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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

*Speaker: Rich Thistle
Wasaga Beach, ON*

Rich will have an audio/slide presentation for us on aviation images, Canadian landscapes, portraits and automotive art he has painted over the years.

*Entertainment:
Harmony North Choir Thornbury, ON*

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Christine Nugent from the Collingwood Campus of Georgian College spoke to us for a few minutes and left information about the various courses offered this Fall or Winter which might be of interest to Seniors on such wide-ranging subjects as Computers, First Aid, Starting a Small Business, Operating a Bed & Breakfast, Digital Photography, and Bartending, to name a few. If a sufficient sized group expressed interest in a suitable subject, the College would even attempt to find an instructor and the course would be offered. A 10 % discount is available to Seniors. Those interested, can register by calling 445-2961. Seniors are one of the fastest growing groups in Continuing Education and it is a great way to exercise our minds and keep them in shape as we grow older.

The Silent Auction & Luncheon followed the regular business. 127 people purchased tickets for the many interesting items donated for the Auction. Everyone enjoyed the excitement of the event and the thrill of success in winning an item. Those who donated items had the added possibility of winning one of the special articles from the Donor Table. We want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the event; the set-up crew, the ladies who helped prepare the lunch, Judy Hutton & Betty Keyes for overseeing the presentation of the lunch, and the Passmore's and Shirley Allen for continuous coffee and tea. Our auctioneer, Bill Travis, helper, Linda Hall and runners John Potje and Don McDonald kept things moving very well, and we were all finished and cleaned up by 1:30 PM.

Remember the difference between Winners and Losers.

"Winners make things happen.
Losers let things happen."

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Dinner & Racing at Georgian Downs – Tuesday, November 16th – Cost \$35 (includes Bus) Meet at the IGA Parking Lot by 4:30 PM sharp

Over 40 people have signed the information sheet for this event so far, and our bus will only hold 46. We will have a 50/50 draw on the bus, and there will be a Door prize to be won using your event ticket, so remember to bring it with you. If you are interested, please pay your money today to Linda Hall at the side table, who is in charge of this event. Our Spring outing to Georgian Downs was a lot of fun and we're told their great food buffet has been improved even more.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE – Friday, December 3rd – Collingwood Legion Cost \$35.00

The evening will include a great dinner, dancing, snacks, door prizes, a gift basket to be won at each table, and raffle tickets for a chance to win a very valuable original "Painting by Deb". Suzanne Sherry will be back as our DJ. Each person attending is asked to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5 minimum (no dusting items please) for a gift exchange. Last year's event was so much fun. We hope to get most of our membership out this year. 45 have paid to date and over 100 have indicated interest. We must advise the Legion of numbers 10 days in advance. **Today is the last day to sign up!**

For the **December 7th General Meeting**, everyone is again asked to bring a 1/2 dozen of your favourite baked cookies to the meeting along with the recipe for them. The recipes you bring will be collected and may be used one day for a Club fundraising recipe book. The cookies will be distributed around to the tables as a snack to be eaten while we wait for Santa to arrive after our regular meeting. Rumour has it that Santa will be handing out "kisses" to those deserving. This year, we will be asking everyone to donate a Toonie for our "Adoptive Family" through the Salvation Army. We will know more about our adoptive family soon, but it is expected to cost about \$200 for the turkey dinner, food for the week after Christmas and a gift for each child and the parent. We will need a few volunteers to shop for the appropriate gifts for our chosen family. Contact Joan Porter (429-9260) if you can help out the Club in this way. Also, if you would like to donate any dry goods for the Salvation Army, there will be a box provided at the meeting for this worthy purpose.

Curling for Fun is planned for January 12th at the Stayner Curling Club. No curling experience is necessary. There will be lots of Fun Curling with a prize for every curler, a number of raffles, a 50/50 draw and a door prize. Lunch will be served. More details will be provided at the next meeting when tickets will be sold.

Future Events....

