



The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – March 2020



NOW THAT WASN'T TOO BAD...

As you read this message, we are probably just days away from hearing the announcement, "It's Spring!"

The days are now offering longer periods of light while we are being teased by days of sunshine and higher temperatures. The first robin has appeared in our backyard so that I could make that wish of first sighting.

For those of us who stayed back in the Cobourg area, you must admit we got off lightly from the snow and frigid weather conditions that we were supposed to have had this winter.



Your PROBUS Northumberland team and volunteers provided many opportunities for you to come out of hibernation. All the chances to dine out, attend theatres, hear the interesting speakers or socialize at the Appies and Drinks, Men's Koffee Klub or at the meetings have helped the winter to speed by pleasantly. Thanks to all who came out to support the efforts of the volunteers.

Thank you to the volunteers who inject enthusiasm into whatever they plan.

Marcia MacLeod

Probus Valentines morning meeting and luncheon was a great success.

82 Probus members, including a few guests gathered together to enjoy a leisurely luncheon of soup and sandwiches and dessert, it was very tasty. Coffee and tea all prepared by the Lions ladies. The bar was open for those who enjoyed a glass of wine with lunch.

Almost everyone participated in wearing red or pink and some of the gentlemen had put on red ties and red bow ties, it created a warm and happy atmosphere. Shiny red tinsel hearts were tastefully placed on the center of the tables.

We all enjoyed the entertainment as we played our Probus adaptation of The Newlywed game. Combining 114 years of marriage 3 couples competed answering questions to see how well these spouses knew each other. Thank you to Marcia MacLeod and Jack Butler, Ron and Barb Swallow and Ron and Anne Sargent for participating and being such great sports. Everyone was a winner but it seemed the couple who were most in tune had been married 63 years.



The organizing team did a splendid job of adapting The Newlywed Game for our entertainment. Cathy Jolie, Maureen Cavan and Sandy Upton were excellent hosts. Thank you to Susan Brown for coordinating the morning with help from Marilyn Pagnuelo and Mary Wilson and Heather Touchburn.

Mary Wilson

Editors Note: go to our web site for photos: www.probusnorthumberland.ca then Photos, Northumberland Photos then Valentines Day 2020. Also Appies and Drinks. Now phone and tablet friendly.



Thursday, Feb 27 Speaker – Michael Hanlon

Michael was enormously entertaining as he told us some of his adventures and exploits as a journalist. His long career, which started at the age of 14, began in the UK and continued in Canada with both the Globe and Mail and the Toronto Star and took him to over 70 countries.

The focus of Michael’s talk was to fill us in on how they “get the story”. So many wonderful anecdotes, delivered with humour in a casual relaxed manner made for extremely interesting listening. So often the difference in getting the interview or story would depend on sheer

luck. Like the time he was sent to California to interview the mother of a person who was hiding from reporters. As luck would have it he chanced upon the man himself and was able to get an exclusive interview.

Joan was occasionally able to travel with Michael but this didn’t always turn out too well. He had to abandon her a few times to pursue the story. She was left in the red light district of Bangkok while Michael had to travel to Burma and in Manger Square in Bethlehem while he dashed off to investigate some shooting. She did however have the distinction of being the only woman allowed to go in to an Arab wake in Haifa.

Excellent stories by one of our own members. Thank you Michael for sharing what you had to do to “get the story”.

Florence Fletcher

Message from the Speaker Committee:

This month the Speakers Committee is introducing a "survey" to measure how much our members enjoyed the speakers who talked at our meetings and the topics which were presented. Please click on the link on the web site where you can participate in sharing your level of enjoyment and appreciation.

This information will not be publicly shared, but will be used by the committee to help us to provide you with quality speakers and interesting topics. This survey will appear in the Probuzz each month for the foreseeable future. Please participate and let us know what you think. Thanks, **Speaker Committee.**

For link to Survey, Go to [Northumberland news page](#) (where this newsletter is stored)

New Member welcomed

At our February 27th meeting, **Garry Mullin** was welcomed as a new member.

In the photo are his sponsor Bob MacDermaid, President Marcia MacLeod, Garry Mullin and Vice President Fraser Maxwell.



Men’s Koffee Klub

Meet at Chevy’s Café in Kelly’s Homelike Tavern on Third Street in Cobourg.

Upcoming Dates: Mar 17, Mar 31, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 19, June 2, Jun 16 & Jun 30

Chevy’s Café requires advance notice for room setup. Please let either of the convenors know if you plan to attend.

Jack Butler (905) 269-5062 or jehb1701is@gmail.com

Or Ron Luciano (289) 252-1939 or ron@lucianogroup.com



Social Calendar

What a terrific production of *Chicago* at the Capitol Theatre! On Saturday, February 22nd, 37 of us joined the sold-out house to give a standing ovation to Northumberland Players and the Band for a sizzling display of community theatre at its best. Thousands of hours went into choreography, props, costumes, set and musical direction – and how impressive to see the orchestra live on stage as the actors worked under their platform. And, of course, let's comment on our PROBUS connection – the lead of Roxie Hart was played by Claire Russell, Verna Templer's granddaughter. It was a very special afternoon.

