

The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – February 2016

"April is the cruellest month", according to the poet T.S. Eliot, but for my money, it is **February**. In February we often have prolonged periods of cold that only rise above 0 C around March 1st. The best feature of February is that it is only 28 days long - except in a leap year like 2016. Also, for those of a romantic disposition, there is the celebration of **St. Valentine's Day**.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

The origins of this "feast" are obscure because there was more than one saint called Valentine and their stature or status varied widely between different christian sects. Some believe that it arose out of an earlier classical Roman festival, but see ... http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s_Day and

<http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day>

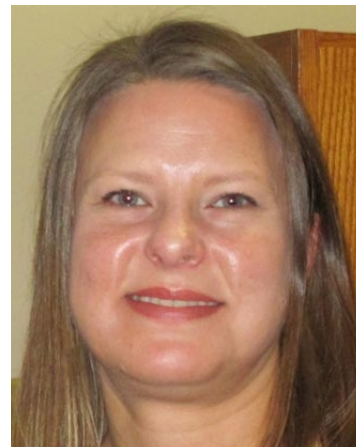
January 14th - Tara Lember

The first speaker of the **New Year** was **Tara Lember**, who, since last September, is the new Director of Visitor Services and Administration of the **Art Gallery of Northumberland**. Tara came with experience as a curatorial assistant, conservation technician, archivist and administrator. She has a B.A. in Anthropology & History from Trent U. in Peterborough, and an M.A. in Museum Studies from Newcastle U. in the UK. The Gallery features many forms of media, from oils to jewelry, and runs shows and events.

The current exhibit, "**Northumberland Honours the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts**", opened on January 14th and runs through to February 28th.

See ... <https://www.facebook.com/ArtGalleryOfNorthumberland/>

~ Janet Taylor



January 28, 2016 - Robbie Burns and Ken Prue

To mark **Robbie Burns' Birthday** (Jan 25, 1759), the meeting had a distinct Scottish flair and several members sported tartan wear. The *haggis* was ceremoniously presented by **Harry Nash**, **Barry Hollis** and piper **Bill Ruttle**. Barry addressed the Haggis using a Burn's poem, translated into English for our non-Gaelic ears. The three finished with a wee dram from a traditional drinking-cup, a "quaich". Haggis was on offer during the break and several members were game enough to sample it. To wind up the Scottish theme Harry Nash delighted the assembly by reading "*The Effen Bee*", lyrics by Matt McGinn, about a beekeeper from the wee Scottish town of Effen.

The guest speaker **Ken Prue**, founder of Northumberland Film Sundays and now owner-operator of the **Loft Cinema** in Cobourg, was introduced by **Michael Hanlon**. Ken started his discourse with a brief biography, highlighting his love of film and experience in the industry. The Loft Cinema, located above the *Harden & Huysse Cafe* at 201 Division St, is an intimate 60-seat theatre with a focus on the arts, documentaries and classic film. The theatre also offers HD opera, ballet and Shakespeare broadcasts, as well as live music concerts. Tickets are sold through Victoria Hall, but film tickets are typically available at the door. Ken previewed February's events, details of which are available on the website: www.cobourgloft.ca



~ Marg Clarkson

PROBUS NORTHUMBERLAND

GOLF GET-AWAY

MAY 30 & 31, 2016

Best Western Plus

Mariposa Inn & Conference Centre

400 Memorial Ave., Orillia, Ontario

1-800 461-0283 or 1-705 325-9511

Website: www.mariposainn.ca/ to view the facilities

The price includes 2 nights' accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 9 holes of golf on Monday at **the Hawkridge Course**, and 18 holes of golf on Tuesday at **the Hawkridge Course (PLUS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR TUESDAY EVENING)**.

Single: \$395.10 per person
Double: \$284.36 per person
Triple: \$247.07 per person
Quad: \$228.00 per person
(all gratuities & taxes included)

The cost of a golf cart is extra and will be paid by you to the golf course. For non-golfers you can deduct \$85 from the above costs.

If you wish to go up to Orillia early, identify yourself as being with Northumberland Probus and you will get a discount on your room.

TO REGISTER: PLEASE CALL THE BEST WESTERN AT THE ABOVE NUMBER. REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS BEING WITH NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS. (THEY REQUIRE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER BUT DO NOT REQUIRE A DEPOSIT).

If you have questions contact Fred Cooke at fred62@sympatico.ca or George Lawrence at barge@ppoe.ca

Need a Ride?



If you need a ride to a meeting or event, telephone **Brian or Doreen Scott** at (905) 377-0103 and they will arrange to have you picked up and returned.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

I hope you can join us on

Thursday, February 25, 2016,

at Boston Pizza, 1111 Elgin Ave, Cobourg

Thursday, March 24, 2016.

at East Side Marios, 75 Strathy Rd,
Cobourg

If you have a favourite restaurant, or one you would like us to try, please let me know.

~ Marion Boys

Membership News

We are pleased to welcome three new members to our Club.

