



PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS

FEBRUARY 2015



Art Linton - President

The President's Voice

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

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Well, Christmas and New Year's are behind us and we look forward to a brand-new year with many exciting meetings and activities - and there will be a lot of work and planning going into these endeavours.

I want you to know about the excellent work your Management Committee does for you. They work tirelessly behind-the-scenes, making the meetings and activities enjoyable for all members.

Your Committee meets once a month, not only to make these plans, but also to develop policy, map out procedures and overcome hurdles that are occasionally put in our way. Your current Committee works together with sensitivity and humor making the meetings a lot of fun. Personally, I look forward to our monthly meeting day and the camaraderie that comes with it.

I thought you might like to know the responsibilities of each manager.

As your **President** I am responsible for the meeting agendas and deal with the national and regional Probus issues. (March is National Probus Month) I oversee both Committee and Regular meetings.

Vice President, Alan Appleby, assists me in these and other areas and is responsible for the meeting program rounding up speakers or entertainment for the regular meetings.

Our **Past President**, Bill Hogle, can be counted upon to provide the rest of the committee with good counsel and help when needed.

Our **Secretary**, Diane Williamson, besides keeping meticulous minutes, also looks after correspondence, Probus emails, and reminders sent out monthly to members.

Treasurer, Steve Wood, with the assistance of past treasurer Bob Bennett, keeps track of all finances, and sees that our income and expenses are in line with our budget. He also provides regular financial reports monthly to the management committee and quarterly to the general membership.

Brian Muir, our **Membership Manager**, looks after all membership lists and requirements and reports monthly to the management committee. He and his wife Christine collect and submit all meeting fees from members.

Events Manager, Anne Linton, arranges event trips and activities throughout the year. She collects the monies for these trips and submits them along with reports to the treasurer as required. She also takes care of the events table and gives a detailed report on events at the regular meetings.

Communications Manager, Jim Kelleher's job is to get publicity for our club. He updates our website and upgrades information on the Probus Canada site. The newsletter also falls under his purview and is currently being put together by Anne Linton.

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Meeting Manager, Jerry Hazlitt, takes care of the physical needs for our regular meetings including, setting up the auditorium, catering and liaising with the kitchen staff and the church, and looking after whatever equipment is required for the program.

All the managers oversee the activities of volunteers and helpers in the club.

As you can see a lot goes on behind the scenes for fellowship, fun and learning.



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Jim Baker

It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the passing of member and good friend, Jim Baker much loved husband of member Marion Baker We will miss him.



CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS

The standard of behavior at the Probus club of Trent Hills is that, all of the Management Committee members and regular members of the Club scrupulously avoid conflict of interest between the interests of the Probus club of Trent Hills on one hand, and personal, professional and business interests on the other. This includes avoiding potential or actual conflicts of interest as well as perceptions of conflict of interest.

The purposes of this policy are to protect the integrity of The Probus Club of Trent Hill's decision-making process, to enable our members to have confidence in the integrity of the Management Committee, and to protect the integrity and reputations of members.

Whenever a Committee Manager or member has a financial, business or personal interest in any matter coming before the Management Committee, the Management Committee shall ensure that:

- The interest of Committee Manager or member is fully disclosed to the board of directors.
- No interested Committee Manager may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the meeting of the Management Committee at which such matter is voted upon.
- Any transaction in which a Committee Manager has a financial or personal interest shall be duly approved by The Management Committee not so interested or connected as being in the best interests of the organization.
- The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, and rationale for approval.

Editor's Note:

Thanks to the efforts of our Communications Manager, Jim Kelleher, the Probus Club of Trent Hills has been receiving excellent coverage in the press. An article by Sue Dickens in the December 15 Independent on our Christmas meeting and the Campbellford Citizen's Choir, a more recent article, January 12 Independent, on member Piet Goemans and his music, and coverage of our January meeting and our speaker Graham Wilson.



Probus Member
Julie Hallett (Breeze)

Julie has enjoyed a varied and eventful life; and still takes great pleasure in reflecting on her past. She was an only child, born in London England in 1926. Her father was a member of the Household Cavalry. His wife and daughter accompanied him each time his regiment moved back and forth between London and Windsor, until the onset of WWII, when he remained in Windsor to train incoming recruits, until the war ended. However, by the beginning of the war, Julie was spending week-days in London, receiving a post-elementary education in mathematics and science. So when the government evacuated children from big cities to the country-side, her school was sent to a less populated area, to avoid exposure to air-raids. Once there, she lived in the homes of strangers; until at age eighteen, she volunteered to join the WRENS, (the Women's Royal Naval Service).

