



# PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS

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**Art Linton - President**

## The President's Voice

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

I can't believe that it is the start of a new year for our club *already*. This past year has flown by quickly and yet we have accomplished so much. Starting out with a full membership was wonderful, and to have so many come forward to help with the formation and running of the club was reassuring. I look forward to another year of that same enthusiasm from our members.

We are, because of the increase in our membership cap, also going to be welcoming more members. A tip of the hat goes to those of you who have patiently sat on the sidelines in the waiting room! We look forward to welcoming you to the club. By the end of our December meeting, we will know where we stand regarding membership numbers for this year.

A review of the past year, under Bill Hogle's excellent guidance, has produced very positive results. We have had excellent speakers, fun events and well attended meetings. After paying off our loan we are in comfortable and positive territory with our finances, we have had a great deal of good publicity, we have an excellent and informative newsletter, and your management committee of the past year has kept the whole ship on course and well guided.

I will strive to continue the good, sound leadership my predecessor has given. A big thank you to all the management committee who served over the past year and more, but especially to you Bill Hogle for handling the reins so efficiently. The standing ovation the members gave you at the AGM was well deserved.

To all our members - Merry Christmas, have a safe and enjoyable holiday.





Photo - Tony Crocker

## YOUR NEW 2014-2015 EXECUTIVE

Brian Muir, Membership - Jim Kelleher, Communications - Steve Wood, Treasurer  
 Diane Williamson, Secretary - Anne Linton, Events - Jerry Hazlitt, Meetings  
 Art Linton, President

*Absent from Picture - Alan Appleby, Vice President and Bill Hogle, Past President*

## A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

**to the unsung heroes in the kitchen, who provide our members with the greatest snacks, coffee and other goodies for our meetings.**

**They move silently among us, doing what needs to be done and the next thing you know the meeting is over and the place is cleaned up.**

**The ladies of the UCW are doing a wonderful job and we would like them to know their work is appreciated greatly by the members and guests of the Probus Club of Trent Hills.**



Top Photo : Elaine White, Eileen Hodgins, Anne Locke  
 Cathy Redden, Carol Darling, Cheryl Brown and Barb Fry

Photos by Tony Crocker with thanks

## Featured Members

Roger and Cheslyn McDevitt  
Campbellford, ON



Photo - Tony Crocker

Following a lifelong career as a conductor at CN, **Roger McDevitt** and his wife Cheslyn bought a country home near the Empire Cheese Company that they have lovingly renovated and landscaped with trees and gardens. Roger finds Trent Hills an excellent location to pursue his interests and remain close to his family who are stationed in Trenton with the Canadian Military. Roger volunteers his expertise as President of the Belleville CN Pensioners Association, working as a policy advisor for the National CN Pensioner's Association and facilitating the Ontario CNPA Scholarship Fund for worthy candidates. His committee work includes the CN Belleville Monument Committee that honoring past and future railroaders in Belleville. The site they manage includes a large granite memorial and gardens, and the Belleville waterfront trail and will include a gazebo and other public facilities in the future. Roger serves as a Provincial appointee to the Trent Hills Police Services Board and is a member of the Lion's Club. He is thrilled to be a founding member of Trent Hills Probus Club because it provides a stimulating connection to the community, renewing friendships through personal interests. He believes that you should "follow your passions and do meaningful work."

**Cheslyn McDevitt** is a retired nurse, mother and creative spirit. Her mother, who nursed with a 'Cheslyn' at the Brockville Hospital, gave Cheslyn McDevitt her unusual name. Following in her mother's footsteps, Cheslyn studied nursing in Toronto where she met and married Roger. Roger's work with CN took them around the province. When their family was grown, Cheslyn returned to nursing, completing her RN at Cambrian College in Sudbury Ontario. She has worked in many areas of nursing including pediatrics, general practice and nursing in rural communities. When she moved to Trent Hills she was able to retire and devote full time to her creative passions of quilting, rug hooking and woodcarving. Through Marilyn Pollack, a textile mover and shaker in Campbellford, and the #1 Sewing Centre, she was able to join groups, gain skills and make new friends. She is an active member of the Belleville Woodworker's guild preferring to pursue 'freestyle' carving of 'Wood Spirits' rather than the meticulous and competitive school of realism. Her textiles and woodwork adorn their house and garden and are shared with family and friends. Cheslyn enjoys her membership in Probus because it is a great link with the community, and is especially welcome because it does not involve fundraising. Cheslyn's motto is "Do things you enjoy and pursue social creativity."

