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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: LINDA DAVIS, PRESIDENT & CEO OF COLLINGWOOD
GENERAL AND MARINE HOSPITAL**

TODAY'S PROFILER: BOB HARASOWSKY

AUGUST SPEAKER

Our speaker was Pam Hillier, representing the 211 Community Connection. The 211 phone number began in 1969 to help individuals to navigate available government and social services organizations. In Ontario the number is currently only available in the Niagara region, Simcoe County and Toronto.

When you call 211, a trained information and referral specialist will listen to your situation and help you find the services you need. They provide information on child care, language classes, job searches, housing, health services, family counseling, services for seniors, emergency shelters, services for persons with disabilities, home support, legal assistance, financial assistance, volunteer opportunities, social and recreational programs, services for newcomers to Canada and much more. 211 is an important number to remember and we welcome it to Simcoe County.

Information can also be accessed on the internet at www.211simcoecounty.ca

AUGUST PROFILER

Our profiler was Marilyn Ruse and with the questions asked by her good friend, Betty Baker, who joined her on the stage, Marilyn gave us an entertaining look at her life to date.

Marilyn was born at home in Mimico and was immediately placed in the oven by the attending nurse (to keep her warm?). She spent her youth as a tomboy in a boisterous household consisting of her parents, her older sister, her aunt and uncle, and her grandfather. In high school Marilyn was involved in sports, student council and cheerleading. She also formed her life long friendship with Betty during this period.

After high school, a summer job with Prudential Life Insurance of America somehow lasted for 35 years and advancement to the position of Systems Analyst. As a young lady, dances, shopping trips and cottaging with her girlfriends are memories that are cherished by Marilyn.

Marilyn met her future husband, Larry at the tennis courts and they dated for 6 years before tying the knot in 1961 attended (of course) by her bridesmaid, Betty. Not ones to rush into anything, Marilyn and Larry waited 8 more years before having their son Michael in 1969. Larry's participation in playing Oldtimers hockey started their travels to Europe for tournaments and Michael's involvement in hockey and rep baseball had them traveling all over Ontario plus a three week trip to Germany and Switzerland. Not all trips were sports induced and Marilyn and Larry also took a number of cruises in many interesting parts of the world. After retiring in Mississauga, Marilyn took up tap dancing and performed with the Jubilee Dancers weekly at the Mississauga Community Centre. After investigating many senior communities, Marilyn and Larry followed their friends to Wasaga Beach. Marilyn was delighted to be living near her friend Betty and loves the Beach and all that it has to offer. Joining the Beachcombers Probus Club was the icing on the cake! Thanks for sharing, Marilyn!

PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS

GOLF DAY

MARLWOOD GOLF COURSE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

The first event with the new social committee was a big hit and it didn't matter whether you knew how to golf or not! All golfers received a prize and applause for their efforts. The steak dinner was truly delicious and nothing much was left for those who hoped to take a treat home for their cherished dogs! The drinks flowed and the conversation at dinner never waned. What a noisy bunch we Beachcombers are! For the door prize, "Wine Not" donated a gift certificate for wine that was valued at \$120. There were some great golf prizes as well and thanks go to all who donated. Special thanks to Frank Tate and to Gloria and her social team of hard workers for organizing such a successful day of fun.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

WINE TOUR

NIAGARA REGION WINERIES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

Cost is \$86.00 per person. We'll be stopping at three wineries. First stop will be Herdner Estate Winery where we will sample three wines including their ice wine which will be served with cheese and crackers. Second stop will be Rockway Glen Golf Course & Winery. We'll take a tour of their antique wine museum after which lunch will be served overlooking the golf course with 3 one ounce wine selections offered. Each guest will receive a bottle of Rockway Glen wine to take home with them. Third stop is the family owned Konzelmann Estate Winery where we will sample three of their selections. We expect to return to Wasaga Beach Arena at approximately 7 pm. The tour includes transportation, lunch, taxes, gratuity and bottle of wine. The tour bus is by Hamilton Tours Ltd who will provide a tour guide. The bus will be air conditioned and have a washroom. Water will be supplied for the bus ride.

GHOSTS, GOBLINS & WITCHES CAR RALLY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Once again Frank Tate and Birdie Hawkins will be sending us on a fun tour of the countryside! Frank's hard work in devising the route always pays off in a day of riotous antics and lots of laughs. Everyone has enjoyed the rally in past years and it promises to be just as much fun this year. Participants are asked to **either** bring a carved pumpkin **or** dress in fall colors **or** dress in a Halloween costume. Tickets are \$25 (includes the meal) and are available at today's meeting as well as at the October meeting. Don't miss out on this one!

