

# PROBUS Peterborough Newsletter



**PROBUS Club of Peterborough and District**

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**January 2019 Newsletter**



## **The President's Message**

**Our Christmas Luncheon was once again, a delicious and entertaining celebration, thanks to our hostess, Carolyn Davidson. I am blessed with a wonderful Management Committee who are knowledgeable and dedicated.**

I am also sure you join me in thanking them, the greeters and the welcome table ladies for their efforts.

I look forward to another enjoyable meeting on January second when Brook Schreyer will be speaking on Aquatic Invasive Species.

Eleanor Bond is organizing a Westben event on January 24<sup>th</sup> featuring ABBA music. Signup will be available January 2<sup>nd</sup>. I wish all of you a Happy Healthy New Year!

Marg.

## **UPCOMING PROBUS CLUB MEETINGS**

(10:00 a.m. at the Peterborough Naval Association Admiralty Hall)

Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **FUTURE SPEAKERS**

### **January**

Brook Schreyer of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will talk about aquatic invasive species and their impact on native Ontario plant and animal life.

### **February**

Yvonne Leahy will speak on War Brides and how they met their spouses; plus, all the red tape on becoming Canadian citizens. Her memorable presentation will include pictures and supportive friendships through the years. A wonderful LOVE ADVENTURE for Valentines month!!

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## OUR ORGANIZATION

President	<i>Margaret Gadd</i>
Past President	<i>Milton Barry</i>
Vice President	<i>Marty Lamoureux</i>
Secretary	<i>Patti Westrop</i>
Treasurers	<i>Gerarda Bertrand</i> <i>Dorothy Ball</i>
Directors at large	<i>Margaret Gilpin,</i> <i>Rodica Copilu, Milton Barry</i>
Speakers Convener	<i>Peggy Watton</i>
Club Archivist	<i>Lynn Johnstone</i>
Nominating Committee	<i>Margaret Gilpin, Milton Barry</i>
Lunch Bunch	<i>Bunny Shaw, Betty Pritchard</i>
Hospitality	<i>Carolyn Davidson</i>
Good Cheer	<i>Helen McIntyre</i>
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Emergency Telephone Convener	<i>Eleanor Bond</i>
Book Club	<i>Lynn Johnstone</i>
Financial Reviewer	<i>Linda Birch</i>
Photographer	<i>Len Vine</i>
Audio/Video Coordinator	<i>Ken Gadd</i>
Interest Group Coordinator	<i>Gerry Brushett</i>

Next meeting for the Management Team: Monday  
January 20th, 9:30 a.m. at 1802 Cherry Hill Road

Greeters	<i>Eleanor Bond / Rose Haxton</i>
Welcome Table	<i>Helen Hartnett, Helen Merrill,</i> <i>Loretta Cox, Carolyn Davidson</i>
Webmaster	<i>Catherine McLeod</i>



## CHEER

Helen McIntyre should be contacted at 705-748-4833 if you know of anyone in our club who needs a note of "cheer"! This includes:

- Get well
- Sympathy
- Thinking of you / Missing you
- Keep in touch
- Congratulations

## BABY, ITS COLD OUTSIDE

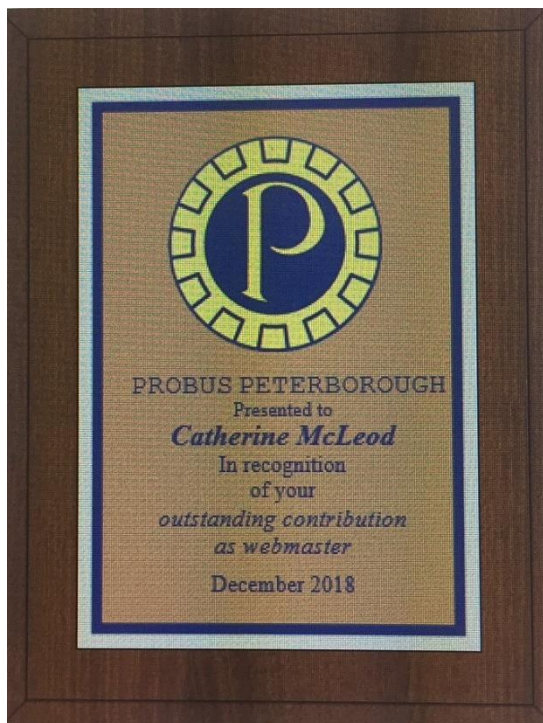
☁️\*\* In the event of **SEVERE WEATHER** (e.g. a bad snow storm) please **CHECK YOUR EMAIL** before heading out to our scheduled meeting.

For **MEMBERS WITHOUT EMAIL**, our Emergency Phoners **WILL TELEPHONE YOU IF OUR MEETING IS CANCELLED**

## THANK YOU, CATHERINE

Catherine McLeod, our webmaster, will be retiring in the new year. Peterborough PROBUS is very grateful to her for her many years of service as a volunteer.

