

Probus Peterborough Papyrus

Probus Club of Peterborough and District

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**Next Club Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 7th June 2006.**

The President, Past President, Vice President and Club Treasurer met on April 20th to review the Club's Constitution and Bylaws.

The reason for this review was to ensure our practices are reflective of what we are in fact doing and to incorporate any suggestions from Probus Centre – Canada, Inc., and “The presidents Meeting” at Rendezvous 2005, which took place in Huntsville last September.

A draft copy of proposed changes will be briefly reviewed this morning. Club members will have an opportunity to examine a “hard copy” during the coffee break.

The changes will be voted on by the Club at our June meeting and submitted to Stone Avery, Director District #1 Probus Centre – Canada, Inc. July and August are travel and cottage time for many of our members. It is important that we try to have our committees and management team for 2006-7 in place by July. We have great experience, tremendous talent and “ideas folk” in our Club. Tasks are not onerous so PLEASE consider making a contribution and volunteer for one of the many small jobs that are so necessary to ensure things run smoothly.

Charles

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please update your membership lists

Margaret Thomas

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Our Club's membership total now stands at 135 members.



GUEST SPEAKERS .

May 3rd Jennifer Couling from Peterborough Hospital Foundation.

June 7th Bill McNab from Brock Street Mission.

July 5th BBQ at Naval Club.

August 2nd Pot luck Picnic.

September 6th Terry Hawkins on topic of milk bottles.
Also Election of Club Executive for 2006-07

October 4th Peter Mavelosky Professor at Fleming College

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Visit to the Canadian Canoe Museum

Last Wednesday April 26th 9 club members enjoyed a very interesting tour of Peterborough's wonderful Canoe Museum. They all felt their time there was well spent and will be encouraging those who have yet to experience this magnificent facility to get on down to the museum and bring their friends too. It is a great place to take visitors from out of town. It is easy to find – right across from the Evinrude Centre, at 910 Monaghan Road.

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Communications Museum in Kingston Tuesday 16th May

The United Service Institute (USI) are offering the 6 seats available on their bus to Probus members. The cost of \$35.00 per person covers bus, museum entrance, lunch in the Officer's Mess at Vimy Barracks and a further break at Fort Frontenac on the way back. Contact **Denny Ernst** at his work number **292 5763**. First come first served.

Interclub Spring Mixer

The **Colborne Probus Club** is coordinating this **interclub event** to be held at the **Keeler Center, 80 Division Street, Colborne. Wednesday May 17th**

Steve Paikin, co-host of TV Ontario's Studio 2, will be the keynote speaker. He will be promoting his book "**Public Triumph Private Tragedy**" The double life of John P. Robarts. You'll have the opportunity to purchase and have Steve sign any or all of his three books.

9:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker
11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
11:30 a.m. Live Entertainment
12:00 Buffet lunch, door prizes, cash bar
1:00 p.m. Closing

Ruggles Pritchard has the sign up sheet and additional tickets for sale - **\$20.00 per person**. He is also coordinating a bus for those who would like to travel that way.

Picton Back Roads Tour

Wednesday 21st June. \$94.16 with Stewart Travel Services. The tour includes - Kokimo Candle Land, a country store, visit to Proctor Silex Company, lunch at Waring House plus winery tour, visit to the Village of Bloomfield and a tour of Carmela Estates Winery. The bus would be leaving at 9:00 a.m. and returning approximately 7:30 p.m.

To avoid disappointment call Stewart Travel at 743-8683 as soon as you return home today. Stewart Travel will send you confirmation of your booking along with a brochure for the tour.

Club BBQ - Wednesday July 5th. See **Mae Smith** to sign up.

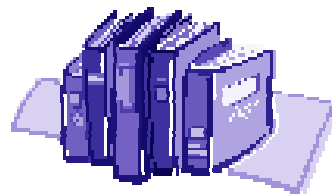
Club Summer Picnic – Wednesday 2nd August. See **Mae Smith** to sign up and indicate what you will be contributing.

Toyota Plant Tour Tuesday 26th September Includes coach, motorized tram around the plant , smorgasbord lunch Estimated cost \$67 +

GST. (There is an optional \$5.00 cancellation insurance) This is turning out to be a very popular event. Space is limited to 48 people. First come (and paid) first served by calling **Cardinal Coach Tours at 1-877-343-7773**. They will confirm your place, and send to you a brochure with details. Toyota will need names in advance to do security checks. Visitors must wear shoes, not sandals, and trousers not skirts for the ladies. You will be issued a lab coat to wear during the tour. No cameras will be permitted during the plant tour.

Car Rally Wednesday 11th October – Be sure to mark this day on your calendar as you will not want to miss this most popular annual Club event. Details will follow in the coming months. Alex Lawrason and his committee are trying to keep the cost to \$20.00 per head for the lunch at a mystery location. There will be a sign up sheet available at the Club's June meeting.

THE BOOKSHELF



Donald E. Graves has written two books on Canadian history. Both deal with when the Americans invaded Canada militarily instead of financially. ***Field of Glory (1999)*** deals with the battle of Chrysler's Farm and preceding battle at Chateauguay in 1813. The Americans sent a two prong attack against the main objective Montreal. Graves gives a

graphic account of the 300 small boats shooting the rapids on the St Lawrence and of the other attacking and their horrendous long march through the swamps of Upper New York State.

Where Right and Glory Lead! (1997)

Describes the background and build up of the 5,000 American, British and Canadian soldiers who clashed in the dark within sound of Niagara Falls. A third of the combatants were casualties by morning. It is still debated as to who won. Lundy's Lane was the bloodiest battle of the War of 1812. Read the book and decide for yourself.

George MacDonald Fraser, *Flashman on the March*, 2005 Alfred A. Knopf New York

"Flashie" is back in what appears to be his twelfth adventure. Flashman is a rogue of the first order. He is always thinking of ways to evade his duty as a soldier of the Queen (Queen Victoria) and is devout coward. During his many adventures or mis-adventures he ends up with the Victoria Cross (VC), Knight Commander of the Bath (K.C.B.), and the American Medal of Honour to name a few. His sojourns always involve a pretty girl (or two or three). For a light read and a chuckle or two or more read any of the Flashman series.

Submitted by Rob Howard

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Why, Why, Why.

Why do you press harder on a remote control when you know the batteries are getting weak?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

At a certain age we must re-learn the alphabet:

A is for Apple, and B is for Boat,
That used to be right, But now it won't float!

Now A's for arthritis; B's the bad back,
C is the chest pains, perhaps cardiac?
D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight, can't read that top line!
F is for fissures and fluid retention,
G is for gas which I'd rather not mention.
H is high blood pressure -I'd rather it low;
I is for incisions with scars you can show.
J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend,
K is for knees that crack when they bend.
L is for libido, what happened to sex?

M is for memory, I forget what comes next!
N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low;
O is for osteo, the bones that don't grow!
P is for prescriptions, I have quite a few,
Just give me a pill and I'll be good as new!
Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?
R is for reflux, one meal turns to two.
S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,
T is for Tinnitus; there's bells in my ears!
U is for urinary; big troubles with flow;
V is for vertigo, that's "dizzy" you know.
W is for worry, NOW what's going 'round?
X is for X-ray, and what might be found.
Y is another year I'm left here behind,
Z is for zest that I still have - in my mind.

I've survived all the symptoms, my body's deployed,
And I've kept twenty-six 'doctors' fully employed!!! .