



The ProBuzz

Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – July 2014

“On a picnic we will go, ‘cuz it’s summer time you know, and we love to have a picnic in the park!”



What a beautiful day for our annual “Picnic in the Park” on June 26th. Fifty-one members took advantage of the delightful weather to taste the different varieties of salads, cold meats, hot entrees, fruit pies, and other fruit galore! Second helpings were there for anyone who could manage just a little bit more. About twelve brave souls ventured onto the greens and discovered that lawn bowling can be fun ... if only there were more than 24 hours in a day to be able to add just one more activity to one’s already busy schedule. New members, of course, are always welcome.

If you missed the picnic this year, plan to attend next year. What more can you ask for experiencing the good friends, good food, and such delightful surroundings. Our special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this such a great day.

~ Dianne Lauder



Orillia Golf Getaway – May 26-28



Beautiful sunny weather greeted 42 golfers and 17 non-golfers at the Annual Golf Trip on May 26-28 in Orillia. The golf was played at the Hawk Ridge Golf and Country Club and the accommodations were at the Best Western Couchiching Inn. The meals served in the Inn's dining room were tasty and the rooms were comfortable and spacious.

The non-golfers were very active. Four of the girls joined a new friend, Joan Johnson, at the Orillia Probus Club meeting. We were welcomed warmly and enjoyed seeing another club's way of conducting a meeting. Shopping, lunch, walking the nature trails, relaxing in the sun on the patio, and enjoying the hot tub and the fitness centre were all enjoyed immensely.

Happy Hour was well attended both nights with delicious appetizers and drinks enjoyed by all.

Monday's golf was 9 holes: *Winning Team* ...Stan Maggs, Gladys Maggs, Carol Lynn, and Lynn Wallace. *Most Honest Team:* Jim Benham, Verna Templer, Lynn Ramsay, and Marie Van Deusen.

Tuesday's Golf was 18 holes: *Winning Team* ...Ted Jex, Lynn Wallace, Geoff Coleman, and Jo Carleton. *Most Honest Team...* Eric Carleton, Pat Robertson, Sue Porter. *Closest to the Pin:* Ladies Jo Carelton, Men Ted Jex, *Longest Drive:* Ladies Jo Carelton, Men Barry Clayton.

Tuesday's 9-hole *Winning Team:* Ron Sargent, Marilyn Harris, Jim Benham, Donna Cooke. *Draws for non-golfers:* Helga Benham, Heather Jensen, Nancy Jex, Lloyd Margles, Bill Ramsay..*Musical Chairs Winners:* Al Poppke, Sonja Poppke, Sue Porter.

Fred Cooke was given a gift for his behind-the-scenes work which helped to create this fantastic Golf Getaway.

~ Gail Tapscott

Shelter Valley Golf on June 16th



Only the brave and stalwart could handle what the golf gods sent us at Shelter Valley Pines! Heavy passing rain showers three times! Of the 23 golfers, the final team of Don Tapscott, Mary Wilson, and Bill Alls carded a modified best score of 40 to edge out several teams at 41.

Several golfers enjoyed the very scenic back nine for the first time and were thankful for their golf carts. Thank you to everyone for coming out for the morning showers.

~ Bill Alls

The Rugged Outdoor Woman



During her physical exam a doctor asked a retired lady named Verna about her physical activity level. Verna said she spent three days a week in the outdoors.

"Yesterday was typical. I took a 5 hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through a mile of brambles. I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I climbed several rocky slopes. I went to the bathroom behind some big trees and barely avoided stepping on a snake. I ran away from an irate mother bear, and the mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I had a double scotch and three glasses of wine."

Amazed by this story the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoor woman!"

"No," Verna replied, "I'm just a really, really lousy golfer!"

JUNE 12th MEETING

~by Heather Jansen and June Loader

At the June 12th meeting, our speaker was the new Director of Music for the Northumberland Orchestra and Choir (NOC) John Kraus. John lives in Peterborough with his wife, Janina and three daughters, Vanessa, Rachael and Stephanie, who are all musicians in their own right. John has been the Music Teacher and Director of Arts at Lakefield College School since 2000. The whole family is very much involved in the Northumberland Music Community.

John presented through pictures and words what an excellent venue of entertainment we have in our midst. The NOC performs all types of music from the classics to popular show tunes. If you missed picking up one of the brochures for the 2014/15 season, you can always visit their website <http://www.northumberlandmusic.ca>.

