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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we enter 2007, I want to wish everybody Good Health and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



Our Christmas Luncheon/dinner was a huge success as most of you know, and the silent auction raised \$596.00 for the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper program. Thanks to everyone for your

donations and your purchases at the auction.

We have heard nothing but great comments on the program the Children's Choir produced for us. As Lawrence Welk used to say, "Wuneful, Wuneful." If you missed the dinner, the auction, and the Children's choir you missed a real treat!

Our membership in the club is now over 140 members with more people wishing to join. For this reason we are planning on exploring the possibility and feasibility of sponsoring a second club in Peterborough We understand there is interest for a club in Lakefield and Lindsay as well. These are just three possibilities with which to start. Before any decisions can be made all aspects must be explored and considered. We will need your feedback, interest, cooperation and support!

Welcome to our new Director at Large, George Moser and to our new Secretary, Don Earle.

Rug

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

MEMBERSHIP

Sponsoring A Second Club

Your Executive is looking at ways to accommodate new people who are attending the Peterborough & District Probus Club each month and wanting to join. Our club has reached its capacity of just over 140 members. It may be time for our Club to sponsor a second Club in the area.

An Ad Hoc Committee of Ivo Nightingale, Catherine McLeod and George Moser has been formed to look at three possibilities:

1. A Lindsay Club
2. A Lakefield Club
3. A Peterborough West Club

The Lindsay and Lakefield locations were suggested due to the number of requests to join from both those areas.

Late August or early September would be a good time to start the new Club under our sponsorship, as that is when dues renewal for the year is required.

Forming a second Club would also mesh with Probus Canada's goal of making 2007 the year to reach a goal of 200 clubs and 25,000 members. There are currently 181 Clubs in Canada with more than 23,100 members.

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact one of the Committee members.

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**

Christmas Lunch

Another successful Christmas lunch, once again thank you to Mae Smith and her group, was subsidized in the amount of \$646.00 from the Club's general fund. The Silent Auction raised \$596.40 that was donated to the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Drive.

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Casino Rama

Thursday January 25th 2007 is the day.

Nancy Wigg-Cummisky will be looking for final numbers at the January meeting so bus seating can be arranged. If you are attending you also need to let her know where you will catch the bus for the day:

1. Canada Coach, 791 Weber Ave., South of Lansdowne St, at 7:45 a.m. **(Please be there by 7:30 a.m.);**
2. Coffee Time at Fowler's Corners at 7:55 a.m.; or
3. The Admiral Inn on Hwy 7 in Lindsay at 8:15 a.m.

At the last two locations be sure to be on time or you may miss the bus. It will not stop long.

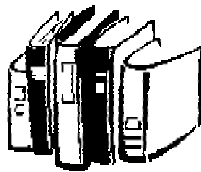
There is no charge for the trip, lunch is included, and bring your Casino card if you have one along with your money to try your luck. The bus should return to Peterborough by 5 p.m.

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



Public Triumph, Private Tragedy: The double life of John P. Robarts, Steve Paikin

Many of you will remember travelling to Colborne last year to hear Steve Paikin of TVO speak. Some of you may have purchased his book, but for those of you who didn't you may want to buy a copy

Chosen as Premier of Ontario in 1961, John P. Robarts transformed Canada's largest provincial government into a modern, sophisticated operation. When he won re-election in 1963, he had the highest percentage of the popular vote – 48.9 per cent – in Ontario's post-war history.

Despite his public successes, Robarts was haunted by his own private demons and events in his private life that affected him, such as the suicide of his son, Tim, in 1977. In 1981, debilitated by illness, Robarts also took his own life.

Paikin provides a well-rounded story of both Robarts accomplishments and his tragedies. Whether you are a Liberal, a Conservative, or affiliated with another party, this is still a good read about a part of Ontario's history with which you may be familiar.

The best part of the book, especially if you are familiar with the players from that time, is the section, *Where are they now?* that brings you up-to-date on names and faces from that era. There is also interesting information on the results of Ontario elections during Robarts's time in office.

Submitted by Catherine McLeod



GUEST SPEAKERS...

January 3rd 2007 Arlynn Dupuis will talk on new trends for estate planning

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

December 5th 2007 Christmas Lunch

FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

Probus Club of Camrose, AB... a warning about those electronic cards that have replaced the old keys for hotel rooms. You should never return them to the hotel but should cut them up and destroy them as they contain names and credit card numbers and could be a target for identity theft.

*From The Probus Letter,
Probus Centre-Canada Inc.*

HISTORY OF PROBUS IN CANADA

Probus Centre-Canada Inc. had prepared a document for viewing by all on the Probus Canada web site. Go to www.probus.org, click on "National Pages and Contacts," then on "Canada," and look to the column on the left side of the page. Click on the heading "History of Probus in Canada." You will find it to be very interesting reading as well as

good information to download and share with other Club members.

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SMILE

A large black cat arrives at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter tells him he can have whatever he wants when he goes into Heaven.

"Anything?" says the cat.

"Anything," says St. Peter.

"Well," says the cat, "I always wanted a big, soft, red velvet pillow to lie on."

"It will be yours," says St. Peter.

"Welcome to Heaven."

A short while later, a small mouse arrives at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter tells him he can have whatever he wants when he goes into Heaven.

"Anything?" says the mouse.

"Anything," says St. Peter.

"Well," says the mouse, "I always wanted one of those skateboards to run around on."

"It will be yours," says St. Peter.

"Welcome to Heaven."

A few days later, St. Peter is walking around heaven and sees the large cat purring on his red velvet pillow and licking his paws.

"How is everything going?" asks St. Peter.

"It's just great," says the cat. "Not only am I in Heaven, but I have the red velvet pillow I've always wanted, and boy, those meals on wheels are really great too."