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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: GLORIA TAYLOR, CURATOR OF SIMCOE COUNTY MUSEUM

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Linda Davis, CEO of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital gave a very interesting talk on the hospital and future expansion plans. The population of the area is expected to double within the next ten years. A couple of portables are at present being used for administration but the hospital does not have the land for expansion and may someday have to entertain the idea of building a new hospital on a larger tract of land. They have over 18,000 outpatient visits a year and 80% of admitted patients come through the emergency department. The hospital will soon be doing hip and knee replacements which is good news for our aging population. Ms Davis left us with a much better understanding of the enormous amount of manpower and money that it takes to run a hospital and we thank her for taking the time to speak to us.

SEPTEMBER PROFILER

Our profiler was Bob Harasowsky who gave us an interesting peek at his past. Born in 1945 in Austria to Ukrainian parents, he spent his first 4 years in Graz. In 1949, Bob's German speaking family came to Halifax and lived for 2 years with the priest who had sponsored them. Bob learned Ukrainian from his parents and also English when he started school. Lack of knowledge of the English language forced Bob's educated father to work as Choirmaster of the local Ukrainian church and then he got a job at a steel plant fueling the dangerously hot coal ovens. After 8 years at the steel plant, the family moved to Toronto and while Bob and his sister lived with their aunt and uncle, his parents moved to Hockley Valley, where Bob's uncle owned a resort, to run the restaurant, motel and grounds. The family would reunite on weekends at Hockley to be together. After grade 8, Bob and his sister moved to Hockley Valley where Bob attended high school in Orangeville for 2 years. Back the family went to Toronto when Bob's father was offered a job as a custodian with the Metropolitan Separate School Board. Bob then attended Bloor Collegiate and summered at Hockley Valley. Bob finally quit high school and worked 2 part time jobs. After 2 years, he began his career with Canada Post sorting mail and gradually worked his way up to General Supervisor at the new postal facility called Gateway, at Dixie and Eglinton in Mississauga. Bob's first marriage didn't last and in 1985 he separated from his wife and moved in with Gloria, the love of his life. Gloria also worked at the post office and had an 8 year old daughter as well as older daughters who were living on their own. Bob had an instant family and much adjusting took place on all sides. Bob got Gloria involved in his hobby of collecting 50's and 60's memorabilia and their hobby eventually became a small business, first at flea markets and then in a store-front operation. Bob worked at the post office from 7 to 3 and then would go and open the store until 9. Gloria assisted on weekends. Bob had the mechanical skill needed to refurbish the various old machines before selling them but the long hours were taking their toll and so, after a break-in at the store in 1995, they packed it in. Some of the higher end pieces were sold to a vendor at the 400 Antique Market but many pieces now decorate the basement of their custom built retirement home in Wasaga Sands which they moved to in 1998. Bob worked as a golf marshal at Blue Mountain for a couple of years, but is now happy to spend his time working on the house and socializing. Probud has become an important part of their lives and Bob and Gloria enjoy getting to know the members.

PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS

WINE TOUR

NIAGARA REGION WINERIES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

Wow, what a great time we had! We were served snacks and played bingo on the way to the Niagara region and we were there before we knew it! Cheese and crackers and various wines were served at the Herdner Estate Winery and nearly everyone bought a bottle of their fabulous cranberry wine – great for spritzers! Lunch at Rockway Glen Golf Course and Winery was a real treat. We had a wonderful view of the golf course from our private dining room and the chicken with a Dijon mustard crust was delicious. The decadent chocolate dessert that followed was a great way to finish our meal and of course we were given wee glasses of different wines to try. There was a tour of the museum after lunch and everyone was “gifted” with a bottle of white wine to take home. After a trip to the Konzelmann Estate Winery, which is right on the shores of Lake Ontario and has a clear view of the Toronto skyline, we piled into our bus. After a short stop at Tim’s we were on our way home, tired but happy. Winner of the 50/50 draw was Ed Davis and bus door prizes went to Chuck Davidson, Deborah Ferris and Bob Harasowsky. Thank you Betty Baker and Irene Donohue for organizing such a wonderful trip!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

GHOSTS, GOBLINS & WITCHES CAR RALLY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Once again Frank Tate and Birdie Hawkins will be sending us on a fun tour of the countryside! Frank’s hard work in devising the route always pays off in a day of riotous antics and lots of laughs. Participants are asked to **either** bring a carved pumpkin **or** dress in fall colors **or** dress in a Halloween costume. Tickets are \$25 which includes a stop for coffee and pastries as well as dinner at a mystery location at the end of the route. Today’s meeting is your last chance to purchase your ticket. This is Frank’s last year for organizing this event, so don’t miss out! We will be meeting at the All Stars Arena (park at the side please) at 1:45 for our 2 o’clock start time.

CRAFTERS SALE

NOVEMBER 7 GENERAL MEETING

The November meeting will have our Crafter’s sale set up for your benefit. If you are interested in selling your crafts, please see Doris Willis.