Northumberland PROBUS members who sing with the Northumberland Orchestra & Choir



L to R: June Loader, Ron Sargent, Carol Hunt, speaker John Kraus, Diana Flynn, Heather Jansen.

There are five members of our PROBUS Northumberland club who perform in the choir and if you have an interest in joining us, either in the choir or the orchestra, there are opportunities open. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at Trinity United Church from 7 pm to 9:15 pm and the Orchestra rehearses on Thursday evenings at the East Collegiate from 7 to 10 pm.

Great music in a beautiful place



“TILL THE BOYS COME HOME”



How do you spell fantastic? That is the only word to describe the concert performed by the combined North Lakeshore Mass Choir and the Concert Band of Cobourg on June 14th at Trinity United Church.

Many Probus members were in the sold out audience, and several of our Probians were in the 100-voice choir including June Loader, Heather Jansen, Carol Hunt and Ron Sargent.

The concert was a 100th anniversary musical tribute to Canadians who served in the Great War 1914-1918, many of whom never saw home again. It was dedicated to the memory of Private George Earls who was the first Cobourg boy killed, on March 10, 1915.

The massed ensemble kept the audience enthralled for over two hours with highly professional renditions of familiar songs and march music of the World War One era. Imagine hundreds of voices backed by the full concert band belting out “Oh Canada” to start the show and set the tone for the rest of the afternoon.

The Maple Leaf Forever, Farewell to Nova Scotia, Let There Be Peace on Earth, In Flanders Fields, Keep the Home Fires Burning, and Roses of Picardy were just some of the performances, and audience participation included *It's a Long Way to Tipperary, Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag, K-K-K Katy, and Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning.*

The show ended with the band playing a rousing version of Colonel Bogey that had us all toe tapping. We were glad we went and everyone we spoke to was of the same opinion.

The mass choir has performed this same concert in Kingston and Toronto and will move on this summer for performances in Ottawa, Quebec City, and the Maritimes. Quite an accomplishment by a very accomplished group.

~ RH

Billy Buzzbee's Canada Quiz



After all the Canada Day buzz, let's test your knowledge of the country whose birthday we just celebrated. Answers towards the back.

What are Canada's two national sports?

1. Hockey, basketball
2. Basketball, lacrosse
3. Baseball, hockey
4. Lacrosse, hockey

How many lakes are there in Canada?

1. 500 thousand
2. 1 million
3. 2 million
4. Unknown

Canada has two national symbols. What are they?

1. Maple leaf and moose
2. Maple leaf and beaver
3. Beaver and moose
4. Beaver and grizzly bear

Andrew Bonar was the only Canadian to do what?

1. Win the Indianapolis 500
2. Board the MIR space station
3. Win the Tour de France
4. Serve as Prime Minister of Great Britain

What Province has the largest concentration of moose in North America?

1. Quebec
2. Alberta
3. Newfoundland
4. British Columbia

In what year did Canada adopt the metric system?

1. 1975
2. 1985
3. 1967
4. 1970

Which of the following authors is not Canadian?

1. W.O. Mitchell
2. Margaret Atwood
3. A.A. Milne
4. Michael Ondaatje

When was "Oh Canada" proclaimed as Canada's national anthem?

1. 1870
2. 1939
3. 1945
4. 1980

MEMBERSHIP NOTES



WE HOPE YOU'LL RENEW!

Our year end is July 31st so we are accepting your annual membership fee now.

\$30 per person cheque payable to Probus Club of Northumberland

A post-dated cheque is fine up to the end of August

Many thanks!

~ Gord & Dianne Graham

Stoney Lake Cruise

What a lovely day for a cruise around Stoney Lake on June 23rd! Our route wound through the narrow channels of only a few of the many (over a thousand) islands. We saw a number of small islands - oops - they were rocks. In order to be classified as an island it must have three mature trees.

There were many lovely and unique residences to view as the captain provided commentary on some of the sites: St. Peter's Church On the Rock (accessible by boat); the unique Glass House (an architectural marvel) that was used in the filming of an episode of "All My Children"; Ronnie Hawkins Estate (apparently up for sale - anyone interested?), and The Juniper Island Pavilion, to name a few.

For the benefit of those who had been on last year's cruise our Captain promised no steering cable mishaps and true to his word our trip went off without any technical problems. We had a lovely lunch in the newly renovated lower deck, and all too soon it was time to disembark for the group photo opportunity.

