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GENERAL MEETING - September 1st.
Speaker: Tara Bailey from Elephant Thoughts

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello

It was a great meeting Aug 4th at the RecPlex which finished off a very successful Beachcomber's PROBUS 2014-2015 year. A highlight of the meeting was the extremely interesting Travelogue given by Jan & Steve Bivall on their trip to Jordan and Israel.

The 12 Past Presidents were presented with a gold (not real gold) PROBUS Badge which easily identifies and recognizes them for their prior commitment to our club as President. Of special note is the fact that Diane Nagel was a founding member and first President of our club in 2003-2004, and I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge the fact that Betty Baker served as President twice for the years 2008-2009 & 2012-2013.

All positions on the Executive Team have been filled with Tom Donohue stepping up to take-on the Archivist position. The other area which was of concern for the new Executive was to fill the 6 Volunteer positions for the Goodwill Telephone/Email committee. This is now a reality thanks to Valerie Willock, Joanne Scruton, Betty Guerin, Sandy Hanson, Marilyn Ruse and Betty Baker.

Your new Executive will be exploring creative ideas for the 2015-2016 year, which we think will keep things interesting and enjoyable for you our membership.

I look forward to the next year as your President and trust that I will meet the high standards set by the 12 Past Presidents of our club.

Warmest Regards

John Dunnett

President

NEW RULE: We want everyone to socialize with all the members and wearing your name badge is a very important part of that concept. Please don't forget to wear your name badge.

Starting on the October 6th General Meeting, the fine for forgetting your name badge is increased to \$1.00 and will be levied when you sign in. (Don't worry, the money goes to good causes)

AUGUST MEETING

Thank you to our greeters for AUGUST, **Al and Judy Grondin**. If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table.

Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for her table décor and to **Vincy and Gene Stephenson** for stepping in for **Lyn & George Rice**.

NEW MEMBERS

Sheila Ewing introduced new members **Rita and Ralph Dobilas**



LUCKY DRAW:

1st PRIZE: \$60.00 Gary Willis
2nd PRIZE: \$40.00 Sheila Ewing
3rd PRIZE: \$33.00 Rita Dobilas
Speakers' Fund: \$44.00

PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE THE MEETING

STARTS.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Jan and Steve Bivall took us on a photo tour of Turkey & Jordan with narration from their recent trip to these areas. The photos were wonderful and the information and facts very enlightening and something very new and unknown to most of us.



Thank you so much **Jan & Steve** for sharing your experience with all of us.

COURTESY NOTE:

As a courtesy to our speakers, please remain seated until the speaker has completely finished their presentation and the call for coffee has been given.

SOCIAL REPORT

August 19TH EVENT

68 of our members attended the performance of "Foot Loose" at the King's Wharf Theatre. While it is too early for the reviews to come in, I am sure that everyone had a wonderful time. This is a very popular performance enjoyed by all.

SEPTEMBER 28th EVENT

Monday, September 28th is the date scheduled for our Car Rally / Poker Run. So far we have 52 people who signed up. We will meet at the RecPlex at 11:30 Am., with vehicles scheduled to depart at 12:00 noon. The route will take you to stops along the way where you will be required to leave the vehicle and proceed on foot for a short period of time, so make sure that you wear appropriate footwear. You will also be required to take photos so make sure you have at least one camera in each vehicle. There will be a quiz for the first and second portions of the rally. The team who scores the highest on the quiz will be crowned as the winners and awarded a prize. Regarding the Poker Run.....each vehicle will select 1 card from deck at each of the 4 stops, plus a fifth card at the rally end. The vehicle with the best poker hand will be awarded a prize. The Rally is estimated to take between 4 - 4 ½ hours to complete including the required stops. At the completion of the rally we will be having dinner. You will find out where once you have arrived at the end.

Cost is \$30.00 pp....this includes refreshments / treats along the route....and dinner with tax and gratuity included.....SO BRING YOUR CHEQUE BOOKS.

