



THE PRO-BUZZ

February 2012

RABBIE BURNS TRIBUTE*

Our club's Rabbie Burns Extravaganza began at 4.30 a.m. on Jan. 26 in the McGeachys' Rosedale Landing mansion, when Archie woke Maura to ask when she was going to start cooking the haggis.

"At six o'clock," she growled.

Some two hours later, the great chieftain o[no apostrophe here] the puddin'-race having been steamed to perfection, she wrapped it in towels for warmth (Archie is old enough to wrap himself) and lowered it into an insulated container with all the care of a doting grandmother.

She, it and Archie arrived at the Lions Centre as some of you were still groping under the bed for your slippers. Loyal servants, themselves up since before dawn, helped the McGeachys decorate the tables. Members began to gather and did nothing but admire each other's attempts, some of them pretty feeble, at Scottish finery. Archie, kilted and sporranded to a fare-thee-well, shone.

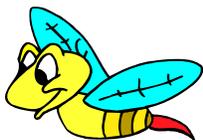
At last – after enduring announcements about skiing, golf, bowling and outings – members heard the skirl of Archie rending the morning air with "For a' that", the tune that accompanies Burns's poem "A Man's a Man for a' That".

And in marched Archie, followed by Barry Hollis, who carried the haggis. The three – McGeachy, Hollis and haggis – mounted the stage where Archie recited Burns's "Address to a Haggis" with a passion. He and Hollis (from now on to be known as "Haggis Hollis") each downed a dram of The Glenlivet and reeled off-stage, leaving the haggis behind.

After rude cat-calls from the audience, noble Hollis retrieved it and they marched it from the room to the tune of "We're No Awa' tae Bide Awa'", only to have it brought back to be shared among those can stomach it. Maura McGeachy and Joan Hanlon, herself a Scot as some of you may have noticed, helped serve. As there was no ketchup, there were left-overs.

Submitted by Michael Hanlon

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



Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mind set of this year's incoming freshmen. Here's this year's list:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in **1992!!!!**

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

The CD was introduced the 3 years before they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.
They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who *Mork* was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane, Boss, de plane.."

They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is.

McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.



Shen Yun Trip

January 14, 2012 on a very chilly, sunny morning, 54 Probus members, 28 from Northumberland and 26 from Cobourg met at the Lion's Centre and boarded a Franklin coach for a trip to see the show Shen Yun which covers 5000 years of Chinese history in the form of dance. The coach departed early arriving at the Sony Centre with three quarters of an hour to spare before show time. Verna, in spirit with the Chinese theme, discarded her trusty umbrella and used a fan to keep us all together. We had very good seats close to the stage, and to be friendly, the seat allocations of the two clubs were mixed together. The theme of each dance was explained before the performance. The back drops to each dance were spectacular and were interactive with the dancers, making timing of the essence, and which the dancers made look easy, but I am sure was not. The costumes were very colourful and the female dancers very elegant. I am sure not one of them was more than a size 2! The sea of grey hair, bald heads and wrinkles sitting in the audience made a lady sitting behind our past President Theresa enquire if we were "all from a home?" Did we really all look that ancient? After the show we had our picture taken while waiting for the coach by two Chinese gentlemen and then it was on to the Mandarin in Pickering for supper, and then back on the coach and headed for home, where we arrived at 8.15 p.m. Many thanks to Verna for another great trip.

Submitted by Cathy Burne.

This is who I am by Chris Hart. I have lived in Northumberland for six years and am residing at 103-125 Third Street and the telephone # is 372-5497. My e-mail address is chris.hart@sympatico.ca. Retirement occurred 14 years ago after a career as a mechanical engineer. Enjoyment comes from boating, flying, and card games such as bridge and poker. Membership in Rotary, the Cobourg Yacht Club and Curling Club helps with these interests.

Thanks Chris for sharing this information with us and welcome to the club.



The Speakers Corner from Anne Grant

February 9th Cathryn Zalhodne CAA Travels

February 23rd The Reverend Kevin Fast Physical Fitness

March 8th John Boughen Agriculture, farming in Ontario

March 22nd Susie Jinn Certified Diabetes Education and

Pharmacy 101

Golfing

Two male friends are out golfing one Saturday afternoon. After finishing one hole, they wait for the two women who are ahead of them at the next hole to finish. They wait a few minutes, but soon get irritated at the amount of time the women are taking to play the hole.

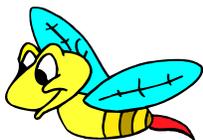
One of the men decides that enough is enough. He tells his friend, "I'm going to go up there and tell those two to hurry up!"

He starts walking toward the women but after getting halfway there, he returns to his friend. "What's wrong?" his friend asks.

"I can't go over there. One of the women is my wife and the other is my mistress."

His friend tells him, "That's okay, I'll go talk to them."

He too starts walking towards the women but after getting halfway there, he too returns to his friend. He tells his friend, "Small world..."



LUNCH BRUNCH MUSINGS

Our Probus group met at Culinary Affair Restaurant for lunch on January 26th.

The seating was crowded as they can only accommodate 31 people maximum and we were 31.

The food was quite delicious and our waitress very pleasant. Unfortunately, a few people had to wait too long to be served in spite of the fact we made every effort to avoid this situation. Our feeling is we would go back to Culinary Affair but in small individual groups. This is because they serve delicious food at reasonable prices in a pleasant atmosphere.

Submitted by Marcie Polson & Doris Rasmussen

COMING EVENTS BY VERNA TEMPLER

Dinner Theatre--On the Flight Path last Friday. 38 of us enjoyed a really humorous show. More details in next month's Pro-Buzz. Next Show is Friday, May 4th and it is The Dining Room.

We are also looking into going to Class Act in Whitby on a Friday evening between May 4th and June 24th to see "Don't Tell The Wife". More details will follow.

Cabaret--Friday, March 2nd at the Capitol Theatre. 35 of our members have bought tickets so far. Some are having dinner at the Beamish House and some are not. More tickets are available today@ \$25.75 each, payable to the Capitol Theatre.

If you wish to go, please see Marilyn Wood today to purchase your tickets. We must have payment prior to your receiving the tickets.

Please check the list if you wish to have dinner at the Beamish.



War Horse--Wednesday, May 2nd and there is a waiting list. We have had two cancellations to date and have filled them from our existing list.

If you wish to go, please add your name to the list--you never know when someone has to cancel.

PIFF--The Probus International Film Festival is Thursday, February 16th at the Best Western. This event is sponsored by the Probus Cobourg Club on their regular meeting day and are using it as an Inter-Club Event. We should support them. Sign up with me at the desk. Tickets are \$17.00 each which includes lunch. Doors open at 11:30, lunch at 12:00, and the film at 12:45.

We appreciate the suggestion lists given to us by members. Please keep them coming. We had a Committee Meeting and discussion and will be using some of your suggestions during the year.

One suggestion given by Jan Lundbohm was a trip to Niagara Falls to "Help the Winter Blahs". This includes a two day mid-week stay during the winter months at the Holiday Inn across the road from the new casino. For two people the cost of \$345.68 including tax gives you a Standard Room, 2 full breakfasts, 2 dinners at Coco's Restaurant in the hotel and 2 dinners at the Skylon. Jan will be at the desk to explain more details and to take your names if you are interested in us pursuing this outing. Jan has offered to organize this trip.

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