



Probus Patter

Port Hope and District Probus Club, since 1998

Regular Meetings

Officers for 2016/2017

Acting President	Marguerite Doritty
Past President	Barbara Struthers
Secretary	Fiona Maarhuis Allan Butler
Treasurer	Dan Kuzmich
Membership	Dorothy Gilmer Doreen Rossi
Program	Jeanne Keiser Lois Hueston
Special Events	Joan McIntosh Shirley Robinson Shirley Kane
Newsletter Chair	Murray Munro

Speaker

Peter deAuer Port Hope looking in the past and the future
 Josie Calip coming to Canada

Greeters

May 02, 2017	Erik and Una Norenus
May 16, 2017	Gary and Carolyn Webb

Acting President's Message

Congratulations to all who made the Open House a great success.



We had over 100 people in attendance and Kim Rudd was our excellent speaker. Now the trick is to sign on the potential new members.

I attended the National Probus meeting in Cambridge, Ontario (the first Canadian Probus club!) last Thursday. Opportunely, the emphasis was on strengthening the existing clubs, and starting up new ones. The message I come home with, is that expansion of membership is done from person to person.

So, the message I bring to you is to talk to your friends about what a great social experience belonging to Probus is. The importance of the long term friendships, the importance of participating in YOUR CLUB lends meaning to our lives.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting this month, hopefully to fill all the slots that make our Club work so phenomenally well. We know at this point that we will need a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary – and other Council openings. So put on your thinking caps – who would you invite to take on those leadership roles???

Hope you are enjoying Spring and that you have signed on for the Spring Celebration in Colborne on May 30 th . It should be a perfect day for a drive to the country! If you need a ride, let us know!

Recent Events

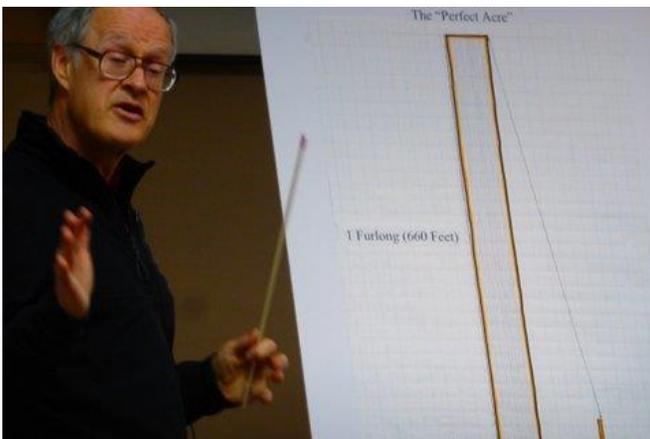
On April 4th, George Parker gave a fascinating talk on the early history of Hamilton Township and how it was laid out.

I thought a furlong was a thoroughbred racing term. Not so, a furlong is the distance a team of oxen could plough without resting and an acre is how much a man and an ox can plough in one day. When originally surveyed in the 1790's the unit of measurement was chains rods and furlongs.

Try explaining that to your grandchildren!



1791 map of Hamilton township survey



George explaining how the township was laid out



Early survey equipment and layout of lots and concessions.

Kim Rudd

Member of Parliament for Northumberland—Peterborough South

On April 18th, Kim Rudd spoke to our group about duties of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources. Ms. Rudd shared that her days are long and full. When she is working in Ottawa, her days start around 7:00am and finish around 9:00pm. Her days are mostly filled with meetings. In Northumberland, she spends her time in meetings, at events, and meeting with constituents.



Her portfolio includes oil and gas, mining, nuclear energy, solar energy, etc. She spoke with enthusiasm and passion about these topics as she shared her interest with us. She provided several interesting insights into natural resources. Recently, her job took her down to Nevada to participate in round table discussions to convey Canada's importance to Nevada as a trade and investment partner. Additionally, she attended the Canada Day reception at the Governor's residence. From her website, "Canada's mining companies are significant investors in Nevada's economy, as well as key job creators, employing approximately 5,000 people in the state."



At the end of her presentation, she took questions from the floor. One question was about VIA trains. It turns out the federal government is looking to build a dedicated VIA track from Windsor to Quebec City. According to Ms. Rudd, the government would like to make this electric.

Did you know?

You can request special birthday and wedding anniversary certificates from Ms. Rudd's website. Please go to kimrudd.ca and check under MP Services for congratulatory messages.

PERSONAL MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LISTED BELOW:

Birthdays

- 65th and over - message from the Prime Minister
- 90th and over - message from the Governor General
- 100th and every 5th year thereafter - message from Her Majesty The Queen

(copy of birth certificate must be submitted to our office to request a certificates from the Queen)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

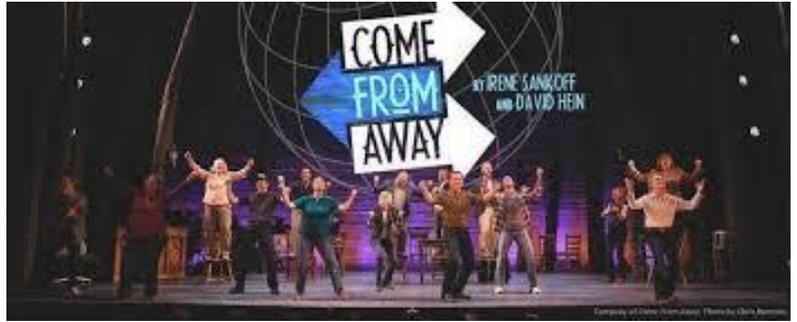
- 25th and over - message from the Prime Minister
- 50th and over - message from the Governor General
- 60th and every 5th year thereafter - message from Her Majesty The Queen

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Upcoming Events

Come from Away was the musical that some of you saw in Toronto with Lakeshore Tours last year before it went back to Broadway.

It is coming back to Toronto some time in February 2018 and again Lakeshore is now planning several buses. As the actual date has not been sent and you want to be on the list, which they assume will be another “sell out” you **must call now**.



This is the plan:

1. Call Lakeshore immediately at 800-387-5914 or 905-623-1511 to add your name to the list
2. Tell them you want to be on the Probus list.
3. They will call when they get more info to confirm, but there is not an obligation or guarantee until later.

If you have any questions, please call Lakeshore Tours and ask for Marilyn and Emily.

Something to look forward to:

- Friday June 9, Woodbine Races, picnic and barbecue
- 4th Line Theatre, Shirley Robison will be getting some tickets (dates to follow)

Be Careful!

A Port Hope woman nearly lost money in a "Microsoft scam" currently targeting Northumberland County residents.

Port Hope Police Service reminds residents to be mindful of the following when accessing a computer, email or the Internet.

- Never allow access remotely to computers from unknown sources
- Be mindful of pop up ads claiming your computer is infected with a virus
- Install reputable anti-virus software on your computer
- Do not open attachments from unknown email sources
- If you think your computer has been hacked, disconnect from the Internet
- Turn the computer off and take it to a specialist