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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: MARIE McCALLUM, VICTIM CRISIS ASSISTANCE REFERRAL
TODAY'S PROFILER: JOANNE SCRUTON

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

We need a volunteer to run for Vice-President in the upcoming election. This is a critical position as the Probus Beachcombers cannot operate without a Vice-President!

REMEMBER! Our July and August meetings are at the RecPlex.

MAY SPEAKER

Our speaker was Jeffrey Shearer, publisher of "On The Bay" Magazine. The magazine covers the Southern Georgian Bay area and tackles the challenges of living in our changing paradise. Jeff told us that this region is labelled by the demographers as "NORC" which stands for "Naturally Occurring Retirement Community". People came here as children and kept coming until they eventually retired here. This area is more active than any other retirement community in Canada!

Our area also attracts "NATS" which are "Naturally Attracted 30 Somethings". NATS are choosing lifestyle over the corporate ladder and they are opening businesses that are geared towards the sophisticated retiree.

Mr. Shearer spoke about Wasaga Beach and its needs and he mentioned our lack of a downtown. Something like a real downtown area will need to be planned years in advance. This fall "On The Bay" will publish a feature article on Wasaga Beach and the problems involved in planning a downtown.

Jeff Shearer gave an informative and interesting talk and we appreciate it that he was able to take the time from his extremely busy schedule to speak to us.

PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS

HONDA PLANT TOUR THURS MAY 25 Reported by Susan Pearson
(Thank you Susan for all of your hard work in arranging this tour!)

Thank you to Taylor Pearson and Bob Hammond for arranging the impressive tour of the Honda Plant, in Alliston, on May 25th. We were warmly welcomed and started our tour with an informative, historical video. We donned our protective eyewear and headphones and entered a world of whirling precision. The phenomenal, interactive robots, white clad workers, and supportive, team leaders ensured quality of performance and product. Honda employs 4,600 workers and produces 800 vehicles a day. Honda is committed to safety, health, fitness, recreation and environmental enhancement. Many of the sixty attending members were heard to say, they would like to enjoy this amazing experience again.

On Friday, May 26, close to 100 Beachcombers headed over to the Collingwood Legion for our second Casino Night.

The evening started with a cocktail hour and a delicious chicken dinner, topped off with a variety of pies for dessert. Then everyone caught the 'gambling bug' and the games began. For the next hour and a half there was much laughter, a few words that cannot be printed here and assorted yells and cries of 'I won'.

The games of chance included '21', Over and Under 7, Lucky Card Draw, In-Between, and the Casino Wheel. '21' seemed to be the most popular game again this year, judging from the crowds around the 4 tables.

The game of skill for the evening was mini-putt. But skill didn't guarantee a thing with sloping floors that could take a clean put and send it into the corner or take a wild shot and see it wend its way slowly to a hole, as if by magic!

A special thanks to the 30 some dealers who gave up half of their gambling time to staff the tables. And I must say that some of the dealers were very generous indeed.

The evening ended with a 50/50 draw and an auction of a large number of items from car wash kits to plants, stepping stones, bird feeders, coolers and many others. Gaming winnings were the currency for bidding. \$120,000 for a watering can, \$300,000 for a beach towel!!

Thanks to Joan and the social committee and the many other volunteers who, once again, made this an enjoyable and laughter filled evening.

And to end this article, a few gambling quotes:

'When your opponent's sittin' there holdin' all the aces, there's only one thing to do: kick over the table.' (Dean Martin)

'Horse sense is good judgment which keeps horses from betting on people.' (W.C. Fields)

'If you must play, decide upon three things at the start: the rules of the game, the stakes, and the quitting time.' (Chinese proverb)

'The urge to gamble is so universal, and its practice so pleasurable that I assume it must be evil.' (Heywood Brown)

'The best throw with the dice is to throw them away.' (Anonymous)

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

LAWN BOWLING

STAYNER

TUES. JUNE 13

Lawn bowling with a lesson and a steak dinner to follow. Cost is \$15.00. Only one ticket remaining! Lawn bowling will begin at 1 p.m. and dinner will be around 4:30 p.m. Door prize and 50/50 draw. Directions: Hwy 26 towards the town of Stayner just before the tracks, turn left onto Ontario St., playing field is on the right hand side.

