



Probud Club of Gravenhurst Newsletter

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Annual Christmas Meeting Guest Entertainers - Just 8

December Meeting

Recorded Attendance:

94 members

9 guests

Draw Prizes

Too many winners to list
are all now enjoying
special Christmas
Decorations



Photo by Barb McCabe

Members arrived this day with donations for the Food Bank, grateful for the ability to assist those less fortunate in our community.

Moving upstairs to the theatre, we were all greeted by a beautifully decorated, festive stage, thanks to our favourite sound man, Andrew Currie.

Musical director, George Kadwell and his singing group, Just 8, opened our meeting with O'Canada, and after a formal introduction, continued to entertain us for the next half hour.

Singing mostly familiar Christmas carols and seasonal favourites, the group's arrangements often included tight sophisticated harmony and syncopated rhythms that had everyone in fine Christmas spirits before we began our "business" part of the meeting. Their wonderful performance was rewarded with a standing ovation.

President Nan, advised that there will be no March meeting, simply because not enough current or past Management Team members will be here to plan and support one.

Several notices will be issued as reminders between now and then to ensure that everyone is aware of the change.

Following the meeting we adjourned to the Trillium Room for a loud, fun filled coffee break with special treats catered by "Well Fed".

January Meeting

January 17th, 2012

**Gravenhurst Opera
House
10:00 a.m.**

Guest Speaker

Scott Davidson

Topic

Bethune House

Plus Special Guest Speaker

YMCA General Director
Tara Gregor

Topic

Our New Fitness Facility

A cryptic musical quiz followed that kept several assigned groups busy testing their knowledge of Christmas Trivia and disagreeing with the answers.

The meeting concluded with eight ticket draws - four premium upscale Christmas figures/decorations and four decorations/serving pieces.

Submitted by Barrie Brown

Christmas Gala

The Boat and Heritage Centre provided the ideal backdrop for mingling, dining, and dancing, for our 2nd annual Christmas Gala. Thanks to V.P. Sue Wheeler and Pres. Nan Brown for all their hard work to make this such an enjoyable evening. *(Photos by Barrie Brown)*





Sympathy and Condolence

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Linda Ginty following a brief but devastating illness. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Bob and his family at this time of incredible grief.

The club has made a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society in Linda's memory.

March Meeting Cancelled

There will be no Monthly Meeting in March, 2012

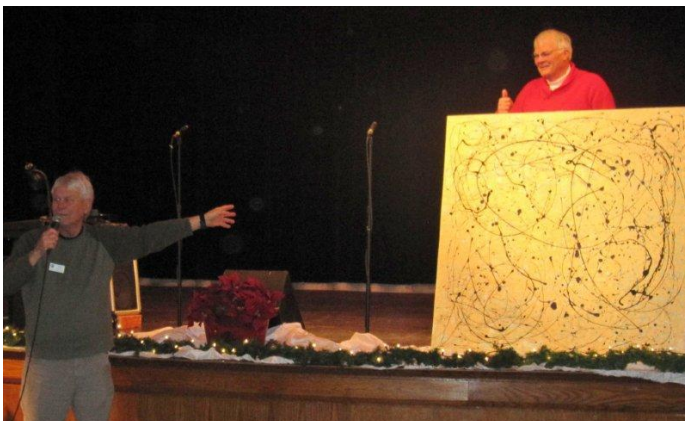
Normal monthly meetings will resume on April 17th, 2012

Art & The Food Bank

Art group leader, Lynda Valcourt gave a brief explanation of how this rather large painting came to be, and a short biography of painter Jackson Pollock and his painting techniques that inspired the piece. Since Pollock's "Number 5" was recently sold for a reported \$140 million dollars, Marv instructed bidders that all bids should be in minimum increments of \$1,000. After a flurry of aggressive (fun) bidding, Marv brought the gavel down and awarded the painting to Barrie Brown for a winning bid (donation to the Food Bank) of \$105,000 (\$105).

Below left - Marv McCabe auctions off the painting, held by the eventual winning bidder, Barrie Brown.

Below Right - the painting in its new home in Barrie's Man Cave. *Photo left-Barb McCabe*



Thank you to everyone who donated food or money to the Food Bank

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Know A Member Who's Sick or Hospitalized?



Call Marv at 684-8333 or email him at marvmccabe@rogers.com and he'll be sure to send an appropriate card on behalf of his/her Probus friends.

The Last Word

Wishing You All

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nan