



PROBUS

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COMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February
14th. 2008

at the
Brantford Golf &
Country Club
at
10:00 a.m.

DUTY ROSTER

February 14th. 2008

Greeters:
Joe Fallow
Bob Flack

Ticket Sellers:
John Gardner
Bill Hurley

NOTE

If you are unable to
attend, please arrange
your own substitute

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June, 4 2008
The Music Man at the
Stratford Festival
Theatre.

President's Remarks

*Informed us that Graham Morgan a long time member of the
Brantford Men's Probus is moving to Vancouver and a special
thanks was mentioned for his overall contribution.*

50/50 DRAW

Don Brooks and Crawford Reid were the winners.

Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Duane Bower reported that we have 159 members and 2
applications to approve.

SPEAKERS' COMMITTEE

February 14th – **Guy Pelletier**
Subject is; Chiropractic & Laser Therapy

Who Am I Speaker

is Ross Mitchell

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

It was established to better understand the wishes of the
membership and to redesign the bulletin content, format and
distribution.

A second meeting was held Jan. 22, 2008 at William's
Coffee Shop to approve the revised bulletin format and its printing
and distribution

VISITATION COMMITTEE

- Walter Dorsey is much better.
- Doug Eckel has experienced some side effects
but is on the mend.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bruce McKinnon reported that Club Finances are healthy and
that only a few members haven't paid.

Who am I speaker for today.

Gary Burns

Gary has spent most of his life pursuing the study of visual arts. In keeping with this interest, he created a self-portrait through a very comprehensive Photographic presentation entitled "Under One Sky"

The visuals covered the exploits of his great grandparents who were born and raised in England. When arriving in Canada with children and belongings they took up residence in Southern Ontario before making the arduous trip to New Liskeard their final destination.

Gary's parents were farm people and they settled in Kirkland Lake where Gary was born in 1942.

Gary's family moved many different times ending up at Elliot Lake.

Gary went to North Bay Teachers college. He taught at Sault Ste. Marie and later moved to Scarborough to further his interest in art. He taught Summer school for art teachers at the Min. Of Ed. and joined the Ontario Society of Education. In 1968 Gary was appointed Director of Art for the Brantford Board of Education with the responsibility to help teachers deliver a developmental and educational art programme.

In 1974-5 Gary became chairman of the Art of Gallery of Brant, which was an extension of Glenhyrst Arts used for the purpose of holding exhibitions, lectures, classes and activities.

In 1976 Gary transferred to BCI from his position on the elementary panel at the BCBE and two years later became the head of the art department at NPC where he remained so until 1997.

In 1986 he and his wife Joan of 31 years went on a trip of a lifetime. It covered 35 different countries and many interesting sights including the Great Wall of China, West Africa in search of the Dogon People of the Sahel whose ceremonial art inspired the French Cubist movement.

Gary also visited the Toguras villages to study their art only to find 250,000 people desperate for medical care, food, clothing and only one doctor too attend to their needs. This trip was planned over a two-year period and its sole purpose was to research and study indigenous art and the cultures that created it in order to develop curriculum for the new Ministry of Education guidelines. Over 8,000 photos were taken.

Upon their return to Canada, Gary and Joan created a narrative-slide presentation of their journey which they distributed to audiences of students, teachers and the general public over the next 5 years.

After all his travel experiences, Gary still says "My favourite place in the world, is by a blazing camp fire, watching the sun set over Manitoulin Island.

Gary ended his presentation and was then thanked by president Ross.

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for today was **Bill Brunsfeldt** General Manager of the Grand Valley Wild Bird Co.

Bill brought with him a comprehensive display of items sold in his store in Cambridge, Ontario. They included a variety of bird houses and many different types of seed.

During his presentation, Bill talked about the different bird species including migrating and domestic. He went on to explain the varieties of birdseed and which ones you should set out for each bird species. In addition, he explained which bird houses best met the needs of each bird species.

Bill has seen many changes in the grain feed industry over the past 30 years and hobby farming has become the second largest outdoor hobby in Ontario.

Bill then answered a number of questions from the members and was thanked by Stan Parkhill.

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Special Notice:

If any Past Presidents would like to be nominated to the Board of Probus-Canada Inc., we have nomination forms available.

**Please contact President Ross
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