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Sally, Kathy, Garry, Dave, Eric, Jan, Marilyn, Betty, Bob & Ray



Marcel, Julie, June, Joyce, John, Bob & Roger



Michelle, Helen & Steve

Your Probud Calendar

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| Dec. 11 | Probud Meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. A Christmas sing-along with Michael Sinnot & a mystery guest |
| Dec. 16 | Euchre Christmas Lunch – 12:15PM at the RAILSIDE Restaurant Contact: Joyce Ferguson @ 797-2555 or Michelle Langevin 885-0180 |
| Dec. 30 | Pub Night – 6 PM at the Beamish House Pub. Contact: George Grimes 905-885-1594 |
| Jan. | Rovers – date & place TBA |
| Jan. 5 | Bowling - 1:30 PM at the Northshore Lanes, Cobourg Contact: Bob Gibson 905-342-5777 |
| Jan. 6 | Euchre – 1:30 PM at the Ruth Clarke Centre |
| Jan. 8 | Probud Meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker: Kathryn A. Labranche, Director of Admissions Trinity College School – 150 years |
| Jan. 19 | Bowling – 1:30 PM at the Northshore Lanes, Cobourg – Last practice before the tournament. |
| Jan. 22 | Probud Meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker: Ray Williams with a Trivia Challenge |
| Jan. 22 | Lunch Bunch - TBA |
| Jan. 23 | Appies & Drinks – 2 to 5 PM at Carole Patterson & Anthony Skinners, 34 Jiggins Court |
| Jan. 27 | Pub Night – 6 PM at the Beamish House Pub |
| Feb. 2 | Bowling Tournament – 9:30 AM at the Northshore Lanes, Cobourg \$10 = 3 games + \$1 shoe rental Lunch afterwards at the Lion's Centre, Cobourg – Must sign up and pay your \$20 by Jan. 8 th |



Sign up for many of the above events at our sign-up table

A History of Hockey

By D'Arcy Jenish

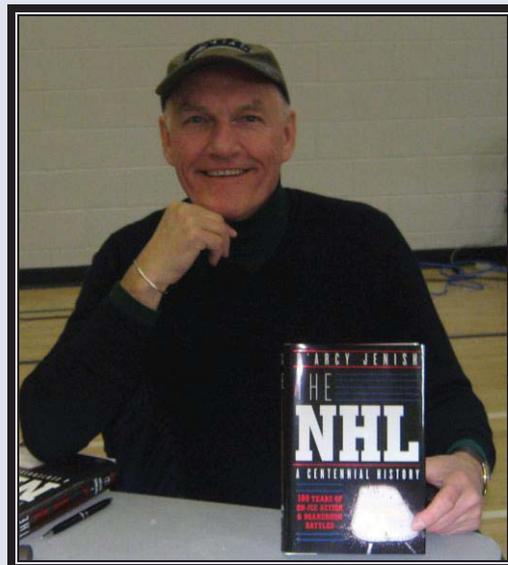
D'Arcy Jenish is a distinguished journalist, a highly regarded speech writer and one of Canada's leading popular historians. He grew up in southeastern Saskatchewan, attended high school in Peterborough and graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in English. This prepared him for a career in journalism which began at small town newspapers in southwestern Ontario. He returned to the west in 1979 and became a Senior Editor at Alberta Report in Edmonton. In 1985 he left and became Alberta Report's first Ottawa Bureau Chief and in 1986 he then joined MacLean's Newsmagazine as a senior writer. He has written for the Globe and Mail, National Post, Toronto Star, The Walrus, Toronto Life and Legion magazine.

In between all of the above, he has written many books, including *The Stanley Cup*, *The Montreal Canadians* (both of these books being national best sellers), *Canada On Ice* and, his latest, *The NHL: 100 Years of On-Ice Action and Boardroom Battles*. Plus, he has written other books unrelated to hockey, such as *The St. Lawrence Seaway* and a history of Trent University.

We were treated with some history of the World Hockey League (this ceased to exist in 1979) and the National Hockey League. We were told that the National Hockey Association folded in 1917 and those four teams formed the National Hockey League. This grew to 10 teams by 1926 but was reduced to six teams by 1942 due to the Great Depression and World War II. By 1967 it had grown to 12 teams and by 1974, 18 teams. Today the NHL is split between the Eastern Conference with 16 teams and the Western Conference with 14 teams.

Salaries were another interesting point. They have grown from a few thousand dollars a season in the early 1900's to multi-million dollars per season today. At least now we know why the ticket prices to see a live game are so high.

We all enjoyed Mr. Jenish's presentation and many will enjoy reading his book, which was purchased by Bob Kearns. You can borrow the book from Bob but must return it to him by the following meeting (approx. 2 weeks) so it can be read by the next member on the list. Once all interested have read it, it will go to the Probus library for general circulation.



**D'Arcy Jenish
with his latest book**

A poem by Norman W. Brooks

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box
upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do
yourself.

