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Appies & Drinks



Our hosts - Jim & Sheila Scherer



Rosalie, Georgina, Julie & June



Bryan, Gary, Anthony, Kathy & the Bobs

Your Probud Calendar

June 11	Probud meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker: Ray McCoulough from the Trillium Walker's Club
June 16	Euchre Luncheon -12 noon at the Carlyle Inn & Bistro, 86 John St. There may be euchre after lunch. Contacts: Michelle Langevin #885-0180 or Joyce Ferguson #905-797-2555
June 19	Golf Tournament – Ashbrook Golf Club. 1 PM regular golf tee off, 2 PM Mini Putt & 5:30 PM dinner Contact: Gary Chadwick #885-0585
June 25	Probud meeting – 9:30 Am at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker – Cheryl Cooper – author and public speaker
June 26	Appies & Drinks – 2 to 5 PM at Betty & Garry Curtis #905-885-5304
June 30	Pub Night – 6 PM at the Beamish House Pub on John St. Contact: Geo.Grimes #885-1594
July 11	Rovers – 6 PM Kawartha Downs - Race Night +, Fraserville Contact: Steve Snell #885-9929
Aug. 6	Boat Cruise – 10:30 to 12:30 Peterborough Lift Lock Cruise Lunch after at Ricky's in Peterborough - \$15 plus lunch
Aug. 13	Probud meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker:
Sept. 10	Annual General Meeting ?



Sign up for many of the above events at our sign-up table

Green Wood Coalition

This is a street-level, charitable organization that uses a community model of caring to walk alongside people living with poverty, mental illness, addiction and disability. The coalition includes homeless outreach, community dinners, creative arts program, healthcare access and wraparound support.

Our speaker, David Sheffield, began volunteering with this organization in 2007 and has been a staff member for the past 5 years, leading the coalitions day-to-day outreach arm in Port Hope. With his wife Beth, they have lived in Northumberland County since 1986. Their four children have grown up here and are starting to drift back to make this community their home. In addition to his work life, David has been involved with an array of community activities, helping to organize events, such as Shelter Valley Folk Festival and the Cobourg Festival of Poetry, that celebrate the creative spirit of Northumberland.

We were first shown a video presentation of a woman named Veronica who grew up in an upper middle class family. But, as she grew older, she hit bottom due to two bad marriages, drugs, alcohol and prostitution. Her life has now turned around, thanks to being a member of Green Wood Coalition and is now an artist working with stone. Her story was one of resilience and triumph.

We were told that members connect with other groups and people to help them through difficult times. They learn to overcome shame, inferiority and loneliness. Bringing members together allows for understanding and communication. The dinners are held each Wednesday at St. John's Paris Hall and are sponsored by the community through golf tournaments, United Way, Rotary, and many others. We were invited to come join a dinner to see for ourselves the need and to meet the people.

If you want to learn more about this worthy organization, go to:

greenwoodcoalition.com or 905-885-8700



David Sheffield with Felicity and Ruth

Board Positions to be Filled

Vice President – Assisting President Bob Gibson and sundry duties as assigned.

Assistant Treasurers – Assisting Bruce Britton, two required, but no accounting is required at this time.

Membership Chair – Replacing Mike O'Grady - Compiling members names, collecting dues, etc.

Secretary – Replacing Gail Chadwick, taking notes at board meetings, etc.

Program Chair – Replacing Bob Kearns – setting up speakers for our meetings, etc.

Communications – Relacing Lacey Ingram – taking some speaker notes, preparing the monthly newsletter, sending notes out to members when needed, etc.

Noah's Ark

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark ...

ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.

TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: Two heads are better than one.

TWELVE: No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Probus



Standing in line to get into the Keeler Centre



Our clubs official "registrars" Bob, Elaine & Susan



There were soooo many people!



Frank, Marion, Lois, Verne, Mike, Elaine, Barbara, Lorna, Joan & Roger

Extravaganza



Willie, Rosalie, Felicity, John, Rober, Henrietta, Susan, Dennis, Liz & Stuart



Helen, Garry, Betty, John, Joyce, Julie, Marcel & Eunice



Leslie, Gail, Don, Ruth, Don, (Carol & Janet - no faces showing), Dorothy & Leo.



Joan, June & Dorothy



Sally, Kathy, Diane, Janet, Sharon, Steve & Michelle



Our amazing guest speaker, the Honourable Romeo Dallaire, who provided a presentation that was both informative and amusing.