Barb and Ron Swallow (shown here with their sponsors, Barb & George Lawrence) are interested in golf, theatre, travel and music and are looking forward to helping out in the club. As volunteers, they would like to man a sign-up table and to host an Appies & Drinks. Barb would also like to decorate, sell "Share the Wealth" tickets and be a greeter. Ron could help with the golf committee, photography, house liaison and also those who need a ride. *Address: 132 James Street, Cobourg K9A 1H3. Tel: 905 373-4455.*



Joan Philp was inducted on Jan 28th, 2016. She is interested in friends, travel and gardening and has offered to be a greeter, to "man" a sign-up table and to decorate for theme meetings. *Address: 903 Caddy Drive, Cobourg K9A 0B2. Tel: 905 377-8128*

Be sure to add their contact information to your Membership List.

~ Gord & Dianne Graham

SOCIAL CALENDAR

On **Thurs, February 11th** we will celebrate **St. Valentine's Day**. We will have a card exchange, so please bring a signed card to the meeting.

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

Wednesday, March 2, 2016: A matinee performance of **"Kinky Boots"**, at 2.00 p.m., in the Royal Alexander Theatre in Toronto. The bus leaves from the Lions Centre at 11:00 am sharp, and it returns at approximately 8:00pm.

There is a wait-list - contact Jan Lundohm at [905-377-2436](tel:905-377-2436), if you wish to put your name on the list.



"The Secret Garden", based on the beloved children's classic by *Frances Hodgson Burnett*, is a magical musical by Pulitzer prize winners Marsha Norman & Lucy Simon. It is being put on by the Northumberland Players at the Capitol Theatre, in Port Hope. We are going on **Friday, March 4th, at 8 pm**. Tickets are \$27.25 per person (including handling charge) and we will be taking the remaining names and cheques at the meeting on Thursday, February 11th.



We are planning a visit to **The National Air Force Museum in Trenton**, at the end of April. This will include a private tour and a catered lunch at the Museum - website: <http://airforcemuseum.ca>. More details are to follow.

If you have any **Ideas for Future Trips and Events**, please pass them on to me. I will be interested in hearing from you.

~ Mary Dunphy < mbdunphy51@gmail.com >

Bowling Tournament - 2016

Each year the **Probus Clubs of Northumberland** get together for a day of bowling and a hot lunch. This year it is on **Monday, April 4**. We will meet at **Northshore Lanes** at the **Northumberland Mall** at 9:30 a.m. The bowling cost is \$11, plus \$1 if you have to rent bowling shoes.

We then go to the Lions Centre for a hot Lunch served at 1:00 p.m. and the cost is \$23. Make cheques payable to **Northumberland Probus** for the lunch. You can come and bowl and go to lunch or just come and join us for lunch. Please Sign up with **Brian Scott** at the break as the event fills up fast.

~ Brian Scott

Future Meetings & Speakers

February 11th: Borris Nikolovsky,
"Investing made interesting"

February 25th: Madelaine Currelly, CEO,
Community Training & Development Centre

March 10th: Susjie Jin - T.B.A.

~ George Lawrence & Michael Hanlon

Northumberland Nibblers

We will go to **The Woodlawn Inn** for lunch **February 16th**, at 12:30 pm. The Inn has a 3-course Luncheon Feature for \$19.95 - First Course, Main Course and Dessert. There is an *a la carte* menu as well.

~ Janet Taylor

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

- William E. Gladstone

Psychiatrist vs. Bartender

Ever since I was a child, I've had a fear of there being someone under my bed at night. So, I went to a shrink and told him, 'Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I am scared and I think I'm going crazy.'

'Just put yourself in my hands for one year,' said the shrink. 'Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears.'

'How much do you charge?,' I asked. '\$ 80 per visit,' replied the doctor. 'Okay, I'll think about it,' I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street and asked, 'Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?'

'Well, \$ 80 a visit, 3 times a week for a year, is \$12,480. A bartender cured me for just \$ 10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought myself a second-hand pickup truck.'

'Is that so?,' said the Shrink, and then he asked scornfully, 'How, may I ask, did a Bartender cure you?'

'He told me to cut the legs off my bed. There ain't nobody under there now!'

Siamese twins walk into a bar in Canada and park themselves on a bar stool. One of them says to the bartender, "Don't mind us; we're joined at the hip. I'm John and he's Jim. Two Molson Canadian draft, please."

The barman, feeling awkward, tries to make polite conversation while pouring the beers. "Been on holiday yet, lads?"

"Off to England next month," says John. "We go to England every year, rent a car and drive for miles. Don't we, Jim?" Jim agrees.

"Ah, England!" says the bartender. "Wonderful country... the history, the beer, the culture ..."

"Nah, we don't like all that British crap," says John. "Hamburgers and Molson's beer, that's us, eh Jim? And we can't stand the English they're so arrogant and rude."

"So why keep going to England?" asks the bartender.

"It's the only chance that Jim gets to drive."

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HERMAN by Jim Unger (1937-2013)



“I've seen it all before. He's changing into a butterfly.”

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The next **ProBuzz** will be put out in early March and the DEADLINE for it is **February 28th**.

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