



PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS

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Art Linton - President

The President's Voice

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

With only two more meetings before our AGM, your Management Committee is making progress in preparations for October 7th.

We are obliged to follow the dictates of our Constitution and By Laws which in part state the following:

- The Annual General Meeting shall be held in accordance with Club by-laws. In advance of the meeting, members shall be provided with a financial statement for the twelve months prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- At each Annual General Meeting the presiding officer shall present nominations from a Nominating Committee for positions on the Management Committee. Elections, when necessary, shall be by ballot.
- Nominations from the floor (with prior consent to stand) shall be accepted at an Annual General Meeting with approval of the membership.
- A motion that receives an equal number of affirmative and negative votes shall be considered lost.

To that end, we have formed a nominating Committee consisting of members, Alan Appleby, Bill Hogle, Nora McGowan and yours truly. After a quick survey at our last Committee meeting, we found only two positions to fill, Vice President and Membership. (The Vice President position always needs to be filled).

We have found a Nominee for Membership Manager in the person of Bev McComb. To our delight, Bev is willing to run for the position. We have also successfully found a Nominee for the Vice President position. We are pleased to announce that Judy Pearce has volunteered to run for this post.

The fact that only two positions needed to be filled, speaks to the way your Management Committee has been operating. There has always been a spirit of cooperation and contribution. We don't always agree on every matter, but somehow manage to come to an agreement or at least compromise.

I have always said that the success of this club depends on its members and in this case our nominees are to be applauded for their acceptance.



Past Speakers

Meeting July 8, 2015

Derek Furtado

Harwood Fish Culture Station

Derek, a fish culture technician, was pressed into service as the scheduled speaker was delivering muskies to Manitoulin Island. Despite being unfamiliar with public speaking, he did an admirable job. We learned that 7.5 million fish are raised annually in the 9 hatcheries across Ontario. Many interesting questions from members were answered regarding cost, clients and stocking lakes by helicopter!



Alan Appleby

Percy Portage

Vice -President, Alan Appleby, kindly offered to spend the remaining time with a presentation regarding the Percy Portage, an aboriginal trail from Percy Reach to Rice Lake. The presentation was based on research by Lynda Langford, Alan's wife, regarding a project to recognize the historic trail. Alan presented old maps and multiple theories of the location of the trail as well as the likelihood of its having been used by Samuel de Champlain. A fascinating mystery! Thank you for so ably stepping in to replace our scheduled speaker, Alan.



*Submitted by Sheila Wood
Photos - Tony Crocker*

Annual Dues - Reminder

It's that time of year again. We will start collecting annual dues at the August meeting. You can beat the September rush!! The renewal fee is \$40.00 per member and your cheque should be made out to the Probus Club of Trent Hills. It would be most helpful if your cheque is made out in advance of the meeting to help speed up the process.

Upcoming Speakers

MEETING AUGUST 12, 2015

Member **Skye Morrison** will be doing a presentation based on her many trips abroad and her involvement and interest in Textile Tourism. She will fill us in on the upcoming master classes at Lang Pioneer Village Museum in Keene Ontario and the sixth annual Founders Fibre Festival in Hastings Ontario.



MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2015



PEGGY DYMOND LEAVEY is going to speak to us about her biography of Laura Secord, heroine of the War of 1812 and about the controversy that still envelopes her legacy.

Peggy has been writing all her life, but it was only after her three children were in school that she began to take it seriously. She has written for magazines, newspapers and has contributed to three books of local history. Peggy lives in Trenton, Ontario

EDITOR'S NOTE

**DETAILS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS "ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM
POMPEII EXHIBIT"**

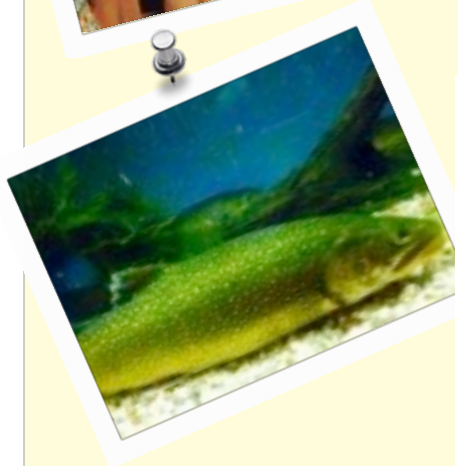
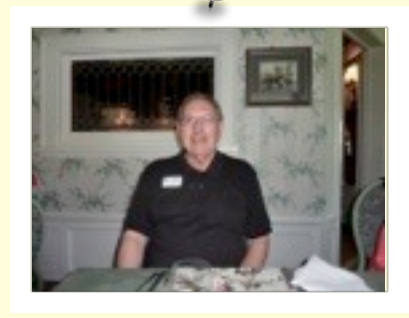
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**DINNER THEATRE AT THE BEST WESTERN - COBOURG - "HARVEY"
WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE AUGUST 12 MEETING**

