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**Next Club Meeting and
Annual Barbecue – 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday July 4, 2007**

FROM THE PRESIDENT



This will be the last newsletter until September. Next month we meet for our Annual Barbecue here at the Naval club and in August we meet at the Zoo for our Annual Picnic. Be sure you get your tickets for

the Barbecue today so that we can know how much food to order.

I want to thank Catherine for the fine work she has done in running our web page, for writing the Newsletter when Ivo has been away, and for those little reminder notes to me to get something in print before the deadline. Thank you Catherine.

We have reinstated our waiting list for new members until we come to a final decision about sponsoring one or two new Probus Clubs in the area. You will hear more about that at today's meeting.

We are still looking for volunteers for the Management Committee. You all know that an organization like this can only run and be efficient if we have a group who are willing to help and put a little energy into making decisions, as well as bringing new ideas to us to explore so that we do not stagnate, wither and die like T-Rex did many centuries ago.

To all those who will be away for the summer, we wish you a happy holiday and we hope to see you all in the fall if not before.

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EVENTS COORDINATOR

Pass along your suggestions for places to visit or activities you would like to attend to our Events and Tours Co-ordinator **Anne Cook**, who can be reached at 743-7593. **Anyone with an idea for September should contact her.**

SPRING MIXER

There were 79 Peterborough and District Probus Club members attending the Spring Mixer on Thursday May 17 at Baltimore Recreation Centre, Baltimore.

The Northshore Probus Club hosted the event, and the Keynote speaker was Ted Barris, author, journalist, and broadcaster who gave a history of our soldiers in the First World War and signed copies of his books for those who purchased them.

Thank you to Vice President **Bill Durant** for coordinating ticket sales and the bus for those who chose not to drive themselves.

A total of 640 people attended from clubs as far east as Belleville and as far west as Pickering. The Classic Swing Orchestra provided entertainment and everyone was tapping their toes. A few even took to the arena floor for dancing to the memorable tunes. The 50/50 draw for the event totaled \$800 but

unfortunately none of our Club Members were lucky enough to “take home the loot.”

Door prize winners from Peterborough included:

Ralph Dorsey, two bottles of wine;
Helen Merrill, a complete car care kit from Krown Rust; and
Meg Durant, two bottles of wine.

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

JULY BBQ

Mae Smith is again coordinating our annual BBQ at the Naval Club on Wednesday July 4, our regular meeting date. Mae will sell tickets today. The July meeting will start at 11:00 am followed by the BBQ at 12 Noon.

AUGUST – PICNIC IN THE PARK

Mae Smith is coordinating this event again this year at the Riverdale Park and Zoo. Everybody who has attended past picnics say what a great feast and a good time they have had interacting with fellow Probus Members. It is worth coming back from the cottage to join in. Festivities get underway at 12 Noon.

Mae will be circulating a list at the meeting for those who plan to attend to sign and indicate if they are bringing a main course, salad, dessert, or other item. Those who are not at the meeting are requested to phone Mae with their information.

SEPTEMBER – Give your suggestions for events or activities to **Anne Cook**.

OCTOBER -CAR RALLY

Alex Lawrason and **Past President Charles Burge**, with the guidance of **Jack Valings** toured the back roads on May 28 to do preliminary planning for the Car Rally that will take place on Thursday October 11, 2007. Every attempt is being made to find a suitable lunch venue, but it may be difficult to maintain the \$20 cost of past years. The committee will be calling on other volunteers shortly.

BRIDGE CLUB

Marg Fleming has announced the end of season event for the Bridge Club will be held at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club on Wednesday June 20, 2007, starting at 12 Noon. There will be lunch followed by Bridge. Cost is \$14.50 and you can let Marg know if you are attending. She has up until two days prior to the event to set lunch numbers. Anyone who would like to join the Bridge Club next year should contact Marg.

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

PROPOSED PROBUS CLUBS

The formation of a Lakefield Probus Club is progressing. The initial meeting is being planned for September, the date, time, and place to be announced. For more information please call **George Mosier @ 652 9238** or **Ruggles Pritchard @745 3768**.

Meanwhile, your Management Committee has struck an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of **President Rug Pritchard, Vice-President Bill Durant, Past President Charles Ruggles, and Special Events Co-ordinator Mae Smith** to look into also starting a second club in Peterborough.

GUEST SPEAKERS

June 6, 2007 Gayle Fewings, Curator at Hutchinson House

July 4, 2007 Annual Barbecue

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

September 5, 2007 Barb Rimmer will speak on Arthritis.

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

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

December 5, 2007 Christmas Lunch

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/



THE BOOKSHELF

Forty Words for Sorrow

By Giles Blunt

Random House Canada, 2000, 236 Pgs

A friend who lives in Australia recommended this read. She is very aware that we enjoy mysteries and assured us that we would not be disappointed and she was right!

It was refreshing to read a book, which takes place in the (fictitious) city of Algonquin Bay located on the shores of Lake Nipissing, 250 miles north of Toronto.

