We have had some daytime events as well as evening ones. They have all been successful, and a lot of fun.

We are now looking for venues for 2013 – January to December. Please see us for sign up! Or contact us by phone at 905.885.7323 or email at [sgrawson@cogeco.ca](mailto:sgrawson@cogeco.ca)

Pat & Sam Rawson  
Appies and Drinks Coordinators

## OCTOBER APPIES AND DRINKS

Linda Popham and Mike Jenkins hosted the event at their home on October 3.

Many thanks Linda and Mike. As always, good food and camaraderie were in abundance. No photos were taken as obviously everyone was too busy having a good time.



# BETTER LATE THAN NEVER ....

When I returned from my trip, I was delighted to find emails with information about some September speakers that I had missed. Even though Steve had briefly mentioned them in the last newsletter, I decided to include the "full version" this time. Many thanks to Bob Kearns for the stories and Carole Elliott for the photos.



**Boris Khaimovich**

Boris Khaimovich entertained us at our AGM on September 13 with his polished delivery style that blended humour and serious content with perfect timing. Boris emigrated from the Ukraine to Montreal as a 9 Year old. He later moved to Toronto to pursue an acting career, then to New York City to advance his career. After 3 years of not getting the roles he auditioned for, he became a "Personnel Relocation Engineer" (otherwise known as a bouncer) in a nightclub and worked his way up to Manager. He met his wife, and after 8 years of working 12 hour days, she persuaded him to take her on a honeymoon to a Dude Ranch. This experience convinced him that he wanted to spend the rest of his life being an owner and operator of a horse farm. Despite having little knowledge of the business, he became the owner and operator of a horse farm north of Garden Hill. He told an amusing story of how he was standing in a grassy field not realizing this would actually become hay. His neighbours helped him harvest and store the crops in return for BBQ fare but apparently many have now become vegetarians. Despite a very steep learning curve, Boris persevered, and is happy to now be involved with the H.E.A.L. programs for youth who suffer with learning disabilities and behavioral challenges. He has a very strong belief that if we can get children with problems into the natural environment, then many of those problems will be diminished greatly. His website is <http://www.maplecrescentfarm.com/>

At the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, we had two short presentations by members.

First, Eunice Hogg spoke to us about what you need to have on hand when you call 911. The goal is to get the patient to the hospital for treatment as quickly as possible. Eunice gave us a handy 3 page summary outlining these key points: (1) Unlock the front door and turn on outside lights as you are making the call; (2) If you live in a condo, give them Intercom and Apartment numbers; (3) If you have pets, keep them in another room behind closed doors; and (4) Give the paramedics the patient's medication list and medical history. As if this was not enough, Eunice also gave us info on getting free use of wheel chairs, canes, walkers etc. through the Royal Canadian Legion and the link to a website that tells you how to protect your SIN Social Insurance Number.

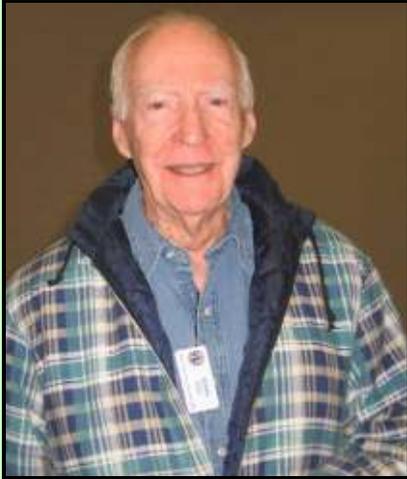


**Thank you Eunice for a very informative presentation**

Second, John King assisted by Mike O'Grady handling the slides discussed the sugar making process in Guyana. The cane is shredded and crushed to produce juice. Calcium hydroxide is added and carbon dioxide is bubbled through to clarify the juice and increase the PH level. It is then filtered through carbon and processed through an evaporator, where it is boiled to remove the water. In John's plant there were only two gauges on the whole system, so the most important person was the one who knew when to add the seed crystals to start the crystallizing process.

