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Wherefore art thou Romeo??

I'm Standing under the Northshore Banner
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Northshore 11th Anniversary
BBQ
Wednesday August 7 - \$22
Harwood Hall
2pm registration Games 2:30



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WHAT TO TAKE TO BED WITH YOU



Pretty neat idea. Never thought of it before. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

P.S. I am sending this to everyone I know because I think it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem....

Taken from an email from a friend. Every once in a while Spam is useful. (editor)

Kawartha Downs

On May 30th,

twenty five Northshore Probians ventured to Kawartha Downs for a night of fun, and fine dining. Thanks to June Collins for organizing this event. The group had a horse betting pool prize of its own. Winners were:

First— Bernice Hache (guest of Teresa May)

Second Terese May

Third Lillian Isaac (guest of Bernice Sheppard)



Meeting the Need



That necessity is the mother of invention is well known, but the extent to which need drives creativity can go largely unappreciated until one hears Carol Carman and Nancy Bailey of *Helping*

Hands. Carol right from the beginning makes it quite clear that she is “not terribly involved with money”. Rather *Helping Hands* relies on the skills and creativity of its volunteers to adapt a host of recycled materials to meet new needs. She describes its role as the “middleman between those with needs and those who going to meet them”.

In the midst of all our comforts it is difficult to imagine the challenges faced by the poor. The one that our club is most familiar is crocheting milk bags together as mats for children who must sleep on the bare ground. Using Canadian milk bags is ideal for this task because they are impregnated with fungicide. *Helping Hands* has devised a loom device that not only speeds up production and lowers the skill requirement for the volunteers and produces a softer, more comfortable mat and the fragments are used to stuff a pillow. All those small containers of soap and shampoo that would be thrown away can be put in small bags and sent to the Caribbean. Left over fabric can be sewn into baby carriers. Pillow cases are cut up and sewn into little girl’s dresses. Flannelette sheets cut up to make diapers, rubber pants can be sewn and along with a receiving blanket and night gown make up a baby kit.

Hearts for Mission in Colborne distributes scarves, toques and mitts to Reserves in Northern Ontario and people who knit are welcome volunteers and, of course, all that wool you might have sitting around put to good use. (As you saw when you came in there seems to be a large supply around.) Students from St. Mary’s make bed frames. Of course there are pop can tabs that can

be redeemed for wheelchairs. Then there are those unused medical supplies that would only be thrown away those tooth brushes the hygienist gives you and are that sitting in a drawer all can be used. Then there the used stuff you can’t even give away, like old suitcases. Migrant farm workers need them to haul back all the stuff they bought while here.

Security of the supplies and making sure it gets to the people intended can be a challenge in many of the countries. *Helping Hands* has partnered with Dr. Simone and his wife who have been recognized for good works with Orders of Canada. Their charity Canadian Food for Children has shipping containers of food going all over the world and *Helping Hands* ships its goods as well. The goods themselves are then distributed by missionaries who work in the country and will reach the people for whom it was intended.

The kindness of strangers is thus not left to go in vain.

Julius Varga



Cheryl and Paddy receive instructions on how to weave milk bags into mats.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

Thank you to everyone for your very positive comments about our recent Extravaganza and the empowering speech given by Romeo Dallaire. Every two years the Northumberland Probos Clubs get together to hold an Extravaganza Event. We now have nine clubs participating. The planning starts for this event a year in advance.

Although there was a lot of work involved in ensuring that the event would be successful, I thoroughly enjoyed being co-chair of the committee and found it very interesting working with and getting to know the other club Presidents. This was my first time attending a Probos event with over 500 members and guests, and I look forward to 2017 when we have our next event. I sincerely hope that everyone took the opportunity to meet at least one person at the event they had not met before.

Probos provides great opportunities for us to meet new people, but I believe that when you get involved on a committee it is the best way to get to know your fellow Probians.

So, I appeal to members to get involved in the running of our club. Whether you are listening to an interesting speaker, having coffee at the break, or participating in one of the many activities, please take a moment to think of the members who have made this happen.

A new Management team will take over in October and Yvonne Seymour our Past President has the task of finding members to fill any vacancies that we have. Please take a moment to think about how you might get involved and don't hesitate to speak to either Yvonne Seymour or Brenda Carter or myself for more information.

I look forward to many of our other upcoming events especially our **Annual BBQ on August 6th** and our **upcoming Car Rally in October** and I take this opportunity to thank the management team, as well as all the volunteers that make these events so enjoyable. If you have not attended one of our annual picnics, please consider joining us this time.