Wren Breeze was sent to the Marconi Research Laboratories, in eastern England. This suited her well, as she had had hopes of someday finding employment with the National Physical Laboratories (NPL). She was now making hourly analyses of the condition of the ionosphere. Her results were used to choose short-wave radio frequencies appropriate for keeping specific communication routes open. Nowhere was this more important than for ships, which were carrying cargoes of war materiel and non perishable food-supplies across the Atlantic to Europe from North America, to be able to receive details on enemy U-boat movements.

Julie met Leading Seaman Dennis Hallett when he was training to set up and run a similar operation in West Africa. Having known each other for only two months, they married on his embarkation leave rather than wait for Dennis' return.

When the war ended, Dennis joined NPL, to establish an ionospheric research station in the Falkland Islands. Ironically, Julie had had to refuse her dream job-offer when it came; she was pregnant. By the time preparations were complete the baby was nine months old, and both she and her mother were setting out on their first ocean voyage!

The smell of peat smoke from Stanley harbour greeted ships on arrival. No electric appliances were allowed, because the generators could barely handle the electric lights. Living there for three and a half years was like pioneer days and challenged one's ingenuity.

Back in England again, Dennis secured a position in Hamilton, Ontario and the family immigrated to Canada in 1955. With both daughters in school, Julie was able to use her spare energy working as a microwave engineer at Canadian Westinghouse, on the guidance system of the Sparrow, an air-to-air missile designed for the Arrow air-craft. When the contract was cancelled in 1958, Julie was the first to lose her job. She then began her career in the blossoming computer programming industry, and gained experience in a variety of businesses, from working, Ontario Hydro, Pilkington Glass, the Steel Company of Canada, IBM and several others, before finally spending seventeen years at the Bank of Nova Scotia. She always worked on the computer systems of these companies and was sought after to train the next generation of programmers before formal courses became available.

She says that in the sixties, discrimination was very strong against females that worked in areas considered suitable only for the male gender. Apparently this was seldom found among team-mates, but very frequently with outsiders, however, Julie soon learned how to overcome her detractors.

Julie moved to Campbellford in 2012 with her older daughter and friend. They live close to her other daughter and family. At 88 she remains lively in her storytelling and active in Tai Chi, and has joined the Legion and Probus. Julie's thoughts about Probus are that it provides social and intellectual camaraderie through an encouraging motto and engages excellent guest speakers.

DRINKING ALONE

DINNER THEATRE AT THE BEST WESTERN IN COBOURG

Almost hate to tell you this, but those of you who didn't get to this Probus evening out, missed a really good time. Everything was great, including the weather. The buffet was top notch, especially the desserts, and the company of fellow members (forty four of us were there), always guarantees a good experience. The play itself, a combination of serious family discordant relationships (we've all been there), and a son's attempt to appease his distant father by faking a relationship with a woman of the evening who is to pose as his fiancée. (I hope none of us has been THERE). It was a delightful production, serious and funny at the same time. The actors, very professional - truly believable.

I know we are going to be back for more, so don't miss out next time!



Christmas Meeting Entertainment



It was December 10 and your editor had not yet captured the Christmas Spirit, so much to do - so little time.

All that was changed the minute the **Campbellford Citizens Choir** took to the floor and began to sing.

Under the gentle guidance of director Ross Cotton the music began to take hold and the mood began to shift.

Punctuated by solos rendered by Ross Cotton and Piet Goemans that familiar seasonal feeling began to catch hold - all of this to the very capable accompaniment of Wally Brown on piano.

By the time the concert was finished the Spirit was certainly soaring off in all directions.



