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DECEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Several singers will lead us in a singalong and a jolly fat man in a red suit will check out who has been good.

Reminders: Bring in item(s) for food bank and

An unwrapped toy or gift card for Kinette Toy Drive and
Bring in 6 cookies or baked items (12 per couple)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gail and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every member of Beachcombers PROBUS the happiest of holidays. I think that many of us are all looking forward to the possibility of spending time with children this season. In that way, we can relive wonderful memories of past holidays and, once again, see the magic of this special time of year through the eyes of the precious children who dwell deep in our hearts all year long. Let's also take a few moments to reflect on the beauty of life and remember friends with whom we may have lost contact. Finally, let's contemplate and be grateful for the perfect love which is, after all, the reason for the celebration in the first place. Happy Holidays. May God bless you.



Ross Dawe

P.S. Thank you to **Christine Armstrong** for volunteering to be our first "guest humourist" and if you are interested in sharing some jokes or a funny story with the membership, contact me.

HELP WANTED: Please contact **Tom Donohue** if you would be interested in helping out (learning the ropes) with the newsletter this PROBUS year with the possible intention of becoming editor next year. Basic computer ability needed.

NOVEMBER'S MEETING



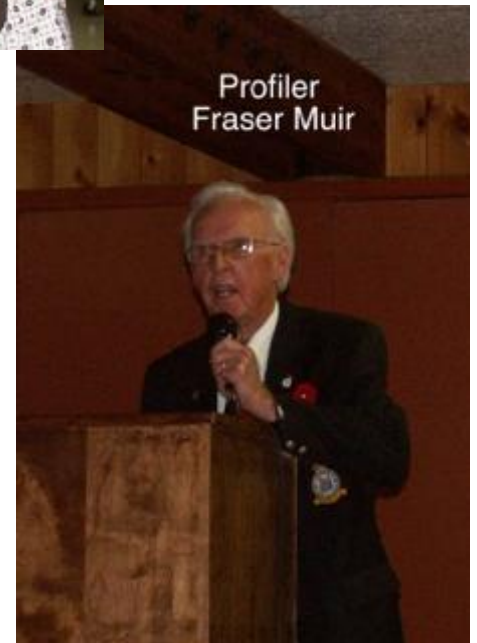
Our Humourist
Christine Armstrong



Our Greeters
Rita and Peter Premich

THANK YOU TO
OUR GREETERS FOR
NOVEMBER: Rita
and Peter Premich.
If you wish to be a
greeter, please speak
to Ron Hanson.

Guest Speaker: Dave Morrison introduced **Fraser Muir** who related his experiences in the air force during WWII. He reported for duty on January 5, 1943 and trained for a gunner on bombers. He lost many friends as he told us only 27% of airmen survived. Over 50,000 died having an average age of 22 years. Politics got in the way of Bomber Command being officially recognised and it finally happened 67 years after the war ended. He was one of the guests on the Canadian government at the official ceremony in London, England. He related several other interesting post war stories one of which involved returning to England for the flyby of the famous Lancaster Bombers. Thanks for your interesting stories, **Fraser** and for serving your country in World War II.



Profilor
Fraser Muir

PROBUS and Remembrance Day

Right, **Fraser Muir** salutes at the Remembrance Day service at the Town of Wasaga Beach Municipal Offices. Below, President **Ross Dawe** lays a wreath on behalf of Beachcombers PROBUS at the Remembrance Day service.





Lucky Draw Winners

Joan Maloney
Lucky Draw

Gail Dawe

Wally Buchner
Monica Burchell

Lucky Draw : Joan Maloney

- 1st PRIZE : \$64.00 Monika Burchell
- 2nd PRIZE : \$42.00 Wally Buchner
- 3rd PRIZE : \$35.00 Gail Dawe
- Speakers' Fund: \$47.50

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

Introduced at the last meeting:



New Members
Alex and Irene Sunderland

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS ALEX AND IRENE SUNDERLAND.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2014

On November 12th, 29 members travelled to the ctv studio in Barrie for a very informative and much enjoyed tour of their facility. After the tour the group proceeded to the Market Buffet and Grill restaurant where we equally enjoyed a terrific lunch. A second tour has been arranged for December 10th, where 31 members will embark upon the same tour / lunch. Remember you should arrive at the ctv studio no later than 10:45 am as the tour will begin at 11:00am. If

anyone needs directions please see **Ron Hanson**.



