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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S PROFILER IS A SURPRISE MYSTERY GUEST

TODAY'S EVENT: BIRCHVIEW DUNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Phyllis Cook, owner of "Make Great Wine" in Stayner, was kind enough to take time from her busy schedule to speak to us. Ms Cook has lived in the Wasaga area for over 20 years and has been making wine for 25 years. Listed below is some of the information on wine that she gave us.

1. A good wine should be chosen by sense of smell rather than by taste.
2. Red wine should be served slightly cool instead of room temperature which might be too warm.
3. White wine should be served chilled – not icy cold.
4. Only some wines benefit from ageing. The tannin in the wine must be a good quality for the wine to improve with the ageing.
5. To store a partial bottle of wine, use a vacuum pump to remove the air from the bottle or put the wine into a small jar filled to the brim so that there will be no air in the jar. It will keep a few days this way.
6. Decanting your wine changes the flavor and it is a matter of personal taste whether you wish to do this.
7. Don't cook with a wine that you don't enjoy drinking. Wine brings out the flavors in foods.

Need I say that our usual bottle of wine that is given as a thank you to the speaker was changed to another more suitable gift? Jan Bivall claims to have drunk the bottle of wine that had been set aside. Sure Jan!

PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS

FIRST ANNUAL BEACHCOMBERS CRAFTERS SALE

Reported by Doris Willis

The Crafters Sale which took place at the November General Meeting was a great success. Seven members participated and sold items which were as varied as they were beautiful. **Irma Koch** offered wonderful hand sewn, crocheted and knitted articles. **Orlene and John Fost** displayed stunning stained glass ornaments and glass gift boxes. **John and Mary Quesnelle** showed many wooden crafts and flower arrangements. **Fraser Muir** presented beautiful prints and **Shirley Watson and Harvey and Jane Jones** had paintings which were greatly admired. **Doris Willis** showed a variety of hand crafted candles. A big big thank you to all who participated. The comments were very positive and the members appreciated the quality of the items, fair prices and the great variety. Any of the crafters would be pleased to hear from you if you have since decided to purchase any of their items.

Irma Koch	422-0043
Orlene and John Fost	429-9479
Harvey and Jane Jones	429-8441
John and Mary Quesnelle	422-1653
Fraser Muir	422-1400
Shirley Watson	322-2419
Doris Willis	429-7835

SILENT AUCTION & LUNCH

What a great time we all had at the auction! Lunch was delicious and plentiful and the chatter of everyone talking was a happy roar. The men served the food which was a nice treat for the ladies.

After the lunch had been cleared away, the fun started. Our "auctioneers", Betty Baker and Bill Travis kept things moving along as we busily checked our ticket numbers against those being called out. Winners yelled excitedly when their number was called and there was much laughter at some of their antics. Rita Premich did a great table dance (really!) to express her pleasure at her win! The goods auctioned off were of a high caliber and most of us left the auction clutching at least one new treasure. A special thank you goes out to Betty Keyes who did such a great job in organizing this event.

Betty writes:

Our Silent Auction has always been a fun day at Beachcomber's Probus and one we look forward to attending. I would like to congratulate our Co-chairs: Gloria Harasowsky & Vivian Sheridan along with their Social Committee for a wonderful social. It is an enormous job. I wonder how many have thought of all the work that is done behind the scenes. This day is months in the planning stages; there are meetings, telephone calls and e-mails as all details are finalized. All of the auction items are collected and stored for months in various houses before that day. There is shopping for ingredients to be done, countless items to serve the food on has to be thought of, as well as purchasing items for the "cleaning up" crew. There are so many details to attend to well before the day of the event. Not to forget our auctioneers who do a superb job of entertaining us and the runners who deliver the prizes. I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to our wonderful group of ladies who volunteer in many capacities, from making and plating squares, to preparing the various fillings for the kitchen crew to make up our sandwich and relish trays that day. The "ladies who do lunch" work together so well in such a small space, getting everything done in record time for your lunch. It really is a pleasure to be part of this volunteer group.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY COLLINGWOOD LEGION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

All tickets for this event have been sold. Cocktails will be at 6 and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 6:30. There will be lots of door prizes and dancing to the beat of the popular DJ, Groove Tube.

BOWLING AND DINNER COLLINGWOOD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

This event is scheduled for 2 pm on January 10, 2007 at the Georgian Bowl in Collingwood. Tickets are available at today's meeting. Ticket price is **\$12.00** which includes cost of bowling shoes rental. Dinner will follow at Rock Dell Steak House in Collingwood at your own cost. Get your tickets today!

INDOOR PUTTING THE PUTTING EDGE, BARRIE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Keep those golf skills honed! The fun starts at 11 am at the Putting Edge in Barrie. Lunch will follow at The Marketplace Buffet Grill located at 47 Mapleview Avenue. Tickets for the putting are **\$10.00** and the lunch is at your own expense (priced at \$9.19 plus tax for the senior's special rate). Tickets are on sale at today's meeting.

GEORGIAN DOWNS RACETRACK BARRIE TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Enjoy an exciting evening at the races! Tickets are on sale now for **\$34.00** per person. Included are a delicious buffet dinner (visit the chocolate fountain for dessert!), soft drinks, and the races - which you can watch from your dining table, tax and gratuity. Whether you bet a lot or a little, whether you win a lot or a little, you'll have a great time.

DINNER AND VARIETY SHOW COLLINGWOOD LEGION THURSDAY, APRIL 26

We will enjoy a delicious dinner followed by entertainment put on by our very own Probus Club members. Do you have a talent that you would like to show off? This is your night to shine! We are still looking for a few more participants to round out the evening's entertainment. Speak to anyone in the Social Group to sign up. Tickets for this diverting evening will be priced at **\$25.00**.

