



PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS

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NEWSLETTER

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The President's Voice

*Strangers are just friends waiting to happen.
- Rod McKuen, Looking for a Friend*

It has been my honour and pleasure to serve as your Probud president over this past year. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for making the experience so rewarding and fun! The members of the Management Team – Past President Alan Appleby, Vice President Sheila Wood, Finance Manager Steve Wood, Secretary Norah McGowan, Membership Manager Bev McComb, Communications Manager Denise Kelsey, Meeting Manager Jim Connor and Events Manager Marion Baker – were all trouperers as we made our way through the year. Also, a big thank you to Anne Linton for continuing to wow us with our great newsletters and to the United Church Women for seeing that the coffee was always ready and we were well fed!

Looking back over the year I found it hard to pick my favourite speaker or event – they were all so varied and interesting. But just to name a few, where else might you learn about the rise and fall of the Berlin wall, experience Laughter Yoga, be entertained by a very funny comedian, find out about the role of the Lower Trent Conservation Authority and the Northumberland Land Trust, enjoy a picnic with great music at Lang Pioneer Village, visit Stirling's Farmtown and Kingston's Fort Henry and meet Probud members from other Northumberland clubs at the Canada 150 Probud Spring Celebration!

Thank you to you, the members, for supporting our Probud Club so well and I know with your involvement our club will continue to thrive.

TRENT HILLS PROBUS POSITIONS STILL OPEN

VICE PRESIDENT

We are still looking for a member to step forward to occupy the position of Vice President of this very fine Probus Club. As a member of the Management team you will sit on the Management Committee, learn how the Club operates, help with the decision-making and generally contribute to the welfare of the Club. It is also the Vice President's job to source Speakers or Entertainment for the Club meetings. (This year is a very easy one, as speakers have been booked up to and including the March meeting).

EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

We are pleased that someone has volunteered to take on the position of Events Manager. The duties of this position have changed considerably. The Manager's responsibilities will be: to work with a team of 8 to 10 volunteer members, oversee their responsibilities and report back to the Management Committee.

This means that now we need 8 to 10 Event Coordinators to take responsibility for at least ONE Event each. This should make the job of arranging events more evenly distributed. It is not too hard to look after only ONE Event over a year's time with the whole group helping with the sign-ups, collecting the cheques, and helping where needed. The good news is that we already have a few eager volunteers, but do need a few more. Consider perhaps, working as a team with your spouse, or a good friend.

The Christmas Meeting and Picnic should be a joint effort of all Coordinators making the tasks for those occasions much easier and you can still call upon additional volunteers from the membership to pitch in.

Being involved with the operation of the Club in any way, helps you to make new friends and learn new skills - it can certainly be a lot of fun.

Past Speakers



August 2017 Meeting - John Geale *Past President Northumberland Land Trust*

John explained that the Northumberland Land Trust was a charitable organization that exists to purchase and protect land for conservation and preservation.

The Northumberland Land Trust (NLT) is committed to preserving the natural, historical and cultural heritage of Northumberland County. The NLT mandate is to establish, maintain and manage protected areas.

The Trust is the steward for the following properties:

- The Pelton Beach Reserve (near Peter's Woods)
- McEwan Nature Reserve (Ganaraka Hope Township)
- Laurie Lawson Outdoor Education Centre (Hamilton Township)
- Leckey Reserve (Cramahe Township)
- Chub Point Nature Reserve (South of Grafton)
- Jack van Nostrand (Wetland south of Grafton)

John pointed out the many advantages of membership in the Trust, e.g. their annual dinner, annual Birdathon and the many activities associated with each of the Reserves.

For more details, check out their website www.nltrust.ca and read their many newsletters.

John was thanked by Sheila Wood.

Submitted by Anne Linton

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership Renewals for the year are now due (\$40.00). I will have a table set up to take these inside the door at the meeting.

Please make out your cheques to Probus Club of Trent Hills.

Notice: Your first **name tags** are free when you join Probus. If we have to re-order you another one, it will be \$10.00.

If you have any **changes** to your address, phone number or email, please contact me.—Bev McComb - Membership Manager- 705-632-0394

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SPEAKER FOR OUR MARCH 2017 MEETING WAS SUSAN SNIDER

A member of the Ganaraska Probus club.

Susan talk to us about what it was like to be married to Canadian diplomat Dennis Snider.



During the early years of their marriage the couple lived in Milton Ontario. In 1970, Dennis accepted a job with the Canadian Foreign Services. His first posting in 1973 was in Belgrade Yugoslavia under Tito's regime.

Susan described the move overseas as an organizing nightmare, "an extremely trying experience with small children". The family spent 21/2 years there and learned the language, customs and protocol from their neighbours.

