



# Probus Patter

*Port Hope and District Probud Club, since 1998*

*October 2015*

## Regular Meetings

**October 6:**

**October 20:**

**November 3:**

**November 17:**

## Other Fun Things to Do

### **October 28: Apps & Drinks**

Gary and Carolyn Webb's,  
10 Jeffries St. 4 - 6 pm. *The driveway has space for 4 cars. Please use it.*

### **November 10: Apps & Drinks**

Fraser and Edith Carr's  
289 Ontario Street, 4 - 6 pm

### **Saturday December 5th:**

*Cirque Dreams Holiday. \$68.*

See page 6 for more information. **We only need 20 more people to get our own bus. Please spread the word.**

For those who have booked, Edith needs cheques now, payable to Lakeshore Tours.

## President's Message



Photo by Barbara Struthers

The inevitable is happening: the trees are turning their striking Fall colours and the bright annuals are gone from the garden. We know that our hot and humid summer days spent in the screened porch with a libation beside us are coming to an end. We caught up on good books that have been waiting to be read.

We look forward as well to the next year of Probus: the speakers, the special events, the appies and drinks, and our traditional social get-togethers. We are grateful that so many fellow volunteers enable us to share. Without their many and frequent efforts, Port Hope Probus would be a lesser club, or perhaps not exist at all.

If I have one concern, however, it would be the possibility of reduced willingness to share the load. As you may know, we came surprisingly close to being unable to fill the roles of Vice-President, Secretary, and Program Chair. However, such an unfortunate situation was averted - but only just. And next year, we must have sufficient volunteers for our traditional events, or lose them.

With these thoughts in mind, I am looking forward to a successful and enjoyable year.

*Barbara Struthers*

### September 1 Meeting: The Polio Eradication Story



Bob immunizing a baby in India

“How many of you remember polio as a child or a parent here in Canada?” Rotarian Bob Wallace asked us as he began his talk. Everyone put up their hands, remembering the terror in their hearts as parents.

“How many know of someone affected by polio?” Several members put up their hands.

At its peak, polio paralyzed or killed up to half a million people every year before Jonas Salk invented a vaccine in 1955. In 1961, an oral polio vaccine (OPV) was developed by Dr. Albert Sabin. This easy method of delivering the vaccine allowed the United States to give OPV to all children under five, successfully eradicating polio in the US by 1979.

Throughout the 60s and 70s similar mass campaigns in some developing countries proved polio could be stopped. In 1979, Rotary International became involved in polio when it committed to vaccinating six million children in the Philippines. After the success of this program, Rotary International planned with Dr. Sabin to immunize children world-wide against polio, committing US \$120 million to the PolioPlus program. Also in 1985, the Universal Childhood Initiative, was launched by UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

In 1988, The World Health Assembly, following encouragement and funds made available by Rotary International, launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to vanquish the dread disease by 2000. This program was the largest public health initiative the world has ever known. At the time, polio was endemic in 125 countries on five continents, paralyzing 350,000 thousand children every year.

Rotary has been the largest private sector donor to polio eradication, committing over US\$1 billion to the effort. In 1989 to 1993 it provided the vaccine for all countries who could not afford their own.

The goal of eradicating polio by 2000 was met in large, with only 483 cases reported in the entire world. 2011 saw the last case in India and 2014 saw the last case in Nigeria. Under 50 cases were reported in 2015, 36 cases in Pakistan and 7 in Afghanistan.

This magnificent success story could be looked at globally, but it was done by individuals like Cobourg Rotarian Bob Wallace, who has put his heart and soul behind the effort. In 2015, Bob and his wife Cathy spent two weeks in India, some of this time in Sonapat, a small village just north of Delhi. There they took part in immunizing children under five at a small station on the side of a dusty road with a cooler for the vaccine. A representative from the World Health Organization recorded the name of each child. Bob says it wasn't all work, they got to see the Taj Mahal in Aggra.



# WELCOME

New Members: Nelson Gardiner Marilyn (Bristow) Gardiner Sheila Mead



## Summer Fun: The Corn Roast on September 8



Lazing by the Pool: Fran, Pauline, Marguerite and Catharine



And Jim and Don



Edith & Fraser with new members Marilyn & Nelson



Elaine & Barbara enjoy the sunlight



Our Cooks: Robert Wheatly, who volunteered to help us, and Paul



Dorothy looking relaxed



Having a good laugh: Lucy Betty, Bernice, Anne & Sel, and Rita & Terry

## The Small Group Outing to the ZimArt Gallery on August 27

From left: Betty de Long, Margo Agnew, Jeanine Keiser, Murry & Margaret Dillon, Marg Dennis, Barb Loucks

The Small Group plans to continue their outings as long as the weather holds. Contact Barb Loucks or Marg Dennis



## The 2015-16 Management Committee

President:	Barbara Struthers
Vice President:	Betty de Long
Secretary:	Keith Pickett
Treasurer:	Robert Struthers
Membership:	Doreen Rossi
Program:	Paul Tait
Newsletter:	Fiona Maarhuis, Pauline Carrick
Special Events:	Edith and Fraser Carr
Past President:	Paul Tait
Committee Chairs:	
Catering:	Dorothy Gilmer
Greeters:	Barb Winfield



Members and former members of the Management Committee, ready to start the new year.

