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JULY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S EVENT: MAD HATTERS' TEA PARTY!



PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP YOUR CLUB!

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~Author Unknown



MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE BY AUGUST 1, 2011

(Post-dated cheques are acceptable)

President's Message

July is one month that we look forward to a lot of beautiful Sunshine.

Is there anything better than a gorgeous sunny day? Nothing feels better than the warm sun on your skin, and when the sun is out, more people spend time doing outdoor activities with family and friends. It is important to be aware, however, that sun exposure has both positive and negative effects.

Positive effects of the sun include warmth (infrared radiation), light (visible light), and vitamin D3 synthesis in the body. Sunlight also enhances people's moods and kills pathogens. Despite these advantages, overexposure to UV radiation can also have adverse health effects, including sunburn, premature ageing, skin cancers, diseases of the eye, and immune suppression.

Before going out to enjoy the good weather, make sure you are aware of the risks associated with prolonged exposure to the sun and the measures you can take to protect yourself and your family.

Don Caron



EXTRA, EXTRA!! THE BEACHCOMBERS ARE GOING GREEN!

Our Club will be phasing out Styrofoam cups! Starting at our meeting in August we will no longer be providing Styrofoam cups to members who forget their mugs. Unless you wish to go without a hot beverage ... **REMEMBER YOUR MUG!!**

JUNE'S SPEAKER

In June Sue Tennant spoke to us about the *FreeSchools World Literacy* program started by Sister Mary Crescence. Since July 1997, *FreeSchools World Literacy* has grown from its humble beginnings as a single classroom in Motihari, India, into an international charitable organization empowering women and children with free education in developing countries. They work co-operatively using a model that invests mainly in teachers and learning materials. They use borrowed existing space, and make literacy possible for thousands of children, especially girls, who would otherwise be deprived of education. Field Partners (corporate sponsors) help cover costs. Together, they support 80 *FreeSchools* in India and northern Thailand. Currently, the organization depends exclusively on volunteers, with more than 90% of funds raised going directly to the field.

Over a billion adults in the world are illiterate. The downward cycle of poverty and the victimization of the world's most vulnerable women and children create desperate conditions with little or no hope to improve the lives of entire communities. Literacy elevates human dignity and is the hallmark of civilization. It develops personal expression, critical thinking, problem solving skills and increases civic participation and economic productivity.

It takes \$15.00/year/child in Bihar, India and \$30/year/child in Thailand, to put a child through school. They choose 10 girls between the ages of 8 and 12 each year (out of thousands). They also give the brightest a meagre scholarship for higher education. The children must work in the fields to help their families so classes are held in late afternoon for 2 hours each day. They are taught basic reading, writing and arithmetic. The curriculum also covers hygiene, chores, growing things, socializing, eating at a table, and kitchen help.

FreeSchools World Literacy is registered as a Canadian charity. Their mission is to empower women and children with a free education; breaking the cycle of poverty and ignorance, through free education. For more information and to make a donation, go to www.freeschools.org.

A Child will thank you!

GOODWILL
Stay healthy!

**THANK YOU TO JUNE'S GREETERS, DORIS AND GARY WILLIS
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER PLEASE SEE BETTY BAKER.**

PAST EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011 – MYSTERY THEATRE AND LUNCH

At 9:30 AM on June 15th a merry bus load of our club members took off from the Wasaga RecPlex on a day trip to the Old Mill in Toronto for a buffet lunch and a performance of ***Tangled Web***. As usual, the lunch at the Old Mill was wonderful and the performance that followed was lots of fun. Some of our members even got to participate in the mystery play, which featured such renowned detectives as *Sherlock Holmes*, *Miss Marble*, *Sam Spade*, *Inspector Clueso*, and *Harry Podder*, with very well rehearsed and performed "one-liners". One of our members, Sandra Hanson, was lucky enough to win a bright red "*Mysteriously Yours*" ball cap. The trip back home was also lucky for quite a few of our members as the Social Committee organized a cash lucky draw and quite a number of door prizes.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011 – BEACHCOMBERS ANNUAL PICNIC

