



# THE PRO-BUZZ

JUNE 2013

## ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 130 Probis members and guests eagerly arrived, many dressed in blue and yellow Probis colours, to celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We relaxed with our first coffee of the day, chatting with fellow Probians, including several Snowbirds just back from the south. Others sat back and enjoyed the 'oldies' music.

Cindy Barrett and her staff worked diligently to provide a hot buffet breakfast that included scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, home fried potatoes, French toast with maple syrup and a variety of fresh fruits. Everyone agreed that it was delicious!



Table numbers were called out starting from #1 to enable a smooth flow to the buffet. At one point, it was observed that someone from Table #14 was trying to negotiate a swap of tables with Table #6, claiming that their table was double-digit challenged. Could that be? Table #6 didn't buy it either!

Our regular meeting continued after the meal and at the break, nine of our past presidents willingly agreed to cut and serve the two anniversary cakes, one chocolate and the other vanilla with lemon. A few of the servers even brought aprons.

Thank you to Eve Gorrige and Lynn Wallace who helped us organize this event. What a great tradition this birthday/anniversary breakfast has become!

*Submitted by Diana & Joe Flynn*



## MAY DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

On Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Keeler Centre in Colborne was packed with 320 Probus members celebrating the May Day Extravaganza. There were seven Northumberland Probus Clubs in attendance: Ganaraska Valley, Port Hope, Northumberland, North Shore, Cobourg, Brighton and Colborne. Our club was well represented with seventy members attending.

Our president, Jamie Doolittle, was the emcee and offered words of welcome. After the singing of our National Anthem, Jamie introduced the head table that included the presidents of each club, as well as the Director from District 1 and the Past President of Probus Canada. It was great to see everyone from the different clubs mingling over coffee and goodies and renewing old acquaintances.



Bob Abrames, famed voyageur and author, was our guest speaker. At the age of 54, Bob was a successful business owner of Sunquest Vacations when he answered an ad in the Ottawa Citizen from a television company putting together a real-life enactment of early fur trading voyageurs. He was one of nine people (6 men and 3 women) selected to paddle a 750 pound birch bark canoe 3,000 km in 100 days, from Montreal to Winnipeg. They were expected to paddle forty strokes per minute.

There were no modern conveniences and their main diet was hard yellow peas and lard. In his entertaining way, he described how their canoe sprung a leak and filled with water shortly after they started their journey, thus requiring a laborious repair job. They had to portage over land to reach many lakes and rivers and coped with conditions endured by the voyageurs in 1806. No wonder Bob lost 50 pounds during his voyage.



When the group was only a few miles from their destination, some of the group dropped out, but Bob was determined that he was not going home in that BIG YELLOW SCHOOL BUS. The rest of the journey was made in two-man canoes and Bob and his partner, Renaud, won the race in record time. The film crew was waiting for them and they were treated to a full course dinner with rum, as promised. The important lesson that Bob learned is that 'life is an incredible journey'.

After the keynote speaker, Peter Doyle, Past President of Probus Canada presented the Brighton Club with a certificate commemorating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A sing-along of 'Oldies' was performed by the Melodiers, followed by a delicious buffet lunch.

Harold Coward from our club was the big winner of the 'Share the Wealth' draw, taking home \$300. After Jamie's closing remarks, guests took their leave, many commenting on what a successful day it had been.

*Submitted by Lynn Wallace*

## GOLF AT GOLF CREEK

Probus Northumberland's golf season got off to a blazing start at Salt Creek on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Led by the opening foursome of Molly Leckey, Joan Hanlon, Al Wilson and Michael Hanlon, this year's debut outing exceeded any that went before. Playing in ideal conditions, Leckey, Wilson and the Hanlons flashed round the course with a bogey-free round that had others on the course applauding. The round was moving along so quickly that other foursomes insisted that they play through. Unfortunately, they finished far ahead of the other Probus golfers on the course so were unable to compare rounds.

So exhilarated were Molly, Joan, Al and Michael that they raced to Warkworth Golf Club to share their news and to enjoy lunch. Word had gone before them, and the management broke out the Dom Perignon to help them celebrate. Known as they are for their unselfishness, they left some behind for their fellow Probians who would be coming in for lunch later.

*Submitted by Michael Hanlon*



*Editors' note: We were somewhat confused when we received this submission, since organizers Norma and Ralph Stouffers had informed us that the Salt Creek outing had been cancelled due to bad weather. Apparently Molly, Joan, Al and Michael decided to play anyway. You've heard about the fisherman exaggerating his 'catch' in the absence of witnesses? Well, it seems that Michael has provided us with the golfer's version of that tale.*

### **UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS**

DATE	ORGANIZERS	GOLF CLUB
Monday, June 17	Everil & Bill Ails	Shelter Valley Pines
Tuesday, July 2	Ann & Barry Hollis	Salt Creek
Monday, July 15	Verna Templer Nancy & Gary Thomas	Ash Brook
Monday, July 29	Barb & George Lawrence	Stonehenge
Monday, Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jean & Frank Crowley	Pine Ridge

## BEDTIME STORIES

Wow! What a great fun night. Lynne Templer's directorial debut was a great success and the 50 of us from Probus Northumberland joined the rest of the audience in laughing again and again. The production was dedicated to the memory of Ron Templer, Lynne's father and a co-founder of the Northumberland Players.

