



The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland - June 2014

“June is buzzing out all over ...”



OK that's not the name of the song, but it is what this issue is all about ... all the buzz about what went down in May and what's coming up in June... meeting reports, dining experiences, special events, social calendar, some health news, the odd questionable joke or two, a quiz, other tidbits ...in fact all the buzz that's fit to print. We hope you enjoy it.

Like we said last month, if there are any regular features you would like to see added to each issue, or items you would like published, just let us know and we'll do our best to include it. For example, we've noticed people at meetings scribbling madly in the margins of the newsletter (such as they are), so it was suggested that we include a note page where you can jot down dates, changes, reminders etc. Done!

Thanks to all the conscientious reporters who do the post meeting write-ups, and the committee heads who tell us what to look forward to.

Our deadline changes each month according to the calendar and we will publish this in each issue. Rule of thumb is the end of the previous month. But earlier is better, so that everything doesn't come in at once and we find ourselves scrambling to make sure everything fits.

In fact we've found it's easier to prepare an item as soon as you can while it is still fresh in your mind.

Having said all that, the absolute deadline for the July issue is June 30th.

So that's it for another month. Until we meet again, remember: Bee good, but if you can't bee good, bee careful!

14th ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

Celebrating the 14th anniversary of the Northumberland PROBUS Club at our meeting on Thursday, May 8th a delicious breakfast was served to 112 people. To top off the meal, two wonderful cakes from the Dutch Oven were also served.



Decadent chocolate and zesty vanilla cakes. Hmm ... decadent and zesty ... describes Probians perfectly wouldn't you say?



The meal was made complete with a special rendition of the song “These Are a Few of My Favourite Things” performed by Peter & Marilyn Csefko.

~ Joanna Dwinell & Molly Leckey

May 8th Meeting



"The birth of truly local radio"

The speaker at the May 8th anniversary breakfast meeting was Barry Walker, Chairman of Northumberland 89.7 FM "Small Town Radio". Barry outlined the purpose of local volunteer radio and introduced us to some of the volunteers, both in front of and behind the microphone. He outlined the many different facets of the station and described some of the fine music and talk shows that are available on the air at 89.7 FM, and over the Internet at <www.northumberland897.ca>

The goal of Small Town Radio is for the community to know what is happening, where it is happening, when it is happening, and who is making it happen. This includes music, arts, meetings, major tourist events, play-by-play reporting of sports events, and features of interesting people who live and work in West Northumberland. It will provide communication opportunities at little or no cost for local artists and not-for-profit organizations.

Barry said that the station is always looking for more volunteers whether they wish to work in administration, equipment handling, or on the air. If you are interested in acquiring further information their e-mail address is info@northumberland.ca or you can call (905) 372-2391.

Harry Nash thanked Barry for his time and for volunteering to make the Northumberland area richer with local radio. ~ *HN*



Old Time Radio on 89.7 FM

If you are a fan of late night radio, on any given Sunday night late you can tune in to some of the old time radio classics such "Burns & Allen", "Our Miss Brooks", "Sherlock Holmes", "Dragnet", and "Inner Sanctum". Although listening to Inner Sanctum may not be the best idea if you don't want nightmares.

May 22nd Meeting



"What you can do with your computer"

At our meeting on May 22nd we were treated to a wonderfully informative and entertaining display of Classic YOU TUBE scenarios from the files of Russ Donaldson.

Russ is past-president of the Probus Club of Cobourg and Area. Cobourg Rotary (Bill Moore, Stone Avery and Russ Adams along with Russ) organized our initial gatherings, and Russ even chaired our very first Management Committee Meeting where we elected Ron Templer as our first president.

These selections from Russ' files ranged from the highly entertaining dancing of Eleanor Powell and Fred Astaire to the most well trained dogs at dinner time.... oh, that we could train our offspring to do the same thing! There was another canine sequence about kissing, however some of the cast weren't sure just where the kissing should take place.

It appears that Russ has an almost inexhaustible supply of these vignettes and we certainly hope that he performs YOU TUBE-2 for us.

~ Errol Markle

THE ORIGINAL COMPUTER!!



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Salt Creek Scramble – May 12th



On Monday, May 12, 2014 twenty-four of our finest golfers gathered at Salt Creek for nine holes of Scramble Golf.

It was a warm, bright cheery day for our first gathering of the year. A bit of sadness was also revealed before the golf got underway. We were sad to hear that Salty the groundhog, first cousin to Wiarion Willie, had passed away a week before. With the severe weather conditions of sub-zero temperatures, snow, sleet and ice, Salty's den was inundated with frost and ice. Early in the spring he developed pneumonia and did not survive. Salty was cremated and a small service was held by the creek that flows through the 4th hole on the course. As we marched across the bridge we tipped our hats to Salty.

I think the whole event inspired all of us to have a great opening season round of golf. Everyone fought tooth and nail and finished the nine holes within two strokes of each other. However one team did pull away from the rest and went on to win the event. That was Team Barb Lawrence along with her other playing group made up of George Lawrence, Ralph Stoffer and John Boczan.

