



The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – December, 2017



A Word from the President

Here we are at one of the busiest times of the year, and not just because Christmas is peeking around the corner.

Many of you are planning and packing for your annual trek to warmer climates; some of you are looking forward to a shorter holiday in the sunny south but many are content to stay home and enjoy our Canadian winter.

We will miss our Snowbirds and we wish you a safe and healthy holiday. Of course, we are always glad to see you upon your return.

In the meantime, the Northumberland Probus homebodies will keep the home fires burning and will look forward to a year of exciting activities planned by our hard working committee chairs and their volunteers.

It is this determination to make our club a great place to be that makes Northumberland Probus one of the most active clubs in our district.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you and your families.

Barb Swallow



Speaker — November 9

Graham Beer at 12 years old founded @Cobourg Media prompted by a “fallen big old tree branch” and he discovered his passion for journalism.

Now he is 17 and very involved in the community be it student government at school, or the choir and bell ringing at Trinity United Church. Or raising money for his favourite charities through his media presentations and Christmas specials.

Graham came to our Remembrance Day meeting and we were treated to a 10 day trip across Europe to the Vimy Ridge 100 year Celebrations. He showed us photos and videos and related his thoughts and feelings as he travelled with 50 other students to U.K. Belgium and France. The trip travelled to Menin Gate and Flanders fields, he explained that seeing the headstones stretching for kilometres was a pivotal experience for him. He showed us photos of the battlefield and trenches and memorials. They were encouraged to read the names on the headstones and imagine these men and women who had made the ultimate sacrifice. He showed us a beautiful photo of Juno Beach and we could picture him strolling along the beach with the group.

He was able to make a short video of the Vimy Ridge 100 celebrations, he showed it to us and was proud to say City News had used it on that evenings news April 9 2017.

I think we all enjoyed Graham’s presentation, he had us laughing at some of his anecdotes on the trip. Thank you for sharing the Trip of a Lifetime with us.

Mary Wilson



Need a Ride?

If you need a ride to a meeting or an event, you can phone **Dianne and Gord Graham** 289 252 0418.

They will arrange to have you picked up and returned.



Probud National Web site

Have you been to the National web site? Jamie Doolittle asks that you try it. <http://www.probud.org/canada.htm>

Northumberland Nibblers

On November 16, the Nibblers met Gayle in The **Whistling Duck** in Brighton. Well named as we walked up the path to the entrance we were amused watching maybe 40 swans all upside down fishing in the bay.

We had interesting conversation and the ambience and service were very good.

I hope to see a larger group coming out on December 15, 12 noon, to Dalewood Golf Club for our Christmas Brunch. We have to have reservations; please contact Gayl Nelson 905-377-8522 or gnelson@eagle.ca (that's if you didn't sign up at the Nov. 23 Probud meeting).

The Nibblers is a great way to sit, chat and get to know other Probud members in a smaller setting.

Mary Wilson

Speaker November 23, 2017

On November 23rd we had 112 Probud members, that is including the 5 guests we welcomed to join us.

At this meeting we were lucky to be treated to "extra jokes", so thank you Barb for making us all laugh. We appreciate it.

Speaking to us at this meeting was **Diane Chin**, she is the President of ACO, the **Architectural Conservancy of Ontario**. They are a group dedicated to the preservation of buildings of historical and architectural significance. Founded in 1933 by architect Eric Arthur because he then wanted to preserve *The Barnum House* in Grafton which was built in 1819 and is a fine example of neo-classical architecture. It is open to visitors in the summer months. It was designated a National Historic Site in 1959.

The mission of the ACO is through education and advocacy, to encourage the conservation of structures, districts and landscape, that have historic and cultural significance to be preserved for future generations.

They also offer expert advice to individuals and organizations and host events such as walking tours, open houses, lecture series, skill training seminars, themed dinners and much more.

The group researched homes in Cobourg for this year's 150 anniversary so they could put 280 signs on homes that had been built before 1867, pre confederation. This had a number of benefits because they have documented with photographs each of these homes plus encouraged community pride in the wealth of heritage resources in Cobourg.

The ACO also offers an appreciation of how buildings can be adapted and reused like the downtown fire station that is now The Firehall Theatre home of The Northumberland Players.

