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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: ETHEL BERRY, AUTISM SOCIETY

TODAY'S PROFILER: BETTY BAKER

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - "THE AUCTION"

It was the morning of September 6 as Maybelline and Alberto Hairspray stepped from their car onto the parking lot of the All Stars Arena. It was a beautiful morning and Maybelline was looking forward to the auction. "The Probus Beachcombers Auction" she thought firmly to herself. They made their way into the arena and up the stairs to the second floor. What a sight!

That hard working young Joan Porter had asked Maybelline to bring in a batch of her famous brownies for the luncheon and so, there Maybelline was at 8:15, carefully balancing the brownies in her capable hands. Maybelline fleetingly thought of Santa's elves as Joan's helpers ran to and fro organizing themselves in the kitchen and setting up the tables in the great room. "Organized chaos!" she thought, but soon things settled down and the room hummed with energy.

Under the supervision of Betty Keyes and Judy Hutton, an assemblage of ladies in the kitchen was busily plating the squares and the sandwiches that had been put together the night before. Some of the men were setting up the tables for the auction items and other tables were being set up for member's seating. Maybelline and Alberto looked at each other and, in silent agreement, headed over to the auction tables to help unpack and arrange the treasure trove of items that had been donated by the Probus members.

As she unpacked, Maybelline furtively inspected the items and made a mental note when she came across something that she particularly liked. Watching her, Alberto knew exactly what she was up to. Nearly forty years they had been married and Alberto still thought that Maybelline was the best thing that had ever happened to him. Maybelline looked up and caught Alberto's eye. A smile broke across her carefully made up face as she sheepishly put down the crocheted baby blanket she had been admiring. Alberto laughed and wriggled his finger at her. He looked around. Treasures abounded!

There were two waffle makers, a pie maker and an art projector. There were tools for the garden, tools for the barbeque and tools for the handyman. There were bowls, candle holders, tea towels, place mats, books, wine and bath products. There was a teddy bear with its' own baby and even a Mickey Mouse stuffie. The list went on and on. Alberto turned and behind him was the special grand prize table. A beautiful crocheted throw, a gift basket, mugs, a wallet, Nina Ricci perfume, a Christmas light sculpture and a wonderful numbered print by Alberto's friend, artist Terry McDonald. "I want that print" thought Alberto as Maybelline paused at her work to admire his beautiful head of perfectly coifed silver hair. "What a handsome man" she thought. "I'm so lucky!"

The room started to fill up with arriving Probus members. Maybelline and Alberto hurried over to sign in and continued on to pick up the Wasagan newsletter and buy their 50/50 draw tickets. They paid for their car rally tickets. Maybelline's friend, Revlon had participated in the rally last year and had raved over what a great time she'd had. Revlon and her sweetie of a husband, Pantene, were going again this year and all four of them were

planning to have dinner together next week to plan their outfits. Maybelline felt sure that they would win the prize. She had something really inventive in mind! Her eyes twinkled at the thought.

Our two heroes paid their \$7.50 each for the lunch and were given 60 tickets apiece to use on the draws for the auction items. Having unpacked and inspected the items, they know exactly what to do with their tickets. They made their way along the tables putting tickets in the cups in front of the items they wanted to win. Maybelline was hoping to win the teddy bear for her precious granddaughter, May (who had been named after Maybelline). She put nearly fifteen tickets in that cup! Depleted of tickets, they got their coffee and sat down where Revlon and Pantene had saved them two seats. The two couples chatted happily until the meeting was called to order.

Ray Porter, whom Maybelline affectionately thought of as "El Presidente", led the short meeting. Then the entertainment really began! Frank Tate and Bill Travis had been appointed as the draw masters, and what fun they had doing it! Maybelline started to giggle as Frank and Bill tried to outdo each other with their risqué comments. Tickets were drawn, items were won. Then Frank announced that he'd be calling a ticket for the grand prize table. Alberto held his breath as the number was called. Lo and behold, Alberto had the winning ticket! With great excitement he made his way to the grand prize table and scooped up the coveted Terry McDonald print. What a glorious morning this was!

A break was called for lunch. "My oh my" thought Maybelline. The volunteers were bringing out plates piled high with sandwiches and more plates piled with assorted squares. Maybelline noted with pride that her famous brownies were there on the plate along with a lot of other yummy offerings. "Sandwiches first" she thought. There was salmon and tuna and egg salad. Maybelline could not decide, so she took one of each! "I don't think I'll have to make dinner tonight" she said to Alberto as she munched happily. The room was alive with laughter and good cheer as everyone enjoyed their squares and the tables were cleared.

