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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I think spring has finally arrived. After the weather of the last three weeks, I had begun to wonder if it ever would. It

definitely has warmed up and the sun is beginning to give us the heat that makes working outside a little more enjoyable.



The pair of green head mallards that have been nesting in the field behind our

house for the past 3 years are back again this year. There is a new hawk flying over the fields. I think it is a sharp shinned hawk, but I am not completely sure. Purple Martins now have a new Martin house ready for their return this year. The swallows are back as we have seen three around the feeders so the martins are not far behind.

This turkey, I captured on film, was in my back garden last fall.



Rug

**Next Club Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6th June 2007**

EVENTS COORDINATOR

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

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SPRING MIXER

Today is your last opportunity to purchase tickets to **at \$23.00 per person** for the **Spring Mixer** being held on **Thursday 17th May at Baltimore Recreation Centre, Baltimore.** Hosted by the **Northshore Probus Club**, the **Keynote speaker** is **Ted Barris**, author, journalist and broadcaster.

Vice President Bill Durant is coordinating ticket sales and the bus, which will leave Portage Place by the Beer Store at 7:30 am sharp. The actual cost for the bus will be determined when final number of passengers is known.

It looks like 69 club members plan to attend the Spring Mixer and so far 39 have indicated they would like to go on the bus. There is still room on the bus for one or two more.

If you would like to attend and have yet to purchase your ticket contact Bill.

Bruce Steele from Northshore Probus will be at today's meeting to collect final numbers and money.

Remember to wear your Peterborough Probus Club Name Tag.

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 today and at the June meeting. The July meeting will start at 11:00 am followed by the BBQ at 12 noon.

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 is worth coming back from the cottage to join in.

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

OCTOBER -CAR RALLY

Planning this event needs to start soon. Tentative date is Wednesday October 10th. However, as this is also election day, an alternate date may be sought. 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, have a page on their website www.sjprobus.ca, with updates as they happen. 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.

OSHAWA PROBUS - GOLF

The Oshawa Probus Club has invited our club members to participate in their Third Probus Golf Day at the Oshawa Airport Golf Club on Wednesday May 30th, 2007. Tee times will be from 1.00 pm to 2:30 pm, four person scramble format, hot and cold buffet after golf, Prizes, cost \$50 per person. Carts available for \$15 per person.

Our club entered a foursome at the first Oshawa tournament. Volunteer wanted to co-ordinate for our club. Talk to Ivo Nightingale who has entry form with details.

PROPOSED LAKEFIELD PROBUS CLUB

George Mosier, Chair of the Founding Committee is recovering from his accident and hopes to be at today's meeting. Plans are moving ahead, albeit more slowly as a result of George's broken leg. George will bring our membership up to date with plans for the new club as they come to fruition.

THE BOOKSHELF



No reviews submitted this month.

Please forward book reviews to the newsletter editor – for June newsletter email to Catherine McLeod.

GUEST SPEAKERS

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

June 6th 2007 Gayle 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.

The committee has a volunteer for the Treasurer and Director at large and is seeking members willing to fill the Vice President and Secretary positions. It would be good to have additional members willing to serve in some of

these positions to provide back up and ensure longer term planning in place.

Web designer, **Catherine McLeod**, who has often filled in as Newsletter Editor, has offered to be the **Probus Newsletter Editor** from September.
(Thanks Catherine - Ed.)

Membership renewals. -

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

PROBUS DISTRICT #1 NEW DIRECTOR

The new **Probus Canada Director** representing District #1 clubs, which includes Peterborough Probus Club, is **Tim Haitzma** from the **Belleville Probus Club**. Hopefully those attending the Spring Mixer will have an opportunity to meet and congratulate him on his appointment.

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.)

**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/