~ Patricia Noble

Q. Why are married women heavier than single women?

A. Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed, and go to the fridge.

Looking back at a busy and successful year at Northumberland Hills Hospital

The Annual Meeting of Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) was held June 19th. Despite the challenge of prolonged surges in acute care patients as well as increased occupancy in the medical and intensive care units, NHH concluded the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014 with a small surplus on a \$65 million budget, thus meeting its accountability agreement with the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

Outgoing Chair Doug Mann highlighted the exceptional support provided by the NHH Foundation and the NHH Auxiliary. The Foundation provided \$2,430,328 in the past year alone for needed medical equipment and support for gerontology programming. The NHH Auxiliary provided a further \$150,000 through retail and other fundraising efforts, while also supporting patients and staff.

Reflecting on his past two years in the Chair's seat, Mann said: *"Many challenges continue, such as the healthcare requirements of a community that is considerably older than the provincial average, but I believe our hospital is well positioned."*

President and CEO Linda Davis reflected on her own eight months in the hospital's senior position. Recruited from Collingwood's General and Marine Hospital in November 2014, Davis has seen first-hand what NHH means to the community and 600 staff members alike by shadowing staff members across the hospital team in their day-to-day work. *"I see a hospital that is living its values,"* she said. *"I am very pleased and honoured to be a part of this journey."*

Keynote speaker Leslee Thompson, President and CEO of Kingston General Hospital, described the "global shift" toward patient-centred care, and patient engagement in the healthcare system.

Complimenting NHH on its own role in building Ontario's patient engagement experience through the current PATH project in Northumberland, she said: *"You have embraced patients first... you have been pioneers and leaders with The Change Foundation on PATH... you helped inspire us. Thank you. You have set the bar high for others."*

For further details on 2014/15 NHH Board members and community committee volunteers please go to www.nhh.ca The hospital's 2013/14 Annual Report will be found in the same website's Document Archive.

The above information was provided by Jennifer Gillard, Director of Communications, Northumberland Hills Hospital.

A Final Diagnosis



Thought I'd let my doctor check me
Cause I didn't feel quite right
All those aches and pains annoyed me
And I couldn't sleep at night

He could find no real disorder
But he wouldn't let it rest
What with OHIP and my Blue Cross
We would do a couple tests

To the hospital he sent me
Though I didn't feel that bad
He arranged for them to give me
Every test that could be had

I was fluoroscoped and cystoscoped
My aging frame displayed
Stripped on an ice cold table
While my gizzards were x-rayed

I was checked for worms and parasites
For fungus and the crud
While they pierced me with long needles
Taking samples of my blood

Doctors came to check me over
Probed and pushed and poked around
And to make sure I was still alive
They wired me for sound

They have finally concluded
Their results have filled a page
What I have cannot be cured
My affliction is old age

NEED A RIDE?



If you need a ride to a meeting or event, please call Brian or Doreen Scott at (905) 377-0103 and they will arrange to have you picked up and returned home.

SINGLES CLUB



The Singles Club is meeting at Dougall's in Brighton for lunch (hopefully on the patio) at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, July 16th. Further details to follow (honest!). For those of you who don't plan to travel or entertain on the Civic Holiday, let's try Elmhirst's famous Sunday Brunch on (surprise!) Sunday, August 3rd. It will be busy so we need a reservation.