More laughter ensued over Frank and Bill's antics as they drew tickets for the final items and the auction was soon over. Maybelline and Alberto were happy. Maybelline had not won the teddy bears, but she had won some crystal candlesticks and they would most definitely add a touch of elegance to her dining room buffet! Maybelline was certainly no fifties homecoming queen like her friend Betty Baker had been, but Maybelline knew a party when she saw one. And no question about it, this had been a party! Silently she thanked all those who had made the day such a huge success.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

MYSTERY CAR TOUR

From Wasaga Stars Arena

October 12

We are expecting about 70 participants! Everyone will travel with 4 to a car and meet at a secret spot for a light dinner. Lots of prizes and a 50/50 draw! Fun for all! **Today is your last chance** to buy your **(\$20.00)** ticket. Please dress in autumn colors of orange, red, yellow and green. Prizes to the best dressed team! **Sign today's list if you need to be partnered with others into a foursome!**

GEORGIAN DOWNS DINNER & RACING

November 18

An evening at the races! Enjoy a fantastic buffet dinner and try your luck on the horses. Car pooling four to six to a car! We leave the beach at 5 pm sharp for the 45 minute drive. Buffet starts at 6 pm and post time is 7:35 pm. Tickets priced at **\$34.00** will be available at today's meeting. About sixty members are expected to attend. Please sign the list to be partnered with others for the drive.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Collingwood Legion

December 2

Arrive for cocktails at 5:30 and enjoy a festive dinner at 6:00! Everyone will be asked to bring a \$5.00 gift to be handed out by Santa later in the evening. Music, prizes, fun! More information will be available at our November meeting. Our Christmas party is a subsidized event. Members cost is **\$25.00** and partners or escorts will pay **\$35.00**. Tickets are available at today's meeting.

Creative individuals needed to help with centerpieces and decorating the hall! Sign up at today's meeting.

INTEREST SHEETS

Interest sheets available today for tours of the **Toyota Plant** in Cambridge, the **Honda Plant** in Alliston and the **OPP Headquarters** in Orillia. **Volunteers needed** to take charge of each list, please. Speak to Joan Porter at 429-9260

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING

1st Prize of \$50.00 was won by Mildred Lambe.

2nd Prize of \$47.00 was won by Sheila Ewing

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

The **Dinner at our Place** Club meets at different host houses monthly, with a group of 8 people at each house. Members rotate duties of preparing the appetizers, 1st course of soup or salad, and dessert, with the hosts preparing the main entrée. They are looking for members who are interested in joining them on a regular basis and others who would be willing to be an occasional substitute when regular members are absent. Join them for a wonderful social evening of great company, good food and interesting conversation. Call Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for more information.

The **Happy Bookers** reading selection is as follows: October 17 – Orlando by Virginia Wolff. (book/video and pot luck supper. November 21 – The Kite Runner by Kaled Hassen. Each member has the opportunity to recommend a book. Our goal is to read one book a month and discuss the story line and share our thoughts about the book in a light hearted manner. If you are interested in joining our group which meets every 3rd Monday of the month, please call Joanne Scruton at 422-0976.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at the Blueberry Trail Parking Lot. Contact Luci Worch or Gary Willis for more details. The walk lasts about an hour and the coffee break after the walk is worth the effort. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunch, which is run as an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, discussion, laughter and gossip. Call Maggie Higgins at 422-1338 for more information.

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 at 428-3209** if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

A NEW GROUP!

We would like to form a new social group to be called the **YOYOs (You're On Your Own)**. Individuals looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatre, restaurants, bowling, etc. will want to be part of this dynamic new club. There is an interest sheet available at today's meeting. We are looking for one person to coordinate the YOYO's activities. Speak to Joan Porter at 429-9260

“THE HAPPY BOOKERS” SEPTEMBER BOOK REVIEW:

“The Last Juror” by John Grisham

The story line takes place in 1970 and it is about a young man, Willie Traynor, who moves to a small southern town of Clanton, Mississippi to work as a reporter for a failing newspaper. When the paper goes bankrupt, he borrows the money from his wealthy grandmother to purchase the newspaper. A short time after his first issue, Willie gets the story of his life. A local widow, mother of 2 children, is murdered in her home. Willie goes out on a limb and reports all the details on the front page. That decision makes him an instant success and also a marked man. The author creates some great

characters, an evil bootlegger, a sleazy lawyer, eccentric inhabitants, and a story line about a tender black woman named Callie whose relationship with Willie forms the best part of the novel. As usual, Grisham creates a suspenseful ending with an unusual twist. The Last Juror is not Grisham's typical suspense thriller, but it is a nice read and an informative insight into the southern mentality of a small town.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEETING!

You are requested to bring a food or personal hygiene item for charity. Everyone please also bring ½ dozen cookies (with the recipe) to our special Christmas meeting.

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Everyone has an intriguing life story to tell. Give a thought to sharing your biography with the Probus membership! Call Betty Baker at 422-1909 if you are interested in presenting your profile at a future meeting.

REPORTERS NEEDED!

Your editors will be heading south this winter. We are looking for reporters to prepare and email to us an article for the Wasagan on the social events scheduled for January, February and March. If you would like to cover one of these months, please call Maggie Higgins at 422-1338

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**. New member name tags coming soon!
- 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, 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, if you miss her at the General Meeting or other Club activities.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING November 1, 2005 at the Wasaga Stars Arena

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

Speaker: Mary Romualdi-Torres, Ontario Securities Commission

THE LAST WORD

Please note that the website for the Wasagan has changed to www.probus.org/5wasbcnrn.pdf

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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