Ross



Piet



Wally

Submitted by Anne Linton

Photos - Tony Crocker



Secretary Diane Williamson and Meeting Manager Jerry Hazlitt are shown drawing names for the several door prizes given out at our Christmas meeting. Seven members went home with wonderful gift baskets

Upcoming Probus Events



LOYALIST COLLEGE

Club 213

Buffet Lunch

Friday - March 20 - 2015

12 Noon

\$18.00 per person

*This is a drive yourself event
Use Main Entrance to Kente Building
Club 213 Dining Hall - Rm 2H28*



Probus Clubs
of Northumberland

2015 Spring Extravaganza

June 2nd, 2015 at 9:00AM

The Keeler Centre

80 Division Street, Colborne, ON

Special Guest Speaker

Lieutenant-General

The Honourable Roméo A. Dallaire, Senator

'A devoted humanitarian'

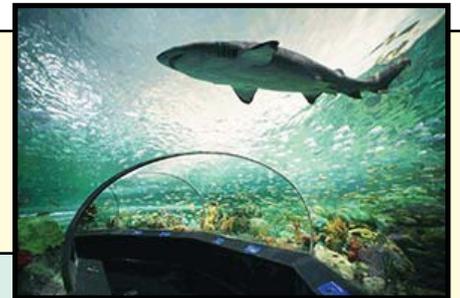
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*"The ultimate focus of the
rest of my life is to
eradicate the use of child
soldiers & eliminate
even the thought of
using children
as instruments of war"*



**Morning Coffee / Goodies . . . Full Lunch
Only \$35.00 Per Guest**



**Ripley's
AQUARIUM OF CANADA**



Tuesday, April 21, 2015

1:00 PM - Leave from the Canadian Tire Parking Lot on DeNure Coach Lines

3:00 to 5:00 PM - Tour the Aquarium at your leisure

5:00 PM - Board the Bus and travel to the St Lawrence Market for dinner at the Hot House Restaurant

6:30 -7:00PM - Board the Bus for the trip Home

Price per person - \$95.00 All tickets sales are final for this outing!

OTHER NEWS

New Members

The following new members were welcomed into our Probus Club at the Dec and Jan meetings.



L to R = Carol Ellis, Fred Ellis, Judith KnoppBrown, Gary Hoag, Anne Ashman, Jim Ashman, Barbara Aldan, Patsy Danielsen, Marika Terentiew, Linda Nobes, Gary Russell and President Art Linton.



Ron Watson being welcomed by Membership Manager Brian Muir at the January Meeting
absent is Paula Buck

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

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.

March: Dan Buchanan -Dan Buchanan from Brighton, who held us captive last June with his tale of the imprisonment and subsequent hanging of Dr. King of Codrington, will bring us the story of HMS Speedy. The gunboat HMS Speedy sank in a blinding snowstorm off Presqu'ile Point on October 8, 1804, changing the course of Canadian and local history.

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 tasting will be Thursday, March 19/15.

Venue will be Capers Restaurant. The meeting time will be moved ahead to 11:30 for lunch. Hopefully we will be ahead of the noon lunch crowd with our orders and this will streamline the event for our Probus members. Everything else will remain the same. Cost is \$20pp. You can sign up at the next two meetings.



Graham Wilson - Geologist

Speaker for our January Meeting

A Life on the Rocks

On January 14, Graham Wilson entertained and educated us on the life and work of a professional geologist/geoscientist. Graham has a Ph.D from Cambridge University, operates a consulting business, Turnstone Geological Services Ltd., from his home in

Campbellford, and has completed projects covering some 70 countries on six continents.

Graham outlined the many different areas of work that geoscientists undertake, from prospecting for minerals and mining development, to oil and gas finds, construction assistance with foundation analysis, research into earth history and even biology, finding and identifying ancient fossils in rock. It's a much larger field of study than most of us realized, and much more tied into daily life.

Geology deals with the whole of the Earth, and even beyond through analysis of meteorites and moon rocks. Graham tracks meteorite occurrences and showed pictures of a recent search for fragments of a local "fireball" just south of Campbellford. Graham also showed slides of rock and mineral samples as small as 1-2 mm, enhanced to show specific characteristics with special lighting techniques.

The world and work of a professional geoscientist was a fascinating topic for members of the Probus Club of Trent Hills who asked many questions, including one about the controversial "fracking" techniques being used to access previously unavailable oil and natural gas deposits.

Judy Pearce thanked Graham on behalf of Probus, remarking on the long journey Graham's interest in rocks has brought him, from picking up pebbles on the beaches of England as a child to his professional work around the world. You can find out more about Graham's work and personal interests at his website www.turnstone.ca

Photo courtesy of Sue Dickens

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

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