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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



My year as President has flown by and left me feeling very humble. To serve in any capacity in a volunteer position always garners mixed emotions. You never really know what you have agreed to until you are in the position.

Although, my year started out on a shaky base it soon became solid because of the other volunteers on the Management Team.

And for that, I want to thank the Management Team for their support since the beginning and whose friendships I will continue to enjoy. Because of this support, I have been able to enjoy the position without the pressures. We have had fun, some serious discussions and lots of friendly banter. Getting to know everyone just a little better has been a gift that I will continue to cherish.

To the Beachcombers members, I hope that some of my jokes and some of my messages have been appreciated. I know that when someone shares their emotions with me, I am better for the experience. I hope you have felt the same way with me.

On a final note, remember that if you do not vote in an election, you have no right to complain about the government you get. So it is with a club made up of volunteers; if you feel a club is not run properly and would like changes, you have to become part of the solution by volunteering yourself. It takes only your time and a little effort to enjoy the very real benefits of such a small investment.

Thank you all.

**Gene Stephenson**

**REMINDER! We return to the Wasaga Stars Arena for the next meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**AUGUST'S GENERAL MEETING**  
**Today's Speaker: Dr. Anna Dionisio from Georgian Bay Optometry.**

## SPEAKER FOR JULY – Bette Stanley



Although there was no guest speaker, **Rickey Lemire** introduced her sister, **Bette Stanley**, who gave her profile. Bette spoke of her educational background and her long career of service in public relations in public life fund raising, including working with both the Red Cross and the YMCA. She told many stories of meeting dignitaries, celebrities, royalty and politicians throughout the years in Canada and abroad. Bette's life was full and interesting but it was not over. She received her Masters of Education at Humber College. Bette admitted that her favourite role was that of teacher and since retiring she continues to keep in touch with many of her students.

## Our Greeters



THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR JULY MEETING: **Kathy Zak** and **Brian Currie**. If

## JULY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS\$



*Jeanne Boem with a winning smile*

1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$39.00 ---- Jeanne Boem  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$24.50 --- Luci Worch  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$19.59 ---- Valerie Willock  
4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$14.50 ---- Betty Baker  
Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Yammas restaurant was won by Gail Dawe.

**NOTICE: PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS**

## BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Winners in our photo contest are:

Animal: **Violet Svirplys**  
Children: **Gene Stephenson**  
People: **Doris Willis**  
Landscapes: **Greg Lemire**  
Black and White: **Janet Wright**  
Travel: **Betty Keyes**

Congratulations to **Violet Svirplys** whose photo was selected the grand prize winner. Thanks again to our esteemed judges, **Helen Hutton** and **Judy Morrison** for their help in making our first annual photo contest so successful.

## Social

### PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

**Miss Midland Cruise** – You're getting money back! All of you who attended our June 21 Miss Midland boat cruise will be receiving a partial rebate of your purchased ticket price. The larger turnout than needed to secure the whole boat translated into a lower per person cost than what was charged. Accordingly, the difference is being returned to you. Details will follow shortly.

**Summer Picnic** – On July 17 over 70 of us had a great afternoon of fun and games at our annual summer picnic at the Wasaga Sports Park. It was a beautiful hot summer day, with enough shade and breeze to keep everyone comfortable. The new venue, new menu, and new activities were enthusiastically embraced by those attending.

### UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Visit the social committee tables if you are interested in attending any of the following events

#### **Kings Wharf Theatre**

97 Jury Drive, Penetanguishene, ON L9M 1G7

**2:00 pm on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**"Blue Suede Shoes"**

A Salute to the Music of Elvis

**\$36.00 per person (SOLD OUT)**

## Probus Golf Tournament

at Silverbrook Golf Club

1:00 PM Saturday, September 11, 2012

Golf nine holes with cart and dinner -

\$55.00 per person

Dinner only \$22.00 per person

NOTE: 36 golfers need to sign up to prevent cancellation of this event.

## Halloween Party on Thursday, October 25

Prime Time Club, RecPlex

Your new social committee will work out the party details for our September meeting. In the meantime, you can show your support for this event by marking your calendars **and** signing the interest sheet at the social committee table at today's (August 7<sup>th</sup>) meeting.

## Curling

Wednesday, November 14

Our club has been invited by the Wasaga Beach Mens' Probus Club to participate in a curling event on Wednesday, November 14 at the Stayner Curling Club. Everyone is welcome, whether veteran or neophyte. This is a great opportunity for non-curlers to find out whether this could be the sport for them. Please sign the interest sheet at the social committee table in August to show your support for this first inter-Probus Club event. More details will follow at our September meeting.

