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AUGUST GENERAL MEETING
TODAY'S SPEAKER: PROFESSOR J. LARRY BLACK
TOPICS: RUSSIA IN TRANSITION
THE MACLAREN ART EXHIBIT

Your annual membership dues must be paid today! Membership is \$25 per person. Please make your check out to “Beachcombers Probus”, date it for August 1 and give it to Linda Willis who you will find at the “sign in” table as you enter the meeting room.

MANY THANKS to our outgoing Executive Committee! It has been a great year thanks to the hard work of the committee and all the volunteers who gave of their time to make our club the success that it is. Special thanks to Christina Armstrong, Vivian Sheridan, Gloria Haraswosky, Harry Durrant, Doris Willis, Orlene & John Fost, Deborah Ferris and Ray Porter. Also a big thank you to those who are staying on for another year. They are Tom Donohue, Christina Armstrong, Jan Bivall, Diane Nagel, Kay Knab, Betty Keyes and Maggie Higgins & Ken Wong.

WELCOME to our new Executive Committee!

It will be great to have some new faces in the Executive and they are most welcome. The Executive is a hard working group and we all look forward to a new year of activities and laughs. Please welcome our 2007/2008 Executive members.

They are:

President: Tom Donohue
Past President: Christina Armstrong
Vice President: Betty Baker
Treasurer: Kathy Zack
Secretary: Joanne Scruton
Social Chair: Irene Donohue
Membership: Linda Willis
Newsletter: Maggie Higgins & Ken Wong
Refreshments: Susan & Brian Passmore
Speakers: Jan Bivall & Diane Nagel
Goodwill: Marilyn Ruse
Draws: Kay Knab
New Members Ambassador: Betty Keyes

Remember that the club cannot survive without participation from its members! Please volunteer when a call goes out for extra help – we need you!

JULY 3 MEETING:

After the election process was completed it was time for some fun. Christina introduced Priscilla Snodgrass (Doris Willis) who introduced the participants in the Spring Fashion Show. All the beautiful “ladies” modeled the latest in fashion attire and were well received by the audience. They were Jamie (Jim Park), Willamina (Bill Travis), Brianna (Brian Armstrong), Petra (Peter Ruse), Constanza (Stan Scruton) and Frieda (Fred Worch). Before leaving the stage,

Pierre La Poop (Christina Armstrong) ogled all the ladies and then complained to the audience about not being allowed to become a member of the Beachcombers Probus. Pierre was forced to make a hasty exit and was replaced by Christina who asked the beautiful models to take part in the draws.

A great time was had by all...participants and audience alike.

Reported by Doris Willis

PAST SOCIAL EVENT:

ANNUAL PICNIC

ELMVALE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Barbeque Bob did a bang up job on the food! There was a whole roasted pig, a side of beef, a gigantic ham, corn on the cob, salad and rolls. Goodness gracious, we nearly had to force ourselves to chow down on the decadent squares that were served for dessert but we managed to find room in our full tummies for the treats. It was quite a feast.

Before being served that great dinner we worked up an appetite by playing games in the park. Bocce ball and horseshoes were followed by such silly and hilarious games as a water balloon toss, an egg (raw) toss and "pass a balloon to your team member" using only your knees.

We had a turnout of about 145 people and everyone had a great time. The social committee did a wonderful job at organizing and running the event. Special thanks to Bill Travis for running the games although I think he was starting to get cocky with that whistle of his! Vivian Sheridan and her group worked hard at this event and their efforts were much appreciated. Gloria Harasowsky was even there and looking great! All in all, a resounding success! Thanks to everyone who made it possible.

Reported by Maggie Higgins

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

WASAGA SANDS GOLF COURSE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

We don't care if you consider yourself a poor golfer or a good golfer, everyone is invited to participate. Dinner will follow the tournament and there will be lots of prizes for the participants. Everyone always has a great time at our annual golf tournament so come on over to the golf course on the afternoon of Aug. 15 and show us what you can do! Tickets are still available and are priced at **\$50.00** for 9 holes of golf (includes cart) and steak dinner. If you would like to attend the dinner only, tickets are **\$20**.

SEPTEMBER 18th - FALL LUNCH CRUISE - TICKETS ON SALE TODAY

Picture the beauty of a lake cruise on the Island Princess while enjoying a hot buffet lunch on the heated enclosed main deck. After lunch we will make our way to the Orillia Opera House for a performance of "**Stage Door Canteen**" - *the year is 1944, New York City, Broadway's brightest stars have banded together and opened a night club to give the troops a great send off. Music of the 40's, "Sunny Side of the Street", "In the Mood", Moonlight Serenade", "Kiss Me Good Night Sergeant Major"*.

