



The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – May 2017 (O&ST #20)

“We are not alone” - March 23rd

The above is not a quote from "outer space" but part of the talk that **Lynda Kay**, CEO of the **United Way of Northumberland**, gave us on March 23 about the **phone number 211**. This number gives people in times of trouble, or setback, front door access to service, information and referrals to professionals to help with their problems.



There are 5 call centres in Canada that are open 24/365, and last year they handled 320,000 calls. Who makes these calls? People with problems relating to family, drugs, evictions, unpaid bills, legal aid, or suicidal thoughts, mental or physical health issues. With donations of \$ 4 million, and volunteer workers, this important service is available to all. There is someone out there to help, no matter how bad the situation may be. If you need help, **call 211**.



Lynda is retiring after 28 years with United Way, and she will be replaced by her current assistant. The Probus Club of Northumberland wishes her a long and happy retirement, and gives her a hearty **“Thank you”** for all her work.
~ Larry Flood

Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) - April 13th

Paige Montgomery, the new Coordinator for the DBIA, spoke with great enthusiasm about her plans to bring new life and fun events to the downtown Cobourg, so as to encourage business in the area. They will be rolling out the red carpet for the Grand Opening of new ventures, with the Mayor attending. Five new businesses are opening this spring: **The Ale House**, a bar featuring local beer and serving wings; **A late night coffee house** with live music; **A Treasure & Trinket store**, to name three. One promotion is the **Spring Passport**: Until the end of April, every \$10 spent with a downtown merchant, merits a stamp, and 10 stamps on your Passport enters your name in a draw for a \$500 gift certificate.



On May 12, the DBIA will host **A Girls Night Out**, an activity worth a visit. There will be 3 choirs singing in the vicinity of Victoria Hall, a free 15 min massage, local police officers - clad in tuxedos, cookie handouts, and much more. A favourite event is **The Highland Games** on June 17 in Victoria Park. Also, King St. will be closed to host an **Art Festival**, with **Buskers & Acrobats**, food stalls and a **Kids Zone**. Something for everyone! On July 8 there will be live music with a **Bon Jovi Tribute** band and many other musicians. Varieties of food not available locally, such as BBQ and Indian will be featured. In August, the annual **Sidewalk Sale** will unfold with loads of bargains, music and entertainment. In October there will be a **Harvest Festival** on King Street. There were questions from members about parking in the downtown, plus a suggestion for the DBIA to look at how other small towns are revitalizing their downtown areas.

Let's help Paige and the DBIA by attending some of the events, by shopping locally, and by frequenting the new businesses.

~ Mary Wilson



Before Paige's talk we had our **Annual Easter Parade**, with a fine array of ladies in fancy Bonnets, and just two befuddled men this year. The winners (at right) were for the ladies **Maura McGeachy**, and **Ron Sargent** was the winning male.

We are stepping down! After producing 20 issues of ProBuzz, we have decided to step aside and hand over the reins. We have enjoyed producing the Newsletter, and learned a lot in the process. We have especially appreciated the help of so many people for their contributions of reports, jokes, photographs, etc. A very special thanks to Marilyn McMillan for doing supporting work and for John Draper for posting the issues on the web. Now it will be even easier for him - **John is taking over ProBuzz from us**, and we wish him the best of luck in his tasks. We hope that he will receive the same sort of support that we have enjoyed over the last 20 plus months.
~ Ossie and Sue Tee



The first two games of our Golf Season, and their respective organizers, will be:

Monday, May 15th - Ted Jex and Don Tapscott - Warkworth

Monday, May 29th - Bill and Everill Ells - Salt Creek

A reminder that the **Two-day Golf Excursion to Gananoque** will take place on **June 12 and 13**, with accommodations at the **Glen House Resort**, on the **1000 Islands Parkway**.

A 9-hole game will be played on the 12th, at Greene Acres, and an 18-hole game at Smugglers Glen is scheduled for the 13th.

Non-golfers are most welcome, of course. There are many interesting things to do in the 1000 Islands area, and an extensive list has been prepared. So far, over 55 Probians (golfers + non-golfers) have registered for the trip!

~ Sue Tee <stee@cogeco.ca> & Ron Swallow <barbronswallow@gmail.com>

FOR the non-Golfers, or those playing only 9 holes of Golf on Tuesday June 13, and who are interested in a **Thousand Islands Boat Tour**, contact **Marcia MacLeod**. She will collect the **\$32.95 per person** for the tour, in the break, at the **May 25th PROBUS meeting**.

If you have questions, Marcia can be reached at 905 372-4915.

Further information will be handed out at the Glen House on June 12th.

"THE BODYGUARD"

On April 26, we boarded a bus to take us to Toronto to see "THE BODYGUARD". The show started off with a earth shattering "BANG", flashing lights and loud music, with amazing dancers. We were spell-bound. The story was fantastic, the music was mesmerizing, and the singing was absolutely spectacular.

On the way home, dinner at the Mandarin was, as usual, delicious. A great time was had by all, and a big "Thank you!" yet again to **Jan** for another spectacular event. ~ Brenda Larsen

Northumberland Nibblers

We had our April lunch at the newly-owned **Summerhill Bed & Breakfast**, in Port Hope. The attentive chef-owner, Ron, and his wife, Corrine, served delightful eats, including a delicious squash soup, plus sandwiches and desserts in high tea style. We welcomed a new member, Donna Longman, to the group, and David Broome added to the male mix as our group has been anxious to do since its inception. Now that spring is here, Dawn McGregor and I have been traveling the back roads of Northumberland in search of novel venues for future luncheons. The May booking will be announced shortly.

