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THIS GENERAL MEETING - MAY 5

Speaker: Ed Parkes - Crimestoppers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This time of year sees a rebirth in the world around us. Vegetation turns from the brown of winter to the green of spring. The buds on plants begin to swell and bloom. Our animal and bird friends welcome new additions into the world. The optimism and energy in the air has a positive impact on so many aspects of our own lives. Spring fills us all with hope and energy.



Ross Dawe

Our PROBUS executive committee begins to go through a similar transformation at this time of year. Our incoming president (in this case **John Dunnett**) begins to anticipate taking over the reins of Beachcombers PROBUS and is looking forward to welcoming new faces to the management committee. It's definitely a time of renewal.

Serving on our executive definitely is a rewarding experience. Executive members work together to ensure the smooth operation of our club's meetings and activities. It truly is a wonderful feeling to be in on the action, to form lasting friendships with other executive members, and to help others enjoy the many experiences our active club has to offer.

There usually is some carry over in the makeup of our management team. However, there are always spots to fill. This year is no exception. We are looking for a new vice president to replace **John**

Dunnett as he moves on to the role of president. Our secretary, **Doris Willis**, is returning as is our treasurer, **Don McFayden**. I'll be back as past president. However, we have to fill a number of other positions.

Our PROBUS club has been around for a while. Many of our members have already served on the executive. Some have volunteered several times for different positions over the past decade. If you have not stepped forward to volunteer in the past, perhaps this is your year. If you are a brand new member, don't hesitate to get involved. This is an excellent opportunity to make new friends and enjoy new experiences by helping out others. Many hands make light work.

In the next little while, we'll be posting a list of vacant executive positions for 2015 - 2016. Please consider joining our executive committee. If you do, I promise you will not be disappointed.

APRIL'S MEETING

GREETERS: Thank you to our greeters for April: **Gertrud & Ernie Bartlik**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Ron Hanson**.



AMBIANCE: Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for her table décor and **Lyn & George Rice** for the coffee and goodies. Congratulations also to **George & Lyn Rice** on their 50th anniversary in April.

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Doug McCullough introduced our speaker **Connie Campbell** who, with her sister **Sherry**, spoke about the issue of downsizing. They spoke about the many areas of consideration and featured a humorous video of a youthful **George Carlin** who gave a talk about the amount of "stuff" we accumulate in our lives. Tips were given about purging our lives and our homes. **Doug** thanked **Connie & Sherry** for their interesting and informative talk.



WELCOME NEW PROBUS MEMBERS

In the absence of New Members Chair Sheila Ewing, Betty Baker introduced new members Wally & Suzanne Buchner.



LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



Lucky Draw: Joan Maloney/Sandra Hanson
1st PRIZE: \$60.00 Gaston Laurin
2nd PRIZE: \$40.00 Gary Willis
3rd PRIZE: \$33.00 June Davidson
Speakers' Fund: \$45.50
PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS.

Smiling Gary, June and Gaston with winnings.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 15TH. EVENT

On April 15th, approximately 70 members attended the Base Borden Military Museum tour followed by an enjoyable lunch at the base golf club. The tour was very interesting and informative and I believe enjoyed by all those that attended. **NOTE:** If you were unable to attend, the museum is open to the public any day of the week with free admission.





Shown above, a couple of older enthusiasts wondering where to sign up for flight duty. Somebody (no names here) almost got stuck in the tank. Something about tight quarters and a spare tire...



MAY 2ND. EVENT

Saturday May 2nd is the date scheduled to attend a tribute performance of Roy Orbison / Everly Brothers at the Meaford Hall (8:00 pm showtime). For the 50 members who have paid for their tickets please note that you will be given your tickets the evening of the performance (May 2nd), by either Ron Hanson or Barb Christie.

This event has been sold out.

JUNE 13TH. EVENT

Saturday June 13th is the confirmed date for an evening of dining / horse racing @ Georgian Downs (7485 5th Side Road, Innisfil). The buffet dinner is provided by Mamas Italian Buffet at a cost of \$24.99 pp. Dinner is at 6:00 pm with the horse racing commencing at 7:05 pm. The cost of the buffet is to be paid for by the member (hopefully from your winnings at the track???) . A sign-up sheet will be available at the May and June meetings. It is important that you only sign up if you plan on attending as reservations will need to be made to ensure seating.



JULY 15TH. EVENT

On Wednesday July 15th we have scheduled our annual Beachcombers Probus picnic. The location is the same as last year.....Klondike Park, Wasaga Beach (11:30 am - 4:00pm). There will

be a catered barbeque at 12:00 noon so make sure you arrive early. Tickets go on sale at the May / June / July meetings.....\$10.00 pp for members / \$17.00 pp for guests. Bring your cheque books to purchase your tickets. I hope you will all be able to attend this event for a fun / entertainment filled afternoon.