After golfing the group made their way over to Wicklow Golf Course for lunch, with the exception of some guys who had "Honey Do" lists to get done at home. The refreshments were cool and the food was good as we ended the day with a toast to Salty. Or was it "pass the salt"? Can't remember.

~ Fred Cooke

"Golf is game in which you yell 'fore', shoot six, write down five" – Paul Harvey

"I have a tip that can take 5 strokes off your game. It's called an eraser." – Arnold Palmer

"It took me 17 years to get 3000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course" – Hank Aaron

"The older I get, the better I used to be." Lee Trevino

The Lunch Bunch



Our visit to Kelly's Home Like Inn on May 22nd was more than just a lunch trip. Our VP Lynn Ramsay did the research and found that the inn was built in 1845 as a hotel and became known as Kelly's when Gord Kelly bought it in 1932. It has been in the family ever since. Now a delightful stopping-off place with a pub in the "living room", a dining room, and upstairs we find the hotel rooms have been converted into one large room with a bar used for private parties and dart leagues.

The original pine floors and the embossed tin ceiling in the foyer, as well as the comfortable look of another age, speaks of its origins 169 years ago.

The food is what you might call "good plain fare". I chose the liver & onions – tasty with just the right amount of excellent gravy on the mashed potatoes!

~ Marian Boys

Morris has a medical



Morris celebrated his 85th birthday by going to his doctor for his annual physical, and left feeling satisfied that he had passed with flying colours. Several days later his doctor met him walking jauntily down the street with a gorgeous young twenty-something on his arm.

The doctor pulled him gently aside and said, "Well Morris you seem to be doing very well, but what's with Lolita here? Don't you think she may be a little young for you?"

"I'm just doing what you told me," said Morris. "Get a hot momma ... be cheerful."

"No, no, no Morris, I never said that" replied the doctor. "I said you have a heart murmur ... be careful."

Fathers' Day June 15, 2014

Ode to Dad



God took the strength of a mountain
The majesty of a tree
The warmth of a summer sun
The calm of a quiet sea
The generous soul of nature
The comforting arm of night
The wisdom of the ages
The power of the eagle's flight
The joy of a morning in spring
The faith of a mustard seed
The patience of eternity
The depth of a family need
Then God combined these qualities
When there was nothing more to add
He knew His masterpiece was complete
And so he called it ... DAD

~ Author unknown

Doctor Buzzbee's Medical Lexicon



Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease

Glibido: All talk and no action

Lymph: To walk with a lisp

Flatulence: Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller

Testicle: A humorous question on an exam

Rectitude: Dignified bearing adopted by proctologists

Cashtration: The act of buying a house which renders the subject financially impotent for a long time

Northumberland Hills Hospital to get \$2 million in new cardiac equipment



New cardiac monitors should arrive this fall

The current monitoring devices are aging and the parts to repair them are becoming obsolete. The goal is to replace them and expand the number of units in use.

The \$2 million equipment acquisition of both cardiac monitors and telemetry units comes in part from \$600,000 in financial support from the Municipality of Port Hope and the Town of Cobourg. Each municipality will contribute \$300,000 towards the cost over the next 2-3 years.

The cardiac monitors are used in the intensive care unit, while telemetry units are monitoring devices for patients who have come out of ICU and have been moved to a regular floor. The new cardiac units will monitor a patient's heart rate, pulse, blood pressure and respiratory rates.

These units can also be accessed outside the hospital allowing a doctor to check on a patient from a computer at home. The telemetry units will also have remote access capabilities and wireless monitoring so the patient will be able to get up and move around within the device's transmitting range.

The units are currently in the ICU, emergency and post-acute care units, but the plan is to add devices to the clinical care floors as well.

~ excerpt from Northumberland News

Doctor Buzzbee's Medical Research



"Studies show that women who carry a little weight live longer than men who comment on it."

DRIVING TEST FOR SENIORS



At the May 22nd meeting, Geoffrey Coleman gave us a rather droll recounting of his “octogenarian” drivers’ test, describing some of the aspects of the new test for 80+ drivers that came into effect in April of this year.

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation’s new evaluation includes a vision assessment, in-class group education, a review of the driver’s record, and two short exercises. The exercises require drivers to draw the hands of a clock to 11:10, and to cross out each “H” from rows of letters. These exercises are designed to evaluate basic auditory skills, memory, motor functioning, and ability to plan and organize.

Starting with your 80th birthday, you should get two things in the mail: a renewal form and a letter of instructions. These should arrive about 90 days before your licence expires, and once you get these you will need to attend a renewal session. To book an appointment you can call 1-800-396-4233 to get a time, date and location of your session. For more info you can go to www.ontario.ca/seniordriver

That’s it. Good luck, and as Murray Westgate used to say, “Happy Motoring!”

Billy Quizbee’s Monthly Quiz



Quizzes have proven popular with our group of Probians, so here is a quickie to test your knowledge and perhaps prepare your mindset for the next time Harry Nash springs a quiz at one of our meetings. There are no tricks, these are straight questions with straight answers. Good luck.

~ Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.

~ What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

~ Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted. Name the two perennials.

~ What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

~ In many liquor stores you can buy pear brandy with a real whole, ripe pear inside the bottle. The bottle is whole, and has not been cut. How did the pear get inside?

~ There are only three words in the English language that begin with “dw”. They are all common words, can you name them?

~ Name the only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any form except fresh.

~ There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name half of them?

That’s it. How do you think you did? You can find the answers inside back cover.



Thought for Today

Why is a car’s windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So look ahead and move on.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES



We'd like to welcome two new members to our club!
Please add their names and contact information to
your Membership list:

Roslynn Cooke
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Adri Flinterman
103-148 Third Street,
Cobourg K9A 5X2
(905) 372-7055

Address Correction

Trish Morgan
711 Henderson Drive,
Cobourg, K9A 0J1
(905) 377-1020

And a special reminder...

Our year-end is July 31st so we will be looking for your annual membership fee in August. The amount is unchanged at \$30 per person, so please provide your cheque payable to the Probus Club of Northumberland and remit to Dianne or Gord Graham. If you are going to be away during the summer, we'd be happy to accept your post-dated cheque. Thanks.

~Dianne & Gord Graham

NEW MEMBER PROFILES



Ossie & Susan Tee
17 Coronation Crescent
Cobourg K9A
(289) 252-0939

You may remember a few meetings ago when Ossie addressed our club with a very interesting presentation on the birds of Northumberland. It follows that both Ossie and Susan, who were recently inducted into our club, are interested in birding and nature, and are members of the Friends of Presqu'île Park as well as the Willow Beach Naturalists.

After retiring, Ossie and Susan moved here from Beaconsfield, a suburb of Montreal, where Ossie was Professor of Chemistry at Montreal's Concordia University. His hobbies and interests include birding, photography, history, simple web design, and travel.

Among Susan's interest are golf (she is the scheduler of the Port Hope Ladies' Golf League), nature, reading, gardening, and her family and grandchildren. During their tenure in Beaconsfield, Susan held the position of Reference/Children's Specialist Librarian at the Beaconsfield Public Library.

~ RH

SINGLES CLUB



Friday, June 20, 12 noon

**MARCA'S
by the waterfront**

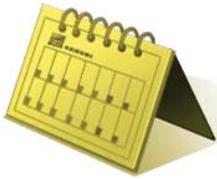
~ Louise Barraclough

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.

SOCIAL CALENDAR



It's not too late to get your ticket for **"Till the Boys Come Home"** at Trinity United on Saturday June 14, 2014. It's a wonderful show featuring our Cobourg Concert Band directed by Paul Storm. Old favourite tunes like "Keep The Home Fires Burning", "Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Own Kit Bag", and "It's A Long Way To Tipperary" are just a few of the selections that were popular back in 1914. Wow! It's hard to believe that it was 100 years ago! So, get your tickets for the afternoon or evening show by calling (905) 372-2200, or you can see June Loader at the break and she can get you discounted tickets.

Picnic-in-the-Park ... June 26. No sign up needed. It's a potluck lunch as usual and people are asked to arrive at 11:00 a.m. You will be given parking passes for Church Street and Queen Street where the meters are. Don't miss your opportunity to try out lawn bowling!

June 23 - Lunch cruise on Stoney Lake. Tickets are \$40.25. At this time we will open up the invitation to guests as well. Please refer to your last Pro Buzz for the particulars for overnight accommodations.

Phantom. I have reserved seats for 24 people on July 23 at 2:00 pm at Westben Theatre in Campbellford for an afternoon of music from *The Phantom Of The Opera*. Come early with your own picnic lunch or book one for \$18.00. You can pre order your lunch at least 24 hours in advance by calling 1(877) 883- 5777 and ask for Phantom Dejeuner Picnic. Discounted tickets are available for only \$29. Marg Hannah has a sign up sheet. Make your cheques payable to Probus N Travel to reserve your spot! And, if you like sitting in a padded chair, bring along your favourite tushy cushion!

Thousand Islands We are planning a 1,000 Island boat trip in September. There will be further details offered at our June 14 meeting.

Appies & Drinks: Diane Pritchard is hosting an afternoon of drinks and appies, at the Cobourg Beach Trailer Park on June 18. She has also booked a rain date for June 19. Please see her to sign up at the break.

Jan Lundbohm tells me that we still have seats available to see **Wicked on October 15**. So, invite a friend or neighbour to come along. You can't beat the price! Sign up at the break, with a deposit of \$100 or call Jan at (905) 377-2436

~ Marilyn Csefko

SPEAKERS' CORNER



June 12 - Guest speaker is John Kraus, Music Director of the Northumberland Orchestra & Choir, our area's first and foremost purveyor of beautiful orchestral and choral music.

June 26 – Picnic in the Park.

~ Harry Nash

LUNCH BUNCH



July 24
Oasis Bar & Grill
31 King Street East

~ Marian Boys



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DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE IS
JUNE 30th. EARLIER IS APPRECIATED!