On behalf of our members, a plaque (shown below) has been mailed to her acknowledging her dedication over the years. We wish her well.



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## CHRISTMAS LUNCH



On December 5th Carolyn Davidson and her helpers organized our Christmas PROBUS celebration starting with coffee/tea, muffins and visiting followed by our Christmas feast!

Entertainment was provided by Bob Trennum and Beth Hunt. Lots of sing-along, and some members showed they could actually carry a tune!

## FUTURE EVENTS

**July 24th at 2:00 p.m.** Westben presents music from ABBA (approximately \$40.00; cheques can be made out at our January meeting to PROBUS Peterborough) Dinner will be at Chubby's Restaurant (\$25.00 inclusive of tip and tea or coffee).

We will be car pooling, travelling through Campbellford so a visit to the chocolate and cheese factories on the way could perhaps be arranged. If you are interested, please contact Eleanor Bond at 705-745-7453.



## THE LUNCH BUNCH

Meet at 12:00 (noon) at the following Peterborough locale(s):

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Pizza Factory, 1000 Lansdowne St. West

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Red Lobster, 870 Lansdowne St. West

## THE BOOK SHELF

(A review provided by Barbara Mackie)

'A clear examination of the heart and its deepest wants and a crackling mystery at the same time'. [The Globe and Mail]

The main theme is the years in the life of Ned Vatcher, who at age of 14 arrives home from school to find his parents gone without a trace.

As time passes no search is successful. Ned's life growing up in his grandparents' home is much less affluent than when he lived with his parents. As an adult he continues to look for answers, all the while building a business empire to insulate himself from loss. Along the way he becomes the guardian of a motherless boy and employs the boy's aunt as a companion and care giver for the boy.

Two colourful characters are important in assisting Ned in the search, a Jesuit priest and Shelagh Fielding, an amazingly unforgettable character who is also in Johnston's exceptional novels...The Colony of Unrequited Dreams and The Custodian of Paradise.

The novel moves to a surprising resolution of the mystery of the vanished Vatchers. Throughout, the story is enhanced by humour, and the people, customs, landscape and charm of Newfoundland. A good read!



Pat Ellis and Tilly Gordon.

The Book Club's Primrose Lane Christmas Luncheon with owner Marie and new book club members

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## REMEMBERING AN EXTRAORDINARY MEMBER

Alex Lawrason, long-time member of the Peterborough Chapter of Probus, passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 100 years of age.

Alex served in Normandy as Lieutenant in the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry. In July 1944, he led a platoon of about 50 soldiers in Caen, France in the Battle of Verrieres Ridge. The battle left him deaf from an exploding grenade and shot through his left hand. He received the French Legion of Honour medal in 2017.



Alex built a successful business career, retiring as CEO of Eddy Match Ltd. in 1975. He and Jean then set out on a two year 'round the world'

saga travelling through much of Europe, North Africa in a Canadian built motor home dubbed THE TURTLE. They settled in Peterborough County, buying a home on the Sixth Line of Smith between Peterborough and Lakefield. A Board Member of Community Futures Peterborough, and long-time member of the Peterborough Golf & Country Club, he wrote two books of memoirs and stories; Ice in My Milk, and More Ice in My Milk. Alex had eight children with his beloved wife Jean of 63 years, who predeceased him in 2006 at 85.

Family, hard work, honesty, truth and much love were the cornerstones of the of the Lawrason family.

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN:

### Medical Brigade Concert Tickets

The Peterborough Medical Brigade is returning to Uganda in February 2019.

A Concert (Celtic music; Broadway solos by Father Paul Massel and Sarah Iles; silent auction) in support of the Brigade will take place at "The Junction", 257 George Street January 11, 6-10 PM.

Concert tickets (\$20) or donation envelopes are available from David or Peggy Watton. Tickets will also be available at the door of The Junction on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

<i>PROBUS Peterborough Interest/Activity Groups</i>		
<b>Interest/ Activity</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Contact Information To participate contact leaders</b>
Bridge 	Marg Gilpin	705-749-5057 <a href="mailto:marggilpin@yahoo.ca">marggilpin@yahoo.ca</a>
Lunch Bunch	Bunny Shaw	705-742-8484 <a href="mailto:bunnyshaw@cogeco.ca">bunnyshaw@cogeco.ca</a>
Book Club Meets monthly on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Lynn Johnstone	705-745-2343 <a href="mailto:johnstonelynn@gmail.com">johnstonelynn@gmail.com</a>

**For information and assistance to form a new group, contact Gerry Brushett at 705-874-0536 or [Brushett.Gerry@gmail.com](mailto:Brushett.Gerry@gmail.com)**