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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

PROFILER: Brian Passmore

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Corinna McFarlane & Jeff McMackin attended our meeting as guest speakers on the subject of Oriental medicine. They recently opened Blue Mountain Acupuncture Clinic located in Collingwood. Specializing in Oriental medicine, it is the first clinic of its kind in the Georgian Bay area. Both Corinna & Jeff have years of clinical experience and extensive training in both China and New York. Their presentation covered a brief history of the development of Oriental medicine, the most commonly asked questions with regards to Acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine, and conditions best treated with this medical system. Their emphasis, in their treatment, is on the integration of western and eastern medicine for maximum therapeutic benefit. Anyone wanting further information, is welcome to call them at 705-444-8555, or visit them on their web at www.bluemtnacupuncture.com. They encourage anyone with questions to drop by for tea during their business hours, Tuesdays – Saturday's from 10am-8pm! (524 First Street, Collingwood)

We were also honoured by a visit from an old friend down from the Far North. He passed out sweet kisses and Seasons Greetings to the members as they enjoyed a cup of coffee or tea before the meeting started. Members also were treated to a delicious selection of home-made cookies at the end of the business portion of the meeting.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE – Friday, December 3rd – Collingwood Legion
The Christmas Dinner & Dance, as advertised last month, was the **Social Event of the Year**. A special thanks to Joan Porter and her Committee who spent so much time making sure everything was just right. A special thanks to Sandy O'Halloran for the gift baskets and to Mike O'Halloran for his work on the menus and coordinating all the seating numbers. The ladies who made the centre pieces did a fabulous job.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

CURLING FOR FUN - **Wednesday, January 19th** - **Stayner Curling Club**
10:00 am – 2:30 pm **Cost - \$22.00**

Curling will take place from 10 to 12 with a great lunch to follow. No curling experience is necessary. You will be shown everything you need to know. There will be lots of Fun Curling with a prize for every curler, a 50/50 draw and a door prize. There will also be draws for Breakfast, Lunch and Bath time baskets. To date, about 40 people have signed the interest sheet. For anyone wanting to come to lunch only, the cost is only \$7.00. Tickets are on sale today for this event.

Future Events....

5 Pin BOWLING - **Wednesday, February 23rd** - **2:00 – 4:00 pm**
Mariners Cove Sports Complex, Collingwood **Cost - \$12.00**

There are 8 lanes booked which will handle 40 people. So far, 24 people have signed the interest sheet. The cost includes 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental. A Snack Bar is available for refreshments at your own cost. The sign-up sheet is still available today for those interested.

Gayety Theatre, Collingwood - **Friday, March 4th** - **8:00 pm.**
Cost - \$20.00 (15 or more people)

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)
by Adam Long, Daniel Singer & Jess Winfield

One of London's longest running comedies, this record breaking hit performs all of Shakespeare's 37 plays in 97 minutes!! Performed by three overgrown pranksters, this irreverent romp through Shakespeare's entire repertoire features sonnets reduced to eight lines, comedies condensed to a single short sketch and tragedies unmercifully ridiculed – there's even a two minute, abridged version of Hamlet that can (and probably will) be performed backwards.

If there is sufficient interest, arrangements will be made for a location to have a meal before the show at your own expense. Sign up for this activity today.

APRIL

ROCK 'n ROLL Mystery Dinner, "The Last Kiss" presented by the **Beachcomber Thespians** We will be going back to 1964, the era of the cherry coke and the '57 Chevy's, where the jukebox is rockin' in the corner of the Sugar Shack Café. Elmdale High's head cheerleader, Sue McNaughton, (also known as "Runaround Sue") is found dead under suspicious circumstances. Follow the twists and turns to solve this complex case.

The date of this amazing production will be announced later. In the meantime we need 8 actors, a director and several other people to help with props, etc. An Interest Sheet is out today to see who is willing to be part of this Production.

Past Happenings.....

Adopt-A-Family

We are happy to report that our family under the "Adopt-A-Family" program, had a much brighter Holiday Season because of our efforts. Our family consisted of the Parents, 3 boys and a girl. Barb Pattison purchased gifts for them that were listed on their family wish list, as well as the turkey and groceries for a magnificent Christmas Dinner, with lots left for the remainder of the old year. This was all due to the generosity of our members, and the decision at the December General Meeting that the Club would match every dollar donated at that meeting. **Well done everyone!**

Lucky Draw Winners from December Meeting –

1st Prize of \$50.00 was won by Heida Haessler, a new member of our Club.