(One of the secret stops will require a \$4.00 entry fee if you want to go in, but not required)



OCTOBER 16TH EVENT



Bala Cranberry Festival

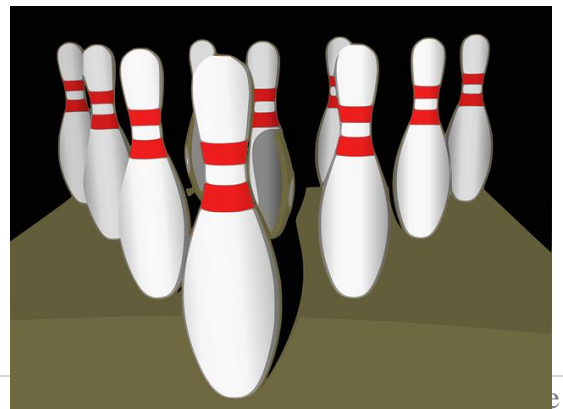
We can arrange for a Bus Excursion to the Bala Cranberry Festival on Friday, October 16th. This will be an all-day event, leaving Wasaga Beach RecPlex @ 10:00 am...arriving in Bala around 12:00 noon.... Departing Bala @ 4:00 pm., and returning to Wasaga Beach around 6:00 pm. The cost is \$31.00 pp. which is the cost

of the bus + gratuity for the driver. The cost is based on a minimum requirement of 50 people.
*To date we have 12 people who have paid and 22 more signed the interest sheet but have not yet paid for a total of 34 people. You still have the opportunity to sign up at September meeting.
A decision as to whether we will proceed will be made at that time (dependent upon reaching our minimum goal of 50 people)

NOVEMBER EVENT

We are looking at a Bowling and Dinner event for November.

If that sounds like a lot of fun, please sign up at the activities table so we can determine how many would like to go.





December 4th

Christmas Dinner/Dance at the Collingwood Legion is all reserved for a great time just like last year. Sit down dinner, Cash Bar, Music, Dancing, Door Prizes, Spot Dance Prizes, Lucky Draws and a 50/50 draw.

Sign up now while there is still space for us all.

EVENT SUGGESTIONS:

The Social Committee is always interested in suggestions from the members for new events. If you have any suggestions please offer them to Russ White or any member of the social committee.

Suggestions currently on the table for 2016 are: Wasaga Film Festival Gala Awards Night, Antique Train Ride from Tottenham, St. Patty's day party, Music Evening at the United Church with Naomi or with Lance Dobinson an Elvis impersonator, and another performance at the King's Wharf Theatre this time for the production "Mamma Mia".

GOODWILL CONVENOR

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise Irene Sunderland irenesunderland@sympatico.ca or Linda Vanderknokke linvan@rogers.com.

A little rain falls into all our lives and knowing someone cares makes it easier to bear.

*There were no cards sent out for the current period.

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 Cuisiners:

Joan Porter - 429-9260

Genealogy:

Sandra Hanson - 422-0227

Daytrippers:

June Davidson - 422-0960

First Edition:

Rickey Lemire - 422-1738

Happy Bookers:

Jan Bivall - 429-7584

Appy-hour:

Diane Nagel - 422-0835

Kitchen Bridge:

Betty Keyes - 429-6064

Men's Breakfast:

Bob Bowyer - 429-0579

Shift Sharing Group:

Rita Bencquista - 705-429-1911

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a bad day, not
a BAD LIFE.

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MEMBERSHIP

Our 2014/2015 membership year ended with a total of 201 members. While 144 members have submitted their renewals there are still 57 whose memberships are due for renewal at the September meeting. Please see any of us at the membership table with your cheque for \$25.00

Thank you **Rick Roettger, Barb Roettger, Margaret McFadyen, and Joan Smith**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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



ROMEO (MEN'S)

BREAKFAST GROUP

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gather on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast at various local restaurants. In August our group met for breakfast, and conversation at Mosley Street Grill.

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.