*Interview completed and submitted by Skye Morrison with thanks*

### ••••• •Editor's Note:

•"Featured Members" is a new item for our newsletter. In each issue we will introduce you to one or two of your fellow members, so that  
•you can become better acquainted with them. Members will be chosen for an interview and allowed to see the final draft and picture  
•before publication. We felt it would be a good way for members to know and understand each other and hopefully find some mutual  
•interests on which to base a new friendship. We will be approaching members to ask their permission to feature them - the whole  
•procedure is strictly voluntary. We thank Roger and Cheslyn for being the first to introduce this new venture.  
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# RECENT EVENTS

## The Blue Eyed Dogs

*Submitted by Sheila Wood*



Left to Right: Jim White, Tom Barber, Bill Davenport and Dave Lloyd

*Picture courtesy of Tony Crocker*

Anne Linton introduced four members of The Blue Eyed Dogs, a group of local musicians, by noting that while none of the group had blue eyes, they were a little bit snarly! Musicians, Bill Davenport, Tom Barber, Dave Lloyd and Jim White led us along a very entertaining trip down memory lane with an eclectic mix of song styles from the 60's and 70's. On our journey, members climbed The Mountain of Love, cruised Ventura Highway, Wasted Away in Margaritaville and ended up taking a load off The Weight at Woodstock. Along the way, we met Mary Lou, Mrs. Robinson and The Boxer. These were just a few of many songs performed for our club.

The group's selection of ballads, blues, folk and rock and roll had members tapping their toes and singing along right from the beginning of the performance. The obvious audience appreciation prompted one musician to remark, "I think we got the era" and another to say, "We're not used to this much applause". All in all, this talented group provided a delightful finale to our AGM with their well-loved music from yesteryear.

## October 2nd Meeting at Quinte Probus "the Pan Am and Para Pan Games 2015"



Sixteen Trent Hills Probus members attended this meeting of the Quinte Probus Club held at the Maranatha Church in Belleville. Their speaker that day was Betty Jo Parent who gave a wonderful presentation on the Pan Am and the Para Pan Am Games to be held next summer in the Toronto and surrounding area. Betty Jo gave an hour long view of what to expect at the games and presented us with a few interesting facts. The games will be the largest ever held in Canada with athletes from 41 member nations participating. There are 33 venues

for the games, most of which already exist. Since the Game's operating budget is only one tenth of that of the recent Olympics the need for volunteers is very critical. At the moment they require at least 20,000 volunteers. The photos show Betty Jo with Pachi the Porcupine Mascot and some of the venues in and around Toronto. Check out the Pan Am Toronto website for all the news about the games.

The Quinte members and President Ken Capstick, were very gracious hosts and provided a delicious luncheon for us. A very enjoyable day - Thank you Quinte!



# November Speaker

## Cheryl Cooper - Author

To refer to Cheryl Cooper, a veteran of fifty-four Probus club meetings, as an experienced speaker would be a great understatement! Cheryl is the author of two well researched novels, *Come Looking for Me* and *Second Summer of War*, set on the high seas during the War of 1812. Ms. Cooper began her presentation with a humorous history of her development as a writer, from grade 4, when she wrote a 40 page novella featuring Donny Osmond as the main character, to the writing of her first novel at the age of 27. Personally, very proud of her novel, Cheryl was devastated when a well-regarded editor characterized it as “truly horrible”. Despite this initial setback, she told us, “It’s not the compliments that are going to help you; it’s the constructive criticism.” Although sorely tempted to give up writing, she discovered that she simply could not – “I might as well stop breathing” – and so, she continued to develop her skills. Her two published novels bear testimony to the value of that perseverance.



Cheryl became enthralled with the movie, *Master and Commander*, (watching it more than 50 times) and thence developed a fascination with the British Royal Navy and sailing ships. After visits to Halifax, N.S., Charleston S.C., San Diego, CA. and Portsmouth, Eng., she decided that she wanted to write novels set on the Atlantic Ocean. She began extensive research, reading novels and biographies, books on the royal family, medicine, fashion, shipwrecks, the Royal Navy and the language of the era. When Cheryl was finally confident that she had enough background information, she began to plan her novel, deciding on the War of 1812 as the focus. Cheryl discussed the reasons that there is so little popular knowledge of this war and entertained many questions and comments from a very interested audience. Cheryl gave us intriguing examples of the demands of writing, citing “words” as her greatest challenge – the dialogue had to consist of words actually in use in 1812. She also provided members with the origins of familiar phrases, such as “son of a gun”, “scuttlebutt”, “Doldrums” and “Davy Jones’ locker”. This speaker provided personal insight into the writing and research processes, as well as a fascinating glimpse into history. Members enjoyed Cheryl’s engaging, humorous speaking style and, as the meeting closed, many were anticipating enjoying her novels.



