



The PROBIAN ~ February 2011 Edition

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Snow Day.....

It seems that snow days are not just for students. For only the second time in its 15 year history, a Probus Perth meeting was cancelled due to snow. The February 2nd meeting was cancelled when President Mike realized that most of the folks with "speaking roles" were snowed in and unable to get out of their driveways. Approximately 17 cm of snow fell on the region, coupled with wind to create drifting conditions. Acting quickly, Mike made calls to Lake 88 to request an announcement of the cancellation and to Webmaster Colin to ask him to send emails to the membership list. The message was sent with dispatch on both mediums. Mike then made his way over to the Legion to post a sign and to talk to anyone who showed up for the meeting. According to Mike 15 to 20 hardy souls turned up and some went on to the Factory Grind for a really good brew.

The Management Team suggests that you may want to check your email or tune in to Lake 88, if you are in any doubt about whether a meeting or planned activity might be adversely impacted by the weather in future.

For those keeping track, the last time a meeting was cancelled due to snow was in March 2008. We received about 27 cm of snow on that occasion.

The Management Committee

Did you know that your Management Team meets on the Monday following almost all Probus meetings to plan the next meetings, as well as any special events? This picture was taken on February 7th and it features all of the current Team, including Ian who left his sick-bed to be there. Can you detect who was holding the camera and was "Photoshopped" into the picture?



Back Row (L to R): Don Sherwin, Dan Murphy, Mike Else, Bruce Gourley, Glen Pettinger, Keith Brown
Front Row (L to R): Colin Stephenson, Mary Kilgour, Sheila Clark, Ian Doig, Jean Crowley

Special Events

- **Mar. 31 , 2011** ~ Dinner & theatre evening ~ "You Say Tomatoes" at the Studio Theatre and dinner at the Stone Cellar ~ see detailed information below
- **May 25, 2011** ~ The Marvelous Wonderettes at the Thousand Island Playhouse ~ see details adjacent.
- **May 17, 2011** ~ Spring Fling to be held at the Italian Club north of the 401 in Kingston.
- **June 1, 2011** ~ The Executive is considering combining our last meeting with a light luncheon. We would like to know if the Probus membership would be in favour and where they might like to enjoy such a function. Suggestions so far include: [Links o' Tay Golf Club in Perth](#), [Lanark Timber Run Golf Club](#) and [Temples Sugar Camp in Ferguson's Falls](#). Please let Mary, Glen or any member of the Executive know how you feel about this and where we might hold such an event. This luncheon could precede a Golf Tournament if members still wanted it.



Probus Dinner & Theatre Evening ~ Mar 31

Probians and their guests are invited to dine at The Stone Cellar at 6pm, followed by the Studio Theatre production, "You Say Tomatoes" at 8pm.



"You Say Tomatoes" is a very funny, perceptive play, with plenty of biting wit and humour as the two somewhat dated transatlantic cultures are contrasted. Tickets are \$15 (payable to the Studio Theatre) and will be sold before the March 2nd Probus Meeting starts, or by calling Mary **before the meeting**. Apparently all tickets must be sold as a group to get the special \$15 price. Season Ticket holders can come for dinner with the group by making a meal choice.

Dinner will be a choice of four entrees:

1. Pork Medallions with a Lanark maple glaze-\$19.
 2. 6 oz AAA filet aged to perfection, complimented with red wine shallot butter-\$27
 3. Gulf Coast Chicken frenched breast, served with peach and cranberry chutney- \$23.
 4. Fresh Fish in season (Chef's inspiration) market price \$27.
- Drinks, salads ,dessert, and coffee can be ordered for an extra charge. There will be no tax on your meal. There is a 15% gratuity. Dinner will be paid at The Stone Cellar but **must be pre-ordered** at the March 2nd Probus meeting or by contacting Mary at 613-264-0024 or mkilgour@superaje.com.



The Marvelous Wonderettes ~ May 25

Join us at the Thousand Islands Playhouse in Gananoque to view "[The Marvelous Wonderettes](#)", a musical with four young women from the "class of '58" singing songs from the 50's and 60's. Sort of a female version of "Forever Plaid". Tickets will cost \$25 per person for the 2:30 pm matinee performance and there is an optional box lunch (\$14) on the deck at 1:30, with a "deck-talk" involving some of the actors. The deck talk is contingent on a reasonable number choosing the box lunch. Last year's deck talk by a couple of the actors was very entertaining and enjoyed by all. We suggest carpooling from the Legion parking lot around noon. Please bring your cheques (\$25 per person for musical only or \$39 including the box lunch) to the **April** meeting made out to the Probus Club of Perth and sign up with Mary or Glen.

Speakers' Corner



- **March 2** ~ Simon Lunn with a presentation on nature photography.
- **April** - Todd Stepaniuk to speak about the Perth & Smiths Falls Hospital (if possible)
- **May** ~ Cliff Bennett on loons
- **June 1** ~ John Chattoe on Seniors and Technology

Management Team Notes

- **Donations to the Food Bank** will be accepted during the March and April Probus meetings. Please make cheques payable directly to "Perth & District Food Bank", and expect to receive your charitable contribution receipt in February 2012.
- There will be a brief overview of the 2012 Spring Fling planning and sign-up sheets at the March meeting for those interested in helping with the **Spring Fling Perth** luncheon on May 15, 2012, to be held at Code's Mill.
- Treasurer Don will be presenting the [Mid-year financial statement](#) (attached to your January Probian) at the March meeting.
- Richard Thompson will present his self-introduction at the March meeting.
- Orion Clark is scheduled to be the contributing editor for the March Probian.
- **Wanted: contributing editors for April and May Probians.** No experience required. The pay is somewhat scanty, but the experience is.....priceless. Applicants, please see Colin.
- Probus Canada Rendezvous is September 13 to 15, 2011 in Vancouver ([details](#)). Apparently a number of Perth Probians area are planning to go.



Community Event

Capital City Chorus ~ 2:00pm February 20th, St. Paul's United Church