Each of the six acts centred around a bed and the people who were in it or on it. Great lines, facial expressions, and acrobatics kept the audience well amused. The costumes from rocker Tommy Quirk to the stripper, cabbie and the inept robbers complemented their roles.

Not to be overlooked was the great music. Songs like *Wild Thing*, *Born to be Wild* (which was evidently not about motorcycles), and *Dancing Queen* had many of us almost singing along.

The seven members of the cast acted out fifteen roles. The diversity of their talent was appreciated by the audience. Interweaving the stories somehow tied everything together and we understood desperate parents, the aging rocker, confused D.J., dying son, rapid-fire speaking accountant and perpetually lost cabbie as their past and present came into focus.



I think that Harold Coward summed up the night completely with his comment as we were leaving: "Ron would have loved this show!"

*Submitted by Carol Doolittle*



*A married couple in their early 60s was celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant.*

*Suddenly, a tiny fairy appeared on their table. She said, "For being such a loving couple to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish."*

*The wife answered, "Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband."*

*The fairy waved her magic wand and 'POOF', two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hand.*

*The husband thought for a moment, "Well, this is all very romantic but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me."*

*The wife and the fairy were deeply disappointed but a wish is a wish.*

*So the fairy waved her magic wand and 'POOF', the husband became 92 years old.*

# COMING ATTRACTIONS

Several volunteers from our club are very busy arranging all sorts of interesting events for members over the coming months, as described below.

**Appies & Drinks:** This month's outing will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sue Porter & Barry Clayton in Baltimore. The address is 9 Ravine Drive and maps are available from Sue. Hours are from 1pm to 4pm and, if the weather co-operates, you may want to take a dip in their pool. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one.

**Picnic in the Park:** Marie VanDusen and Dianne Lauder are planning this event being held on June 27<sup>th</sup> in lieu of our regular meeting. Arrival time is 11am with a pot luck lunch being held at noon. Bring your own dishes and cutlery. After lunch you can try lawn bowling, play cards and/or sit and enjoy the beautiful Victoria Park setting. Wear soft sole shoes if you plan to bowl. Marg Salley will have parking passes if you need one.

**Trip to Prince Edward County:** We're looking for a beautiful day for a bus tour to Prince Edward County on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. We will board the bus at Northumberland Mall near the Zellers property at 9:20am. Marilyn and Peter Csefko, who are arranging this trip, are finalizing the itinerary and costs. Highlights will include a visit to a gallery and to the Black River Cheese Factory, wine tasting, shopping in Bloomfield and lunch at Waupoos Winery.

**Westben Arts Festival Theatre:** Verna Templer has arranged a trip to see *Broadway Rainbows* at Westben in Campbellford on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We have good centre seats in rows K and L. Tickets are \$32 each, with cheques payable to Probus N Travel.

**Princess of Wales Theatre:** Jan Lundbohm is making arrangements for a trip to Toronto to see *Anything Goes* on Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$125. each and this includes the bus, theatre ticket and dinner at the Mandarin in Pickering. Jan reports that this trip is now sold out, so she is presently taking names for a wait list.

**Boat Cruise:** A six hour boat cruise from Fenlon Falls to Kirkfield Lift Lock is being arranged in early September from 9am–3pm. Please sign up if you're interested in participating. Further details will follow as plans are finalized.

**Drive & Dine:** Since this event was so popular last year, a similar event is being planned for early fall. Volunteers are needed to plan this event so please see Verna if you're interested in arranging this outing.

## COMING EVENTS

### **SOCIAL** by Verna Templer

June 18<sup>th</sup> Appies & Drinks – Sue Porter & Barry Clayton\*

June 19<sup>th</sup> Singles' Club – an outing in the country, destination T.B.D.

June 27<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park\*

July 9<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip to Prince Edward County\*

July 27<sup>th</sup> *Broadway Rainbows* – Westben in Campbellford\*

July 31<sup>st</sup> *Anything Goes* – Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto\*

\* see previous page for details for these events

### **THE LUNCH BUNCH** by Marilyn Csefko

June 27<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park

July 25<sup>th</sup> The Oasis

### **THE SPEAKER'S CORNER** by Gladys & Stan Maggs

June 13<sup>th</sup> Kevin Narraway – Business Development Officer – Town of Cobourg

June 27<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park – no guest speaker

July 11<sup>th</sup> Harry Nash – adventures in Africa

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