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JUNE'S GENERAL MEETING

Today's Speaker: Instead of a speaker, members will be asked to select their choices in the photo contest.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to Summer, a little early but very much anticipated. Enjoy it while we have it!

June is the 6th month of the year which means we are almost halfway through 2012. It is sad to think that just yesterday (6 months ago) we celebrated the birth of the fledgling new year and suddenly it is a teenager testing itself for leaving the nest.

It is true that as we age time seems to move faster and faster. It is trick of the mind! When we are lucky to spend some of that time with friends and relatives it seems to fly even faster.

We celebrate Father's Day this month, a day when fathers are treated just a little more special by those close to them. All men can be fathers but when our children call us Dad, we know we are special. Around our house the day is more about 'Poppa's' Day when the grandchildren let me know, as they always do, how special they think I am. They don't know it but I feel special just to have them in my life. It is my hope that all fathers have someone in their lives that makes them feel special all year long.

Happy Father's Day!

Gene Stephenson

REMINDER! The next meeting on July 3rd will be held in the Oakview Room in the RecPlex.

MAY'S SPEAKER

Rickey Lemire introduced the morning's guest speaker Laurel Finney. Laurel is a National Education Coordinator on assignment with Wasaga Beach Provincial Park. She gave us many details about the War of 1812 and HMS Nancy which is featured in the museum here. The town is unique having the beach in the centre of town and combined with the natural wonder of the Dunes and our historic past, is a desired destination for visitors and residents. Our appreciation was shown to Laurel at the end of her informative talk.

THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR MAY MEETING, **Ruth Clarke** and **Sylvia Vandale**. If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS PHOTO CONTEST



Our thanks go to all who contributed many fine photos to our contest.

Our esteemed judges, **Helen Hutton** and **Judy Morrison** spent over three hours sorting through and short listing the finalists. Now it is your turn. Members will be given ballots to select the winner in each category in June's meeting. Winners, as well as the grand prize winner will be published in August's newsletter. Look for a page of photography tips on the tables (or in the email version of this newsletter) which loosely served as criteria in selecting the finalists.

Social

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

88 members attended Georgian Downs on May 15th.....looking for the BIG 'Triactor' win.....some a little luckier than others. Good food, good company and lots of laughter!!!! Thanks to everyone for another successful event!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Speak to the social committee members if you are interested in attending any of the following events.

Miss Midland Cruise and dinner Thursday, June 21st, 4:30-7:00 PM

Enjoy a cruise on the first day of summer. It features a buffet dinner (chicken, beef, veggies and desert) as well as music.

\$55.00 per person

Annual Summer Picnic Tuesday, July 17th

Catered at Wasaga Sports Park
On Klondike Park Road

New venue, new menu, new activities

\$15.00 per person

Kings Wharf Theatre

97 Jury Drive, Penetanguishene, ON L9M 1G7

**2:00 pm on Thursday, August 16th
"Blue Suede Shoes"**

A Salute to the Music of Elvis

\$36.00 per person

Coming in September:

GOLF as an option

MAY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$68.00 ---- **Jack Benedet**

2nd prize of \$42.50 --- **Ray Porter**

3rd prize of \$34.00 ---- **Vincy Stephenson**

4th prize of \$25.50 ---- **Guenter Haessler**

Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Wasaga Flowers was won by **Al Fraser**.

NOTICE ABOUT LUCKY DRAW TICKET SALES

Please be sure to get your tickets upon arriving. They will NOT be sold at the break.

**PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE
LUCKY DRAW TABLE**



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in June

Food Glorious Food!!

This will be a reminder to some and News to our returning Snowbirds – at our December meeting I was approached by one of our members with the idea of getting the recipes for the goodies brought to our meeting, put them together and distribute them to interested members. When I discussed this with other members they thought that we should not restrict ourselves to just cookies, so the **Beachcombers Cookbook** idea was born. Please send me your favourite tried and true recipe (or two, three ...), the one that your Friends and Family always ask you to make. It can be an Appetizer, Soup, Salad, Entrée or Dessert. The format of this "cookbook" will depend on how many recipes we get (from photocopied pages to bound cookbook). The success of this endeavour depends on you; if you submit your recipes (it doesn't matter how you get them to me, as long as you get them to me) I promise to put it together!! Thanks!