2nd Prize of \$25.00 was won by Collette Durrant.

Both ladies graciously asked that the money they won, be donated to the adopted family.

There were also 8 plates of cookies which were won by other lucky members.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Dinner at our Place	Contact	Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Mixed Golf Group	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Group	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Luci Worch	422-0062

The **Dinner at our Place** Club has now grown to 4 groups. They meet at different host houses monthly, with a group of 8 people at each house who rotate duties of preparing the appetizers, main entree, and dessert. They are still looking for people who are interested in being an occasional substitute when regular members are not available. Call Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for more information if you are interested.

The **Happy Bookers** Book Club has been in existence for a number of months now and has reviewed a list of books. The following have been read, reviewed, and rated by the Club, and their results are presented here for you.

Month	Title	Author	Recommend	Rating 1 – 5 (5 being the highest)
March	Honeymoon in Purdah	Allison Wearing	yes	3
	The Stone Carvers	Jane Urquhart	yes	4
April	The Blessing Stone	Barbara Wood	yes	3 1/2
May	Da Vinci Code	Dan Brown	yes	4 1/4
June	Roughing it in the Woods	Suzanne Moody	no	2 1/2
	Sisters in the Wilderness	Charlotte Gray	yes	4
Sept	The Fourth Hand	John Irving	no	2 1/4
Oct	House of Sand and Fog	Andre Dupus III	yes	3 3/4
Nov	Too Close to the Falls	Cathy Gildener	yes	4 1/4

The next time you are browsing in the Book Store, you might consider buying up one of their recommended titles. It might save you from making a poor choice.

Their selection for review in January is "The Kitchen God's Wife" by Amy Tan. If you are interested in being a part of this "scholarly" group contact Joanne Scruton, the Coordinator.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at Blueberry Trails. To date the turn-out has been very light, but there are a faithful few who come out regularly. Luci Worch and Gary Willis, the Coordinators, would be happy to have you join them. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. There are approximately 10 members at the present time. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunches which are run as an organized pot luck. These luncheons are very informal. They enjoy great company and conversation. They share recipes and decorating idea. They even wax into philosophical discussions on how to solve the world's problems! All this is done while enjoying lots

of great food. They are encouraging new members to join them. Why don't you give Joanne Scruton a call at 422-0976 to get more information.

DON'T FORGET....

- Please notify the Membership Convener (Deborah Ferris) of any changes to your address, phone no., etc. We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Wear your name tag to all Probus **meetings** and **events**. It makes it much easier for us to recognize each other and learn Member's names. You may have noticed that some people had a beautiful ribbon bow in Probus colours attached to their name tag. These are brand new members and we should go out of our way to welcome these people and make them feel right at home in our Club. We want to thank Jean Gibson for her creativity in making these distinctive ribbons.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402) so an appropriate card can be sent out. Also, if you need a ride to any Probus event, contact Linda. She can help you find a ride.
- Note that the web address for our Club has been changed to: www.probus.org/5wasabcr. Information on our Club, and our newsletter is available at this site.
- If you note any errors that we make in the newsletter, please point them out to us so we can correct them. Seems we had some phone numbers wrong for a few of months, but nobody told us. Maybe no one is reading and/or using the information.

BIRTHDAYS

To those who celebrated a birthday in December, we wish you many happy returns. While your birthday presents may be combined with Christmas presents, the best wishes are separate and genuine. I know; I have a December birthday too.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is now up to 187, with a few more persons actively considering joining our group. There is room for a few more members but we have set a cap of 200. If you know of anyone who is interested in Probus, bring them out to a meeting as your guest soon. We have a great Club and it will reach capacity quickly!

THE LAST WORD:

The Holiday Season is behind us and the New Year spreads before us. Resolutions are the order of the day. As Probus members, there's a number of resolutions we should be making. Let's actively take part in Club functions. Let's reach out to new members and make them feel comfortable in our midst. If we keep these resolutions, we will be meeting the purpose and objectives of our organization.

Next General Meeting February 1, 2005 at the Wasaga Stars Arena

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee or tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00

Management Team

President:	Luci Worch	422-0062	Goodwill:	Lynda Trimble	429-3402
Vice-President:	Ray Porter	429-9260	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
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Secretary:	Doris Willis	429-7835	Refreshments:	Orlene & John Fost	429-9479
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			50/50:	Jean Gibson	429-8039