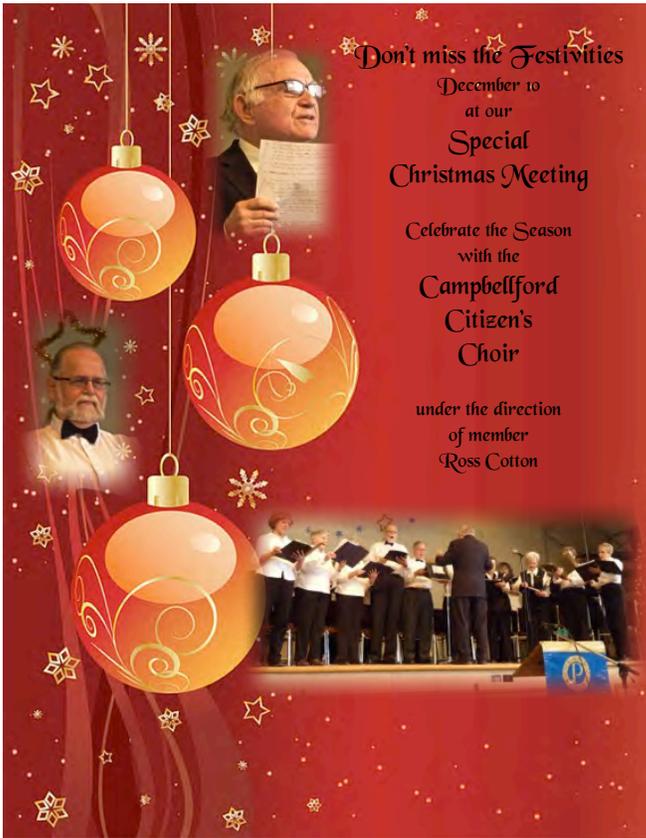
Alan, Cheryl and Art



**Submitted by Sheila Wood**

*Photos - Tony Crocker*

# Upcoming Probus Events



Don't miss the Festivities  
December 10  
at our  
Special  
Christmas Meeting

Celebrate the Season  
with the  
Campbellford  
Citizen's  
Choir

under the direction  
of member  
Ross Cotton

Get into the  
Christmas Spirit  
with the

Campbellford Citizens Choir

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There will also be a special draw for door  
prizes!



northumberland  
players

and



The Best Western Inn - Cobourg  
DINNER THEATRE



If your wealthy, judgmental father hasn't seen you in five years, you might want to impress him. That's Joe Todd's reason for hiring a woman for the evening to pose as his fiancée. It seems like such a simple way for Joe to prove to his family that his life isn't as empty and pointless as they think it is. The way Joe's idea doesn't work is what makes "Drinking Alone" a most entertaining play.

Sunday January 25, 2015  
Best Western - Cobourg  
930 Burnham Street - Ballroom

Price: \$45.00 per person

Dinner at 5 PM - Show at 7 PM

This is a drive yourself event

Tickets are non refundable after January 15, 2015

These Dinner Theatre nights  
in Cobourg are a popular  
choice for other Probus Clubs  
in the area.

We certainly don't want  
to miss out on what looks like a  
fun evening out.

# OTHER NEWS

## *New Members*

**The following new members will be welcomed into our Probus Club at the December meeting.**

<b>New Member</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>New Member</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Linda Nobes	Diane Williamson	Fred Ellis	Jerry Hazlitt
Gary Russell	Bonnie Russell	Carole Ellis	Jerry Hazlitt
Barbara Aldan	Elinor Graham	Jim Ashman	Bob Bennett
Michael Tumpane	Rosemarie Peikes	Anne Ashman	Bob Bennett
Gary Hoag	Bob Bennett	Wayne Buck	Dave MacDougall
Marika Terentiew	Tom Terentiew	Paula Buck	Dave MacDougall
Geoff Nabb	Bonnie Russell	Judith KnoppBrown	Maureen Dikun
Bonnie Nabb	Bonnie Russell	Ron Watson	Lorna Watson
Virginia Hendricks	Pat Sheridan	Patsy Danielsen	Al Lake

## **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

**January: Graham Wilson/ Turnstone Geological Services Ltd.** Campbellford. Graham will talk about the life and adventures of a working geologist who has practiced his profession in 68 countries on 6 continents. His working title is "Life on the Rocks". Lots of fabulous pictures and interesting stories. Who would believe Graham lives just two blocks from St. John's United Church?

**February: Brad Hilker, President and CEO Campbellford Memorial Hospital.** Brad will give us an overview of CMH, its history and growth, services and programs, issues and future directions. We are so fortunate to have a full service hospital in our community and serving a wider rural area.

## *Special Interests*

**Women's Book Club** - meets the third Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM-  
111 Church Street in Campbellford - Contact Mona Cooper at 705 653-5215

**Mystery Book Club** - Meet the second Wednesday of the Month 2:00 PM-  
St John's United Church - Contact Barb Hobart at 705 653-6897

**Scotch Tasting** -The next Probus Scotch Tasting event will be Thursday January 15, 2015 in the upper room at Capers Restaurant. We will meet for lunch at 12p.m. followed by the tasting. No change in format, and the cost will be the same at \$20. Members can sign up at both the December and January Probus meetings, with members having priority, should we exceed the maximum of 17 during sign up. Non members are welcome guests, notwithstanding the above. We will be tasting three Single Malts from different regions of Scotland. Please pay when you sign up, if possible.



*Merry Christmas...*

*to all members of  
The Probus Club of Trent Hills  
from  
Your Management Committee*

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## **MEMBERS OF YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Art Linton- President**  
**Alan Appleby - Vice President and Program Manager**  
**Bill Hogle - Past President**  
**Diane Williamson - Secretary**  
**Steve Wood - Treasurer**  
**Jim Kelleher - Communications Manager**  
**Anne Linton - Events and Special Interests Manager**  
**Brian Muir - Membership Manager**  
**Jerry Hazlitt - Meeting Manager**

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