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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: JAMIE WARREN – Canadian New Country Singer

JANUARY SPEAKER

Suzanne Hamilton, part owner of Hamilton Tours, provided us with some very useful travel information. Suzanne has been 19 years in the travel business and has traveled all over the world. She showed us a slide show of many interesting places to visit within Canada and around the world. Some of her travel tips are listed here.

1. Passports are now required for air travel to the USA. For this year, birth certificate and photo ID can be used if entering the USA by boat or land but a passport will make things easier and will be required by next January.
2. Be sure to buy travel medical, trip cancellation and trip interruption insurance. A night in a U.S. hospital could cost in the tens of thousands of dollars if you don't have insurance.
3. Don't lock your suitcases – customs will cut your locks off.
4. Forget about Travelers checks. Use your debit card or your Visa or Mastercard – all can be used worldwide.
5. Prescriptions should be in their original container and carried in your "carry on" luggage.
6. Label the inside of your suitcase as well as the outside. The outside tag may accidentally be torn off.
7. Consider "cross packing" with your travel partner in case one of your suitcases is lost.
8. Consider wearing a Maple Leaf pin to show that you are a Canadian.
9. Use lightweight suitcases so that you can pack more and still meet the weight restrictions.
10. Use a luggage strap or mark your suitcase for easy identification on the carousel.
11. After checking out of a hotel, destroy your entry room card. It contains your personal information. Most hotels do not charge you for not turning it in.

All in all, a very interesting talk. We thank Suzanne for taking time from her busy schedule to speak to us.

PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENT

BOWLING AND DINNER

COLLINGWOOD

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

After a morning of heavy snow, the weather cleared and we had no problem with the trip to Collingwood for the annual Beachcombers bowling party. The action commenced promptly at 2 o'clock and the lanes were filled with bowlers doing their best to look like professionals. Yes, of course there were some really good bowlers there but the rest of us were busy throwing balls into the gutters and trying not to be embarrassed by it all. It was all in good fun, and everyone had a great time cheering each other on. Three games were played before we quit and everyone was in great spirits as we prepared to make our way to a delicious dinner at the Rock Del Steakhouse.

Thanks go to Luci Worch and the "social gang" for a job well done! I'm already looking forward to next year!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

INDOOR PUTTING THE PUTTING EDGE, BARRIE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Keep those golf skills honed! The fun starts at 11 am at the Putting Edge in Barrie. Lunch will follow at The Marketplace Buffet Grill located at 47 Mapleview Avenue. Tickets for the putting are **\$10.00** and the lunch is at your own expense (priced at \$9.19 plus tax for the senior's special rate). Tickets are on sale at today's meeting.

GEORGIAN DOWNS RACETRACK BARRIE TUESDAY, MARCH 27
Enjoy an exciting evening at the races! Tickets are on sale now for **\$34.00** per person. Included are a delicious buffet dinner (visit the chocolate fountain for dessert!), soft drinks, and the races - which you can watch from your dining table, tax and gratuity. Whether you bet a lot or a little, whether you win a lot or a little, you'll have a great time.

DINNER AND VARIETY SHOW COLLINGWOOD LEGION THURSDAY, APRIL 26
We will enjoy a delicious chicken dinner followed by entertainment put on by our very own Probus Club members. Do you have a talent that you would like to show off? This is your night to shine! We are still looking for a few more participants to round out the evening's entertainment. Speak to anyone in the Social Group to sign up. Tickets for this diverting evening will be priced at **\$25.00**.

FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
Our Theatre experience includes lunch with choice of chicken or ham. Lunch and performance will be from 11:30 - 3.00 Cost will be \$79.00 which includes Bus transportation. Come and join us for a fun day. Meeting place & time will be confirmed later.

JANUARY'S LUCKY 60/40 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$60.00 was won by John Fost
2nd Prize of \$25.00 was won by Ruth Kramer
3rd Prize of \$13.00 was won by Deborah Ferris
Gift certificate for the Real Canadian Superstore was won by Maria Servaas

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

(If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee.)

The special interest groups are open to Probus members only.

* Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact Joanne Scruton	422-0976
* Dinner at our Place	Contact Betty Keyes	429-6064
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact Maggie Higgins	422-1338
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835
* YOYO's	Contact Joan Maloney	422-0573

Dinner at Our Place:

We have 4 hosts each welcoming 6 other guests for dinner. Responsibilities are rotated monthly with everyone preparing a portion of the meal. Our dinners begin at 6PM; we do not assign a particular evening to dine; this is left for each group to decide. The hosts are responsible for the main entree and the vegetables to accompany it. In addition, they supply the bread/rolls, tea/coffee milk/cream and sugar. As a host you do have 3 other couples who assist with your meal. I assign one couple to provide the appetizers, another couple soup or salad, and the third couple the dessert. Everyone provides their own choice of beverage for the evening whether it is wine, beer or a soft drink. At present we have 4 people who wish to become permanent members, and we need 4 more to join them to have a 5th house operational. Please call me or see me at a meeting if you are interested. We especially want to

encourage our single people. Are you willing to host, like to cook and enjoy being with people for an evening of fun, good food and conversation? Betty Keyes 429-6064

The Happy Bookers club's membership is now full. If you wish to join, your name will now be placed on a waiting list. We meet every 3rd Monday of the month. Call Joanne Scruton @ 422-0976

January book report by Luci Worch:

Our book for January was *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion: an American writer, journalist, essayist and novelist. The book-length essay chronicles the year following her husband's death, during which Didion's daughter, Quintana, was also gravely ill. The book is both a vivid personal account of losing a partner after 40 years of professional collaboration and marriage, and a broader attempt to describe the mechanism that governed her grief and mourning.

In November 2005, it won the U.S. National Book Award for nonfiction.

It is Joan Didion's journey through the year following her husband's death, her experiences, her feelings, and the writing of this book was her way of dealing with grief. This book made us look into our own personal journeys and experiences dealing with the loss of a loved one, and we had some very heart felt discussions at this meeting.

It is not a self help book, and will not alleviate grief but brings grief to the surface: therefore the majority of Happy Bookers would 'selectively' recommend this book.

The Fair Weather Walkers: The walks always take place at Powerline Road. We will have the choice of either walking along the skidoo trail as we do during the winter, or we can use the forest trails. The walking is never cancelled; we enjoy each other's company no matter who happens to show up. We have walked in blizzards, in downpours and while fending off Canada's other-national bird (The mosquito!). So come along any Friday and reward yourself with a cup of Timmy's coffee afterwards. Call Gary Willis @ 429-7835 for more information.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Members take turns hosting the lunch, which is an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, laughter and gossip. We are now at our maximum membership limit of 12 ladies. Call Maggie Higgins @ 422-1338 if you want to be on our "wait" list.

The **Restaurant Dinner Club** is a group of some 60 members dedicated to the proposition that retirement is more than cooking. They go to different restaurants in the area every other month. Call Diane Nagel @ 428-3209 if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

The **YOYO's (You're On Your Own)** are a group of individuals wanting to share in good fellowship, potlucks and amusing activities. We meet on the 4th Wednesday morning of the month. Call Joan Maloney @ 422-0573 for more information – new members welcome.

BEACHCOMBERS SELLERS PAGE

Sellers must be members of Probus Beachcombers. Email your submission to Doris Willis @ teacop@rogers.com or add your submission to the list which is posted on the bulletin board at each meeting. Please notify Doris immediately when your item has been sold.

1. 2 piece sofa & loveseat, wedgewood blue, excellent condition, perfect for cottage or bedroom \$200. each piece or \$300. for both. Call Valerie Deveau @ 420-0354
2. Olympus 2.1 Digital camera with extra memory cards \$100. Call Jim Park @ 322-2419 (selling on behalf of Keith Rossel)
3. Professional Beauty Salon Hair Dryer; hardly used \$125. Husquvarna garden tractor; adjustment for pushing snow. Call Nell Holowachuk @ 429-7240
4. Child's Evenflo Exersaucer- Deluxe Active Learning Center. Call Kay Knab 429-5547
5. Crock Pot Rival 5 quart Model 3850. LIKE NEW!! \$ 30.00 (Sears catalogue \$ 69.50 plus tax) Call Sheila @ 429- 3451

6. Dark green love seat (2 years new) \$250. Call Bill Travis 422-1148

7. Victorian 3 piece Settee set, carved, Mother of Pearl inlay English. Call Jim Park @ 322- 2419

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrated in January!

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. 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 our members, but 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 (Kay Knab - 429-5547). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card. Get-well Wishes, Best Wishes, and Condolences to anyone we may have missed.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached at 429-6064.

NEXT MEETING:

MARCH 6, 2007

ALL STARS ARENA

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

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/7wasbcnrn.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer)
Please be aware that the **address changed** in January to reflect the year 2007.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Chris Armstrong	429-7805	Refreshments:	Orlene & John Fost	429-9479
Vice-President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
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	Diane Nagel	428-3209		Maggie Higgins	
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