## Christmas Dinner/Dance

Friday, December 7 at Collingwood Legion Hall,

This is an early heads up of the date of our annual Christmas dinner/dance. Don't miss out. Mark your calendars now.

# SPECIAL NOTICE

THURSDAY, August 9 at 2:00 PM

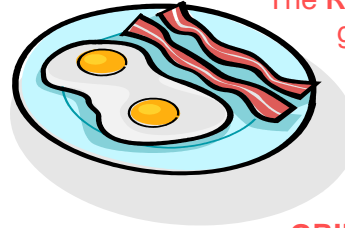
Lieutenant-Governor David Onley speaks at the RecPlex. All are welcome. There is an online reply mechanism set up for Probus members.



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in August

## ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP



The **ROMEO** (Men's) Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In **AUGUST** we will be meeting at **YAMMAS GRILL on WEDNESDAY**

**AUG. 29, 2012 at 12:00 NOON FOR**

**BREAKFAST.** We have 25 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579.

In July, 13 hungry men met for lunch at **BIG CHRIS BBQ SMOKEHOUSE**. It was a different experience. Too much food for little stomachs. We are always open for suggestions for different venues.

## The Daytrippers

Do you want to visit a quaint little town with a wonderful Farmer's Market on the outskirts? The Daytrippers would recommend visiting the charming town of St. Jacobs. It is a journey a bit farther than we have been used to travelling, but very worth the early 'rise and shine'. A bonus was seeing a few Mennonite horse and buggy wagons on the county roads as we approached the area. We started off our adventure at The Farmer's Market which was full of cars in the parking lot. An array of wonderful produce from local farmers awaited us as we meandered up and down the various paths choosing items to take home. Inside the large building you will find fresh meats, fish, cheese, bakery items as well as prepared food to consume there or take with you. Upstairs the vendors have clothing, jewellery, hand-made articles, pottery, and small items to tempt you. From there we were off to downtown King Street to eat at 'The Stone Crock' restaurant. Be prepared to be put on a waiting list to be seated as this is a popular destination for visitors. After lunch we were off to visit most of the shops in the area. Our first

stop was a huge building that housed many shops and artisan areas within. You can see pottery, weaving, art, sculptures, rugs, quilting and much more. The spaces seemed to meander endlessly on many levels. Along the street the shoppers can enjoy browsing in ladies clothing, accessories, home decor, antique and countless others including a specialty store completely devoted to 'Angels'. We happily gathered our treasures as we discovered more items to add to our market purchases.

Here are the things we recommend: Starting off early, it will be a 2 hour and 15-30 minute drive. Keep in mind 'The Farmers Market' closes mid-afternoon and is not open every day. Take a small cooler or insulated bag for your fresh produce and meat purchases. Also, be aware the downtown stores close at 6 P.M.

As we prepared for the journey back to 'The Beach', we concluded that you might also wish to visit this part of Ontario; it was a super outing.

**Betty Keyes**

**PSST! Pass it on. For our next meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> we return to the Wasaga Stars Arena.**

## **Special Interests Contacts**

Special Interest	Contact Name	Phone No.
PM Luncheon Cuisiners	<b>Joan Maloney</b>	422-0573
Genealogy	<b>Sandra Hanson</b>	422-0227
Daytrippers	<b>Betty Keyes</b>	429-6064
Dinner at our Place	<b>Steve and Jan Bivall</b>	429-7584
First Edition	<b>Betty Montgomery</b>	429-6854
Happy Bookers	<b>Mary Barnes</b>	429-2142
Kitchen Bridge	<b>Betty Keyes</b>	429-6064
Restaurant Dinner Club	<b>Sandra Hanson</b>	422-0227
ROMEO – Men's Breakfast	<b>Bob Bowyer</b>	429-0579

**First Edition Book Club** is at maximum membership.

In July, The First Edition Book Club read Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky. The book contains two of a planned sequence of five novels. The author did not complete the series as she was arrested as a Jew and detained at Pithiviers and then Auschwitz, where she died in 1942. Her daughters preserved the notebook containing the two novels but did not examine them until 1998. They were published in a single volume in 2004. The first novel, *Tempete en juin* (Storm in June), depicts the flight of citizens from Paris in 1940 in the hours preceding the German advance and in the days following it. The second, *Dolce* (Sweet), shows life in a small French country town, Bussy, in the first peaceful months of the German occupation. The story revolves around several families and individuals thrown together under circumstances beyond their control, and how they managed to survive during the German occupation of France. The book is truly a literary masterpiece but our book club members had mixed reviews. Consequently, it was rated 3.8 out of 5.