Christmas Riddles

- Q. What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?
- A. Santa Clues!
- Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
- A. It's Christmas, Eve.
- Q. Why does Santa Claus like to work in the garden?
- A. Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe!
- Q. What happened when the snowwoman got angry at the snowman?
- A. She gave him the cold shoulder.

A Modern Tale of "Johnny Appleseed"

Notes by Linda Goldie

Our guest speaker on November 27th was Fred Archibald, co-owner and operator of Archibald Orchards and Estate Winery. Fred is a dynamic speaker and gave a very interesting history of his family's business evolution.

Fred grew up in Vineland which guaranteed a summer job picking fruit in the area. That in turn gave Fred a passion for orchards and all varieties of fruit. His father was director of the Horticultural Research Station but enjoyed "hands-on" work so the family traveled to Bowmanville on weekends to plant and maintain apple trees on a family property.

Fred went on to earn a degree in urban planning and worked for the County of Victoria. However, it became apparent to him that he did not have a passion for this work. When both his grandfather and father passed away, Fred and his family took over the family orchard part time. In 1982 this became full time. The apples from the orchard were sold to a wholesaler and things were going well. However, a serious hail storm damaged the crop and Fred decided to sell the slightly damaged apples as a pick-your-own venture. In 1983 another hail storm convinced the family to move entirely from the wholesale market to pick-your-own.

As a direct marketer, Fred knew that they needed to sell "an experience", not just apples and he wanted to keep a focus on the farm. His wife, Sandy, brought her Mennonite background into the mix by making apple pies. The first year they sold 20 and last year they sold between 3,000 and 4,000.

The evolution continued. Fred realized that the business was seasonal so he bought a cider press to add another product. Since cider has a rather short shelf life, the leftover cider created the opportunity to become a wine maker. At this point, Fred was adding lean-to buildings to the property but, in 1997, he built and opened a new winery.

Fred's philosophy is to make wine out of what he grows or can be sourced locally and in Ontario. He didn't even consider grapes but uses apples, cranberries, raspberries, etc. He creates 2 or 3 new wines every year and takes a couple off the list. The wines are only available at the winery. Currently they produce 40,000 to 60,000 bottles per year with 15 or 16 different varieties. Until this year, the family also operated Cider House Golf Course but it was retired because of the time commitments it required.

Fred invited everyone to come to the winery (take Liberty Street in Bowmanville north – the winery is north of Taunton Road). They are open every day till Christmas Eve with fun tastings as well as wine, baking and other gifts for sale.



Fred Archibald

Note: Linda & Hugh visited the winery on the Sunday after this meeting and enjoyed several tastings, which included apple crisp with caramel covered with a spiced apple dessert wine.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!

New wine for seniors , I kid you not.....

Clare Valley vintners in South Australia, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic. It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night. The new wine will be marketed as

PINO MORE

**I HEARD IT THROUGH THE
GRAPEVINE!!**

Our Christmas Luncheon



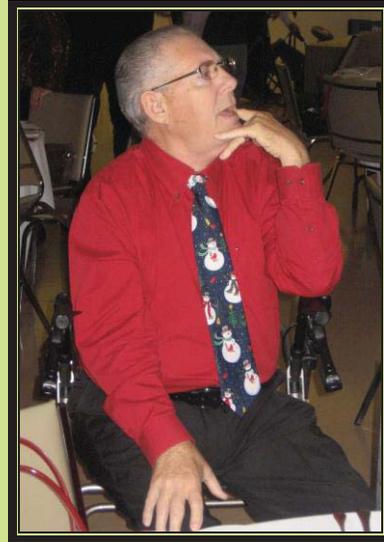
Lois & Verne Meadows with the birthday girl, Joan. All working very hard.



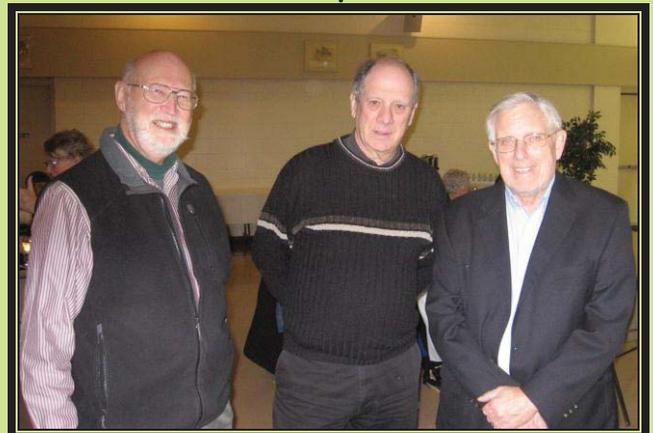
And the members start to arrive



How did Wilson & Garry get so lucky?



Mike - very festive!