~ Louise Barraclough

Professor Buzzbee's Dictionary



Arbitrator – Leaving Arby's to work at McDonalds

Bernadette – The act of torching a mortgage

Burglarize – What a crook sees through

Avoidable – What a bullfighter does

Counterfeiter – One who renovates kitchens

Eclipse – What a British barber does for a living

Paradox – Two physicians

Pharmacist – A field hand on a farm

Primate – Remove your spouse from in front of the TV

Relief – What trees do in the spring

Rubberneck – What you do to relax your wife

Selfish – What the owner of a seafood store does

Sudafed – Brought litigation against the government

Paradigms – Twenty cents

Polarize – What penguins see through

Eye Dropper – A clumsy ophthalmologist

Pharmacist - A farm hand

THE PROBUS WEB-SITE



www.probusnorthumberland.com

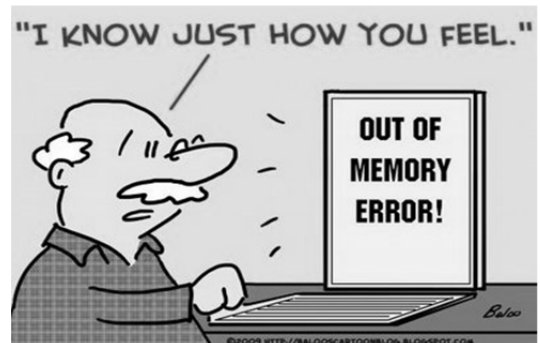
As you may know, the PROBUS Clubs of Northumberland County have combined resources to develop a web-site to improve communication with their members and with anyone who would like to more about us. This web-site represents individual PROBUS clubs in Brighton, Cobourg and District, Colborne, Ganaraska Valley, Northshore, Northumberland, Port Hope, and Trent Hills.

On this professional quality site you can find news, information on meetings and speakers, a gallery of people, events and outings, and links to other sites of interest. You can access your own Club Newsletter here along with others, as well as visit the archives. It's well worth a visit.

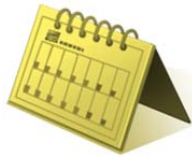
To refresh your knowledge, PROBUS is a world-wide organization sponsored by Rotary with a large number of Clubs in different towns and cities across the country. It has become so popular in the South Northumberland area that we now have seven clubs, and all are active.

PROBUS is an acronym for Pro(fessional) and Bus(iness) and has people from all walks of life as members. PROBUS Clubs are not service organizations and are non-sectarian and non-political. Clubs are formed to provide social events and schedule speakers to keep members up to date with community issues and happenings. The meetings are a key activity to which inspiring speakers are invited.

If you haven't done so already, why not take a tour. And if there is any material you would like to see on this web-site, please contact your ProBuzz Newsletter Editors.



SOCIAL CALENDAR



Horizons of Friendship
presents their 17th Annual Charitable Event

HOMES, GARDENS, MUSIC AND FAIRY DOOR TOUR
Sunday, July 6th 11:30 am – 5:30 pm

Tickets are \$30, call(905) 372-5483 ext. #10. Tickets also available at Horizons of Friendship on Covert Street, Cobourg Tourism Office, Pine Ridge Nursery, Holton Flowers, The Waddell.

A note about our next two trips. *I realize that we will have had some quiet time in July and August, so I have put together two wonderful trips in September. I hope that this is not too much of a financial drain on your budgets, but I did get us a great price for these two events. Where else can you get such great deals other than Northumberland Probud?*

For our first trip we'll be heading off to Ripley's Aquarium on Sept 8th with a bus load of 56 people!

We will board the bus at 10:15 am, at the old Zeller's parking lot at the Cobourg mall and proceed to the Aquarium in downtown Toronto, beside the Roger's Centre. You should bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus, as we won't be dining at the Mandarin in Pickering until 6:00 pm. Just a small suggestion, you might also want to bring a small flashlight as some areas are dimly lit. The cost for this wonderful trip is a mere \$68 a person. Who's coming with me?

All aboard maties!!! On Wednesday, Sept. 24th, we will continue our adventures with a bus trip to Gananoque for a wonderful cruise.

This includes a hot lunch buffet and a visit to Boldt Castle in US waters. We will meet up again at the parking lot near the old Zellers. Our bus departs at 8:10 a.m. so feel free to bring your coffee and breakfast for the journey. We board ship by 10:15 am and tour the Thousand Islands making a side trip for two hours to the famous Boldt Castle. After touring the castle, we will enjoy a delicious hot lunch buffet on board the ship and slowly head back towards our port in Gananoque. If you think you need a snack before the luncheon, you may purchase something on board or get something on the castle grounds. We will get our land legs back around 3:30 pm when we disembark. We might even have time to grab an ice cream before we head back to Cobourg! This trip will cost \$78.00 per person.

Please remember to bring your passport for this trip! You can't get on the ship without it!

~ Marilyn Csefko

SPEAKERS' CORNER



July 10 – To be advised.

July 24 – A representative from Ontario Consumer Services will discuss issues of interest to us all.

~ Harry Nash

LUNCH BUNCH



JULY 24

OASIS BAR & GRILL
31 King Street East

~ Marian Boys



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**DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE IS
JULY 28th. EARLIER IS APPRECIATED!**