Meet at Orillia's Town Dock at 11:30 a.m. - sail at 12:00 p.m. sharp!

Cost: \$50.00 per person - includes cruise, lunch and show.

OCTOBER - CAR RALLY

Date to be set before the September 4th Probus Club meeting.

NOVEMBER

Event not yet planned. Watch this space!!!!

DECEMBER 7th - CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

JULY'S LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$62.00 was won by Erie Vanderknokke

2nd Prize of \$39.00 was won by John Fost

3rd Prize of \$31.00 was won by Glenn Martin

4th Prize of \$23.00 was won by Margaret Pothier

Gift certificate for Catch 22 restaurant was won by Frank Beil

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, "Spin off group.	Contact Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Happy Bookers original group-membership full.	Contact Mary Barnes	429-2142
* 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

The **YOYO's** (You're **O**n **Y**our **O**wn) 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

Dinner at Our Place: TO ALL MEMBERS

We have a great need to start a new house in our dinner club. I need 4 more people to make this happen. Also, if you don't wish to be on our permanent roster, why not go on our "Substitute" list?

Does this fit your description?

1. I like to cook and prepare favorite dishes as well as try new recipes.
2. I like to have fun, share a lot of laughs and get to know members over the course of an evening.
3. I enjoy the experience of welcoming people to my home and entertaining.
4. I like the fact that others are responsible for preparing courses which they bring to my home that evening.
5. I like the fact that I will only host once every 4 months.
6. I like the fact that the other 3 months I will be a guest in another member's home.
7. Finally, I would love to attend the group socials: the Christmas party in December and the barbecue in August.

After you finish reading the above, why don't you seek me out at a meeting or give me a call?

Betty Keyes 429-6064 keyes1@sympatico.ca

The Happy Bookers Club is on summer hiatus. Because of the popularity of the book club, a 2nd new group will be forming in September. If you are interested in joining the **new group** please call **Lucille Mancer @ 422-0143**.

The original Happy Bookers will be run by Mary Barnes. Their membership is full.

The Fair Weather Walkers, as the name implies, walk when the weather co operates. However we have been caught in downpours and blizzards but have always managed to complete the course. The route begins at the Powerline Road Skidoo trail and except for two small hills, is easy to walk. Our pace is unhurried yet steady and gives us plenty of time (about an hour) to observe the ever changing world around us. We have been known to see deer, a variety of birds, the occasional porcupine and even a black bear. (But he was too far away to cause us too much worry!) Please join our friendly group any Friday at 1:30. We enjoy laughter and good conversation which always carries to Tim Horton's afterwards.

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.

A GREAT EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

It is suggested that you do this exercise 3 times per week.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb. potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there for as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb. potato sacks and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb. potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

Once you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – WASAGA BEACH

The habitat project is still underway despite the many complications and resultant delays we have had with site preparation. We have found water, unexpected sewer lines, and most recently a storm sewer located almost under the planned foundation even though the official drawings show it to be located several feet away.

The main on-site wall installation is scheduled for Saturday August 25th but there is also a need for volunteers for other phases of the project from early August through September. If you can swing a hammer, help with dry wall, or install trim and doors or help with the landscaping, please call Mark Redmond at 705-444-9860. Mark is coordinating all volunteer labour and will be happy to schedule you in for whatever amount of time you can commit during this period. Thank you.

Submitted by David Sheridan

BEACHCOMBERS SELLERS PAGE

Sellers must be members of Probus Beachcombers. Email your submission to Joanne Scruton (stan.scruton@sympatico.ca) 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. Items will be listed for a maximum of **3 months**.

1. Traditional 3-seater matching sofa and chair. Excellent condition and top quality fabric-\$500. See bulletin board for pictures. Call George and Marilyn Rice @ 429-1798
2. Nordic "Walk fit" with computer, like new - \$359. or best offer. Call Dina McDonald @ 429-7730
3. Desk – all steel, double pedestal, 60x30x29 h - \$45. Call Dina McDonald @ 429-7730

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrated in July!

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 (Linda Willis @ 429-0467) of any changes to your address, phone number 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 (Marilyn Ruse @ 422-0271). 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 @ 429-6064.

NEXT MEETING:

September 4

ALL STARS ARENA

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

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/7wasbcn.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer)

Please note that the **address changes** every January to reflect the new year.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Vice-President:	Betty Baker	422-1909	Membership:	Linda Willis	429-0467
Treasurer:	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Social:	Irene Donohue	429-0644
Secretary:	Joanne Scruton	422-0976	60/40 Draw:	Kay Knab	429-5547
Past President:	Christina Armstrong	429-7805	New Member Ambassador:		
Speakers:	Jan Bivall	429-7584		Betty Keyes	429-6064
	Diane Nagel	428-3209	Goodwill:	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
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