

# Probus Peterborough Papyrus



## Probus Club of Peterborough and District

4<sup>th</sup> October, 2006



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just a short note to welcome you all back, and to welcome our new members. As you know we have invited those persons who are on

our waiting list to come to our meetings until we find out just how many available spaces there will be for this coming year.

Terry Hawkin's talk on milk bottles was great. The many questions he fielded after his talk showed just how much interest his topic generated. Thanks again Terry.

Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be Elizabeth Vanderwater. Topic: Sleeping Children Around the World. Elizabeth has just returned from Sri Lanka where she helped distribute 5000 bed kits to needy children.

Our Christmas Luncheon is coming soon and I remind you to keep this date open.

**WE STILL NEED A VOLUNTEER OR TWO TO TAKE OVER THE SECRETARY'S JOB. DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY !!!!!**

The Annual Car Rally is Wednesday October 11th

Happy Motoring.

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**Next Club Meeting - 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2006.**

## MEMBERSHIP

**Membership dues for 2006/07 are now past due.**

If you have not already renewed, please see Treasurer Bob Fanning **today**.

Currently eighteen people have submitted applications forms and are on the waiting list to join this club. We would like to confirm as many of them as possible prior to printing and distributing an updated membership list.

The new target date for distribution of the revised membership list is the November meeting.

At this time copies of the revised Club Constitution and Bylaws together with a website information consent form that will need to be completed and returned, will also be distributed.

As our club's waiting list is likely to continue to grow, perhaps this club should consider sponsoring a second Probus Club in this area.

Volunteers willing to assist on a committee to undertake such a project should contact a member of the club executive. Let us see if we can move on this.

For the Club to run effectively it does need a Club Secretary and a back up person for when the Club Secretary is unable to attend a meeting.

A second Vice President is also being sought to bring additional ideas forward and to ensure efficient transition of the management team.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### Toyota Plant Tour

By 7:55 a.m. the Probus Peterborough contingent aboard Cardinal Tours bus headed off via Lindsay to pick up additional passengers, including some Probus members. Short coffee break in Whitby then on to the African Lion Safari Park for an all you can eat smorgasbord lunch. After a short stroll around the exotic birds of prey cages we re-boarded the coach to arrive at the Toyota plant in Cambridge by 2 o'clock. After being checked in by security, the group was welcomed in the auditorium and shown a brief video before being issued with safety goggles and lab coats for those wearing synthetic or loose clothing. The group boarded three trams. Names were rechecked and headphones tested prior to being driven around much of the 73 acre plant. Many areas, like the paint shop, are off limits to the tours however, we witnessed the big presses stamping out panels from sheets of raw steel, literally hundreds of robots doing welding and other jobs as our trams wended their way through and around the various production and assembly lines. There was so much to see that it felt the trams moved too fast at times for us to take it all in. The floors were spotless. Only sufficient materials for four hours of production are on hand at any time. There is no inventory of finished cars on the lot as each car is pre sold then built according to the specifications requested. The relatively few workers appeared happy carrying out their tasks. Quality, quality, quality was mentioned often. Every team member has the authority to stop the line if they see anything not quite how it should be.

Visitors are left with the feeling the teams were proud of their individual contribution towards the finished product. The finished cars driving off the end of the line for final testing certainly sparkled and everyone owning a Toyota can rest assured that only the very best was good enough in the manufacturing of their car.

Cardinal Tours Courier, Lyle, imparted interesting trivia, and a few good jokes along the way. Our Club's very own Alec Lawrason told the best joke. Bad luck those you who missed this trip, you missed some fine jokes and a really interesting day with your Probus colleagues. Don't miss out on the next event Nancy Wigg Cummysky and Marjory Hatton coordinate.

## **UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

### **Car Rally Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** –

This year, to facilitate the large number of participants, there will be **two starting locations**. Check the posted lists for your car number, passengers, starting place and time.

Some drivers may prefer to pick up their passengers from their home, while others may plan to meet at the starting locations. Drivers and passengers please liaise with each other. We don't want anyone left behind.

### **Third Annual Probus Mixed Curling Bonspiel**

The Probus Club of Northumberland has extended an invitation to our Club to enter a team(s) to the Third Annual Probus Mixed Curling Bonspiel being held at the Dalewood Golf and Curling

club on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be two six-end games. Morning coffee and lunch provided. Prizes, surprises, fun and fellowship too. All included for \$30 per player or \$120 per team. Entry form to be returned by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Christmas Turkey Lunch**

### **Wednesday 6th December**

Plans are underway for the club's most popular event of the year – the Christmas lunch. Mae Smith once again is organizing this event. See her during the coffee break to sign up and ensure your seat. Last year you will remember there was a very successful silent auction and we were beautifully entertained by a children's choir. What would you like for this year?

## **RENDEZVOUS 2008**

**Probus Canada Inc** along with the **Probus Clubs of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island** will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rendezvous in the Fundy City of St John, New Brunswick September 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2008. If you have never visited the Maritimes this would be an excellent opportunity to enjoy the fun and fellowship of Probus members from across Canada.