In the meantime, we have reserved the upper deck of the **Stillwater Bed & Breakfast** (at Fowler's Corners) for Sunday, September 3rd, from 2 pm to 4 pm. We visited this popular locale a couple of years ago, and experienced a fabulous high tea overlooking magnificent gardens and beautiful **Chemong Lake**. The cost has increased slightly and we are asking the Nibblers to save their pennies over the next few months so that they can enjoy this lakeside experience. If you wish to join us, please contact me at the address or number indicated below. ~ Roslynne Cooke <roslynne211@gmail.com> or 905-375-3518

Need a Ride?



If you need a ride to a meeting or an event, you can phone **Barry Clayton and Sue Porter** at (905) 377-9390. They will arrange to have you picked up and returned.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The group met at **Kelly's Inn** on April 27, and found that the **Liver and Onion Special** still satisfies, and the room is friendly and relaxing, as always.

On **May 25**, we are off to Port Hope to enjoy lunch at the **Carlyle Inn**, at 86 John St. This lovely historic building, built in 1857, has been renovated over the years, but it retains much of its original charm. The sunroom is cheerful, the food is good, and the price is right.

~ Marian Boys

Future Meetings & Speakers

May 11 - Carol Beauchamp,
Rebound Child & Youth Services

May 25 - Rob Clark, Prison Guard -
Kingston Penitentiary

~ Michael Hanlon & Sally Wade

Late News item: Congratulations to Jamie Doolittle who has just been elected Treasurer for Probus Canada. ~ Doug Lloyd

SOCIAL CALENDAR

~ Mary Dunphy

May 30: Northumberland Probus Clubs Extravaganza at the Keeler Centre, 80 Division St., in **Colborne**, starting at 10.00 am, will feature many cultural activities. The cost of \$40 / person includes Entertainment, Morning Coffee, a Guest Speaker and a Full Lunch. and the special Guest Speaker - the author and political strategist, **Terry Fallis** (shown at right).



celebration of **Canada's 150th Birthday**. "**A beautiful Maple Leaf**", voiced by **Dan Aykroyd**, comes to life and takes you on a musical journey from province to province. This theatre group is dedicated to the integration of people who have developmental disabilities. If you have not seen the black puppetry show before, then this is a "must see". There are still 6 seats left. ~ Jan Lundbohm (905) 377-2436

Teaser! "Come From Away"

We all remember when we heard about "9/11" and the terror that struck our neighbours to the south. Many of us wondered if Canada would be next. As one result of the attack, all planes going to the US were diverted. A great many from Europe landed in **Gander, Newfoundland** and plane loads of scared and tired folks experienced the warmth and friendliness of Newfoundlanders. The local residents opened up their homes and hearts to care for these strangers. Life-long friendships have developed since then, and several re-unions have taken place. The Musical "**Come from Away**" met with accolades on Broadway and is again returning to Toronto in 2018.

Now - here is the secret - we hope to be able to offer this show to our members (early June 2018). Prices are not yet available, but we'll keep you posted. ~ Jan Lundbohm

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If you have **Ideas for Future Trips and Events**, please pass them on to me, **Mary Dunphy** <mbdunphy51@gmail.com> and (289) 691-3845

June 16: "My Fair Lady" at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope. We have reserved 20 seats at a cost of **\$36.00 per person**. **Cheques** should be made payable to Capitol Theatre. A sign-up sheet will be available **on May 11th**. **Please note** the Capitol Theatre now requires payment for group bookings **30 days in advance**.

June 22: Picnic in the Park. This is our annual pot-luck lunch hosted by **the Lawn Bowling Club**. It is always a fun event with lots goodies to eat and a chance to learn to play bowling.

July TBD: Trip to historic Kingston Penitentiary.

July 14: "Steel Magnolias", the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope.

July 27: Trip to the Stratford. **Jenny Herniak** has reserved tickets for the musical comedy "**Guys and Dolls**". For info contact **Jenny** at (905) 372-5953.

August 10: See box below.

August 17: A trip to see "For Me and my Gal" at the **Shaw Festival**. For info contact **Jenny Herniak** at (905) 372-5953.

September 20: The **Famous People Players** special

RAIN OR SHINE

THE ANNUAL PROBUS B.B.Q.

WHEN: AUGUST 10, 2017

TIME: 11:00 - 3:00 PM

WHERE: GANARASKA FOREST CENTRE IN CAMPBELL CROFT, 29 km NW of Port Hope

COST: \$20 per person. **Cheques** payable to Probus Northumberland.

SIGN UP at May 11th meeting.

Catering by the Chef at the Forest Centre.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

~ *The BBQ Committee*

Membership News

~ Dianne & Gord Graham

We are happy to welcome **two new members** to our club. *This, by the way, brings us to our full complement of 200!*

Susan Brown is sponsored by Mary Wilson and Roslynn Cooke. She was a regional sales manager and enjoys golf, scrapbooking and cooking. Susan is willing to volunteer on the social committee decorating tables, organizing events, singles club or lunch bunch activities. She will also be a greeter at the door.

Catherine Jolie, also sponsored by Mary Wilson, was a primary school teacher and enjoys theatre, music, concerts, golf, art, crafts and volunteering at the hospital. Catherine will be pleased to volunteer on the social committee, manning a sign-up table, decorating for theme meetings and helping with the singles club and special luncheons or events.

Please add the following information to your Membership List:

Susan Brown 139 Sutherland Crescent, Cobourg K9A 5L6 905 372-0733

Catherine Jolie 449 Foote Crescent, Cobourg K9A 0A4 905 377-1738

Also, new phone numbers: Sue Davies 905 440-5575; Doug Davies 905 914-5575