This is your last chance to get your tickets for our annual picnic. Tickets are \$15 per person (a little more than previous years but still a good deal for an afternoon of fun with your Probus friends). Dinner, to be served at 4 pm, will be roast beef and chicken along with all the 'fixins', rolls, dessert and coffee. There will be snacks during the afternoon and water/soft drinks. Games will include some old standards and a few new ones. Come out and enjoy a warm summer afternoon at the Elmvale Park!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011, 2:00 PM – GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held at Marlwood Golf Club this year. Tickets are available for \$60 per person. The price includes 9 holes of golf, riding cart, steak dinner and a chance to win some prizes. If you don't golf and want to try it out, just let us know and we'll make arrangements for you. If you want to join us for dinner only, the price is \$25.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011, 2:00 PM – KING'S WHARF THEATRE



A number of members have asked that we have a King's Wharf event this year. So...we're having our September event a little early – on the last day of August. Tickets are \$35.50 per person for a performance of a side-splitting farce entitled **'Who's Under Where?'**. Come out for the Beachcombers last summer outing for 2011. You might also like to make arrangements with some of your Probus friends for lunch or dinner at a local restaurant in Midland or Penetanguishene.

FUTURE EVENTS

OCTOBER, 2011 – CAR TOUR

Think a car tour, followed by dinner at a restaurant along the route, is a good way to enjoy the fall colours? Then come by the Social Committee table and sign the interest sheet. If enough members would like us to organize this event, it would be our pleasure to do so!!

"MEET YOUR MEMBER" – WE NEED YOU!

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

Contact Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. Betty will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

NOTE: SOME OF US ARE NOT COMFORTABLE GIVING OUR PROFILE BUT MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A STORY, MEMORIES OF A SPECIAL VACATION, A FAVOURITE HOBBY OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST, LET MONICA KRISTEN KNOW AND SHE WILL SCHEDULE YOU IN!

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrate in July.

JUNE LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$62.00 – Brenda Wood
2nd prize of \$38.00 – Chuck Christie
3rd prize of \$30.00 – Don Belgum
4th prize of \$24.00 – Velvet Van Raven

\$40.00 Gift Certificate for Canadian Tire
– Penny Rivait

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Golf	WE NEED YOU!!	
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Book Worms Club	Kathy Dunnett	352-0100	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU!!	
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227			

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. We rotate between 4 or 5 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be held at the **FUD GRILL (EDENVALE AERODROME), on HWY 26, on WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011 at 9:00AM.** We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.

First Edition Book Club

In June, The First Edition Book Club read ***Ava Comes Home*** by Lesley Crewe. This was a happy/sad, upsetting/real story about family life in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. At the age of seventeen, Libby leaves Cape Breton quickly with no excuses or reasons. She returns ten years later, an Emmy Award winning actress, when her mother is dying. Though a little slow at the end, this book keeps you chuckling and turning the pages. We rated it 3.5 out 5.

Happy Bookers Club (is at maximum membership)

The Happy Bookers read ***Day After Night*** written by Anita Daimant. The book tells the stories of four young Jewish women who leave the horrors of World War 2 for Palestine only to be placed behind barbed wire in a British internment camp called *Atlit*. As their stories emerge, we learn of their dreams and plans to escape the camp and head for the homeland of their people, Palestine. Members gave the book a rating of 3.6 with recommendation.

The Happy Bookers Club will break for the summer.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011:

President	Don Caron	429-0308	Membership	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
Vice-President	Monica Kristen	429-9635	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Lucky Draw	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Secretary	Mary Barnes	429-2142	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Newsletter	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social	Irene Donohue	429-0644
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Monica Kristen Mary Barnes	429-9635 429-2142			

**NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 2, 2011
AT THE RECPLX IN THE OAKVIEW ROOM**

Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tags.

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.
~Sherry Anderson

*I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.*
~Edward Everett Hale

Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.
~Author Unknown