AUGUST 19TH. EVENT

Wednesday August 19th is the scheduled date for a wonderfully exciting performance of "Footloose" at the Kings Wharf Theatre, 97 Jury Dr., Penetanguishene. Show time is 2:00 pm. We have reserved a block of 60 tickets and will be available on a first come first served basis. Sign-up sheets will be made available at the May / June meetings. We must commit to a final #'s at the June meeting. The reserved tickets are prioritized for the club membership.....tickets will be allowed for guests only at the June meeting.

The cost of the ticket is \$39.00 pp. Bring your cheque book to purchase your tickets.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the Management Team.

PM Luncheon Cuisiners:

Joan Porter - 429-9260

Genealogy:

Sandra Hanson - 422-0227

Daytrippers:

June Davidson - 422-0960

Dinner at our Place:

Diane Nagel - 422-0835

First Edition:

Rickey Lemire - 422-1738

Happy Bookers:

Jan Bivall - 429-7584

Kitchen Bridge:

Betty Keyes - 429-6064

Men's Breakfast:

Bob Bowyer - 429-0579

PS.....your social committee would prefer payment by cheque rather than cash, as this is much easier to keep records of who has made payments.

That's all for now.....your social committee.

MEMBERSHIP

We are now 193 members and growing. New members are always welcome. If you have a spreadsheet program (in Numbers or Excel) on your computer and are moderately familiar with using it, please talk to **Judy** at the membership table.

GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Vincy Stephenson sent out a card to **Brian Armstrong** last month. Please pass information regarding illness, hospital stays or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Vincy Stephenson**.



Birthdays/Anniversaries

Best wishes to those who celebrate a special day in **MAY, 2015**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast at various local restaurants. In April our group met for breakfast, and conversation at **YAMMAS GRILL**.

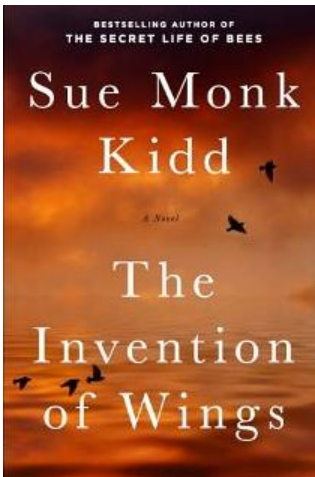
The **ROMEO'S** group has now grown to 30 who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation whenever they can attend. We average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact **Bob Bowyer** at 705-429-0579. We will add you to the list for the monthly reminders.

We send out a reminder a few days ahead to find out how many can make it. We try to give the restaurant an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.

Our next breakfast will be on **Wednesday May 27, 2015, 9:00AM** at **MOSLEY ST GRILL, 1238 Mosley Street**.



HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK REVIEW



The Happy Bookers read, The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. Hetty "Handful" Grimke, is a young slave in nineteenth century Charleston. Sarah Grimke, daughter of wealthy landowners, has known from an early age that she is meant to do something large with her life but is hemmed in by the limits imposed on the women of the time. On Sarah's eleventh birthday, she is given ownership of Handful and thus begins the 35 year journey of their intertwining lives. The story is mainly a work of fiction but the author brings in many historical figures, including the Grimke sisters, Sarah and Angelina, who became the first female abolition agents and were among the earliest major American feminist thinkers. All enjoyed the book and rated it 4 out of 5.

FIRST EDITION BOOK REVIEW

Half-Blood Blues is a novel by author Esi Edugyan. The story follows the main character, Sidney Griffiths, as he recounts his experiences while touring through Europe as a jazz musician prior to the Great War. During Sid's time in Berlin and Paris, he meets one of the greatest trumpet players in history, Hiero Falk.

Sid portrays himself as Hiero's friend and protector. When something comes between the two young musician, Sid ends up betraying

Hiero Falk. Sid hides Hiero's visas, which can allow Hiero to escape the Nazis and so Hiero ends up being captured by the Nazis.

In this coming of age story, Sid has to deal with the guilt of



feeling responsible for the betrayal and murder of his friend. When Sid is able to admit his wrongdoing, he also is able to come to terms with his mistakes when he is forgiven.

The book achieved a 3.5 rating.

THE ARCHIVES

Gene Stephenson, our Archivist, would love to see your photos. If you take a good photo at a PROBUS event, perhaps you can share it with Gene Stephenson for the Archives. Gene's photos are featured in this newsletter. Thanks, Gene.



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little boy is one of our PROBUS members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize him? All will be revealed at the May meeting where we will have our usual lineup of suspects. Think about secretly submitting a youthful photo of you (or your spouse) to the editor.

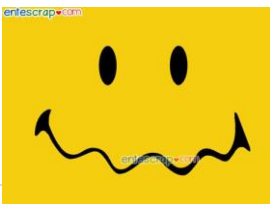
NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015

Wasaga Stars Arena

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.

Submissions for inclusion in June's Newsletter should be sent to t.donohue@rocketmail.com no later than May 25, 2015



If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.