Other postings along the way were, Trinidad and Tobago, a three year post, 18 months in Barbados, which Susan felt was the most dangerous posting because of the crime there, then back home to Ottawa in 1978.

From 1979 to 1981 the posting was to Budapest, Hungary, at that time ,a satellite state under communist rule. They were under scrutiny all the time - phone conversations were taped and there were bugs throughout the Embassy.

Then it was back home to Ottawa again for 3 years followed by Susan's favourite posting - Belgium. There was great schooling available for their children, and Susan ended up teaching English to some professional people - lawyers, dentists etc.

There were further postings and experiences to tell about, but unfortunately we ran out of time. To be continued perhaps at a later date!

Susan was thanked by Maureen Dikun.

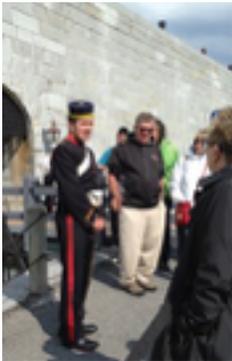
Submitted by Anne Linton

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

OCTOBER: Lori Smith from Ontario Water Buffalo Company in Stirling. She will talk about the transition from raising cattle to raising water buffalo.

NOVEMBER: Member Robin Rice took a course at OCAD on material art and design. She will discuss the uniqueness of this course and how to make a piece of art using craft skills and materials.

Past Events



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FIRST ANNUAL CAR RALLY



Thanks to the diligence and hard work of Steve and Sheila Wood, 48 members and friends had a wonderfully memorable day. The weather was perfect, all conditions were go and off we went. The route took almost 2 hours to complete and was such a lot of fun. The Event screams to be repeated again next year. Following are a few pictures of everyone enjoying themselves.



Our Mascot
CARLotta



**1st Place
Winning Team**



**2nd Place
Runner up**

Special Interests

Book Club - The Probus Book Club is back in action ! We will have 9 members and still have some decisions to make, but anticipate great reads, lively discussions and new friendships. More info at the Oct.Probus meeting.

Joan Brown will be sending reminders etc. by e-mail to the members prior to each gathering on the 3rd Tues. monthly at 3:30 pm. Please see Maureen Dikun at the meeting or call her—[705-653-3182](tel:705-653-3182).

Scotch Tasting - Greetings fellow Scotch Tasters

I hope you have all had a great summer.....not withstanding our beautiful weather forecasts throughout. That being said, I have just the remedy for the cold weather blues!

Our next Probus Single Malt Scotch Tasting Event will be Thursday October 12th, 2017. The location will be upstairs in Capers Restaurant. We will be meeting there at 11:30 A.M. for lunch, with the tasting to follow immediately after. The cost will be \$20 pp for the tasting, and the members will be responsible for the cost of their lunch also. We will be tasting 3 quality single malts that I think you will enjoy.

All Probus members are welcome to attend, and no previous experience is required. This is an informal fun event. If you would like to bring a non member friend to the tasting, they are most welcome. However, should the tasting attendance be full, Probus members will have priority to attend, as usual. I will sign up all respondents in order they are received, to be fair to all. The sign up sheet will be on the events table at the next meeting if you wish to sign up then, or you can email / call myself or Bob Bennett and we will make sure you are signed up. If you are new to Probus, this is a good chance to meet, and socialize with some of the other members, or if you have always wanted to try a tasting to see what it's about, please join us! I hope to see you on October 12th.

Gord Reid gareid@sympatico.ca or 705-653-2474

Bob Bennett r.b.bennett@eastlink.ca or 705-653-1180

Photography Group - Next meeting Oct 25th, 10:00 a.m. 2525 8th Line East. November meeting on the 29th, same place & time. New members are welcome.

Contact Tony Crocker - photo@tcrocker.ca - (705) 653-1100

Bridge Club - Want to play bridge this winter? We are trying to gather a casual social group of bridge players to play once or twice a month.

Contact Linda Williams [705-632-1425](tel:705-632-1425)

or Joan McCulloch [705-653-1509](tel:705-653-1509) joanmcculloch40@gmail.com

Upcoming Events



LOYALIST COLLEGE

Club 213

Buffet Lunch

THURSDAY - November 16, 2017

12:00 NOON

Price \$17.00 per person

Price includes gratuity

This is a drive yourself event
Use Main Entrance to Kente Building
Club 213 Dining Hall - Rm 2H28

VISIT GLANMORE MANSION

After lunch you may want to visit this beautiful historic home. Let us know and we will arrange a one hour tour for those of our group who wish to go.

Senior's price for the tour is \$5.00 pp

More info at the meeting

YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Judy Pearce- President

Sheila Wood - Vice President and Program Manager

Alan Appleby - Past President

Norah McGowan - Secretary

Steve Wood - Treasurer

Denise Kelsey - Communications Manager

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