The Social Committee has been meeting and tentatively organized events for the next year. While "nothing is cast in stone," the plan looks like this:

February -	Bowling and Luncheon
March -	Area Theatre
April -	Dinner Theatre (our own)
May -	Bus trip?? Matinee Theatre & Lunch/Dinner
June -	Boat Cruise
July	2 nd Annual BBQ
August -	end of month Golf
September -	Wine Tour &/or Visit to Airplane Museum
October -	Car Tour
November -	Auction
December -	Christmas Party

This plan will be modified and developed as we proceed forward, based on your participation and input. If you have ideas for other events, please make them known to the Social Committee, so they can be considered.

Past Events

We received a **Letter of Thanks** from John Tom for allowing him to speak to us at our September meeting on the Vials of Life program. We have received a few more Vials available for handing out to those who were not at that meeting or to persons having use for more of these worthwhile items. **Did you fill out the information, put it into the vial in your refrigerator and post the magnet?** They won't do any good sitting in your junk drawer.

Lucky Draw Winners from October Meeting –

Because of the length of the meeting and cost of tickets for the Silent Auction, it was decided that no 50/50 draw would be conducted at the October meeting. If you want to use the money you saved last month and buy more tickets in November, we would be happy to sell them to you. Let's build up the pot to make it a great Christmas for someone.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact	Joanne Scruton	429-0976
*	Gourmet Dinner Club	Contact	Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact	Joanne Scruton	429-0976
*	Mixed Golf Group	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Group	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Luci Worch	422-0062

The **Gourmet Dinner Club** has a lot of fun traveling to each other's homes once a month. Call Betty Keyes for more information.

The **Happy Bookers** Book Club selection for November is "Too Close to the Falls" by Cathy Gildener. Anyone interested in joining this "enlightened" group should contact Joanne Scruton for details on meeting date, time and place. Reports are they have great discussions, sometimes even on the book they are reviewing.

The first scheduled walk for the Fair Weather Walkers was perhaps appropriately postponed due to inclement weather. The concept of this group is to organize easy forest walks throughout the area to provide an outing of fun and exercise for those interested. Luci Worch and Gary Willis are organizing the activities of this group. **Sign up today!**

DON'T FORGET....

- 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**. It makes it much easier for us to recognize each other and learn Member's names.
- We had a good response to our request for volunteers to set up our tables and chairs for our November meeting. We are again asking for able-bodied Volunteers to sign up for the December meeting on a list posted at the back door. Four names are required each month, and they will be reminded by our Goodwill calling committee of their up coming duty.

- Would **all** able-bodied persons take their chair and stack it along the wall before you leave at the conclusion of the meeting. Those who are able, also are asked to help move the tables to their storage behind the Stage before they leave. It worked so efficiently last month. Let's do it again.

BIRTHDAYS

To those who celebrated a birthday in October, we wish you many happy returns.

Get Well/Sympathy Cards

There were no get well cards sent out in October. We can only assume that all our members were the picture of health for the month. If you do not pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402) an appropriate card can not be sent out. Also, if you need a ride to any Probus event, contact Linda. She can help you find a ride.

MEMBERSHIP

At last count, we have 174 members. There is still room for a few more members before we reach our cap of 200. If you know of anyone who is interested in Probus, bring them out to a meeting as your guest, so they can experience first hand, our hospitality and learn what we do as a Club.

Treasurer's Information

Our Treasurer reports that we have \$3532.32 in the Social Fund to pay for the prepaid up-coming events, and \$5,243.35 in our General Assets. This amount is left after we have paid our annual fees to Probus Canada for insurance, registration, etc. Financially, we are in excellent shape.

THE LAST WORD:

LEST WE FORGET.

We are fast approaching November 11, **Remembrance Day**. We must never forget the sacrifices made by the men and women who served. The ranks of those from the Great Wars are slowly depleting over the years. It does not make it any less important that we remember the lessons learned at a great price in those bygone years.

On Sun. Nov. 7, our Club will be represented at a Remembrance Day Service in Wasaga Beach and take part in a wreath laying ceremony with other local Probus Clubs on your behalf.

Next General Meeting December 7, 2004 at the Wasaga Stars Arena

Topic: - Acupuncture A Visit from Santa

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

Management Team

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