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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

PROFILER: *Allan Brand*

SPEAKER: *Bruce Young.*
Proofs Positive Photography



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Maureen (Mo) Parkes was our Profiler for this meeting. Here is a summary of her story.

Mo was born in Brampton and grew up in what is now Mississauga. At an early age, she survived the awesome forces of Hurricane Hazel. Her attendance through Elementary and High School was fairly uneventful. She moved on to the University of Western Ontario graduating with a B.A. (Major in History & Minor in Anthropology and Archeology), expecting to become a teacher. However, as she had spent the summers of her university days working in the Transportation industry, she changed her mind about teaching and decided to pursue a career in this field. She continued with Inter-City Truck Lines after graduation doing various jobs, and then moved on to T.P.T. to be trained as a Claims Manager. Six months later, she moved again to W. J. Mowat Ltd., starting as a Tracer, and moving up to become Assistant to the Operations Manager and Dispatcher. Here is where she met her future soul-mate, Tom, who happened to be the ex-brother-in-law of the Operations Mgr. As their relationship progressed, she became an instant mother to 3 daughters and they added their own daughter later. After her maternity leave, she returned to Mowat for a short time, and then quit to be a stay-at-home Mom. Once her daughter was in school, she returned to the work force with AMG-Associated Management Group who did equipment deliveries and removals for Xerox in Ontario. From here she was asked to work directly for The Xerox Corporation, where she held various jobs with ever increasing responsibilities. She served on various task forces and received numerous special awards for her excellent performance. In June 2001, after 16 yrs., the stresses of the job took their toll, and she took early retirement to spend time with her family. They sold their home in Brampton and moved permanently into their cottage in Woodland Beach. To fill some of her free time, she, along with her daughter, embarked on a 2nd career selling Avon products. They were very successful, but it became much too time-consuming, so they "retired" again. Now in her spare time, she crochets, reads, does ceramics, makes porcelain figures, and does cake decorating. She and Tom have taken numerous cruises. They have recently moved into the Town of Wasaga and are involved in Church activities, the Bayshore Senior's Club and the Probus Clubs. They are very happy living right here in Wasaga Beach.

At the February meeting we were honoured to have as our Featured Speaker, Gerald Cowley, P.Eng. who spoke to us about his experiences working with officials in Washington, DC on the clean-up of the Anthrax contamination in various public buildings which happened shortly after the 9-11 terrorist attacks. He gave us an insight into the complexities of working and coordinating with the many levels of Government, using Canadian technology which was still in its infancy, but which was better than anything available in the USA. He made what was a very technical subject, extremely interesting and understandable for those of us who are technically challenged.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

5 Pin BOWLING

Wednesday, February 22nd.

Mariners Cove Sports Complex on Hwy #124, S end of Collingwood

38 bowlers came out to participate in a spirited competition of strikes, spares, & near misses in 3 games of bowling. The 2 pro's who came with their own bowling shoes ended up with high ladies' & men's score. Most of the people went over to Tony's Iron Skillet for dinner. In the words of one of the bowlers, "It was a great day of fellowship".

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Gayety Theatre, Collingwood

Friday, March 4th

8:00 pm.

Cost - \$21.40

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.

36 people have paid and the tickets will be distributed today.

FUTURE EVENTS....

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd

Dyconia Resort Hotel, Wasaga Beach

A ROCK 'n ROLL Mystery Dinner, "**The Last Kiss**" presented by the Beachcomber Thespians

Cost –abt. \$25.00

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 dress for this event will be "late 50-early 60's. Dig out your old photos to see how you dressed in the "good old days".

The first organizing meeting of cast and helpers was held on Feb. 17. The Actors were assigned their parts and the rest of the eager beavers were assigned their supporting roles. Lots of work will be needed to prepare the entrance, the room and the stage.

At least 50 people have signed the sheet indicating their interest in attending already.

