



Niagara Tunnel

Photo: Carole Elliott

Story: Susan Gaudion

Rick Everdell, P.Eng is the Project Director, Niagara Tunnel Project at Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Inc. who spoke to us on April 11, 2013. He reviewed the construction and statistics relating to the project. The project is paid for by the Province of Ontario and the estimated cost is \$1.5B. Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Inc. is one of the largest power companies in North America and generates 60% of the electricity used in Ontario.

The excavation was launched in 2006 and Big Becky completed the boring of the tunnel that runs under the City of Niagara Falls in May 2011. Big Becky was built in the U.S. and is the largest hard rock Tunnel Boring Machine in the world. Local school children came up with the name in a contest. The tunnel is 41 feet high and 6.3 miles long. The tunnel was bored, reinforced with steel ribs, sprayed with a concrete mixture and an impermeable membrane was applied. A concrete lining completed the tunnel interior. The safety performance of the Austrian construction firm Strabag AG was excellent and the project was in service several months ahead of the target date. The tunnel entrance is just above the Horseshoe Falls and it ends at the Sir Adam Beck Generating Station and is designed to last 100 years or more with minimal maintenance.

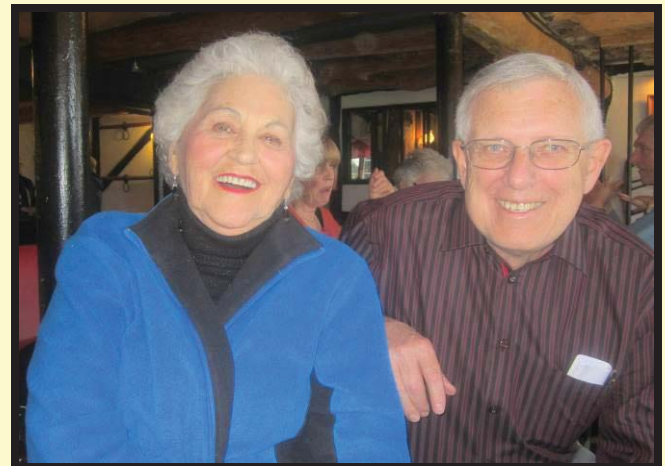
On March 8, 2013 Niagara River water flowed through the tunnel for the first time.



**Rick Everdell,
Project Director,
Niagara Tunnel
Project at Ontario
Power Generation**

Your Probud Calendar

May 9	Probud Meeting at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Kelly from Sound Solutions.
May 14	Euchre at Ruth Clarke Centre. 1:30 p.m. (Garry Curtis: 905.885.5304)
May 17	Apps and Drinks. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the home of John & Felicity King. 33 Jarvis Drive, Port Hope. Limit: 30.
May 21	May Day Extravaganza. 9 – 1 p.m. Keeler Centre, Colborne.
May 23	Probud Meeting at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Sandra Joyce: The Story of a British Home Child (kids shipped to the colonies!)
May 23	Lunch Bunch at The Railside. 11.30 a.m. See sign up table.
May 28	Euchre at Ruth Clarke Centre. 1:30 p.m. (Garry Curtis: 905.885.5304)
May 28	Pub Night 6 p.m. at The Beamish (George Grimes: 905.885.1594)
June 13	Probud Meeting at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Amy from Ruth Clarke Centre will present an overview of the facility.



Congratulations to Gayl & Larry Squire who celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on April 21 while attending the Herongate Theatre Event



SELF HELP AT HERONGATE



On Sunday April 21 a group of 40+ members and guests enjoyed a wonderful lunch followed by the Comedy "Self Help" by Norm Foster at the Herongate Barn Theatre in north Pickering. Many thanks to Julie Rondeau of our Special Events Committee for organizing this memorable event.



Gail & Gary Chadwick



Julie Rondeau, Liz & Stuart Linton



Herongate's Lunchtime Entertainers

IT'S FINALLY GARDENING TIME



Photo: Carole Elliott
Story: Bob Kearns

Master gardener Betty Delong was the guest speaker at our April 25 meeting. Betty took our questions and stated, that impatiens might be in short supply as a result of a virus. Hydrangeas should be trimmed right to the ground, same with your strawberry plants. She advised us that she enjoys mowing lawns, but does not grow grass. Clover is green so just mow it and tell your friends you like your lawn that way.

Betty interacts very well with her audience and even Garry Curtis could not throw her off her game. She advised him that artificial flowers are not maintenance free. He should dust and wash them once a week and they do fade over time so he should go to a craft shop to get the right colour paint to freshen them up along with his plastic garden gnomes. Don't forget to check out Garry's front yard to make sure he has taken this advice!



Master Gardener, Betty Delong



May 12th

PROBUS ROVERS

Definition of "Rovers": "persons who spend their time wandering". Probus Rovers certainly do that well, wandering to a different restaurant each month.

Rovers at Massey House Restaurant in Newcastle on April 9th.

(Organized by Lorna Turner)



Michelle & Bill Langevin, Leslie Ewert and Steve Snell



June Lentir, Dorothy Giddings and Carole Stirling



Anthony Skinner, Carol Patterson, Bruce & Lynda Britton, Dorothy & Leo Spicer



Verne & Lois Meadows and Joan & Mike O'Grady

Rovers at Ginger Thai Restaurant in Cobourg on May 2nd.

(Organized by Lois Meadows)



Anthony Skinner, Carole Patterson, June & Bob Gibson, Bruce & Lynda Britton, Mike O'Grady



Marilyn Dunne, Marion & Frank Griffin, Verne & Lois Meadows, Dave Strong



Birthday Girl – Betty Curtis

Happy Birthday

SHARE THE WEALTH WINNERS

April 11 - Charlie Dobbie won \$44.50
April 25 - Anita Cotter won \$47.50

MAY/JUNE CREWS

CATERERS

May 9

Captains: Willy & Rosalie Jakobi
Helpers: Anita Cotter
Janet Tedford

May 23

Captain: Charlie Dobbie
Helpers: Gwen Logan
Helen Dayman
Dorothy Giddings

June 13

Captains: Marcel & Julie Rondeau
Helpers: Liz Linton
Elaine Simmons
Barbara O'Kane

GREETERS

May 9

Penny & Barry McMahon

May 23

Astrid Lancelle and Carole Stirling

June 13

Lynda & Bruce Britton

June 27

Ruth & Don Newington

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Some Thoughts on Housework from Phyllis Diller



- Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
- Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.
- Best way to get rid of kitchen odours: Eat out.
- My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor.
- The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.

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*Spring is nature's
way of saying,
"Let's party!"*

Robin Williams