**MEET YOUR MEMBER** – Member profiles may be a rare thing now but that does not mean we do not want to hear from you. If you are able to manage a personal profile, step up and let us know. Most of us would also love to hear from you regarding a hobby or a trip you may have taken. If you have photos to support your presentation, all the better.

**MEMBERS WHO PRESENT THEIR PROFILE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A FREE BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS MEMBERSHIP!**

### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

**AND** if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups below, or want to find out more information regarding the

group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity.

**AND** if you wish to submit some interesting information regarding your group or submit a good, short joke and/or a photograph, please contact the newsletter editor Tom Donohue by email at this special address at least a week before the next monthly meeting: [newslettertom@rogers.com](mailto:newslettertom@rogers.com)

**Famous Quotes**

Silence and smile are two powerful words. Smile is the way to solve many problems and Silence is the way to avoid many problems – Anon  
 I used to be indecisive, now I’m not so sure – W.C. Fields  
 In the book of life, the answers aren’t in the back – Charlie Brown

**Management Team for 2011-2012**

President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Vice-President	Betty Baker	422-1909
Past President	Don Caron	429-0308
Secretary	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909
Speakers and Profiles Chair	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
Membership	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Lucky Draw	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Social	Diane Nagel	422-0835
Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

**PLEASE SUBMIT SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY MONDAY AUGUST 27**

**DON'T FORGET:**

- The Secretary’s Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer’s Summary of the Club’s finances are posted at the front of the room. Please read them!
- **Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Shirley Brett**. If you don’t tell us, we may miss sending out a card.

Our New Member Ambassador, **Betty Baker**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

**BY THE WAY**

Do you have a photo which would add some spice to your submission? It could be right here or on any other page with the article. This is also open to members who take a photo at a Probus event and do not even have to write a supporting piece, just describe the photo.

# WASN'T THAT A PICNIC?

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS FROM OUR ANNUAL JULY PICNIC AT THE SPORTS PARK.



*Looks like we have no winner, boys. (Note that is not the first comment that came to mind – see next photo below)*



*This game proved to be popular.*



*There's a good game over there, you know...*



*Train, a domino game, was very popular as well.*



*Perhaps this was the most popular activity of all at our annual July picnic.*



*More of the most popular activity  
**IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SUMMER'S  
BLISTERING TEMPERATURES, A  
STEADY BREEZE KEPT THE HEAT  
AWAY. IT WAS A LOVELY DAY.***

# THE SURVEY

## HERE'S WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT PROBUS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

As those of you who were at our June meeting will recall, the social committee asked by way of a survey for your input about club events and activities. Fifty completed surveys were collected from the ninety-four members who attended the meeting. This was a significant response as many members completed the survey as couples. Your answers to the questions asked highlighted the following:

- Your favourite annual event is the Christmas dinner/dance, followed closely by the summer picnic. Tied for third in popularity are outings to the King's Wharf Theatre and the golf tournament. Other favourites include Georgian Downs, the car rally, bowling, the games day, curling, and the Halloween party.
- Seventy per cent of the survey responses indicated you attend most of our monthly meetings, and forty per cent of the responses indicated you participate in most of our events and activities.
- Half of you like to see an event or activity of some sort offered every month, and half of you would be content with an offering every other month.
- A slight majority of you like to see a blend of events and activities between the elaborate, costly ones and the simpler, less costly ones; though more than a third of you prefer the simple, inexpensive offerings.
- About seventy-five per cent of you indicated you would be interested in participating in some events and activities organized with other Probus clubs.
- Many suggestions were made for possible events and activities, including these recurring ones: have more bus trips, whether for theatre or cultural outings, company tours, sports events, shopping

trips, or sightseeing excursions; have more educational events and speakers; diversify monthly meetings on occasion.

The social committee thanks all survey responders. Your comments, suggestions and observations will assist the committee in planning future events and activities for your participation and enjoyment.

## DINNER AT OUR PLACE

The Dinner at our place group had their summer barbecue in Kenn and Monica's backyard and, just like the main Probus picnic in July, everyone enjoyed themselves. There are openings for those members who wish to join this fun activity. Here are a few photos from the fun on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Good conversation is always part of the enjoyment**



**Say cheese! Hungry diners waiting for the food**



*THE COOKS*



*THE BAKERS*



*THE VARIOUS SHADES OF ...GREY?*

# See you next Tuesday at the RecPlex and in September we return to the Wasaga Stars Arena.

Arrive early on Tuesday, September 4 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

**IT'S "BRING A FRIEND" DAY**

Remember to bring your Probus mug and to wear your name tag.

September's speaker topic - FRAUD

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4,  
2012**

**Is designated "Bring a  
Friend" Day  
to the Wasaga Stars  
Arena.**