And then we all enjoyed a lovely lunch



Romeo's wife & Sgt. at Arms, Helene Ladouceur



The Honourable Romeo Dallaire talking to the many people that lined up to meet him.

Romeo was born in the Netherlands but became a Canadian citizen. He is a retired Lieutenant-General of the Canadian Army, mostly working with the United Nations, is a retired Senator and is a celebrated humanitarian.

Most people know of him through his book "SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL", about the Rwanda genocide. An extremely ugly and violent time in Africa's history.

He is clearly a giant among humanitarians and focused on the eradication of the practice of kidnapping children and training them to be child soldiers. He spoke on many issues and especially why we should take a humanitarian approach to terrorism and boat people. He said, "The rest of the world knows what a wonderful country Canada is, they want what we have and they are coming to get it".

Romeo also loves a good joke. From his Boy Scout days he has a favourite that he read to us:

When you are out with your honey....
And your nose is a little runny....
Don't think it's funny, cause it's snot....

Thank you Romeo - good luck with your future endeavours.

"Notes by Joan O'Grady"

Jack Goering

Retracing Franklin's 1st Arctic Expedition

On May 28th, we were given a presentation by Jack Goering regarding his Arctic expedition in 1970 which retraced Captain Sir John Franklin's Arctic expedition of 1845 through the Northwest Passage. Sir Franklin's trip was planned by the Royal Navy to explore the north of Canada and plot the shoreline of the Arctic Ocean.

Mr. Goering was born in Barcelona, Spain on Feb 16, 1925. He was educated in England until he moved to Canada in 1941 at which time he became a student at Trinity College School. After graduation in 1943 he joined the Canadian Infantry Corps and then attended the University of Toronto where he graduated with a B.A.Sc. He became a professional engineer and in 1961, after working and his marriage to his wife Sheila, he began teaching grades 9-12 at TCS in science, physics, biology, environmental studies, plus, he coached hockey, soccer and cricket.

In the period 1965 to 1986 he took several canoe trips in the NWT, Yukon, Alaska, Saskatchewan and through northern Ontario. It was in 1966 that he and several others (including Pierre Elliot Trudeau, who was then Parliamentary Assistant to Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, and Eric W. Morse, author and historian, and his wife Pamela) started out to retrace the journey taken by Sir Franklin.

Their group of twelve started their trips on Great Slave Lake. They split into two groups of six with one half going north to Coppermine on the Arctic Ocean and his group going south to Yellowknife. Their journey was fraught with winds that whipped the waters up so high it was too dangerous to go out with their canoes. Much of the journey was taken at night when the waters were calmer. Many of the waterways they needed to travel were rife with rapids which caused slow-downs in their trip. Cashes of food in drums were dropped off along the way prior to the start of their journey so getting enough to eat was not a problem.

In the slide presentation Mr. Goering brought we were shown maps of the region with the routes they and the other group took. Also shown were pictures of their group canoeing

on the waters (rapids as well as calm rivers and small lakes), cooking at the waters edge on open campfires, sleeping in the great outdoors (in tents as well as in the open) and portaging between points where the waters were unsafe for canoeing.

Their groups all arrived safely home from their journey and enjoyed more adventures afterwards.

After all these adventures, Jack did not just sit by and let life pass him by. He has helped start the Ganaraska Trail with Pat Lawson, the Blue Box program in Hope Township and Port Hope, Beyond the Blue Box in Cobourg, the Northumberland County Recycling program and the Port Hope EnerGreen T.E.E.M. His hobbies include birding, photography and the environment, and, once upon a time, hiking, biking and canoeing.



Our well-traveled speaker, Jack Goering with son Peter & wife Sheila

"The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time. For the clock may soon be still."

Author Unknown

SHARE THE WEALTH WINNERS



May 14 Elaine Simmons \$41.50
May 28 Janis Dilworth \$35.00

June/July CATERERS

June 11

Captains: Betty & Garry Curtis
Helpers: Pat Rawson, Carole Stirling & Susan Biggs

June 25

Captain: Julie Rondeau
Helpers: Marcel Rondeau, Diane Haynes & June Lentir

July 9

Captain: Volunteer Needed
Helpers: Rosalie & Willie Jakobi
Lorna Turner

Aug. 13

Captain: Joan O'Grady
Helpers: Volunteers Needed

Sep. 10

AGM

"Step Up to the Plate"

Volunteers are needed to help set up refreshments at our meetings.

PS: Everyone and anyone can do this!

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