



The PROBIAN ~ Summer 2013 Edition

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THE PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH

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Apropos

Starting in December 2011, we occasionally put out our thoughts about community and volunteerism. In the Perth area the richness of our community is directly attributable to the involvement of so many volunteers of all ages. Our quote this month is a more elegant rendering of the 16th century English saying that "necessity is the mother of invention". We all know that service clubs, churches, athletic clubs, and many NGOs who depend on volunteers are all experiencing difficulty in finding people who will accept *leadership* roles. "It's always the same people" the cry goes out. Obviously changes are needed in order to ensure that all these worthwhile community organizations survive the next 10 years. Probians are found in almost every volunteer organization in Perth. Have we some of the answers?

Would you support a panel discussion followed by small group discussions on a normal Probus Wednesday meeting to facilitate Probus Perth sending out some suggestions for our members to have when the discussion of the crisis in leadership of volunteer-staffed organizations comes up. Let your management team know your thoughts.

Dennis Dwyer & Colin Stephenson

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

Willa Dwyer on "Women in a Man's World"



The June speaker, Willa Dwyer, was different than the typical presenter in more than one way. Her topic, "Women in a Man's World: all about women long-haul truckers" was in itself unusual. In addition, she invited Probians to interrupt her with their questions right at the beginning of her presentation.....and they did. After just a few moments as she outlined some basic statistics one person

asked a question and for the next hour she cheerfully answered a whole host of them. Some were personal, like "what do you and most long-haul truckers earn?", and "as a woman, are you ever afraid?" Others were general and concerned safety, training, regulations, and what makes a good and profitable company. Willa's previous experience as a manager in manufacturing, retail, and industrial design and even an 18 month stint as a high school substitute teacher came to her aid as the hour passed quickly by.

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Women (continued)

We did learn that almost everything we are surrounded by finally came to us by truck and that in Canada almost 700,000 people work in transport and warehousing, approximately 200,000 in trucking. As a matter of fact trucking directly supports 480,000 jobs. During WW2, almost 50% of truck drivers on the road were women! Today only about 5% are but the numbers are growing because, for many companies, women drivers add to the bottom line because of their better treatment of the equipment and better negotiating and people skills more and more necessary in today's transport environment.

Probians obviously enjoyed Willa's presentation, as indicated by the following quote from Gardie Church "She was a great presenter who charmed the whole place."

Special Events



- **September 27** – Peterborough Lift Lock Lunch Cruise. Tour the world's highest hydraulic lift lock and part of the Trent-Severn Waterway. Price is \$96.50 including transportation, morning coffee break, Lift Lock Cruise, lunch, admission to the museum, all taxes. Sign up with payment required at the September meeting. [Details.](#)
- **Fall** – local dinner theatre event will likely be scheduled.
- **December 6** – Christmas Party at Lion's Hall, with appetizers and drinks from 6-7, dinner 7-8, and dancing 8-10. Music 6-7 and 8-10 is by "[Touch of Class](#)" which is described as 'A self-contained tribute to the 50/60/70's featuring multi-instrumentalist Simon Clark, ex-"Freddie and the Dreamers"'. This is a repeat performance by popular request.

Slate of Directors Proposed for 2013-2014

President - Jim Gilmour
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Special Events - Mary Kilgour (Ted Glugosh*)
Program – David Farquharson (Dennis Dwyer*, Gardner Church* & Fran McNaughton*)
Newsletter & Webmaster - Colin Stephenson (Dennis Dwyer*)

Facilities Manager - Geoffrey Newman*

*Note: * indicates non-voting support resources who are not Directors or Members of the Management Team and would not be expected to attend management meetings.*

Lunch after Sept. 4th meeting at the Golden Arrow on Foster Street (previously the Crown Pub)

Speakers' Corner

The September speaker will be **David O'Blenis**. Our guest has spent his whole life flying, now he's the president of the Smiths Falls Flying Club, but behind that is a distinguished career in the RCAF ending up as a Lt. Gen. and deputy commander of NORAD followed by senior executive positions in a number of well known Canadian companies. He is also an enthusiastic photographer. It is in that role that he will entertain us with a presentation and pictures of an unforgettable safari in Africa.

