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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Silent Auction & Luncheon

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

Don McDonald was our August Profiler. Thanks, Don, for sharing your life's story.

Don was born in May 1943 in Glasgow, Scotland. With his parents and 2 siblings, he survived war rationing and some rather dangerous boyish high jinks, in a one room apartment with an outside shared bath. For 2 years, while his mother was in a TB hospital and his brother and sister were in a convent home, Don and his father had to make do on their own. At age 9 he nearly died of Peritonitis. At age 10, the family moved to a new flat with an inside toilet and bath. What luxury!

For financial reasons, Don left school at age 15 and spent a year making prefab parts for building construction. He then apprenticed as a Marine Engineer Fitter for 5 years. During this time Don coached and played soccer and met Maureen who he married in 1965 after buying a flat with an inside toilet. By then he was working as a journeyman fitter and later was promoted to shop steward. In 1967 Don joined the Engineering Department of the Post Office. His job sent him all over Scotland. During this period, he also managed a church youth centre.

Don and Maureen were blessed with two children and moved to a townhouse (with an inside toilet) in Cumbernauld. Nothing was easy. Maureen was recovering from major back surgery and they also had to do extensive renovations to their home.

1967 brought a move to Canada and a job at Hepburn Company in Malton. Shortly after arriving, an ice storm nearly sent the family fleeing back to Scotland! With no house or job in Scotland, they were forced to stay in Canada and they bought a house in Bramalea (now Brampton). Don started working for Ford Motor Company in 1976. Ten years later, job dissatisfaction led to the position of Maintenance Supervisor for the paint department of American Motors (purchased by Chrysler in 1987). Don was soon promoted to Manager of the Body Shop. Life was good!

Then a near tragedy. In 1994 Don was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He survived the dangerous surgery, but was unable to return to work.

Maureen retired from her job in 2000 and a year later they moved to Wasaga Beach where they are living happily ever after in a lovely home with an indoor bath and toilet!

Our featured speaker was Gerry DeLinski, chair of Habitat for Humanity of South Georgian Bay.

Habitat is a worldwide effort that provides homes to low income families. The homes are built by volunteers using mostly donated supplies. The families must have young children and must be willing to put in 500 hours of sweat equity. The family pays a no interest mortgage on their new home based on the cost of building it – around \$60,000 for this area.

Habitat for Humanity has a ReStore at 30 Sanford Fleming Drive in Collingwood. Check it out the next time you are looking for building supplies. Proceeds go directly into Habitat's building programs. For more information, log onto www.habitat.ca

"Feel good about yourself, do something for someone else!"

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

ANNUAL GOLF DAY

Marlwood Golf Club

Tuesday, August 16

We had one of the best golf days ever with 54 golfers and 40 more for dinner, for a total of 94 enthusiastic partiers! The weather cooperated and the steak dinner was fantastic. There were lots of prizes for the golfers and some wonderful door prizes as well.

1st Place Team: Lindsay Brannen, Sam Ritchie, Mildred Lambe, Loretta Whalen

2nd Place Team: Don Allen, Luci Worch, Bob Bowyer, Valerie Deveau

Longest Drive: Gary Willis & Florence Burns

Closest to the Hole: Bob Keyes & Joan Porter

Grand door prize winners were Peter Premich, who was the lucky recipient of a batch of wine and Maggie Higgins who was excited to receive a super pair of sunglasses.

Many Thanks to our Prize Contributors:

Probus Members: Frank Tate, Marguerite & Wally Clost, Kathleen & Jack Benedet, Harry & Colette Durrant, Brian & Christina Armstrong, Gerry & Kaye Knab, Betty Guerin, Stan & Joanne Scruton, Larry & Marilyn Ruse

Business Contributions: Wine Not, Hanna Motors; Town of Wasaga, Bank of Nova Scotia, Dyconnia, Mom's Restaurant, Spa Solutions, Cranberry Golf Club, Baywood Golf Club, Remax, Ava Alward, Marlwood Golf Club.

Special thanks to Frank Tate and Marilyn Ruse and all the volunteers who contributed to a job well done!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

MYSTERY CAR TOUR

From Wasaga Stars Arena

October 12

Enjoy a diverting afternoon tour through the countryside enjoying the fall colors. Everyone will travel with 4 to a car and meet at a mystery spot for a light dinner and awarding of prizes. Tickets are priced at **\$20.00** and go on sale today. Everyone is asked to dress in autumn colors of orange, red, yellow and green. Prizes to the car with the most creative outfits! Frank Tate is your coordinator for this fun event.

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 is the recommended way to go! Tickets priced at **\$34.00** will be available at today's meeting. Vivian Sheridan and Gloria Harasowsky are organizing this entertaining event.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Collingwood Legion

December 2

Details will be available soon for this festive party.

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS FROM AUGUST MEETING

1st Prize of \$50.00 was won by Jack Benedet.

2nd Prize of \$35.00 was won by Lin Wolfe.

Prize winners also received a giant zucchini each, courtesy of Luci Worch, our past president. A third giant zucchini went to (lucky) Yvonne Visser.

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** Book Club members have been taking the summer off. At the September meeting, members will be reporting on a mystery of their own choosing. If you are interested in being a member of this "scholarly group, contact Joanne Scruton, the Coordinator.

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. They are hoping to expand to two manageable groups of 10 people each, with the idea of interchange of people from time to time. (Sorry guys, ladies only) 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.

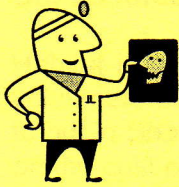
A NEW GROUP!

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 will be an interest sheet available at the October 4th meeting for you to sign.

We are looking for one person to be in charge of coordinating the YOYO's activities. If you are interested in the position, please call Joan Porter at 429-9260.

THE DOCTOR'S CORNER:



Doctor, you've taken out my tonsils, my adenoids, my gall bladder, my varicose veins and my appendix, but I still don't feel well.

That's quite enough out of you!

Doctor, you've got to help me-I just can't stop my hands shaking

Do you drink a lot?

Not really, I spill most of it!

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 August, we wish you many happy returns.

Next General Meeting

October 4, 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: Ethel Berry, Autism Society, will discuss how autism affects children.

Profiler: Betty Baker

Management Team

President:	Ray Porter	429-9260	Goodwill:	Lynda Trimble	429-3402
Vice-President:	Chris Armstrong	429-7805	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
Treasurer:	Harry Durrant	429-3071	Social:	Joan Porter	429-9260
Secretary:	Doris Willis	429-7835	Refreshments:	Orlene & John Fost	429-9479
Past President:	Luci Worch	422-0062	Speakers:	Betty Baker	422-1909
			50/50:	Kay Knab	429-5547