Vincy Stephenson

Special Interests Contacts

Special Interest	Contact Name	Phone No.
PM Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584
First Edition	Betty Montgomery	429-6854
Happy Bookers	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
Restaurant Dinner Club	Sandra Hanson	422-0579
ROMEO – Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579

PSST! Pass it on. Our next meeting on July 3rd is at the RecPlex NOT at the Arena.

First Edition Book Club is at maximum membership.

In May, the First Edition Book Club read The Help by Kathryn Stockett. The story revolves around Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan who returns to Jackson, Mississippi fresh from college with a diploma and longing to become a writer. During one of the monthly bridge games that Skeeter enjoys with her friends Hilly Holbrook and Elizabeth Leefolt, Hilly joked about making sure that all the white residents of Jackson have separate bathrooms outside of their homes for the black help. That comment sets off Skeeter and Hilly's battle of wills throughout the novel. A wise Abileen Clark and sassy Minny Jackson are black maids who are enlisted by Skeeter, along with several more maids, to help write a manuscript about their experiences as the Help. There are several relationships woven throughout the story that are too numerous to describe. However the risky undertaking of writing the story about the Help and the humorous activities that take place make this entertaining book a must read. The book was rated 4.5 out of 5

The Happy Bookers Club is at maximum membership

There were varied opinions of the book for May: Every Lost Country by a Canadian author, Steven Heighton. A hiking party trapped at the Nepal-Tibet border, a doctor, his daughter and a film maker are drawn into an international crisis when they try to help some Tibetans. It was not deemed to be a book to recommend to anyone but a mountain climber and was given not quite a 3 out of 5. Better luck next time, Betty

MEET YOUR MEMBER – Member profiles may be a rare thing now but that does not mean we do not want to hear from you. If you are able to manage a personal profile, step up and let us know. Most of us would also love to hear from you regarding a hobby or a trip you may have taken. If you have photos to support your presentation, all the better.

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

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

AND if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups below, or want to find out more information regarding the group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity.

AND if you wish to submit some interesting information regarding your group or submit a good, short joke and/or a photograph, please contact the newsletter editor **Tom Donohue** by email at this special address at least a week before the next monthly meeting:
newslettertom@rogers.com

Management Team for 2011-2012

President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Vice-President	Betty Baker	422-1909
Past President	Don Caron	429-0308
Secretary	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909
Speakers and Profiles Chair	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
Membership	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Lucky Draw	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Social	Diane Nagel	422-0835
Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

DEADLINE for submissions for July's newsletter is **Thursday, June 21st**. Anything submitted after this date will be placed in the August's newsletter.

Goodwill

Cards were sent to members **Betty and Charlie Baker, Rita Premich, Ben Sacchetti, and Bette Stanley.**

GREAT DECORATIONS

In **Gratitude:** Thanks to **Marilyn Ruse** and her committee for making the floral decorations for the May meeting. They were beautiful.

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

Remember to bring your Probus mug and to wear your name tag.

A Special Trip for Vet Fraser Muir

Congratulations to member **Fraser Muir** who leaves in late June for London, England. Fraser is one of 27 vets who will be guests of the Canadian Government to attend the official unveiling of the new Bomber Command Memorial. As most of us who heard Fraser's profile will remember, he served in WWII as a member of Bomber Command. The actual ceremony takes place on June 27th and Queen Elizabeth will do the honours. Fraser is looking forward to meeting members of the Royal family, especially Charles and Camilla. The Memorial is located in Green Park which is opposite Buckingham Palace.

DON'T FORGET:

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted at the front of the room. Please read them!
- **Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Shirley Brett**. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, **Betty Baker**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012

The Oakview Room
in the RecPlex.