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John regaled us with stories often spoken in dialect about his adventures being the boss of the factory. None of us were too surprised that John ended by telling us that when you have people who can handle steam and big vats and raw sugar, continuing the process to make lots of cheap rum available is inevitable. We are led to believe he and his friends consumed their fair share and had a lot of fun after working hours. Why is that not surprising!



Thank you John for a very entertaining presentation

Thinking of John's rum, reminded me of a delicious, moist and easy cake that I have made many times.  
See next column.....

## THANKS FOR LISTENING



As we all know, it can sometimes be challenging to hear our speakers and others using the microphone at our meetings.

Therefore it would be very helpful and appreciated by everyone if members could save their conversations until break time so that we can all give the speaker our undivided attention.

## BACARDI RUM CAKE

### Cake Ingredients:

1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts  
1 - pkg yellow cake mix  
1 - 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  oz pkg Jello Vanilla Instant Pudding & Pie Filling  
4 eggs  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cold water  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup cooking oil  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cub Bacardi amber rum

### Glaze Ingredients:

$\frac{1}{4}$  lb butter  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water  
1 cup granulated sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup Bacardi amber rum

### To make Cake:

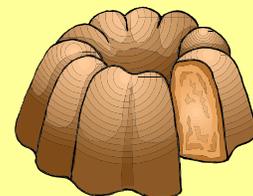
- Preheat oven to 325°.
- Grease and flour a 10" tube or 12 cup Bundt pan.
- Sprinkle nuts over bottom of pan.
- Mix all cake ingredients together. Pour batter over nuts.
- Bake 1 hour. Cool on wire rack.
- Set cake on the wire rack over cookie sheet to catch drips from glaze.
- Make small holes in the top of the cake with small skewer or toothpick.
- Drizzle and smooth glaze evenly over top and sides. Allow cake to absorb glaze. Repeat until glaze is used up then transfer to serving dish.

### To make Glaze:

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in rum.

### Optional:

Decorate with border of sugar frosting or whipped cream.



## LUNCH BUNCH

Many thanks to Charlie Dobbie and Gwen Logan for organizing the Lunch Bunch event at Basil's Market and Deli on Rideout Street in Port Hope after our October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting where the delicious food was enjoyed by all.



Sam & Pat Rawson, Lois Meadows and Marilyn Dunne



John King and Meredith Boughen



Helen Dayman and Gwen Logan

The Probus Lunch Bunch meets after the second meeting of each month at a local eatery. If you would like to organize a Lunch Bunch event at a local restaurant, please contact Maggie Colborne at [jr.colborne@sympatico.ca](mailto:jr.colborne@sympatico.ca) or 905.885.1722.



## PROBUS ROVERS



Ron Frizzell organized the October Probus Rovers' event at Rhinos in Bewdley on October 16<sup>th</sup>. It's evident from these great pictures that everyone had a wonderful evening. Thanks Ron for organizing this event and for the wonderful pictures.



Shirley Locke and Helen Dayman



Eric & Jan Blaikie



Dorothy & Leo Spicer  
(not sure who's looking over Leo's shoulder)

If you would like to organize an event for Probus Rovers, which is normally held on the second Tuesday of the month, please contact Joan O'Grady at [joanog@cogeco.ca](mailto:joanog@cogeco.ca) or 905.885.1018.

# SHARE THE WEALTH WINNER

October 11<sup>th</sup> - Helen Dayman won \$47.00.  
October 25<sup>th</sup> - Meredith Boughen won \$70.00.



## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CREWS

### CATERERS

#### November 8

Captain: Julie Rondeau  
Helpers: Betty & Garry Curtis  
Lorna Turner

#### November 22

Captain: Maggie Colborne  
Helpers: Dorothy Spicer  
Gwen Logan  
Charlie Dobbie

#### December 13

Captain: Joyce Prince  
Helpers: Liz Linton  
Marion Griffin  
Susan Gaudion

### GREETERS

November 8 Helen Hunt and Liz Linton  
November 22 Rosalie & Willy Jakobi  
December 13 Lorna Turner and Bob Mills

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## **LEST WE FORGET**



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

*John McCrae, May 1915*

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