Suggestions have been voiced that we may travel by train as a group or perhaps include the Rendezvous as part of a longer coach tour. If you would be interested in either of these suggestions contact Nancy Wigg-Cummisky and the executive will see what might be organized. Although this is not until 2008 it takes time to organize so please come forward with your support or ideas.

Ivo Nightingale has offered to be the club's liaison with the Rendezvous Committee. If you think you might be interested in attending, ask Ivo for a copy of the survey the organizing committee has sent out to all Probus Clubs.



## GUEST SPEAKERS ..

**October 4<sup>th</sup> Peter Malkovsky,**  
Professor at Fleming College, his topic  
International trade.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Vanderwater**  
Her topic - Sleeping Children Around  
the World

**December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> Arlyna Dupius** talk on new  
trend for estate planning

**February 7<sup>th</sup> Jack Sisson** Curator at  
Peterborough Zoo

**March 7<sup>th</sup> Peter Adams** whose topic  
will be Canadian Parliament

**April 4<sup>th</sup> Alec Lawrason** will talk on  
the history and making of matches  
(This meeting may have to be moved to 11<sup>th</sup>  
April due to conflict of booking of Admiralty  
Hall).

## THE BOOKSHELF



P.D. James: *The Lighthouse*, 2005,  
Vintage Canada Edition 2006, Random  
House, Toronto. Another Adam  
Dalglish mystery, set in a mythical  
island off the coast of Cornwall.

Dalglish is on a precipice of emotion, as  
he wonders about his relationship with  
Emma Lavenham. His depleted team of  
an Inspector and a Sergeant has to solve  
a murder without drawing any undue  
attention to the case. The four hundred  
and twenty eight pages will hold the  
reader enthralled and improve their  
knowledge of scrabble.

Wayne Johnson: *The Navigator of New  
York*, 2002 Vintage Canada 2003,  
Random House Toronto. Johnston a  
Newfoundlander, weaves a tale of  
mystery around historical facts and  
figures. The tale takes the reader from St  
John's to New York City, the Artic Polar  
Regions, Denmark and back to New  
York. Based on Peary's explorations and  
some of his rivals in the search for fame  
as to who would reach the North Pole  
first. Two murders take place during the  
story and interwoven through the  
exploration, is a love story. The  
descriptions of New York City in the  
very early 20<sup>th</sup> century add colour to the  
story.

Les Peate: *The War That Wasn't*, 2005,  
Esprit de Corps Books, Ottawa Les  
Peate served six years in the British  
army, 2 years as a police constable

before coming to Canada, were he served both in the regular army and the reserves for 31 years. Peate was a junior non-commissioned officer with service in the lines during the Korean “police action”. He knows first hand what it was like. In 225 pages (10 chapters) he covers the story of the infantry, artillery, signals and armoured, plus the supporting service arms in an easy to read and interesting style. His factual but vivid account of the second battalion (2 Bn) the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) at Kapyong where they won a Presidential Citation is a piece of Canadian history that should make every Canadian proud of their armed forces. Peate covers the war in the air and on the sea and praise the Korean porters who carried the supplies into the lines to support the fighting troops. A must read for the history buff.



### **TELEPHONE COMMITTEE**

Margaret Fleming and Peggy Edmison and have offered to serve on this committee along with:

Audrey Thornton (coordinator)  
 Elaine Correll  
 Margaret Gilpin  
 Muriel McEwen  
 Betty Pritchard  
 Betty Sheehan  
 Marjorie Topping

The list of names to call for each committee member will be distributed with the updated membership list at the November meeting.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*Cribbed from the Probus Northshore’s September Newsletter.*

Why is it people say they “slept like a baby” when babies wake up every two hours?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They are going to see you naked anyway.

How is it we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

Why do you have to “put your two cents in”... but it is only “a penny for your thoughts”? Where’s that extra penny going to?

Once you’re in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?



### **Thanksgiving a.k.a. Harvest Festival**

As family and friends gather around the thanksgiving table, remember to spare a thought for absent family and friends, and especially those less fortunate.

PROBUS CLUB OF PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 MEETING

Past President Ivo Nightingale opened the meeting in the absence of our President Charles Burge. Ivo read the slate of officers for the coming year advising that our club lacked a secretary but no volunteers stepped forward.

President: Ruggles Pritchard  
Vice-President: Bill Durant  
Secretary: Open  
Treasurer: Bob Fanning

Ivo moved that the list be accepted as read – Carried

Ruggles Pritchard took over the meeting as our new president and welcomed 72 members and 13 guests.

The minutes of the last meeting which were distributed, were approved by Marjorie Hatton and seconded by Betty Prichard – Carried

The treasurer's report which was also distributed, was approved by Alan Garnett and seconded by Lynda Nightingale – Carried

Alex described the Car Rally and advised the completed list will be posted at the next meeting. If there are any corrections or queries please call Alex at 652-8741. The two areas for departure will be:

- (a) Willow Creek Mall
- (b) McCloskey's at the corner of Hwy 28 & Hwy 7

Our speaker Terry Hawkins gave a very informative talk on milk bottles. It is always amazing to hear about different things that people collect along with the history involved.

Our share the wealth winners, Sheila Durie and Shirley Watson each won \$25.00. Congratulations!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.