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## THIS GENERAL MEETING - JULY 7

**Speaker:** Jarvis Strong - Big Brothers and Big Sisters

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My term as President of our Beachcombers PROBUS Club is coming to an end. Serving as your president for the last year certainly has been a very rewarding and enjoyable experience for me. Like the long list of previous PROBUS executive teams, the members of this



Ross Dawe

year's management team have been amazing and have worked hard to ensure that our general meetings and social activities were memorable and positive experiences for all of our members. I'll wait until our next news letter to fully thank this year's executive for their contributions to the success of our club.

As you know, at this time of year, we endeavor to put a new executive together for next year. Several of our current executive members are staying on for another year. However, there are always some vacancies. Several long term PROBUS executive members have decided to take a well deserved break and are giving up their positions. Over the last little while, we have been trying to encourage members who have not served on previous executives to step forward and volunteer their time. It is very gratifying to see that a number of people who have recently joined our club have answered that call.

At this point in time, many of our vacant positions have been filled by new volunteers. Our incoming president, **John Dunnett**, will introduce our 2015 - 2016 executive during our August General Meeting. However, we still have a few vacancies. We could use a

couple more people on our **social committee**. We currently have five or six people who have volunteered to serve on that committee. We also need one or two people to help out with lining up **speakers** for our general meetings. At our next meeting, one of our current speakers' co chairs, **Dave Morrison**, will describe the position and explain how he and **Doug McCullough** went about locating and engaging speakers for our general meetings. Finally, we still need to find an

**archivist.** This would be an ideal position for someone who likes to take or print pictures or someone who enjoys scrap booking. The archivist's job is to add pictures to the historical binder that is displayed on a side table at our general meetings. Please think about stepping forward and filling one of these vacant positions. You will never regret that decision and will get the opportunity to work with some incredible people.

## JUNE'S MEETING



**Our Greeters:  
Alex and Irene**

Thank you to our greeters for June: **Alex & Irene Sunderland.** If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Ron Hanson.** Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for her table décor and **Lyn & George Rice** for the coffee and goodies. Guests were also introduced.



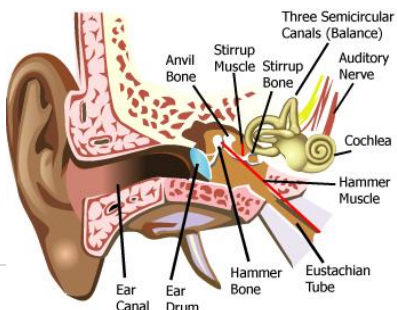
### **Guest Speaker**

**Doug McCullough** introduced our speaker **John Tindale** (H.I.S. Beach Hearing) who spoke about hearing loss. Before he began we all filled out a questionnaire about our favourite sounds

which we shared much to our amusement. Many people participated. In an interesting question and answer and multiple choice session we discussed many issues about hearing. **Doug** thanked John for his interesting, amusing and informative talk. Let's hear it for John. Hear, hear!



**Speaker John Tindale  
and Doug McCullough**





## NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of Sheila Ewing, Betty Baker introduced and welcomed new members Gerry & Brenda Long.



Betty, Brenda, Gerry and President Ross Dawe

## LUCKY DRAW: Joan Maloney/Sandra Hanson



1st PRIZE: \$57.00 Brian Passmore  
2nd PRIZE: \$38.00 Kathy Dunnett  
3rd PRIZE: \$31.00 Suzanne Buchner  
Speakers' Fund: \$42.00

Joan Maloney, left, with happy prize winners (L to R) Suzanne, Kathy and Brian  
PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS.

# SOCIAL REPORT

## JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> EVENT



On Wednesday July 15th we have scheduled our annual BeachCombers PROBUS picnic. The location is the same as last year.....Klondike Park, Wasaga Beach (11:30 am - 4:00pm). There will be a catered barbeque ("Men with Knives") at 12:00 noon, so make sure you arrive early. Tickets continue to be on sale at the July meeting.....\$10.00 pp for members / \$17.00 pp for guests. So far we have 85 people signed up for fun in the sun. Bring your cheque book to purchase your tickets; this is *your last opportunity to sign up.*

## AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>. EVENT

Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for a wonderfully exciting performance of "*Footloose*" at the Kings Wharf Theatre, 97 Jury Dr., Penetanguishene. Show time is 2:00 pm. To date we have 65 tickets sold. There is still the possibility of another 5 tickets available. You still have the opportunity to sign-up at the July meeting. We will compile a waiting list if the commitment exceeds the available tickets. We must order the final # of tickets just after the July meeting. The cost of the ticket is \$39.00 pp. *Bring your cheque book to purchase your tickets.* The tickets for this performance will be available for you to pick up at the August meeting....so make sure that you attend.



## SEPTEMBER EVENT



We will be planning the ever popular "car rally" the last week of September, so keep your calendar open.

Editor's note: You really don't have to paint your car to look like the photo but if it helps...



## OCTOBER EVENT



Planning will begin for a Bus Excursion to the Bala Cranberry Festival on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be an all day event, leaving Wasaga Beach in the morning and returning around dinner time. An interest sheet will be available at the July / August / and September meetings. Estimated cost will be between \$30 - \$35 pp for the bus. We must get 50 people to commit in order to proceed with this activity.



**Cranberry Recipes**  
GONE WILD

That's all for now.....your social committee.

## GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE



Vincy Stephenson sent out cards to Betty Keyes, Everett Rivait and Al Fraser last month.

Please pass information regarding illness, hospital stays or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, Vincy Stephenson.



## MEMBERSHIP

### CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE HERE!

We are now 198 members and growing. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE AGAIN. All memberships are due for renewal by the September meeting. That gives you 3 meetings to remember your cheque books. However, the executive is offering an "early bird" draw prize for anyone who renews their membership at the July meeting. Prize winner will be announced at the August meeting. See me at the Membership table. Membership fees remain the same - \$25. Per person. Thank you. **Judy Morrison.**



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the Management Team.

PM Luncheon Cuisiniers:

**Joan Porter** - 429-9260

Genealogy:

**Sandra Hanson** - 422-0227

Daytrippers:

**June Davidson** - 422-0960

Dinner at our Place:

**Diane Nagel** - 422-0835

First Edition:

**Rickey Lemire** - 422-1738

Happy Bookers:

**Jan Bivall** - 429-7584

Kitchen Bridge:

**Betty Keyes** - 429-6064

Men's Breakfast:

**Bob Bowyer** - 429-0579

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

Best wishes to those who celebrate a special day in July, 2015

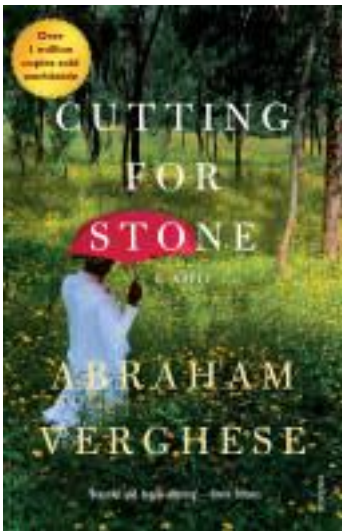
## ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship and breakfast at various local restaurants. On June 24 our group met for breakfast and conversation at Georgian Circle Family Restaurant. The **ROMEO'S** group has now grown to 30 who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation whenever they can attend. We average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579. We will add you to the list for the monthly reminders.



We send out a reminder a few days ahead to find out how many can make it. We try to give the restaurant an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending. Our next breakfast will be on **Wednesday July 29, 2015, 9:00 AM at YAMMAS GRILL, 1288 Mosley St.**

## FIRST EDITION BOOK REVIEW



We reviewed Cutting for Stone (by Abraham Verghese) which is the phrase from the "Hippocratic Oath." The story is about twin boys born joined at the head in a mission hospital in Addis Ababa, half a century ago. Their mother, a nun from Madras, does not survive the birth. Their father, a British surgeon, called Thomas Stone cannot bear the loss and flees, so Marion and Shiva are raised by two Indian doctors in the hospital where their parents worked; both becoming surgeons. It interweaves their story with that of Ethiopia's past half century. Our members rated it 4/5.

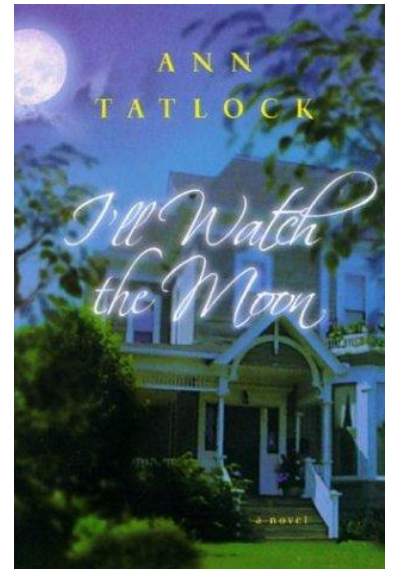
## HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK REVIEW

We reviewed I'll Watch the Moon by Ann Tatlock. This story is set in the 1940'S in Minnesota. Nine year old Nova Tierney lives in her Aunt Dortha's boarding house along with her mother who is angry at God and the world, and her happy go lucky brother, Dewey who is fascinated with stars and Space. He wants to be the first man to walk on the Moon. Their world is turned upside down when Dewey comes down with polio and has to be in an iron lung. Nova struggles with her



brother's illness, her mother's sadness and her burning desire to have a father. Josef Karkski is a one of their boarders and is a survivor of Auschwitz. He reveals his faith journey. The book is the story of the threads that bind all of their experiences and lives together. We rated this book a 3 out of 5. It was a slow start but an interesting and thought-provoking read.

The Happy Bookers will take a break for the summer months and will resume in September when we attend our yearly retreat where we will celebrate ten years of "Happy Booking."  
We wish a safe and happy summer to all.



### THE ARCHIVES

Gene Stephenson, our Archivist, would love to see your photos. If you take a good photo at a PROBUS event, perhaps you can share it with Gene Stephenson for the Archives.



### DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little girl is one of our PROBUS members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? All will be revealed at the July meeting where we will have our usual lineup of suspects. Think about secretly submitting a youthful photo of you (or your spouse) to the editor.

Last month's member was **Ron Hanson** who will handle the lineup duties at the July meeting.

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

## At the RecPlex

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.

Submissions for inclusion in August's Newsletter should be sent to [t\\_donohue@rocketmail.com](mailto:t_donohue@rocketmail.com) no later than July 27, 2015