FRIDAY, MAY 27th

TIME TO BE SET LATER

CASINO FUN NITE

This is not a fund raising event, and you can't lose your money. We will be using Funny money for the games and for an auction on several items at the end of the night. We will start with dinner at the Collingwood Legion, then play a few games such as Crown & Anchor, Black Jack, Dice Roll, Bean Bag Toss, Mini Putt, Slot Machines, etc., then end the night with the auction.

Volunteers are still needed for the Committee running the evening, and any gaming ideas you may have are welcome. Over 60 people signed the Interest Sheet at the last general meeting. Still time to sign up today.

MUSKOKA RENDEZVOUS 2005

Huntsville, ON

September 25-29, 2005

The six Probus Clubs of Muskoka invite you to take part in the many planned events, which will give each of you an opportunity to explore this beautiful region, have fun and enjoy the company of Probus members from across Canada. See our Bulletin Board for more information or go to www.probus.org/Canada for the complete details.

Lucky Draw Winners from February Meeting –

1st Prize of \$40.00 was won by Dina MacDonald.
2nd Prize of \$27.00 was won by Deborah Ferris.
A bottle of wine was won by Judith Harrison.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Dinner at our Place	Contact	Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Golfing Around	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Gary Willis	429-7835

The **Dinner at our Place** Club still needs a few more members to get to 32 persons so their system can work properly. 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 also looking for people who are interested in being an occasional substitute when regular members are not available. It's another way to get to know our members better. Call Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for more information if you are interested.

The **Happy Bookers** Book Club will be reviewing "The Red Tent by Anita Diamant in their March get-together and we'll get the results of their review at a later date. 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 the Ganaraska Trail Entrance, off Powerline Rd. The group seems to be living up to its name, because as the temperature goes up so does the number showing up for the walk. It's a great way to get a bit of exercise. You're always welcome. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers** are still working towards expanding their group so more members can have the opportunity of meeting socially while enjoying good food and conversation. They meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunches which are run as an organized pot luck. They are hoping to expand to two manageable groups of 10 people each, with the idea of interchange of people from time to time. Why don't you give Joanne Scruton a call at 422-0976 to get more information?

The **Restaurant Dinner Club** is a group of some 60 members dedicated to the proposition that retirement is more than cooking. We go to different restaurants in the area every other month. We sometimes go as a large group. On other occasions we divide into groups of 12-14 so that we don't overwhelm the restaurants. We've been to restaurants in Barrie, Collingwood, Thornbury, Singhampton, Violet Hill, Stayner and Creemore - so far!! The next outing will be in April. **Call Diane Nagel at 428-3209** if you are interested in joining the group or can recommend a restaurant in the area.

DON'T FORGET....

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted on the Bulletin Board for your information. Please read them! These Bulletin Boards often have details of other Community Events and Happenings in the area. We do this as an information service to you, our members, but, as a Club, we do not promote such things.
- 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**.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card. Get-well Wishes, Best Wishes, Condolences to anyone we may have missed.
- Information on our Club, and our latest newsletter is available at the web address: www.probus.org/5wasabcr. Check often!
- A Signup Sheet for those interested in doing a Personal Profile for the Club has been put out today. For those uncomfortable doing such a thing, this is not a requirement of membership. If you would just like to write up your story, someone would be happy to present it for you. We would like to hear all about you. By sharing who we are, we get to know each other better, and we become a better Probus Club.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

To those who celebrated in February, we wish you many happy returns.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is now at our cap of 200. Future interested persons will be put on a waiting list and they can become members in August if all current members do not wish to renew their membership.

For Your Consideration:

When you're buying flowers for that special person or for that special occasion, have you ever thought about where they came from? Many come from poor countries where the people involved in getting them to you are being exploited with very poor wages and terrible working conditions. Flowers showing the Sierra Eco label are quality flowers that are grown respecting both people and the environment! Before you buy, ask the Florist if they have the Sierra Eco label. You might pay a bit more, but it's for a very worthwhile cause. For more information, go to:

www.sierraflower.com/eco/.

Next General Meeting April 5, 2005 at the Wasaga Stars Arena
Speaker: Anita Miles, Manager of the Collingwood Museum @ "The Station"
Subject: The History of Collingwood (100th Anniversary)

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

Management Team

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