Diane explained how some buildings are left by owners to deteriorate so much that they are in danger of demolition because of neglect.

It was an interesting talk and Sally Wade thanked Diane for taking the time to come and speak to us.

For more information www.arconserv.ca

Mary Wilson



Social

Probus Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party being held on Thursday, December 14th is now sold out. Stay tuned for a full report and pictures in our next edition of Pro-Buzz.

Our first in-house event in the New Year will be recognizing **Robbie Burns' Day** at our January 25th meeting, which happens to be Robbie's actual birth date. Wear your plaids! (Robbie's picture at right).

Carol Petter

Thank you all for the wonderful response to our first three events of 2018!

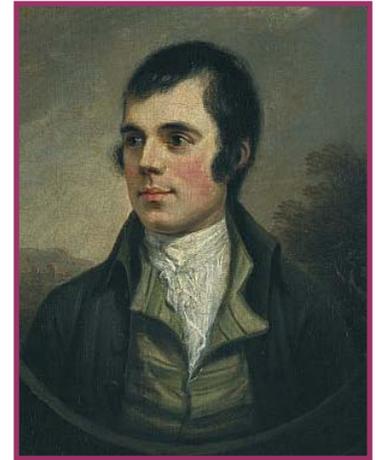
Play On at the Best Western Dinner Theatre is almost full, and the deadline for payment is at the first January meeting (January 11, 2018). The show is on **Friday, January 26 - \$51** per person (payable to PROBUS Northumberland).

Sister Act at the Capitol – **sold out** – tho' we'll take names for a waitlist. **Feb 24 at 2 pm \$29.75**

Canada Blooms/Home Show including dinner at the *Hot House Restaurant* – **Thursday March 15** Only 2 seats left! Please be prepared to make payment by the 1st February meeting to confirm your spot. \$88

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Dianne Graham



Appies and Drinks Thursday, January 18, 2018 3-5 pm

Marcia MacLeod and Jack Butler are hosting an Appies and Drinks at their home ... #1701 - 55 Munroe Street. (905-372-4915). Please wear your Probus name tag. Sign up for 20 members will take place at the first PROBUS meeting in the new year, January 11, 2018.



Remembrance

Members had the opportunity to pay their respects to those who served in conflict on our behalf through both World Wars and later.

A table was set up where some members brought in memorabilia pertaining to loved ones who served.

Verna Templar (left) recited John McRae's "In Flanders Fields" by heart and veteran members were asked to stand and be recognized (below).

It is very telling that only four of our club rose on that occasion.





Through no fault of the ProBuzz editor, there was a mistake in the **Orillia Get Away** poster that was published in the November ProBuzz that could cause some confusion.

At the top of page 3, in the square entitled **Monday**, the information reads that the accommodation package for the Monday will include breakfast. This is incorrect.

Most of us will not be there for breakfast on Monday as we will only arrive and check in on **Monday afternoon**.

To clarify, the breakfast that is said to be included in the Monday package, will in fact be served on Wednesday morning before people check out and leave.

The rest of the information in that entire poster, about Sunday night, and concerning the packages for Monday and Tuesday, both Golfers and Non Golfers, is all correct.

As a reminder: Those who choose to spend Sunday night at the Mariposa, will pay the rate of \$99.95 for the room only, but breakfast on Monday can be included for an additional cost.

We apologize for missing the mistake and thank Donna Cooke, and her sharp eye, for finding it!

Sue Tee

Editor's Corner

Look for a report and photos of the Christmas party in the next edition in early January.

Merry Christmas to Everyone



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Deadline for the next ProBuzz is December 28th.

Please send any material to john@cobourginternet.com



Future Meetings & Speakers

Thursday, January 11 - Kelly Robinson
Cornerstone Family Violence Centre
It's Not Right - Elder Abuse

Thursday, January 25 - Rick Miller
The Birth of a New Museum and Celebrate
Marie Dressler 150 — Film and Presentation

Thursday, February 8 - Our very own Probus
Singers and Reva Nelson & Linda Hutsell-
Manning (local authors) Reading excerpts from
The Spirit of the Hills III

Thursday, February 22 - TBD

Thursday, March 8 - International Women's Day
Speaker - TBC

Thursday, March 22 - Amy Ludolph
Recreation Therapist
Northumberland Hills Hospital

Sally Wade

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