DECEMBER 5th 2014 - Christmas Event

On Friday December 5th our annual Christmas dinner / dance will be held at the Collingwood Legion. I am very pleased to say that we have 109 members attending with an additional 10 guests for a total of 119. Cocktails will begin at 5:30pm, followed by a sit-down traditional Christmas dinner at 6:15pm. Table seating arrangements will be posted as you enter the hall, so please check once

you have arrived. DJ services will be graciously being provided by **Gene Stephenson**, so make sure you have your dancing shoes on. Your social committee is looking forward to seeing you all on December 5th.



Seasons Greetings

JANUARY 2015 - Games Day

January 6th, 2015 is our pot-luck / games afternoon scheduled (12:00 noon - 3:00pm) to immediately follow our general meeting. The sign-up sheet was available last meeting and will also be available during the December meeting. To date we have about 20 people and are looking for more.

If you have already signed up last meeting please re-visit the social desk during the break to provide indication as to what you are preparing for the pot-luck. Also please indicate if you are able to bring any hot plates. We also need for the participants to bring any games (cards / dominos / board games / crib boards / etc.)



FEBRUARY 2015



An interest sheet will be made available at the social table for a "swingin' jazz lunch." Listen or dance to your favourite jazz tunes over a delicious hot lunch buffet. Get hip to the swinging sounds of ...*Frank Sinatra / Tony Bennet / Michael Buble* featuring the smooth sounds of the Indigo Jazz house. This will be held in the banquet room at the

Donato House Hotel in Wasaga Beach. The cost is \$25.00 pp, and can accommodate up to 60 people.



That's all for now.....your social committee.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team.

Special Interest	Contact Name	Phone No.
PM Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Porter	429-9260
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Daytrippers	June Davidson	422-0960
Dinner at our Place	Diane Nagel	422-0835
First Edition	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
Happy Bookers	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast. In November we met for breakfast and conversation at Georgian Family Restaurant.

We now have 29 serious **ROMEO'S** on our list, who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579 to get on the list. 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. Please note that there will not be a breakfast in December, as it would fall on New Years' Eve. We will start up the breakfasts again in January 2015. Be sure to check January's Wasagan Newsletter for details.

On behalf of all the **ROMEO'S** we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Membership

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.

GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Vincy Stephenson sent out cards: get well card, recovering from surgery: Judith Harrison, Bob Bowyer, Don Caron and Dave Marshall; sympathy card to Mary Rose Swan whose Mother passed away.

Please pass information regarding illness, hospital stays or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, Vincy Stephenson

NICE JOB!

As always thank you to Joan Smith for making the meeting room look so very welcoming.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Best wishes to those who celebrate a special day in December.



THE ARCHIVES

Gene Stephenson, our Archivist, would love to see your photos. Gene contributed all the photos in this issue. Thanks Gene. If you take a good photo at a PROBUS event, perhaps you can share it with Gene Stephenson for the Archives.

FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB REVIEW

The First Edition Book Club's selection for November was "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" by Laurie R. King, which is the first in a series of Sherlock Holmes mysteries. In this book,

Sherlock Holmes has retired to the south of England with his trusted housekeeper, Mrs. Hudson, where he becomes a beekeeper. Sherlock misses his former life and seems somewhat dull and depressed. Here, a sharp witted, very intelligent young American woman, Mary Russell, enters his life. Discovering that Mary has a mind equal to his own, she soon becomes his 'apprentice' and thus their relationship and adventures begin. The scene is set just prior to WWI when technology like phones, telegraphs, cars, and electricity had just come into use. The book was generally well received and the rating averaged out to be 3.5. It was also mentioned that they felt the couple in question treated the local people they encountered not as their equal, but as inferior. This novel rated as: 3.75.



Happy Hookers Book Review will return next month

A Fond Farewell to our PROBUS Snowbirds
We will miss you!



See what you will be missing.

**SEE YOU AT 9:30am this TUESDAY FOR OUR
NEXT MEETING**
PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR JANUARY'S NEWSLETTER
BY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014
and use the email address: t.donohue@rocketmail.com

**DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS
MEMBER?**



This little girl is one of our PROBUS members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? All will be revealed at December's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor.

HELP! This is currently the last photo as there are none in reserve so please consider emailing a photo to t.donohue@rocketmail.com AND send it as a jpeg not a pdf file

JANUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

The First in the New Year
"HAPPY NEW YEAR"
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2015
Wasaga Stars Arena