SILENT AUCTION

ALL STARS ARENA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

This year we will be holding the ever popular auction and lunch on a separate date from the monthly meeting. The auction holds plenty of fun and laughs. Come away with a new found treasure to mark the day! The auction will take place in the morning with lunch to follow. Tickets are priced at a mere \$7.50 and they are for sale at today’s meeting. At the event, you’ll receive a strip of tickets which will be used to “bid” on the items displayed. There is a sign up sheet at today’s meeting for volunteers to bake squares and to prepare sandwiches (you will be reimbursed for your ingredients). Start searching through your cache of treasures for items valued between \$10 and \$20 to donate to the auction. **We will be accepting the auction items today and at the November meeting.**

CHRISTMAS COOKIE POT LUCK

DECEMBER 5 GENERAL MEETING

Get out your favorite recipe for this event. Everyone will be asked to bring a ½ dozen cookies to the meeting. We will be asking our **MEN** to serve the cookies at the coffee break. A special surprise entertainment is being planned as our featured event!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

COLLINGWOOD LEGION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mark your calendar for this one! The Christmas party promises to be a blast so dust off those dancing shoes and get ready to party! Tickets go on sale today for a mere \$25.00 and \$30.00 for non-member guests. 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

JANUARY

An interest sheet is out today for a January bowling event and dinner at the Rock Dell Steak House (dinner at your own expense). Does that not sound like fun on a cold January day? Be sure to sign the interest sheet!

SEPTEMBER’S LUCKY 60/40 DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$80.00 was won by Pat Caron

2nd Prize of \$33.20 was won by Linda Marshall

3rd Prize of \$20.00 was won by Deborah Ferris

Gift certificate for Canadian Tire was won by Jean Gibson

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

*	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
*	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 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 the soup or salad course, and the third couple to bring 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 Booker's Club held its' first annual retreat at Clyffe House in Port Sydney on September 5th & 6th and returned home on the 7th. We left immediately after our Probus meeting and stopped for lunch at Webers where we all enjoyed hamburgers and chips.

Clyffe House is a very old resort beautifully located on Mary Lake. Deer roam freely and the peace and quiet (until we arrived) was wonderful. We had designated rooms and once we were all settled some of the more daring gals went for a swim while the rest of us sat on the dock and watched them frolic in the peaceful waters. We had a wonderful dinner and a great discussion followed on the subject of the book, "The Constant Gardner" – some enjoyed it immensely and other members thought that it was rather disjointed and not worth reading. We then watched the movie which was "different". We all toddled off to bed after the movie and slept peacefully after a hard day of play. The next day was a little cooler and we went into Huntsville and shopped around all the stores and then after lunch, most of the group took off on a hike. Later, a lovely supper was served and then we played some great "cottage type" games which produced many laughs. As a matter of fact the entire stay produced a great many laughs and when it came time to leave on Thursday we all decided that it was all too short and next year we will add another day. Coming home we stopped once again at Webers to enjoy another of their famous burgers. All in all Mary Barnes (a very clever gal), Mary Ranta (birthday girl), Joanne Scruton (our illustrious leader), Doris Willis (brilliant photographer), Luci Worch (dedicated hiker), Colette Durant (wonderful guest), Marilyn Ruse (great breakfast lady), Joan Porter (another wonderful guest), Susan Passmore (mouse patrol officer), Christina Armstrong (games master) and me Betty Baker (no explanation needed) got along famously. We missed our other regular members namely Diane Nagle and Jan Bivall. Clyffe House will definitely be a yearly event with the Happy Bookers!

The Happy Bookers meet every third Monday of the month. In October we will read "Alligator" by Lisa Moore, in November everyone will read a book of their choice – either a biography or a memoir or a novel about a country, in December we'll be reading "The Time In Between" by David Bergen. Our membership is now full but if you'd like to put your name on a waiting list, please call Joanne Scruton @ 422-0976.

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. Also, 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 that you are able and reward yourself with a cup of Timmy's coffee afterwards. Call Gary Willis @ 429-7835 for more information.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** 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 good fellowship and diverting outings. Call Joan Maloney @ 422-0573 for more information - **we are currently on the lookout for new members!**

The **Golfing Around** group plays monthly from May to October at a different golf course each time. See or call Bill Travis @ 422-1148.

"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.

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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrated in September!

NEXT MEETING:

NOVEMBER 7, 2006

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/6wasbcrn.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/7wasbcrn.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
Treasurer:	Harry Durrant	429-3071	Social:	Gloria Harasowsky	429-0180
Secretary:	Doris Willis	429-7835		Vivian Sheridan	429-5590
Past President:	Ray Porter	429-9260	60/40:	Kay Knab	429-5547
Speakers:	Jan Bivall	429-7584	New Member Ambassador:		
	Diane Nagel	428-3209		Betty Keyes	429-6064
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