WEAR FLAT SHOES – No heels!

3RD ANNUAL BBQ

HERITAGE PARK, ELMVALE

WED. JULY 19

This is a subsidized event, the cost is \$5.00 (\$10.00 for non members) and the event will run from noon to 5 pm. Tickets are available for purchase at today's meeting. If you paid for your tickets in May, please pick them up today!

Snacks and drinks will be available before lunch just to keep your strength up for the games.

We will start the games at around noon, lunch should arrive shortly after 1 p.m. and will be served at 1:30. Then we will continue with our games and playoffs. Bochee ball, Horseshoes, Egg Throwing, Water Balloons, Balloon Races and more.

Our menu will be Southern Fried Chicken with three salads, rolls, dessert and drinks.

PRIZES AND GAMES---BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR! PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.

This will be Joan's last event as social chair. She will be missed!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR 4 BOCHEE SETS FOR THE DAY!!! ALSO WE NEED AT LEAST 6 – 8 VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THE GAMES.

GOLF DAY

MARLWOOD GOLF COURSE

THURS, AUGUST 17

Calling all golfers – GOOD, FAIR & WILLING! Cost will be \$45.00 for golf plus dinner. Steak dinner only, will be \$20.00. Golf at 2 pm and dinner at 6 pm. There will be a putting contest before dinner. There will be prizes for closest to pin for ladies and men and longest drive for ladies and men. All golfers will receive a prize! There will also be a door prize and a 50/50 draw.

An interest sheet is out today for you to sign. **ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE PRIZES PLEASE SEE GLORIA HARASOWSKY OR VIVIAN SHERIDAN.**

CRAFT FAIR

Several people have signed up for this event, which will be held before one of our fall meetings and at coffee break time. If you are interested, see Doris Willis.

MAY'S LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$68.40 was won by Colette Durrant

2nd Prize of \$28.50 was won by Mildred Lambe

3rd Prize of \$17.10 was won by Marg Richmond

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
*	YOYO's	Contact	Shirley Hoskin	429-4378

Dinner at our Place wants you to come dine with us. Would you like to join us as a substitute for those who are on vacation? We rotate the duties; however as a substitute you would **never** have to host a dinner. You would be assigned an appetizer, or a 1st course of soup or salad or a dessert to bring that evening. We now have a full roster of 4 houses participating with 8 people at each house. You would enjoy good food, super company and interesting conversation. Speak to any member who is a part of this group and you will find they enjoy these evenings very much. Give me a call. I would be happy to explore any questions you might have about the dinners and welcome your participation. Betty Keyes – 429-6064

The Happy Bookers Club.

Future reading schedule:

June 19-"In a Sun burnt Country" by Bill Bryson.

Summer break follows – we resume in September.

The book club meets every third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please call Joanne Scruton at 422-0976.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at the Blueberry Trail parking lot. Contact 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 organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, discussion, laughter and gossip. 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.

The **YOYO's** (You're On Your Own) are a group of individuals looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatres, restaurants, bowling, etc. Call Shirley Hoskin at 429-4378 for more information.

The Golfing Around group plays monthly from May to October at a different golf course each time. June's game will be on Thursday, June 15 at Springwater Golf Club. Tee off at 9:30 am. Cost for 18 holes and cart will be \$32.10. See Bill Travis or call him at 422-1148 for more information.

Wanted or For Sale Items – Check to see "What's New". If you would like to use this means of buying or selling give Betty Baker a call at 422-1909. A list will be posted on the bulletin board each month.

TAKE NOTE:

If you lend someone \$20.00 and never see that person again, it was probably the best investment you ever made!

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember a darned thing!

Everyone seems normal – until you get to know them!

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

There are two theories to arguing with the opposite sex. Neither one works.

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 (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.
- 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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrated in May!

NEXT MEETING:

July 4, 2006

RECPLEX

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00.

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
			60/40:	Kay Knab	429-5547

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