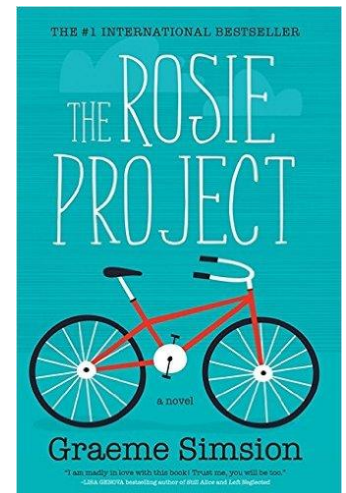
We send out a reminder a few days ahead to find out how many can make it. We try to give the restaurant an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.

Our next breakfast will be on **Wednesday SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, 9:00AM** at **GEORGIAN CIRCLE FAMILY RESTAURANT, 1441 Mosley St.**

FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB

This month we read **The Rosie Project** by **Graeme Simsion**. Do we find love or does it find us? Don Tillman is a professor of genetics who decides it is time to find a wife and so starts The Wife Project. Socially challenged with an obsessive compulsive personality, there are certain traits that just won't do in a wife so Don comes up with a 16-page survey in order to filter out the "unacceptable". In walks Rosie Jarman who is looking for a DNA specialist to help identify her biological father. Rosie would never pass the wife test but the Universe has other ideas. How much choice do we have when it comes to love? Do we find it or does it find us??

As usual, we were split in our reviews, some found humour in this book, others did not; it received a rating of 3.7 out of 5. Read the book and make up your own mind.



THE ARCHIVES

Tom Donohue, our Archivist, would love to see your photos. If you take a good photo at a **PROBUS** event, perhaps you can share it by email with **Tom** Thomas.donohue@rogers.com for the Archives.



NEW ACTIVITIES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER:

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Dinner and a Movie- the 3rd Monday of each month starting in September in Collingwood.

Contact -

Penny Rivait, evpenrivait@rogers.com, or [705-422-1573](tel:705-422-1573)

You will be contacted by email or if requested by phone a week before with the restaurant for dinner and the movies playing. Reservations will then be made for dinner for those attending and you choose your own movie.

A signup sheet will be on the back table at our September meeting.

APPY HOUR STARTS IN SEPTEMBER



Be one of the first to host an 'Appy Hour.

Two dates are available in Sept., Friday the 12th or Friday the 26th, from 4-6 pm.

Email or call Jan Bivall (stevebivall@gmail.com, 705-422-7584) or Diane Nagel (dianenagel1@gmail.com, 705-422-0835) *prior to the Sept. Probus meeting*. Just let us know what date you would like to host and how many guests you wish to attend.

At the September meeting, we'll put out signup sheets and members can sign up to attend one or more of the events.



Should be fun and, hopefully, the start of a new Beachcombers' tradition.

THE INS AND OUTS OF 'APPY HOUR

WHAT: Appetizer social gatherings. Hosted by members at their homes for a specified number of guests as determined by the host.

WHEN: From 4 - 6 pm every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, starting in September. Dates for each month will be published in the electronic newsletter. If no one volunteers, there won't be an 'appy hour for that date.

WHERE: At the home of a Beachcombers Probus member who has volunteered to host on one of that month's dates. There can be one or more hosts for every date.

WHO: Any member can host. A host determines how many guests they are willing to accommodate. At the meeting, members can sign up for one of the available places. Hosts will be notified of their guests' names.

TO BE A HOST: After you receive a copy of the electronic newsletter listing the dates for the upcoming month, you email or phone Jan (stevebivall@gmail.com, 705-422-7584) or Diane (dianenagel1@gmail.com, 705-422-0835). Let us know which date you wish to host and how many guests you would like to attend.

On the date of the event, you provide the venue, small plates, napkins and wine /beer glasses. That's it!

TO BE A GUEST: At the Probus meeting, sign up for a date you are available (first come, first served). Note the name of your host and their address.

On the date of the event, bring 10 hot or cold appetizer pieces (20 pieces per couple) plus the drink of your choice to your host's home at 4 pm and enjoy'.



[DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?](#)



This little COWBOY is one of our PROBUS members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize him? All will be revealed at the September 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.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

At the RecPlex

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.

NOTE

**Submissions for inclusion in September's Newsletter
should be sent to our new newsletter editor**

dennis.moise@gmail.com

no later than September 21, 2015