

THE TATTLER

PROBUS CLUB LAKEFIELD and AREA

June 2008

THE PRES-SAYS

Good things happening!

We continue to grow with three new members on the roster, Shirley Twist, Shirley Watson, and Nancy Warren. Welcome ladies.

Spring Fling - Port Hope

Eighteen members from our Probus club attended the Probus Interclub Spring Fling event held at the Jack Burger Sports Complex in Port Hope on May 28. More than 700 - that's correct - 700 - Probians from Eastern Ontario filled the hockey arena.

Entertainment was provided by the "Ancient Music Trio" in the lobby and the Cobourg Concert band in the arena. A delicious hot lunch buffet was served in less than half an hour. Amazing!

The keynote speaker was Marina Nemat, author of "A Prisoner of Tehran."

Unfortunately the hockey game sound system was not adequate, so many people were not able to understand the presentation. However, many people did purchase the book so all was not lost.

Our members Keith and Marion Gummo told me that they had read the book before they went and found it fascinating. Perhaps Bonnie will put it in our "Book Shelf" for the future.

"Future?" That's a good thought. How many Eastern Ontario Probians could we fit into the Lakefield Arena? (Ok, Ok, don't shoot - I'm only kidding.)

Coming Soon - Lakefield Probus Website

Remember to keep smiling.

Cheers, George

GUEST SPEAKERS



July 16
July 2008 David Hadden - Lakefield
College School

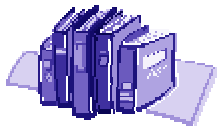
August
NO MEETING

September 17
Tony Bigg - Local Birds

October 15
Gale Corbet - History of Catharine Wallace
a local artist and scholar - Also Annual
Meeting

November 19
TBA

December
Christmas Get Together



THE BOOKSHELF

Review by Ann Turner-Murphy

Ann will be speaking on books of Bonnie
Davidson. Bonnie is our very own resident
author.

Her titles include:
Hallowed Be Thy Name 1999
Bermuda Onions 2000
The Cruise Ship Murders 2002

If you have a book that you would like to share
either verbally or written, please contact Bonnie.

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INTERESTING FACTS AND **PHRASES**

by Derek Welch

It was accepted practice in Babylon 4,000
years ago that for a month after the
wedding, the bride's father would supply
his son-in-law with all the mead he could
drink. Mead is a honey beer, and because
their calendar was lunar based, this period
was called the honey month, which we
know today as the Honeymoon.

Did you know that Coca-Cola was
originally green?



Thank you for remembering
your mug!

BON MOTS
BY BON-nie Davidson

Summertime! And the living is easy. Time to relax, sit by the lake, and swing in the hammock with a good novel open in your lap. But which novel? I have asked several people for their best choice for easy reading. Nothing too taxing for the grey cells for the sunny humid days of July and August. Some of the following books have been around for a few seasons and therefore easy to find.

For the traveler, rather old chestnuts: Peter Mayle's *A Year in Provence* and *Hotel Pastis - A novel of Provence*, as well as Frances Mayes *Under the Tuscan Sun* and *Bella Tuscany - the Sweet Life in Italy*.

Anita Shreve has written many interesting books. One of the most intriguing is *The Pilot's Wife* and more recently, *Body Surfing*, which may be more enjoyed by the females in the group. For a touch of the old sod, Maeve Binchy of Ireland provides so many choices. Two of my favourites are, *Evening Class* and *Glass Lake*.

Now for the mystery enthusiast, everyone has his or her favourite author. Three of mine are: Peter Robinson of Toronto who was once writer in residence at Trent whose books are situation in the UK with Inspector Alan Banks as his main character. Usually a bit of romance involved. Try *Blood at the Root* and *Cold is the Grave*. Jonathan and Faye Kellerman are prolific mystery writers. Jonathan with his main character Alex Delaware in *Therapy* and *Gone*. Detective Peter Decker and wife Rina Lazarus appear in Faye's novels *Street Dreams*, *Forgotten*, and *Stone Kiss*. Last but certainly not least, a southern author Sue Monk Kidd whose novels *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Mermaid Chair* have been international best sellers for several years.

Good reading - happy summer!

BALANCING ACT



HUMOUR

Hearing Aid

A man was telling his neighbour, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me \$4000, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."

"Really," Answered the neighbour. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."