In addition to all the upcoming Probos events this summer, there are also many other attractions in Cobourg worth attending. There's the **Highland Games on June 19, 20th**, **Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour on Sunday June 21st** and the **Cobourg Waterfront Festival July 1-4**, to name just a few.

Have a wonderful Summer and Best Wishes to all Fathers on June 21st



Brenda Moore - President

Please Note Meeting Dates for the Summer

July 8 (The only meeting in July)

August 6 (The bbq / only meeting in August)

September 9 (Second Wednesday)

September 23 (Fourth Wednesday)

Extravaganza in Colborne



Romeo Dallaire (pictured left) inspired a crowd of over 500 Probians at the Keeler Centre on June 2nd. A large contingent from Northshore was present to hear Romeo talk on many subjects, pointing out that Canada is ranked # 11 as a world power. His stories of human conflict and the use of children as soldiers were a wake up call for many in attendance. Many thanks to the Probus clubs presidents who organized this event. Special kudos to our president Brenda Moore who was co-chair.



Welcome to Northshore



On May 6th, President Brenda Moore welcomed Sheridan Van Blaricom (above) into the Northshore family. On June 3rd she presented Gordon and Barbara Montgomery (below) with their member packages.



The Cost of Progress

The closing of Target stores is an example of what is happening on a smaller scale right here. It is with sadness that we see the hollowing out of our downtown with its now thirty empty store fronts. A similar fate is also hitting our mall, Chesler Shoes the latest closing there. Bricks and mortar retail outlets are going the way of the Dodo bird amid the onslaught of internet point and click shopping. But we are losing more than just the town's centre, it's all the property taxes they aren't paying and we the homeowners are now picking up. Kevin Ward, Head of Northumberland Central Chamber of Commerce and its partner local businesses must find the answer to meet its challenge.

Kevin cautions that "The Chamber is not the tourism department...or the economic development office...or a charity" rather it is a network to further efforts of local businesses with its executive chosen from that group. Its task is to collect "best practices" from many areas and advocate for them both to members through various workshops and be "the unified voice of business" before Council. To facilitate team building the Chamber organizes events such as the annual golf tournament, pancake breakfast, and even trips and tours "to exotic places". Trips to Russia, China, and India have already happened and a trip to South America is in the works.

On the major challenge Chamber is working with the DBIA to fill the empty stores. He points out that the absentee landlords are members of the Chamber. He points out that foisting "property tax on these buildings would not do anything to get them occupied." Similarly he makes it clear that when "expensive parking meters" were use downtown the BBIA subsidized them. The "two hours free parking hardly was long enough."

The Chamber has stuck a committee to devise a

"unified theme" for the downtown that would actually cause people to come there. He even pointed out that even tattoo parlours as "ink has become respectable" and might attract "a different, younger demographic downtown". He is anxious to re-establish Junior Achievement in the high schools holding out the prospect of summer jobs as the attraction.

Of course change is inevitable and not all aspects of it will be equally beneficial to everyone. Kevin and the Chamber are seeking to adapt and thus survive. They deserve our support because it's not just their town. It's also ours.

Julius Varga



Kevin Ward addresses the May 20th meeting of Northshore Cobourg.

Northshore Events Calendar

JC = June Collins 905 373 1224 SM = Sharron McMann 905 372 3567

June 22 Lunch Bunch at Elmhirst - waiting list - see Sharon Holmes

June 25 Drinks and Appies at Brenda Carter's 3:30 - 6:00. Let Brenda know if you are coming.

June 30 AGO Emily Carr \$75 Northumberland Probus

July 16 Capitol Theatre - The Dining Room 2 pm \$ 29
8 pm \$32 JC

July 21 4th line Theatre - Bad Luck Robbers 6pm \$32 SM

August 6 Annual BBQ Harwood Hall \$22 Registration 2 pm games @ 2:30

August 15 Kingston Fort Henry \$88 SM

August 8 Capitol Theatre - Singing in the Rain 2 pm \$29
8 pm \$35 JC

August 18 4th Line - Give Me That Old Prime Religion \$32 SM

Sept 18 Stoney Lake Cruise 11 am lunch + cruise \$ 35 JC

Sept TBA Royal Botanical Gardens Hamilton \$65 - \$70 SM

Oct 7 Car Rally

Oct 21 AGM

Inter - Club Activity

Stratford	Sound of Music	July 22	\$160
Shaw Festival	Sweet Charity	August 27	\$160



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