

April 12

Our vice president opened our meeting with a request for a minute of silence in memory of the victims of the tragic bus accident out west. This was followed by the singing of our national anthem.

This was followed by the main part of our meeting. Steve and Lois had devised a trivial pursuit game based on Port Hope. We were asked to sit at tables of at least six players and a recording sheet was at each set of tables. They seemed to be enjoying themselves as they took turns reading the questions about Port Hope's past and present. Who knew that the creators of the war memorial for the first world war didn't realize that the war ended in 1918, that the national railway was not the railway in Port Hope, that we have a hill named after some monkey and that we once had an opera hall here. Just a sample of the questions to which I had no answers and thus helped my table to come in last. It was a fun filled morning and many thanks go out to our two volunteers.

We then had our break with treats prepared by Lorna and Mike, Joan, and Marion. As always it was a time to socialize and peruse the sign up table. Also a time to sign out books from our library.

This was followed by announcements: Garnett spoke to the upcoming trip to the Canoe Museum, Sharon to the bowling banquet, John to the trip to a tomato farm, Anthony to the license plate covers, Joyce to the dinner theatre, and Michelle to the Rovers lunch in Campbellford. So many volunteers creating so many diverse activities from which we can choose, how lucky we are!

Bob gave us an update on the latest project from Habitat for Humanity with two families taking possession of their new homes. Sharon closed the meeting with thanks to all who had made it possible.



April 26

Our jokester was Sharon Rathbone, talking about memory and ageing-hilarious. Speaker was Ken Towle of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority. Ken is a terrestrial ecologist with 25 years' experience. Invasive plants displace local plants, growing quickly and smothering other growth.

Local invasive plants include:

Dog strangling vine, great name

Garlic mustard

Common buckthorn

Common reed, displacing cat-tails in swamps and ponds

Giant hogweed- exposure to, can cause skin irritation

Wild parsnip-looks like a giant queen Ann's Lace

Ken is vice president of the Ontario Invasive Plant Council which is promoting awareness, prevention and control.

Julie Joyce thanked Ken for his professional, informative presentation.



Casteels Greenhouses

On Wednesday May 16 meet for lunch at Turtle Johns on County Rd 45, Baltimore. Following lunch, drive to Casteels Greenhouses. Hear about their transition from growing tobacco to tomatoes. Meeting at 12 noon

Dinner Theatre

A foursome attended a wonderfully funny pair at the Beat Western Dinner Theatre.



Appies

Mary Lycett opened her home for appies this month and as usual a great get together for chatter and great food.



Probus Bowling Tournament

Lots of fun and **NO TOILET SEAT** this year