CRAFTERS SALE

NOVEMBER 7 GENERAL MEETING

The November meeting will have our Crafter's sale set up for your benefit. If you are interested in selling your crafts, please see Doris Willis.

SILENT AUCTION

ALL STARS ARENA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

This year we will be holding the ever popular auction and lunch on a separate date from the monthly meeting. The auction holds plenty of fun and laughs. Come away with a new found treasure to mark the day! The auction will take place in the morning with lunch to follow. Tickets are priced at a mere \$7.50 and they are for sale at today's meeting.

There is a sign up sheet at today's meeting for volunteers to bake squares and to prepare sandwiches. We would also like to see some men volunteer to be food servers at the event. Start searching through your cache of treasures for items valued between \$10 and \$20 to donate to the auction. **We will be accepting the auction items today and at the October meeting.**

CHRISTMAS COOKIE POT LUCK

DECEMBER 5 GENERAL MEETING

Get out your favorite recipe for this event. Everyone will be asked to bring a ½ dozen cookies to the meeting. We are asking our **MEN** to serve the cookies at the coffee break, so ladies, if you need to give your loved one a little coaxing, start now! Our special surprise entertainment is still being planned!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mark your calendar for this one! The Christmas party promises to be a blast so dust off those dancing shoes and get ready to party! You have a few months to practice your steps and get in the mood.

AUGUST'S LUCKY 60/40 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$67.68 was won by Jean Gibson

2nd Prize of \$28.25 was won by Betty Guerin

3rd Prize of \$17.00 was won by Jim Park

Gift certificate for the Dyconia was won by Charlie Baker

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 Maggie Higgins	422-1338
*	Golfing Around	Contact Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835
*	YOYO's	Contact Shirley Hoskin	429-4378

Dinner at our Place held their 2nd annual barbecue this month and everyone participated in providing the menu for this event. If you read the last "Wasagan", you knew that it would be a terrific evening to attend.

Our hosts, Colette & Harry Durrant, provided the group with an array of decorated tables, umbrellas, and a tented area for food in their spacious backyard. Floral bouquets were presented to both Diane & Robin Nagel and Colette & Harry for hosting our 2 group socials of the past year. Winners of the "lucky draws" were: June & Chuck Davidson, Gloria & Bob Harasowsky, Crystal & Glenn Martin, Marilyn & Larry Ruse and Rickey & Greg Lemire. Everyone adjourned to the Durrant's Family Room for a fun evening of lively conversation, much laughter & enjoying each others company.

If you would like to join our group, please call me. We need 2 more couples to make up our 5th house or, perhaps you would like to place your name on our "Substitute" list to fill in when some of the regular members are on holidays. Come dine with us, you won't regret it! Call 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. We are now on hiatus until Sept. when we will review "The Constant Gardener" at Clyffe House, a resort we are taking over for 3 days!!! Stay tuned to the Oct. Wasagan for all (or not all) of the next book review from our "first" Happy Bookers holiday. Call Joanne Scruton @ 422-0976 if you wish to be on the waiting list.

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 did during the winter, or we can use the forest trails. Also, 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 that you are able and be rewarded 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 have a maximum membership limit of 12 ladies. Call Maggie Higgins @ 422-1338

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 looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatres, restaurants, bowling, etc. Call Shirley Hoskin @ 429-4378 for more information.

The **Golfing Around** group plays monthly from May to October at a different golf course each time. July and August games were cancelled and play resumes this month. See or call Bill Travis @ 422-1148.

“WANTED” OR “FOR SALE” ITEMS

Check to see “What’s New”. If you would like to use this means of buying or selling give Betty Baker a call at 422-1909. A list is posted monthly on the bulletin board.

JUST FOR LAUGHS!

Rules for Living Well:

1. Never, never, never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. It’s always darkest before dawn. So if you’re going to steal your neighbor’s newspaper, that’s definitely the best time to do it.
3. Duct tape is like “The Force”. It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
4. Remember that you’re unique, just like every other person.
5. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
6. If at first you don’t succeed, skydiving is definitely not for you.
7. Give a man a fish and he’ll eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he’ll sit in a boat, burp, pass gas, and drink beer all day.
8. A closed mouth gathers no foot.
9. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your wallet.
10. Generally speaking, you aren’t learning much when your lips are moving.

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 Members Ambassador, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached at 429-6064.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrated in August!

NEXT MEETING:

OCTOBER 3, 2006

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/6wasbern.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer)

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Chris Armstrong	429-7805	Goodwill:	Kay Knab	429-5547
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60/40:	Kay Knab	429-5547	Speakers:	Jan Bivall	429-7584
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