



**THE PROBUS CLUB  
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Meets first Wednesday of month

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# The ROBIAN

February 2006

## Recycling with the self-styled "Trash Queen"

"Trash is my life," stated Lisa Morgan-Lavigne as she kick-started her lively Probus presentation on current approaches to waste management. Lisa has a degree in Environmental Science and has worked as a technical analyst for the Regional Municipality of Peel. She has conducted curbside waste audits and worked with Stewardship Ontario. In speaking to Probus, her aim was to give us a better understanding of the challenges inherent in waste management, and to convince us that it was not just the purview of 'control freaks' who dictate what we must do to have our waste collected.

Lisa pointed out that every environmental problem is a waste problem caused by inefficient or inappropriate disposal of the remains of natural or man-made products the human race needs, or thinks it needs, for survival. Waste collectors want manufacturers to take a 'cradle-to-grave' approach to their products, especially with respect to packaging, i.e. start with recycled material and ensure the waste is recyclable. Using virgin material in manufacturing requires much more energy than does using recycled material.

The cost of recycling is of great interest. Can you recoup every cent spent on recycling programs? Garbage always costs money – collection, trucking, managing landfills, etc. Recycling costs money to collect and sort, but then can be sold for reuse, which offsets the costs of collection somewhat. It is the only 'garbage' you can get some money out of. Some plastics can go into the manufacture of plastic lumber for home construction and gardening products, polar fleece fabrics, carpeting, and many types of packaging, etc. The Blue Box can account for about 1/3 of the waste from a household. Composting can take care of up to 40%. Organic waste causes more negative impact in landfills than inert compounds like plastic. And hazardous waste? If you wouldn't eat or drink it, it should not go into landfill or down the drain.

### Recycling facts from the UK

#### Did you know:

...it takes 25 two litre plastic drink bottles to make one fleece garment?

...every year, an estimated 17½ billion plastic bags are given away by supermarkets. This is equivalent to over 290 bags for every person in the UK?

...two million working Pentium PCs end up in landfill sites in the UK every year?



John Gittens thanked Lisa Morgan-Lavigne for a presentation that was decidedly not 'trashy'.

### Food Bank Donations

The Perth Food Bank always needs help during the winter months. Accordingly, donations will be accepted again during the March Probus meeting.

Please give generously, making cheques payable directly to "Perth Food Bank", and expect to receive your charitable contribution receipt in February 2007.

## Self-introduction: Fred Bumstead

Fred was born in Cardiff, Wales, but grew up in the London suburbs until, at the age of eight, the family moved to the seacoast at Lancing, Sussex. He was 14 when War broke out in 1939 and he spent the next two years at boarding school until he was old enough to fulfil his dreams and go to sea. At 16 he joined a ship in Liverpool as an apprentice and on that first day the ship was bombed. His ship transported oil between Aruba and England during the course of the war, and Fred continued to go to sea and see the world until 1948.

He married in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1947 and he and his wife returned to England. The following year, though, they emigrated to Canada, and Fred wonders if he qualifies as a war bride! He worked at NS Light and Power until 1954 and then moved to the Ontario Ministry of Lands and Forests (now Natural Resources), living in various Ontario towns over the next few years. Their two children were born in Kemptonville. Fred retired in Toronto in 1983. "I didn't care for work at all!" he says, but he has been extremely busy since retirement, working in a golf pro shop, refinishing furniture and making stained glass items.

Fred and his wife moved to a country home near Balderson in 1989. When his wife died eight years later, he moved in to Perth. He and his new partner June O'Hara now live in Perthshire.

### Welcome:

David Farquharson received his pin from President Ian in February and was welcomed aboard. David's wife Jane is also a new member.



## ❧ SPECIAL EVENTS ❧

**March 30:** The proposed hockey trip to see the Senators play the NY Rangers did not receive the necessary interest and has been cancelled.

**May 24 or 31:** A wine tour of Prince Edward County. People are signing up already for this, so indicate your interest and pay your fare if you expect to get on the bus.

**June 21:** "Wingfield Inferno" at the Thousand Island Playhouse in Gananoque.

**June 30:** The annual golf tournament.

**October:** Places for the Stratford trip are going fast, so don't be left behind.

If you have ideas for new events or trips you think Probians would enjoy, talk to Denise Mullins (267-3479).

## Mid-Year Financial Report

The table below shows our current operating status. This report will be discussed at the March Probus meeting.

<b>Income</b>	
New members (17)	\$510.00
Renewed members	\$2660.00
Coffee surplus	\$83.00
Xmas dinner \$in-\$out	\$133.41
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$3386.41</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Newsletter	\$393.83
Speakers' gifts/lunch	\$88.30
Name tags	\$74.75
Bank charges	\$12.75
Hall rental	\$401.28
Probus Center	\$375.00
Remembrance Day wreath	\$31.00
Past Pres. honorarium	\$85.00
Post Box	\$117.70
Miscellaneous	\$35.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1614.61</b>
<b>Bank balance</b>	<b>\$3631.02</b>

## Notes from the Management Team meeting

- ♥ Plans are in hand for a 10th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Probus Perth. Your ideas would be most welcome. Speak to VP Keith Brown in March.
- ♥ We really need a member to backup Ella Thomson as coffee person. Ella will be away in April and May so please step up and help out or the pot may run dry!
- ♥ The Probus Regional Spring Luncheon will be sponsored by the Ottawa-Rideau Valley Branch. It will take place on May24<sup>th</sup> at the Orchard View Reception and Conference Centre in Manotick. Speak to President Ian if you plan to attend. The more the merrier.

## Speaker's Corner

In **March** Bill Rowe, pharmacist at the Smiths falls site of the GWM Hospital, will present "Heart Talk" on pharmaceutical issues related to heart disease and diabetes.

In **April**, the topic is "The Culture and Politics of Turkey" presented by a former Canadian consul in Ankara.

Our Program Coordinators, John Gibb-Carsley and Clark Theobald are always open to your suggestions for future topics and speakers. They also need names of members who would be willing to introduce and thank speakers. Biographical notes are always provided.