Tuesday, March 17th – PROBUS Movie at the Loft – Ken Prue at the Loft is hosting our club to see the Oscar-nominated movie *Ford vs Ferrari*, a true story about the bitter rivalry between Enzo Ferrari and Henry Ford and their determination to win at the 24 hour LeMans race in 1966. Dutch Oven is catering a light lunch, so it will be fun to socialize before the screening. Doors open at noon for lunch; movie begins at 1 pm. Cost is \$20 per person but it is now a waitlist only – we have a full house at 50 people.



Friday, May 1st Honky Tonk Angels -Best Western Dinner Theatre. Join us for a foot-stompin' musical about three women from diverse backgrounds who meet on a bus to Nashville where they form a country girl-group. We have 40 good seats, so sign up at our next meeting . Cost is \$55 per person.

NEW*** Enjoy some of your favourite hits from the 70's at **WestBen on Thursday, July 16th** - it's **Stayin' Alive**. The Barn is a beautiful venue on farmland just outside Campbellford – a perfect spot to have a picnic, a glass of wine and beautiful scenery as you listen to the music of Queen, Elton John, Carol King, Donna Summer and the Bee Gees. Or, arrive early and enjoy some shopping or lunch in town before the 2 pm performance. Our special rate is \$45.00 per person. Please sign up at the next meeting or contact me directly to ensure I have enough seating.

Dianne Graham ggraham24@cogeco.ca

Upcoming Events

We have special occasions to celebrate over the next three months, as follows:

March 12th – St. Patrick's Celebration

Brian Salley will be playing his guitar and leading us in a singalong of traditional Irish songs. Wear your greens!

April 9th – Easter Parade

Wear your Easter bonnet in the parade and you might win a prize. We'll have one for the person wearing the funniest hat, one for the most original and one for member with the best overall Easter look.

May 28th – 20th Anniversary Celebration

Plans are well underway to celebrate this milestone! We'll be having a table served luncheon and our traditional three birthday cakes. More details will be coming at the next meeting in regard to the menu, cost, sign-up dates, etc. Our 'Memory Book' is on target to be ready for our celebration and we'll have more information about this as well.



Carol Petter 3

APPIES & DRINKS

There was a large turn out for the Appies and Drinks on February 20 hosted by Marcia MacLeod and Jack Butler. While there was no sun or surf, guests made up for the cold weather by wearing tropical attire. There were too many whimsical and kitschy outfits to count and Jack and Marcia were uber-hosts as always. A fun time was had by all. **Editors Note:** Go to our web site for photos of this event

The next Appies and Drinks will be held by Sally Wade at 369 Bond Street (southwest corner of Bond and Havelock Streets) (there is lots of street parking) in Cobourg on Thursday, March 19 from 3 pm to 5 pm. Sally will have a sign-up sheet at the February 27 and March 12 Probus meetings. **Sally Wade**

The Eganridge Golf Getaway, June 1 & 2, 2020



The 2nd instalment for the 2020 Probus Golf Getaway has been fully paid and sent to Eganridge Resort. Information will follow regarding the final payment, which will be due in May. We had a full

complement of 50 people going to Eganridge but we just had a cancellation and we would like to add two more people to our list of participants. Anyone interested should contact Ron/Barb Swallow. That said, we are happy to put other names on our "backup list", in case another cancellation arises!

~Sue Tee~

NIBBLERS Thurs, Mar 19 , 12:30 p.m.

Nibblers will greet the first day of spring at Cobourg's newest King Street restaurant, 'Shuck it'. Offered is a \$12 lunch menu with choices of pasta and/or fish or chicken. For example, salmon is on the menu, as well as fettucine Alfredo and spaghetti with meatballs. As the name implies, oysters, though not on the menu, are a special feature of this restaurant. I am told that the seafood is always fresh, never frozen. 'Shuck it' is located in the elegantly designed location at 92 King Street West in Cobourg. Join in the discovery!

Linda Syrota

Save the Date(s)



Let's celebrate Probus Northumberland's
20th Anniversary
On Thursday, May 28, 2020
Luncheon will be held at the Lions centre

PROBUS INTER CLUB BOWLING TOURNAMENT

APRIL 27, 2020.

Details to follow

Future Meetings & Speakers.

- Mar 12 David Newland - Arctic Adventures
- Mar 26 Sean Mallen - Reporter & Author
- Apr 9 Adam Bureau - Town Matters w. Q & A
- Apr 23 Tom Cruikshank - If these Walls could talk

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Deadline for the next ProBuzz is March 28th.

Please send any material to john@cobourginternet.com

Need a Ride?

If you need a ride to a meeting, you can phone Marg or Bob (not John) MacDermaid at 905-309-1598 by 5:00 pm the day before the meeting.

They will arrange to have you picked up and returned.

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