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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: KATHERINE BARBER "The Word Lady"
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TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENT: CRAFT SALE DURING THE BREAK!

*****Because our January meeting falls on New Year's Day the date has been changed to the following Tuesday which is January 8. Please mark your calendar!*****

Have you notified Linda Trimble of any changes to your address, phone number or email address?

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Our speaker was Lorne Kennedy, Vice-President of the United Way of Southern Georgian Bay who spoke about the issues confronting our community. Mr. Kennedy stated that Simcoe County has a large low income population due to the closure of a lot of industrial plants in the area. There is a heavy reliance on tourism and many of the jobs created are low paying with precarious hours.

In Mr. Kennedy's opinion the government, the local college and many new residents are failing to contribute to the community. There are some organizations which try – the United Way, some of the churches and some service clubs. He stated that the community needs an improved labor force and new companies coming into the area.

Lorne Kennedy is involved in a volunteer program called "Sandparents". They are always on the lookout for volunteers willing to read to a child (under the age of 6) for ½ hour a week. If you are interested in volunteering you can email Mr. Kennedy @ Sandparents@sympatico.ca or call Lori Martin in Wasaga Beach @ 428-6508.

We thank Lorne Kennedy for taking the time to come and speak to us.

PROBUS CAR TOUR OCTOBER, 2007 - NO ONE GOT LOST!

October 17th was the date of the Beachcomber's Probus annual car tour and we are happy to report that everyone finished safely. The day started on a positive note at the RecPlex parking lot as the weather looked very promising, even sunny, after a string of very dismal and rainy days. And as the day progressed, the rain did stay away although some cloud and haze was visible. Eighteen cars, filled with a varying number of passengers totaling 78, made their way along the roads of Simcoe and Grey counties and were challenged with an array of questions. Several stops were made to add variety and spice (well, apples, squash, waterfalls and lookouts, really) to the tour. The rest stop was at The Pretty River Country Inn and everyone was delighted with the views, the ambiance, the suites and the reindeer. In fact, many comments were passed about the size of the antlers on the male. Views of the various sights of the Beaver Valley and Nottawasaga Bay were breathtaking at times and worth a repeat visit. The locked outhouse at Epping and the chemical toilet were very special to some. With the starts staggered from 1:15 to 1:45, the first car to finish wheeled in at just after 5:05 and the final car chugged in at 6:00. Although there were 117 questions, a few of them quite challenging, many groups received very high scores, but the passengers of car number eight had every answer correct and so congratulations to Ivan and Mary Anne Fraser and to Keith and Shirley Brett, who each received a prize. Door prizes were won by Joanne Wood, Jan Bivall, Kathleen Benedet, Susan Passmore and Judith Harrison. The fifty-fifty draw winners were Brian Passmore, Valerie Willock and Larry Ruse. Remaining apples were won by Dorothy Mitchell, Kathy Zack, Marilyn Ruse and Fraser Muir. A fine meal (the beef and chicken were

great - thanks to Chef Richard.) at The Beacon rounded out a very successful and memorable time. Thanks to: Heidi and Gunter Haessler (50/50 ticket sellers), Gloria and Bob Harasowsky (organizing car departures and arrivals), Marilyn Evans (the shopping guru) for purchasing some really nice door prizes, Irene and Tom Donohue (who hope you all had a fine day) for their planning, and finally, let us pay a warm tribute (and raise a glass) to the drivers (and their co-pilots) for safely finding their way to the Beacon for a well deserved dinner. Although some were slower than others in covering the mileage, no one got lost.

Submitted by Irene Donohue

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS - FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

TODAY IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION AND FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

NOVEMBER 20th - SILENT AUCTION AND LUNCH - \$7.50 PER PERSON

Ticket price includes lunch and 60 silent auction tickets. Everyone who donates items for the auction will receive additional tickets. Everyone will be able to purchase extra tickets on the day of the auction if they wish. Please telephone Irene Donohue (429-0644) or Heidi Haessler (422-0288) if you want to drop off items for this event at their homes.

CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

The Social Committee will be selling tickets for a Christmas basket filled with delicious chocolates and nut treats (valued at \$100.00). This beautiful basket was specially made up for this raffle by Rheo Thompson Candies of Stratford, Ontario, and was purchased in Stratford by Marilyn Evans. The items in the basket are of the highest quality. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the draw will be made at our December 4th club meeting. In order to give as many people as possible the opportunity to purchase tickets they will be on sale at today's meeting and also at our December 4th meeting prior to the draw. You will be required to print your name and telephone number on any tickets you purchase (you may buy as many tickets as you wish) This way, if you are not at the December meeting or if you misplace your ticket, your name will be put into the draw and a member of the Social Committee will telephone the winner if they are not present when the draw is made. Good luck, everyone!

Please note: All proceeds from this draw will be used to help defray the cost of our Christmas Dinner Dance.

