



The PROBIAN ~ December 2012 Edition

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Apropos

Given the median age of our members, the Christmas and New Year's Season is usually a time of reflection on years past. Many of us look back at our own lives and believe that we spent most of them in a simpler time when Canadian civic values were understood and generally followed. Today we often feel adrift in an interconnected and rapidly changing world. We are able, however, to still make a major contribution to our community by making a determined effort to be true to those values that we feel are now missing from our communal and national life. The line, "let it begin with me" from the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth" is the place to start. As members of Probus, we can carefully craft our behavior within the club itself to reflect the very best in each of us. Who knows, by doing that each in our own way, we can be "a light unto the world"?

Dennis Dwyer & Colin Stephenson

(Apropos reflects the views of the Editors but not necessarily those of the Club.)

Clive Addy & Friends on Security and Safety



A few times each year, we're fortunate to have a member bring us a presentation that enriches our understanding of the fast-changing world we live in. General Addy led a team consisting of our Police Chief, Pat Capello, Fire Chief, Steve Fournier, and Dir. of Emergency Preparedness, Lauren Walton — From the international scene of cyber-security, organized crime, smuggling, piracy and terrorism, right down to the provincial and local concerns of personal security, infrastructure protection and youth issues, they all alerted us to the extent and complexity of security threats in our society. Even here, in what many believe to be a small community safe from the ravages of "the big-bad-world" outside, we are no longer always safe from natural disasters or crimes affecting ourselves and our children.

For almost all of us, it came as a shock to be confronted with how well organized and financed criminal and terrorist behavior is. We also realized that those in uniform and out of uniform who serve us in the various local, regional, national, and international military, police and security forces, deserve our support and thanks. Often they work in areas where public recognition of their important work is just not possible. Certainly, in the new "Twitter" and instant e-culture that now characterizes the 24 hour news cycle, we can all positively contribute by not jumping to conclusions and spreading unsubstantiated "facts" we see on TV or find on internet blogs.

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Security ~ continued

As Canadians, we are fortunate that we do have an intelligence and security community that is professional and operates within a culture of public service. To Clive, Pat, Steve, and Lauren, our thanks for a most interesting and valuable time together.



Steve Fournier, Pat Capello, Lauren Walton & Clive Addy

Special Future Events



- **Jan. 26** – Robbie Burns Dinner & Dance, at the Perth Legion. Cocktails 6pm, dinner 7pm, music by The Champagnes, all for \$22. Reservations can be made at the Jan 9th meeting, with payment by cheque or correct change please.
- **Feb. 22** – Dinner / Theatre Event ~ Stone Cellar Restaurant & Studio Theatre play “*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*”.
- **April 18** – Dinner / Theatre Event ~ Full Circle Theatre
- **May 29** – Gananoque Theatre ~ “*Suds ~ the Rocking 60’s Musical Soap Opera*”

Management Team Notes



- **The January meeting will be moved to January 9th.**
- Found at the Christmas party ~ one large brown Ralph Lauren woman’s glove.

Lunch After January 9th Meeting

@ Michael’s Restaurant

Quote for the Month :

“ SILENT SABOTAGE (COLLAPSE IN VALUES) SPREADS THROUGH OUR SOCIETY LIKE A CANCER, DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN SIGHT.”

From “Silent Sabotage” by William J. Morin (1995)

Speakers' Corner

Jan. 9 ~ Chris McGuire Sherwin and her team of Bonnie Waugh, Terry Roach, and Susan Samila will talk about Lanark County Community Home Support initiatives. This presentation promises to be of particular interest to our members. CHSLC offers an astonishing range and variety of support services to seniors and adults with physical disabilities to enable them to stay in their homes. It is a member of our local LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) and the United Way. Their web site www.chslc.ca is very informative. We urge you to visit it. Hopefully, some of our members will want to volunteer, donate, and/or use some of the services offered.



Thanks to Our Past President



Past President Dan Murphy is thanked belatedly by President Richard Thomson

New Member Welcomed



New member Mavis Woolham welcomed by Richard Thomson and Don McDiarmid

Christmas Dinner Party

From all accounts, the Christmas dinner party was another huge success. Mary Kilgour deserves a very big round of applause for pulling it off once again, this time with the assistance of Ted Glugosh. Almost 100 people took part in the festivities. The music, provided by Simon Clark was varied, interesting, and obviously motivated most to venture out onto the dance floor. Pictures of this event follow, courtesy of Mary.





*Seasons Greetings
and the
very best wishes wishes
for 2013*

