

Probus Peterborough Papyrus

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is officially here, the snow has disappeared and the back yards and gardens are almost dry enough to tempt people out to start spring cleanup. It is hardly warm enough yet to start painting again, but don't worry, that too will require our attention soon.



You will notice from Ivo's news letter that we have a lot on our plates in the coming months with the Spring Mixer being the first big item. Bruce Steel is with us again this meeting with more information.

This month we welcome Anne Cook to the Management Committee as our new Coordinator of outside Activities. I am sure that she would be very appreciative of any suggestions you might have of things to do and places to go etc.

The time has come to start organizing for next year. We only have April, May and June to get to work on planning for our next year, which begins in September. Ivo will be away a lot next year and so we need a new editor for the *Probus Peterborough Papyrus*.

**Next Club Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 2nd May 2007**

Work on the sponsorship of the new Probus Club in Lakefield is proceeding on schedule.

All things come to those who wait. Word has it that our past president is finally succumbing to pressure from all sides and will be moving to the category "Techno-grandfather" with the purchase of his first computer. Welcome aboard Charles.

We are sorry to hear that our Director at large, George Mosier suffered a fall on the weekend and is now sporting a cast on his leg. Get well soon. I hope this doesn't spoil his upcoming trip overseas.

If you have not noticed, the robins are back and filling the air with song at 6:30 each morning or earlier.

Rug



EVENTS COORDINATOR

Anne Cook has offered to lead planning and organizing events, which club members may like to participate in. Pass along your suggestions for places to visit or activities you would like to attend and believe other club members may enjoy too, to Anne. She can be reached at 743-7593.

There are many activities in our vicinity - Kawartha Downs, 4th Line Theatre, Westben, Lift Lock Cruises to suggest a few that would be fun to take in as a group. Come forward with your suggestions and let Anne know which ones you might offer to help her pull together.

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SPRING MIXER

Once again we welcome **Bruce Steel** from the **Northshore Probus Club**, hosts for the 2007 **Spring Mixer being held on Thursday 17th May**. Bruce has more information regarding this day and additional tickets.

The **Keynote speaker** will be **Ted Barris**, the well-respected author, journalist and broadcaster.

The location will be the **Baltimore Recreation Centre, Baltimore**

Tickets at \$23.00 per person will be on sale at today's meeting.

Vice President Bill Durant is coordinating ticket sales and a bus. The first 40 members who have actually paid **Bill \$12 per person for the bus** will be on the bus. The rest will be responsible for making their own way there.

Not only will you hear a good speaker, **Ted Barris** on the topic "Victory at Vimy," but also this entrance fee buys a light breakfast, hot lunch, entertainment and door prizes, which are all part of the program. This opportunity to spend time with Probus members from other clubs as well as our own is an added bonus not to be missed.

Contact Bill. If you would like to attend and have yet to purchase your ticket. He must advise Northshore Probus with final numbers attending by May 3rd, - the day following our May meeting.

JULY BBQ

Mae Smith is again coordinating our annual BBQ at the Naval Club on Wednesday July 4th, our regular meeting date. Mae will sell tickets at the May and June meetings.

AUGUST – PICNIC IN THE PARK

Mae Smith will be coordinating this event. Everybody who has attended past picnics say what a great feast and a good time they have had interacting with fellow Probarians. It's worth coming back from the cottage to join in.

SEPTEMBER – suggestions please

OCTOBER -CAR RALLY

Planning this event needs to start soon. Tentative date is Wednesday October 10th.

If you are able to serve on the organizing committee, or have an idea that may make the event more interesting, then talk to Past President **Charles Burge**. Before routes can be planned, the place for lunch has to be booked.

RENDEZVOUS 2008

The Saint John Probus Club, host club for Rendezvous 2008, has a page on its website www.sjprobus.ca, with updates as they happen.

It appears 40 Australian Probus members are planning on attending. Results of the survey show whale watching to be one of the most popular planned events.

If you want to "Catch the Wave" for 2008, let Ivo know so he can make sure you receive any information, (survey form, attendance applications etc.) that come his way.

