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**Next Club Meeting –
Wednesday 7th March 2007**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are into February already and the snow has arrived to stay for a while



anyway. Fortunately for the skiers, snowmobilers snowboarders and the resort owners who depend on cold weather and lots of snow to make a profit the season is not completely lost.

Some of you may have missed the announcement of the sudden passing of one of our members, Bob Watson, while on vacation in Florida. He will be sorely missed by Shirley, his family, and his many friends. Our thoughts and condolences go out to them.

Your Executive has decided on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee to go ahead with plans to sponsor a new Probus Club in Lakefield. This decision will require a lot of preparation by the members of the present club and a lot of cooperation in accomplishing a smooth transition. Now that the decision has been made the Ad Hoc Committee has been disbanded and we will have to form a working committee to do the required organizational work to bring this project to fruition. We will be looking for volunteers to serve on this committee and I expect a lot from the members of the club. Our new Director at Large George Mosier has already been doing

some work on this and any of you wishing to help can get in touch with him. More information will be forthcoming as time passes.

Rug

SPONSORING A NEW CLUB

Your Executive Committee has made the decision to move forward with sponsoring a second Probus Club in Lakefield.

Director at Large George Mosier did some research and speaking to current Lakefield members, discovered some would be willing to help form the club. It looks as though an initial club would quickly grow to a possible 50 or more members.

There are four meeting locations in Lakefield that would provide a suitable venue for club meetings. George has downloaded the manual, *How to form a Probus Club*, from Probus Centre-Canada that gives a simple roadmap for the successful creation of a new club.

The proposal will be forwarded to Regional Director Stone Avery in Cobourg. A new working committee will be formed to work out the details for setting up the new club as of September 1, under the sponsorship of the Peterborough & District Probus Club.

Wendy Hill-Coyle, Associate Governor for District 7010 of Rotary and a member of the Rotary Club of Peterborough has approached President Rug Pritchard about forming a new Probus Club in Lindsay. Rug will be speaking with her and keeping us informed of developments.

Website Information Consent Form

If you have not yet done so, please complete and return this form to Ivo Nightingale, (Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor).

**Checked Out
Our Club's Website Yet?
www.probuspeterborough.org**

CASINO RAMA TRIP

On what turned out to be the first coldest day of this winter, many Probus members were warmed by another successful trip to Casino Rama on Thursday January 25. The original numbers attending were reduced to 16 from 34 due to many attending a local funeral, but those who went on the trip had a great day touring Casino Rama, shopping, eating a delicious buffet lunch, and of course, playing the slots and other games..

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

We will be making arrangements for our 3rd Annual Bowling Tournament at the Lakefield Bowl in April. We will be inviting teams from the Lakeshore area Probus Clubs to participate. Watch for details to follow.

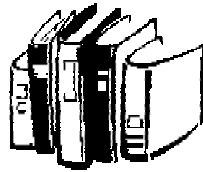
RENDEZVOUS 2008

An Australian Probus group of 40 will be attending this event in Saint John, New Brunswick, on September 25-27, 2008. Clubs in Fredericton, Moncton

and Charlottetown, a short drive away, are planning interesting “follow-on” activities if you attend and are planning to extend your stay.

Check www.probus.org on the Internet for an upcoming web page that will have full details on the Rendezvous, along with online registration. If you want to “Catch the Wave” for 2008, let Nancy or Ivo know so they can make sure you receive any information that comes their way.

THE BOOKSHELF



Neal Garber: The Triumph of the American Imagination, Knopf 850 pages

The Mickey Mouse family and their contemporaries or predecessors are traced as well as the misfortunes and fortunes of Walt Disney. Disneyland (1955) was based on Disney's love of model railroads, memories of the small Missouri town where he grew up, and the dream of a wholesome amusement park. Disney died of lung cancer at 65. Garber supplies a vast amount of detail about this workaholic and paints a definitive portrait of the Dream King.

Greg Iles, True Evil, Scribner, 528 pages

This could be *subtitled How to get rid of your spouse for a few million*. Eldon Tarver a researcher has found a way to infect victims with deadly disease. Teamed up with a greedy divorce lawyer in Natchez, Mississippi, he is doing all

right. Along comes FBI agent Alex Morse dedicated to prevent further mayhem. Iles may have been paid by the word (like Charles Dickens) as the story does drag out much too long

Eve Ensler: Insecure at Last, Villard, 202 pages.

For those who are into sociology, ethnic cleansing, tsunami victims and hot spots like Afghanistan and Kosovo, this is your book. Eve goes on to investigate the rapes of Mexican factory workers and communities torn apart by Katrina, but the main theme is the American quest for homeland security. That security will not bring a better place to live, but public health incentives and poverty reduction would. Security is a myth, change is inevitable so get used to it. Ensler is best known for her off Broadway play *The Vagina Monologues*.

Submitted by Rob Howard

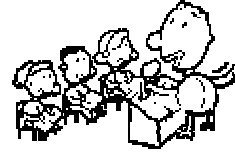
PROBUS CANADA

Did you know?

- There are 180 Probus Clubs and more than 23, 400 members across Canada
- The Probus Club in Cambridge, the first Probus Club chartered in Canada, is celebrating its 20th Anniversary in March
- The Probus Club in White Rock / South Surrey BC celebrates its 20th Anniversary in September
- Probus Clubs in Burlington and Collingwood ON celebrate their 20th in October
- National Probus President Beth Hickerson has been recognized for her ongoing contribution to Probus at both the local and national level with the

presentation of a "Life Membership" in her home club, The Probus Women's Club of Kitchener - Westmount

*From The Probus Letter,
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SMILES

A grandfather was so pleased with his grandson's accomplishments; he said to his wife, "He must have inherited my brains."

His wife replied, "You're probably right because I've still got mine."

ADMISSION TO HEAVEN

A guy dies and goes to heaven. He goes through the Pearly Gates and sees two doors. One door has a long line of men at it and the other has just one guy standing in front of it.

He says to Saint Peter, "What's with the two doors?"

Saint Peter replies, "Well, the door with the long line is for men who were henpecked their whole lives and the other door is for men who weren't henpecked at all."

The guy is curious so he goes up to the guy who is standing all alone.

He says, "What are you doing here?"

The other guy says, "I don't know, my wife told me to stand here."

GUEST SPEAKERS...

February 7th 2007 Jack Sisson, Curator at Peterborough Zoo

March 7th 2007 Peter Adams will speak on Canadian Parliament

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

May 2nd 2007 Ivo Nightingale will give a talk on his trips to Kenya.

June 6th 2007 Gayle Fleming, Curator at Hutchison House

July 4th 2007 Annual Barbecue

August 1st, 2007 Annual Picnic

September 5th 2007 Barb Rimmer will speak on Arthritis
Election Of Officers/Membership Due

October 2nd 2007 Peter Malkovsky of Fleming College will return to talk about International Affairs

November 7th 2007 TBA

December 5th 2007 Christmas Lunch