PAST EVENTS

VICTORIA INN AND FISH CULTURE STATION

A beautiful sunny afternoon welcomed over 40 Probus members to lunch at Victoria Inn on Rice Lake. Delicious meals were enjoyed by all as we took over the Inn's dining room overlooking the beautiful grounds and Rice Lake. After lunch, we took a short drive to the fish culture station where we saw first-hand what had been described to us at the morning meeting. We saw the fish "vacuum", laser weighing equipment as well as tanks filled with various species of fish in sizes ranging from fingerlings to large breeding salmon. Once again, Derek Furtado, led our group, explaining the process and expertly answering many questions. A delicious and educational afternoon!



Submitted by Sheila Wood
Photos - Tony Crocker and Anne Linton



Bad Luck Bank Robbers

4th Line Theatre

The play BAD LUCK BANK ROBBERS was inspired by the book authored by Grace Barker, written by Alex Poch-Goldin, and directed by Kim Blackwell.

This highly anticipated world premiere tells the story of the August 31, 1961, brazen, daylight robbery of the Toronto Dominion bank in Havelock, Ontario. The bank robbers make off with \$230,000 in cash and securities, pulling off the largest, single day bank robbery in Canada at that time and triggering a flurry of speculation over the mystery of the missing money—a mystery which remains unsolved to this day.

The first act focuses on the planning of the crime, the robbery itself, and the madcap manhunt that follows. Between the action, the audience is treated to a series of vignettes featuring members of the community who reveal their reactions to the crime.

In the second act, the play becomes a courtroom drama. This time, the vignettes that break up the action are based primarily around the bank robbers, who share their often comedic reactions as the trial goes forward

The four actors playing the bank robbers are reminiscent of the Keystone Kops, or perhaps the three (four?) Stooges. There is lots of action, mixed with hilarity. The bank robbers come off as charming, funny, and likeable — which has the audience questioning whether they want to see the robbers get away with their crime or not.

It is Paul Braunstein who seems to connect with the audience the most. Often taking centre stage in his role as Jean Claude Lalonde, Braunstein continuously turns to the audience to give them his passionate monologues about the sport of hockey and his beloved Montreal Canadiens. A running conversation that continues throughout the entire show, Braunstein's hockey monologues are instant classics.



Supporting the robbers is a fantastic cast of character actors performing as the members of the community, which gives the show a hometown flavour.

When the play wraps up, the real mystery that remains is just where is the stolen money? Will this show again inspire local treasure hunters to search through the woods of Havelock?

The play has it all: courtroom drama, intrigue, outrageous humour, classic car chases and a good dose of Toronto/Montreal hockey rivalry.

Submitted by Anne Linton

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**TORONTO
BLUE JAYS
VS
OAKLAND
ATHLETICS**



NOTICE

**AUGUST 13, 2014
ROGERS STADIUM TORONTO**

*******GAME IS CANCELED*******

THE TORONTO ALL- STAR BIG BAND

WESTBEN THEATRE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 AT 2 PM

ADMISSION \$40.00 PER PERSON

BARBEQUE IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE CONCERT

**SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF CAMPBELLFORD
AND
THE WARKWORTH COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB**

**The following is a recipe exclusive to the
Probus Club of Trent Hills**

Ingredients

- 1 Probus Badge
- 1 batch of ready made cookie dough

Method

Husband -Take off badge after meeting and place on kitchen counter

Wife - Place cookie sheet, unknowingly on top of badge
Place tablespoons of cookie dough on sheet

Bake in 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Remove cookie sheet from oven.

Scrape badge off the oven rack and serve to errant husband, with the caveat that revenge is a burned Probus Badge best served cold.





OUR VERY OWN SHARON NELSON RUNS WITH THE PAN AM TORCH

The following is an excerpt from an article in the July 9th edition of the Brighton Independent. It was not published in our local edition of that paper, so I have quoted it here.

Sharon Nelson, of Campbellford, applied to be a torchbearer last October but didn't hear from Games officials until July 2.

"I cried I was so excited," she said. "They have dropouts apparently, and I was next on the list."

It was a fabulous gift for Nelson who celebrated her 51st wedding anniversary with her husband Art. He was there to cheer her along with their three daughters and all their grandchildren. It was "an amazing feeling," Nelson said of the experience.

Sharon made us aware of her Pan Am experience at the July meeting. She told us about how she became interested in applying to become a torch bearer, when she went with several members of our club to the Quinte Probus Club meeting in Belleville in October 2014. Betty Jo Parent gave a powerful presentation on the games and inspired Sharon to apply.

Sharon told us how moved she was by the adventure and was not sure what she was going to do with all the souvenirs from the run. She even has the torch. We suggest you keep these mementos Sharon, your family will cherish them.

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