Dave, Ray & Larry enjoying a chat



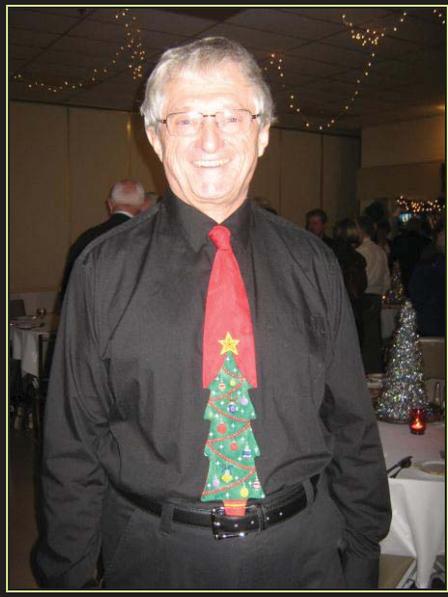
Many having lots of friendly, happy talks



Coffee & good conversation



Mingle, chat, mingle, chat - it's all good.



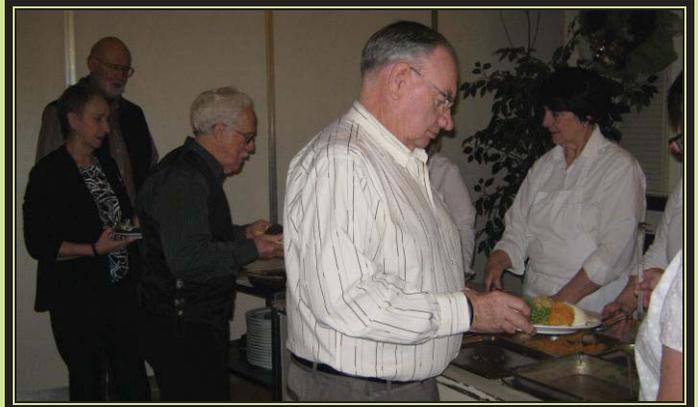
Steve with one of the best ties in the room



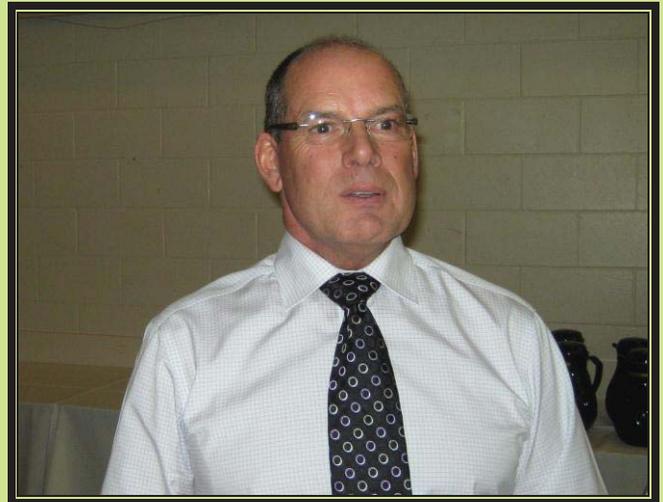
Lovely hats - who said size matters?



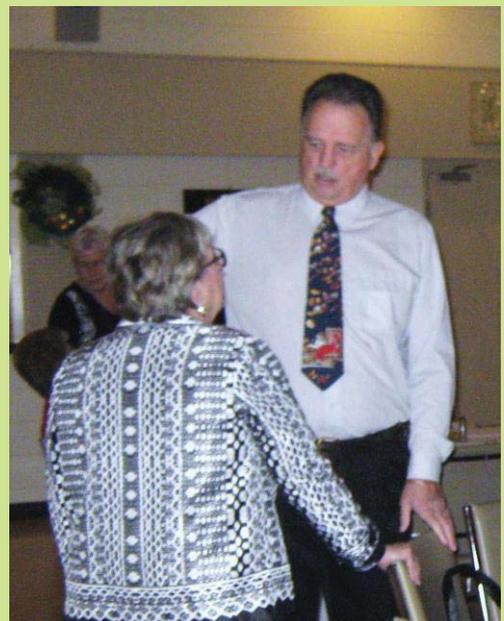
And then someone said lunch is ready



And what a wonderful lunch it was



After lunch we were wonderfully entertained by Irwin Smith who sang many familiar songs - Christmas and others.



A big thanks to Gary and his team for another great event.

SHARE THE WEALTH WINNERS



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| November 13 | Susan Snyder | \$49.00 |
| November 27 | Julie Rondeau | \$38.00 |
| December 4 | Steve Snell | \$60.00 |
| December 4 | Larry Squires | \$60.00 |

September/October CATERERS

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| <u>Dec. 11</u> | |
| Captain: | Lois Meadows |
| Helpers: | Kathy Wallace, Sally McCracken & Rosalie & Willie Jakobi |
| <u>Jan. 8</u> | |
| Captain: | Michelle Cunningham Langevin |
| Helpers: | Steve Snell, Dorothy Giddings & June Lentir |
| <u>Jan. 22</u> | |
| Captain: | Carole Patterson |
| Helpers: | Anthony Skinner, June Gibson & Lynda Britton |

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**Happy 52nd Anniversary
Ruth & Don Newington**

**May you always have Love to Share,
Health to Spare, and Friends who Care**

"Merry Christmas

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