The story introduces Detective John Cardinal whose personal problems are intertwined throughout the book. He takes charge of a case where four teenagers have gone missing and very early in the story the body of thirteen year old Katie Pine is pulled out of an abandoned mine shaft. It continues from there.

Available at your Public Library

Submitted by Barbara Howard

Victory at Vimy

Ted Barris

Thomas Allen Publishers, Toronto,
2007, 300 Pgs

Ted Barris makes history come alive if you heard his Vimy story at the Probus Mixer in Baltimore.

However, it would seem that Barris did not have anyone check his military facts.

Page 55 has the 48th Highlander of Canada, a Toronto regiment, coming from Winnipeg! (See Kim Beatty's book *Dileas*, 1932 for part of the 48th history.)

The Royal Regiment of Canada on the fold-out between page 124 and 125 is the 3rd Bn. (See Stacy's *Battle Royal*, 1962.) The 3rd Bn was the Toronto Regt and the Queen's Own Rifle, as the Royals did not come into being until 1936/7.

Lewis guns took ball or tracer cartridges not shells and mortars fire bombs.

Despite these technical inaccuracies the book is easy to read and enjoyed by all who obtained a copy.

Submitted by Rob Howard

Blackfly Season

Giles Blunt

Random House Canada, 2005, 326 Pgs

It's blackfly season here so the book is very apropos of the season. Detective Cardinal is back with colleague Detective Lise Delorme along with a list of characters such as Wombat Guthrie, a biker.

An Indian shaman and young woman who can't remember her name or where she is from add interest to the story and challenge Cardinal's powers of detection, a manic depressive photographer also adds to his burden.

Submitted by Rob Howard

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.**

Marjorie Hatton has volunteered to take on the position of Treasurer following the September elections, and **Gladys Martyn** has come on board immediately as a Director at Large. Please congratulate them when you see them at our meetings.

The committee is still seeking members willing to fill the Vice President and Secretary positions. It would be good to have additional members willing to serve in some positions to provide back up and ensure longer term planning is in place.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, membership renewals are **due by August 31** for the year September 1 2007 through to August 31, 2008.

The Club is trying something different this year.

1. **Cheques**, made out to **Probus Club of Peterborough and District**, can be post dated to August 31, 2007,
2. Cheques may be given or mailed to **Membership Chair (Ivo Nightingale)**. 10 - 1850 Cherryhill Road, Peterborough ON K9K 2E3
3. Ivo will record renewed memberships then pass the cheques over to the Club Treasurer for deposit to the

club's account. Receipts will be issued along with the revised Membership list in September or early October.

This change will facilitate more timely maintenance and distribution of the membership list, and lessen the burden for the treasurer.

The Membership chair will contact those who have not renewed early in September to confirm their intention to remain a member.

Why not give Ivo your post-dated membership cheque at today's meeting!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome **Mark Evans, Heather Gardiner, and Anne Wisenden** as new members of our Probus Club. Please make them feel welcome at our meetings.

Your Management Committee has decided the club will not accept any further new members, instead placing names on a waiting list, or referring them to the new Probus Clubs that will be formed.

PETERBOROUGH PROBUS CLUB'S MEMORIAL BENCH

Now the better weather has finally arrived, newer club members, and long standing club members, who have yet to visit the bench dedicated to the memory of our club members who have passed on, may wish to take a stroll along the Rotary Trail between Lakefield and Trent University.

(Hint – the bench is closer to Lakefield and beside a shelter and small pond by the roadside that runs between Lakefield and Trent on the east side of the river.)

NO JULY NEWSLETTER

As your current **Newsletter Editor Ivo Nightingale** will be in Rome, and your **Backup and Incoming Newsletter Editor Catherine McLeod** will be on her boat somewhere in the 1000 Islands, there will be no newsletter distributed at the July meeting prior to the BBQ. Watch for all the news to return in September.



SMILES

It was 1870 and a British man-of-war was sailing along the coast of France. The crew's next lookout hollers out, "One man-of-war on the horizon."

The Captain calls the ship to Quarters and tells his steward to go below and bring his red shirt. The steward does as he is asked, the Captain changes to the red shirt, and the battle begins.

The British ship wins the battle, the men fought bravely and all was well. The Captain's steward is curious if the red shirt was for luck, so he asked the Captain why the red shirt.

The Captain replied that the red shirt was for morale – in case the Captain was wounded, the men would not see the red blood and thus keep their courage during the fight.

A couple of days later, the lookout hollers, "Twenty men-of-war on the horizon." The Captain's steward asked the Captain if he wanted his red shirt.

The Captain replied, "No – bring me my brown pants."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There are some things in life worse than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman?

Why be difficult when with a bit of effort you can be impossible?

Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets – *Yogi Berra*

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets the more interested he is in her- *Agatha Christie*

I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom – *General George S. Patton*

TV is chewing gum for the eyes – *Frank Lloyd Wright*

Your Newsletter Editors hope you all have a great summer!