DECEMBER 7th - CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE - COLLINGWOOD LEGION - \$25.00 PER PERSON.

Ticket price includes a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, deejay, dancing, prize baskets, spot dances and door prizes. Our deejay, Tom, has a wide selection of music and will take requests. Unfortunately we will not be able to sell tickets at our December club meeting as we have to give the legion caterers the final number of people expected for dinner no later than November 28th. The social committee still needs empty baskets to fill with special items for the draw.

BOWLING - WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23RD, 2008 - \$12.00 PER PERSON

Tickets will be on sale today and at our December and January club meetings. Bowling will be at Georgian Bowl in Collingwood beginning at 2:00 p.m. We will be meeting for dinner following the bowling at a location to be announced soon. **Ticket price is for bowling only - dinner not included.**

Please call Irene Donohue (429-0644) if you wish to purchase tickets for any of the above events and you are unable to attend a club meeting prior to the event.

OCTOBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$70.00 was won by Luci Worch

2nd Prize of \$43.75 was won by Mary Jany

3rd Prize of \$35.00 was won by Sheila Cecchetti

4th Prize of \$26.25 was won by Frank Tate

Gift certificate for Valley Farms was won by Wayne Dobson

There were also 5 lucky winner of chocolate bars donated by Rheo Thompson Candies.

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.

* The First Edition	Contact Lucille Mancer	422-0143
* Happy Bookers	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

Dinner at Our Place: TO ALL MEMBERS – We now have a 5th house for our monthly dinners. This brings the number of members participating to 40. Since a few couples have moved from our "Substitute" list to the regular rotation, we do need more of you to join us as an occasional guest. (Two singles are welcome to join as a couple). This winter we have many going south for periods of 1-3 months and I will need and welcome YOUR participation to fill in. You have seen our photographs of various social events, you have talked to some who are a part of our group, why don't you join us and give me a call? Does this fit your description?

1. I like to cook and prepare favorites 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 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 annual Christmas party in December, and the annual barbecue in August each year.

Please inquire about your participation with this super group. Betty Keyes 429-6064 keyes1@sympatico.ca

The Happy Bookers November assignment was "The Painted Veil" by Somerset Maugham. The book follows the turbulent lives of a married couple Walter and Kitty Fane. Walter is an intelligent bacteriologist who lacks ambition and his wife Kitty is shallow, vain and definitely not in love with him.

Walter and Kitty go off to distant Hong Kong where he is interested in pursuing his research. Kitty has an affair with a British official named Charles Townsend. Walter discovers the affair and has a very unique way of dealing with the problem. Kitty is given a very difficult ultimatum! They find themselves on the way to Mei-tan-fu, one of the regions severely hit by a cholera outbreak. The plot thickens as Walter pursues his research and aids the sick. What happens to Kitty and Walter and their relationship with each other?

Most of the members of the book club enjoyed the book and would recommend it to others. It is interesting that members either really liked the book or they didn't. We gave the book an overall 3.7 rating.

Submitted by Lynda Trimble. (The Happy Bookers membership is now at their maximum.)

The First Edition Book Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. There is one spot left if you are interested in joining the club. Our maximum membership is 8 persons. Contact Lucille Mancer @ 422-0143.

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.

BEACHCOMBERS SELLERS PAGE

The Wasagan newsletter is meant to be used to inform and report on group club activities only. The Management Team has therefore determined that this will be the **final month for the Sellers Page**. Probus Beachcombers members can still post their ads on the Probus bulletin board which is displayed at the general meeting each month. Remember to remove your ad when your item has been sold. Individual requests for tradesmen, etc. may also be posted on the bulletin board.

1. Sears Treadmill with weights, bench press and monitor \$250. Call Aeron Raab @ 429-4965
2. Stationary Bike with tension control \$75. Call Aeron Raab @ 429-4965
3. Electric Organ \$175. Call Aeron Raab @ 429-4965
4. Matching 3 piece chesterfield, love seat and chair. Gray floral pattern with wine and green flowing through it. Very pretty, all three in good condition. \$300 for all 3 pieces. Call Shirley Brett @ 429-8907
5. 4 Michelin Arctic Alpine 215/65R15 winter tires with steel rims and wheel covers. \$85.00 for the set or best offer. Call Ken Wong @ 422-1338
6. Almost new 4 wheel garden cart. \$35.00. Call Ken Wong @ 422-1338

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

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, email address, 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 death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Marilyn Ruse @ 422-0271) - if you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- 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.

If any members wish to purchase Probus Logo wear it is available at Lasting Impressions in Stayner.

PROBUS BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs wanting to make others aware of new ideas, upcoming events and any other information they would like to share. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm

NEXT MEETING:

DECEMBER 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)

(Note! In January 2008 the address will change to www.probus.org/8wasbcn.pdf)

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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