NOVEMBER'S LUCKY 60/40 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$77.00 was won by Betty Keyes

2nd Prize of \$32.10 was won by Peter Premich

3rd Prize of \$19.30 was won by Yvonne Visser

Gift certificate for Home Sense was won by Marilyn Evans

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

(If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee.)

The special interest groups are open to Probus members only.

* Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact Joanne Scruton	422-0976
* Dinner at our Place	Contact Betty Keyes	429-6064
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers	Contact Maggie Higgins	422-1338
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835
* YOYO's	Contact Joan Maloney	422-0573

"Dinner at our Place" has at present 32 regular members who meet once a month for dinner at their homes. **DO NOT PANIC.** You will not have 32 people coming for dinner all at once! We have 4 hosts each welcoming 6 other guests for dinner. Responsibilities are rotated monthly with everyone preparing a portion of the meal. Our dinners begin at 6PM; we do not assign a particular evening to dine, this is left for each group to decide. The hosts are responsible for the main entree and the vegetables to accompany it. In addition, they supply the bread/rolls, tea/coffee milk/cream and sugar. As a host you do have 3 other couples who assist with your meal. I assign one couple to provide the appetizers, another couple soup or salad, and the third couple the dessert. Everyone provides their own choice of beverage for the evening whether it is wine, beer or a soft drink. At present we have 4 people who wish to become permanent members, and we need 4 more to join them to have a 5th house operational. Please call me or see me at a meeting if you are interested. We especially want to encourage our single people. Are you willing to host, like to cook and enjoy being with people for an evening of fun, good food and conversation? If this describes YOU, please consider getting together with another member & come dine with us. Call Betty Keyes @ 429-6064

The **Happy Bookers** club's membership is now full. If you wish to join your name will now be placed on a waiting list. We meet every 3rd Monday of the month.

The Happy Bookers Club's November reading was a choice of biography, memoir, or a novel about a country. The selections were varied and interesting from strong recommendations to sharp disappointment. Among the books chosen were The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid, My Lucky Stars, Running with Scissors, The Glass Castle, The Bodhran Makers, Beautiful Joe, Sarah, Looking in the Mirror, The Eatons, City of Falling Angels, and Sky Burial.

Sky Burial is the story of Shu Wen, a medical student, who meets and falls in love with Kejun, also a student. After school they marry. China is under Communist rule at the time the story opens in the 1950's, and three weeks after the wedding, Kejun is called to serve as a doctor in the army. Each day he is away Wen waits for word of her husband then she receives a notice of his death but does not believe it; she and Kejun have been married less than 100 days. She asks permission to travel into Tibet where her husband has gone. Thus begins a journey of hope, yearning and love which lasts for 30 years. Xinran, the author, writes simply yet with a quiet force that has the reader intrigued until the last page. So, head for the library, the nearest bookstore or ask a friend. Pick up one of the above-named books. Read and enjoy. The December Reading Material is "Time in Between" by David Bergen.

The Fair Weather Walkers: The walks always take place at Powerline Road. We will have the choice of either walking along the skidoo trail as we do during the winter, or we can use the forest trails. The walking is never cancelled; we enjoy each other's company no matter who happens to show up. We have walked in blizzards, in downpours and while fending off Canada's other national bird (The mosquito!). So come along any Friday and reward yourself with a cup of Timmy's coffee afterwards. Call Gary Willis @ 429-7835 for more information.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Members take turns hosting the lunch, which is an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, laughter and gossip. We have a maximum membership limit of 12 ladies. Call Maggie Higgins @ 422-1338

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 @ 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 wanting to share in good fellowship, potlucks and amusing activities. We meet on the 4th Wednesday morning of the month. Call Joan Maloney @ 422-0573 for more information – new members welcome.

YOU HAD BETTER BE GOOD!

Sarah and her thirteen-year-old sister had been fighting a lot this year. This happens when you combine a headstrong two-year-old, who is sure she is always right, with a young adolescent. Sarah's parents, trying to take advantage of her newfound interest in Santa Claus, reminded the two-year-old that Santa was watching and doesn't like it when children fight. This had little impact. "I'll just have to tell Santa about your misbehavior," the mother said as she picked up the phone and dialed. Sarah's eyes grew big as her mother asked "Mrs. Claus" (really Sarah's aunt; Santa's real line was busy) if she could put Santa on the line. Sarah's mouth dropped open as Mom described to Santa (Sarah's uncle) how the two-year-old was acting. But, when Mom said that Santa wanted to talk to her, she reluctantly took the phone. Santa, in a deepened voice, explained to her how there would be no presents Christmas morning to children who fought with their sisters. He would be watching, and he expected things to be better from now on. Sarah, now even more wide eyed, solemnly nodded to each of Santa's remarks and silently hung the phone up when he was done. After a long moment, Mom (holding in her chuckles at being so clever) asked, "What did Santa say to you, dear?" In almost a whisper, Sarah sadly but matter-of-factly stated, "Santa said he won't be bringing toys to my sister this year."

"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 @ 422-1909. A list is posted monthly on the bulletin board.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrated in November!

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 (Kay Knab - 429-5547). 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 Member Ambassador, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached at 429-6064.

NEXT MEETING:

JANUARY 2, 2007

ALL STARS ARENA

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

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/6wasbcn.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer)

Please be aware that the address changes in **January** to www.probus.org/7wasbcn.pdf to reflect the year 2007.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Chris Armstrong	429-7805	Refreshments:	Orlene & John Fost	429-9479
Vice-President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
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	Diane Nagel	428-3209		Betty Keyes	429-6064
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