From Left: Edith Carr, Dorothy Gilmer, Robert and Barbara Struthers, Fraser Carr, Carolyn Webb, Keith Pickett and Paul Tait



Past President Paul hands the Presidents Plaque over to incoming President Barbara

## Getting to Know Probus

To get to know Probus, you can't do better than to Google "PROBUS of Canada" on the Internet. (Or use [www.probus.org/canada.htm](http://www.probus.org/canada.htm)) This is a terrific web site with lots of information, and is also simple to navigate. I quickly found the following information:

1. Definition of Probus: "Clubs for retired people who may wish to gather with others of similar backgrounds to enjoy learning and fellowship."
2. The Canadian newsletter and newsletters from other Probud Clubs who send theirs in.
3. An excellent Probud brochure we could print and distribute to advertise our club.
4. Probud merchandise such as mugs and giftware, and clothing which is good looking and reasonable in cost. For example, golf shirts, fleece outerwear, hats etc., all with the Probud logo. (Order individually). Our club buys our name badges and pins from this company (Raycraft of London, ON).
5. The Probud Song.
6. Probud history.

There's lots more. With club elections over, it might be a good time for us to get to know our roots and learn some things that might be new to us. Or in the case of long-time members, refresh our memories.

Happy web hunting.

*Pauline Carrick*





Mysie & Donna



Ruth



Alan & Sue



Peggy



Judy & Lois

Although the day was cloudy and misty, the rain held off, and everyone who participated enjoyed a new approach to our Annual Rally.

We are all grateful to the hard working organizers, Barbara and Robert Struthers, who painstakingly developed the route (apparently driving it no less than seven times) as well as compiling and sharing a wealth of historical information on the sites we passed.

The morning finished with an delicious lunch at the Dalewood Golf Club, with its beautiful view over the greens



## Overheard

*"A delightful rally. Everyone appreciated all the research the organizers had done!"*

*"It was nice to go into hitherto unknown (rally) territory, going West instead of the usual East or North."*

*"I enjoyed passing through places that had played a significant role in Ontario's history. For instance, Bond Head, the first settlement in this area in 1838, and the notorious Camp 30, where German officers were interred during World War II, now designated as a National Historic Site."*

*"The questions were much less challenging than in past years'. I felt we had a chance of winning."*

*"An excellent lunch. The chicken was nice and moist!"*



Rita, Doreen, Terry & Liz



Diane, Anne, Jack, & Marguerite



The Winners: Paul, Marg, Ed & Nancy



And the Turkey prize went to: Joyce, Dorothy & Elaine



The hard working organizers, Barbara & Robert, with a trunkload of goodies.



## *Cirque Dreams Holiday, Saturday December 5*

Now in its 7th year of touring, Cirque Dreams Holiday lights up the 2015 holiday season with its critically acclaimed holiday stage extravaganza. Full of charm, sparkle and talent by the sleighload, it's a Broadway musical, holiday stage spectacle and Cirque show all in one. Witness snowmen, penguins, angels, reindeer, toy soldiers, gingerbread men and of course Santa, with soaring acrobatics, imaginative costumes, illusions and more. Join us at Casino Rama and enjoy an included lunch buffet before the show to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. Cirque Dreams Holiday is the greatest variety show on the planet. The only thing you can expect will be the unexpected !

Depart: Cobourg: 8:00AM Port Hope: 8:15AM

We only need 20 more seats to fill on our own bus. Please spread the word

Edith needs cheques at \$68 per person, payable to Lakeshore Tours, **now**.

Edith can be reached at: edicar@sympatico.ca, 905-885-5390 or 289 Ontario Street, Port Hope, L1A 2W3. She will also be at the front at the start of every meeting.



On September 1st, members were disappointed to hear that **Owen Lent**, who has been amusing us with jokes at the start of every meeting for the last three years has decided to pass on the task to someone else. Owen said how much he had enjoyed the experience and was grateful to everyone who added to his now massive collection of jokes.



Owen at the St. Patrick's Day meeting

He finished by thanking everyone and reading a poem.

## **Tomorrow**

*Tomorrow, I'm going to take a trip  
The one I've always planned  
Tomorrow, I'll put my money down  
on that special piece of land  
Tomorrow, I'm going fishing  
and lay out in the sun  
Tomorrow, is going to be the day  
The day that I have fun  
Yet as the weeks fade into months  
And swiftly into years  
And gladness turns to memories  
And some of it to tears  
Suddenly, Tomorrow  
Is fast to Yesterday  
So if there's going to be Tomorrow  
It had better start Today.*

**Caterers:** coordinated by  
*Dorothy Gilmer*

October Captain: Shirley Robinson,  
Oct 6: Gloria and Fred Schumacher  
Oct 20: Alan Butler, Maggie Snow

**Greeters:** coordinated by  
*Barb Winfield*

Oct 6: Ed and Nancy Ford  
Oct 20: Terry and Rita Bell  
Nov 3: Diane Conduit, Marg Dennis  
Nov 17: Barbara and Bob Moorcroft  
Dec 1: Bernice Makepeace, Betty Collins  
Dec 15: Pat Goodyear, Una Norenus