New Members Welcomed



Richard Thomson (L) and Don McDiarmid (R) welcome Albert Hooker, Gwen Hooker, Derek Cooke, Craig Greenwood and Lloyd Parker

Management Team Notes

- To avoid the fee payment line-ups that normally take place at the September meeting, the Management Team is urging members to renew by mail. There is a renewal form attached to this edition. Please fill out this form and send it together with your cheque to Probus Box 20131, Perth, Ont., K7H 3M6.
- The September 4th meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting.
- The Book Exchange will continue and please no text books. Bring no more than 3 or 4, but take as many as you like!

Quote for the Month :

"Difficulty is what wakes up genius" — "*ingenium mala saepe movent*" attributed to Ovid and from Nassim Taleb's book "Antifragile", p.42.



The outdoor group at the June lunch

The Gananoque Trip

The annual trip to the Thousand Island Playhouse, this time to see "Suds", was very successful, with 35 people attending. Here are some of the pictures taken.





MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
SEPTEMBER - AUGUST

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| NAME(S) <i>(include all members)</i> | |
| ADDRESS <i>(Incl. postal code)</i> | |
| PHONE | |
| EMAIL | |
| CHEQUE | Proposed membership fees are \$20 per person payable by Sept. meeting. Amount enclosed: \$20 _____ or \$40 _____ <i>(if spouse is a member).</i> |

Members are encouraged to renew by mail to avoid line-ups at the September meeting.

[Click here for fillable version of this form](#)

Please type or print clearly, flagging any changes and return form and cheque to:

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PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
 For Fiscal Year ending July 31, 2013

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| Bank Balance as of August 1, 2012 | \$2,348.84 |
| Add: Revenues: | |
| Surplus, Special Events: (Xmas party 211.06; Sens Game 168.27; Gan. Theatre 22.78; June lunch 30.00 (loss) | 372.11 |
| Membership Fees | 2,610.00 |
| Donations | 330.00 |
| <i>*Prepayment, Sept 27 Peterborough bus trip</i> | <u>1,254.50</u> |
| Total Revenues: | <u>4,566.61</u> |
| Less: Expenditures: | \$6,915.45 |
| Final Spring Fling expenses | 149.19 |
| Bank Charges | 100.57 |
| Legion Hall Rental | 650.00 |
| Legion Donation | 100.00 |
| Name Tags and Pins | 408.45 |
| Office Supplies | 3.06 |
| Past President's Gift | 75.00 |
| Post Box Rental | 158.20 |
| Postage | 140.63 |
| Printing/copying | 168.19 |
| Probus Centre Liability Insurance/Registration | 310.00 |
| Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance | 324.00 |
| Cenotaph Wreath | 49.00 |
| Speakers' Honoraria and Lunches | 480.99 |
| Coffee | 100.00 |
| Lapel microphone | 158.19 |
| Cards | 3.38 |
| <i>*Down payment, Sept 27 Peterborough bus trip</i> | <u>150.00</u> |
| Total Expenditures: | <u>3,528.85</u> |
| Bank Balance as of July 31, 2013 | \$3,386.60 |
| <i>*Minus: Peterborough bus trip transactions (in next year)</i> | <u>1,104.50</u> |
| Equals: net balance for end of fiscal year 2012-2013 | \$2,282.10 |
| Surplus or (Deficit) for Year: | <u>(\$66.74)</u> |

Donald F. Sherwin, Treasurer, July 3, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I have reviewed the Cash Receipts and Disbursement Journal of the Club, Bank Statements and supporting vouchers. All is in order and it is believed that this statement indicates completely and accurately the financial status of the Probud Club of Perth.

Donald M. McNaughton
Financial Reviewer