



The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – March 2015

FEBRUARY 12th MEETING



Linda Syrota-Sullivan of the Canadian Red Cross

Guest speaker Linda Syrota-Sullivan gave us an interesting and informative overview of the services provided by the Canadian Red Cross. Founded by Dr. George Sterling Ryerson in 1896, The Canadian Red Cross is a charitable organization that is one of the 187 National Societies worldwide that together form one Red Cross, the largest humanitarian organization in the world, with local branches in every province and territory.

The Canadian Red Cross' flagship program is Disaster Management and they work cooperatively with other first responders and municipal organizations to ensure that emergency supplies and expertise are available when they are needed. For example, the local Red Cross had a very strong presence during the Eastern Ontario ice storm in 1998. Disaster experts and trained volunteers were on site to help meet the needs for such things as lodging, food and clothing, The Canadian Red Cross is also well known for the key role they play in health and safety. In addition to treating the wounded in war zones around the world, the organization is involved in training individuals to effectively handle emergencies at home and in the workplace. Each year, thousands of Canadians receive certified training in First Aid, CPR, Swimming and Water Safety.

The Red Cross is grateful for the support of people throughout Canada who give generously to assist them in their ongoing efforts to alleviate suffering in its many forms. Strategic planning is always a priority to ensure that donated funds are used in the most effective way possible.

~ Carol Petter

FEBRUARY 26th MEETING



Mandy Robinson, Cobourg's new Town Crier

Mandy Robinson is an amazing woman. She is the proud mother of three daughters and a loving grandmother of one grandson.

As an educator at the Brookside center where she teaches communication and leadership skills, and with her 6th level in Toast Masters, she is a very capable woman representing Cobourg in her public duties.

For the past twenty years, Mandy has been writing an autobiography which she hopes to have published in 2016.

Her grandfather who was a guard at Buckingham Palace influenced her greatly. He prophesied that Mandy would go through a period of her life with intense pain and suffering, but through that pain she would achieve greatness of character. Mandy did have much pain because of the loss of her son and the end of a thirty year marriage. The result was a much stronger person.

The presentation concluded with a discussion of her several Victorian costumes and jewellery, all designed by Mandy and sewn by a couturier in Cobourg.

This was a highly inspirational talk from a very accomplished speaker which resulted in a standing ovation from an appreciative Probuss audience.

~ Victoria Catton

STAY WARM !



This is a short note from your President hoping that all my fellow Probians are coping with this weather! Throw another log on the fire and pour another glass. Stay strong, better times are coming!

Cheers!

~ Lynn Ramsey

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS



We may have missed some talent in the club due to many modest new members. The club owns a quality keyboard which is available when we require it for functions. But, we need someone to volunteer to play it, or their guitar or drums, or accordion, or banjo, or bugle, or clarinet etc, etc.

If you play a musical instrument and would be willing to enliven the club at some events, please contact Jamie Doolittle at the club or by telephone: 905-372-6465.

Thank you.

SINGLES CLUB



We've made a grand start to the year, in spite of the weather! On Monday January 12th, seventeen of us lunched at Rocco's Bar & Grill in Cobourg. We're still savouring a very pleasant outing on Tuesday, February 17th at the Railside in Port Hope where some of us discovered their very reasonably priced 'lunch bunch' offerings.

The Mill is getting a lot of patronage from PROBUS this winter. The Singles' Club will meet there at noon on Wednesday, March 18th.

With 33 members in the Club now, we have to be sure that restaurants can accommodate about 20 people ...there were 22 of us at the Woodlawn Inn in December. So there's no way we can avoid repetition of dining spots.

We're off to Grafton Village Inn on Friday, April 17th, to the Victoria Inn at Gore's Landing on Thursday May 21st, and I have 'singles' marked on my calendar for Tuesday, June 16th still working on that one.

~ 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

Valentine's Meeting and Lunch

I think that you would agree that the room was ablush with red roses, hearts and everything Valentine. Thanks to Shirley Erskine, Maura McGeachy, and Sue Porter for making sure that the old and new decorations got to the Hall for this special meeting. Thanks also to our decorating committee of Marg Hannah, Marg Curtis and Marilyn Wood for the set-up.

Dame Edna

All the tickets are sold. Jan Lundbohm is currently taking names for her waiting list. There is a very good possibility that those on the waiting list will get to attend the Production.

Medieval Times

This is a dinner and tournament that we are planning to attend in mid-May. The 'Castle' is on the Exhibition Grounds near Dufferin Street. You will meet the King's Court, his Knights and their Stallions who are the stars of the show. There is a four course meal with a full bar. Vegetarian fare is an option. The cost will be approximately \$80.00. Final details will be available on March 12th. I was encouraged by the initial interest in this event.

I hope that any Snow Birds, who are reading ProBuzz and interested in going to any of the events, will contact me at my e-mail address roslynne211@gmail.com.

~ Roslynne Cooke for Marilyn Csefko

PROBUS CLUBS BOWLING TOURNAMENT



On Monday February 2nd, about 74 PROBUS members from 5 out of 6 clubs made it to the bowling alleys at Northumberland Mall. Despite the inclement weather we all had a great time bowling and later went for lunch at the Lions Community Centre. The Brighton Club didn't make it, but we still had about 104 people for a great hot ham luncheon.

Winnie Gerrow and Ted McDonald from our club won the High Ladies' and Mens' Singles prizes.

The Northumberland Club won top trophy and the Cobourg club won the famous toilet seat trophy.

~ Brian Scott

SPEAKERS' CORNER

March 12, 2015

Choral Legacy

March 26, 2015

Sheryl Cooper

War of 1812 Engagements

~ Harry Nash

LUNCH BUNCH

March 26, 2015

Swiss Chalet

70 Strathy Road, Cobourg

April 23, 2015

Railside Restaurant

112 Peter Street, Port Hope

~ Marian Boys

SINGLES CLUB

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

The Mill, Cobourg

Friday, April 17, 2015

Grafton Village Inn

~ Louise Baraclough



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