PROPOSED LAKEFIELD PROBUS CLUB

Ivo Nightingale and Catherine McLeod met with George Mosier in Lakefield to review initial progress towards establishing a PROBUS club in Lakefield. They visited three potential locations and have made a recommendation to President, Ruggles Pritchard that the Peterborough PROBUS Club support the formation of

a PROBUS club in Lakefield. George Mosier has agreed to form a Founding Committee. The target date for the foundation meeting would be September 2007.

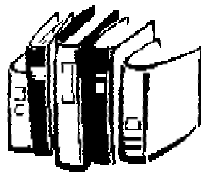
The Management Committee accepted a motion, to be ratified by the club members at April 4th meeting, that the Probus Club of Peterborough provide, if needed, an interest free loan up to \$400.00 to cover start up costs of the proposed Lakefield Probus.

If any one is interested in helping, please contact George Mosier at 652 9238 or e-mail george@mosierintl.com.

Website Information Consent Form

Almost half the club membership has yet to submit completed **Website Information Consent Form** If you have not yet done so, please complete and return this form to Ivo Nightingale, (Membership Chair) If you have misplaced your form, are unsure as to whether you returned it, or are unclear as to why every member of the club is asked to complete the form, please check with Ivo.

THE BOOKSHELF



The Remarkable World of Frances Bashley 1769/1845

In 1786 at 18 years old, and one month into her marriage, Frances set sail from England with her husband for a trip

around the world. She became the first white woman to set foot on Vancouver Island. She endured unbearable hardships, but this intelligent and courageous bride is certainly worth reading about. Author Beth Hill, published by Touch Wood Editions, Victoria Vancouver, 2003.

Submitted by Alex Lawrason

GUEST SPEAKERS...

April 4th 2007 Alec Lawrason will give a talk on the history and making of matches.

May 2nd 2007 Patti Gilchrist, from the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Patti has experienced a heart transplant.

June 6th 2007 Gale Fewings, Curator at Hutchinson House.

July 4th 2007 Annual Barbecue.

August 1st, 2007 Annual Picnic at the zoo. Also Membership Renewal month.

September 5th 2007 Barb Rimmer will speak on Arthritis.
Also Election Of Officers

October 3rd 2007 Peter Malkovsky of Fleming College will return to talk about International Affairs.

November 7th 2007 Ivo Nightingale will give a talk on his trips to Kenya

December 5th 2007 Christmas Lunch

CLUB MANAGEMENT

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** for next year's slate of officers is, **Past President Charles Burge, Vice**

President Bill Durrant, and President Ruggles Pritchard.

Positions that will require filling include Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director(s) at large.

In addition the Club is looking for someone to take on the job of Papyrus Newsletter Editor.

(Note: your present Editor, Ivo, has been, and is going to be, away for many of the meetings in 2008. Web designer Catherine McLeod has thankfully and ably filled in on a number of occasions but she too has many other commitments.)

It would be helpful if members currently assisting on sub committees and in other volunteer positions confirm their willingness to continue these responsibilities into next year. Also advise the Nominating Committee if, how, when, where they could use additional help.

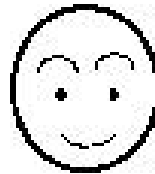
Perhaps more recent members will show a willingness to participate in the management of our club by bringing their names forward to any member of the nominating Committee. It is an opportunity to share in and shape the club's development while enjoying great fellowship within the club.

Membership renewals - This is An Early Reminder. Our club bylaws state membership renewals are **due by August 31st** for the year September 1 2007 through to August 31st, 2008.

To streamline the process we are trying something different this year. Cheques, which can be post dated to August 31st, 2007, should be made out to **Probus**

Club of Peterborough and District and given or mailed to **Membership Chair Ivo Nightingale.** Ivo will record renewed memberships and then pass the cheques over to the Club Treasurer for deposit to the club's account.

This change will facilitate the maintenance and distribution of the membership list, and lessen the burden for the treasurer. The Membership chair will contact those who have not renewed, to confirm their intention to remain a member.



SMILES

From Probus Northshore's March newsletter

Junk is something you have kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Opportunity always looks bigger going than coming.

By the time you can make the ends meet, they move the ends.

If you must choose between two evils, choose the one you've never tried before.

Checked Out Our Club's Website Yet?

www.probuspeterborough.org

You will find links to other interesting Probus Clubs in our area at

www.probusnorthumberland.com/