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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The PROBUS year has passed quickly and we will be welcoming our new executive today. It has been a privilege and an honour to be able to serve as your president this year.



Ross Dawe

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Management Team for their efforts. In addition to his past president's duties, **Ron Hanson** recognized a glaring need and stepped up to the plate to assume the role of Social coordinator and, along with his committee, did an incredible job. Our speakers co chairs, **Doug McCullough** and **Dave Morrison** brought in some very entertaining speakers. **Doris Willis**, our secretary, handled our correspondence, kept precise records of our general and executive meetings, and made sure all our meetings ran smoothly.

Our membership convener, **Judy Morrison**, efficiently and quietly organized our membership lists, kept attendance records, ordered mugs, name tags, and pins for new members, and was a source of information on PROBUS procedures and bylaws for the rest of the executive.

Our new member ambassador, **Sheila Ewing**, welcomed guests, researched the background of new members, and did a wonderful and professional job of introducing them at our meetings. Our Newsletter editor, **Tom Donohue**, who has held so many executive positions over the years, put out an amazing newsletter month after month. **Don McFayden**, our treasurer, did

our banking, kept the financial records, provided monthly reports to the membership, and made certain that cheques were delivered without undue delay.

Vincy Stephenson, our good will ambassador, made sure that we remembered members who were ill or facing difficult situations. In addition she organized our telephone reminder group.

Our archivist, **Gene Stephenson** organized photos and music for some of our events. **Lyn and George Rice** provided the membership with excellent coffee and delicious treats at each meeting. **Joan Maloney**, who is also the president of a ladies PROBUS club, still found the time in her busy schedule to organize and run our monthly 50/50 draws. **Carol Stonehouse** took over job of decorating the tables for our general meetings from **Joan Smith**. Their combined efforts added a festive touch to each meeting and made our members feel welcome.

Although they were not official members of the executive this year, I would like to thank **Betty Baker** and **Bob Bowyer** for filling in for absent executive members. In addition, **Betty and Bob**, along with **Christina Armstrong**, entertained us all as "guest humourists".

Now our club will continue to move forward. Our incoming president, **John Dunnett**, is a thoughtful, intelligent, and creative man. He has excellent ideas and I think Beachcombers PROBUS will benefit greatly from his leadership. **John** will be helped by our incoming executive which is made up of some experienced returning members and a number of people who are relatively new to PROBUS. It promises to be a great year.

Finally, to all our members, thank you for your support over this year and a special thank you for your thoughtful parting gift which **Gail** and I will use to celebrate our anniversary in the next few days. It's been an enjoyable year.



Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for her table décor and to **Vincy and Gene Stephenson** stepping in for **Lyn & George Rice** for the coffee and goodies.

Rita & Peter Premich were recognized for 54 years of marriage. Guests were introduced.

JULY'S MEETING

Thank you to our greeters for July: **Rudy & Anne Hochkirchen**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Ron Hanson**.



Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Speaker
Jarvis Strong



GUEST SPEAKER

Doug McCullough introduced our speaker Jarvis Strong who gave a very informative presentation about Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He was accompanied by a little sister who shared her personal journey with the organization.

NEW MEMBERS

Sheila Ewing introduced new members Rita Benacquista and Lars Nilsson.

New Members
Lars Nilsson and Rita Benacquista



LUCKY DRAW:

Joan Maloney/Sandra Hanson

1st PRIZE: \$51.00 Betty Baker

2nd PRIZE: \$34.00 Linda Vandernokke

3rd PRIZE: \$29.00 Luci Worch

Speakers' Fund: \$38.00

Lucky Draw Winners



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

SOCIAL REPORT

JULY 15TH EVENT



On Wednesday July 15th we had our annual Beachcombers Probus picnic. A good time was had by all 86 members who attended. Congratulations to those skilled members who managed to beat off all challengers to win in the Bocce / Golf Toss / and Golf Chipping contests. And a special thanks once again to **Gene Stephenson** who once again kept things rockin' with his DJ program.



AUGUST 19TH. EVENT

Wednesday August 19th is the scheduled date for a wonderfully exciting performance of "Footloose" at the Kings Wharf Theatre, 97 Jury Dr., Penetanguishene. Show time is 2:00 pm., so make sure that you give yourself plenty of time to get to the theatre. I believe the travel time is around 1 hour. There are 65 Beachcombers members who will be attending. The tickets for this performance will be available for you to pick up at the social table during the August meeting...so make sure that you attend.

SEPTEMBER EVENT

Monday, September 28th is the date schedule for our Car Rally / Poker Run. So far we have 39 people who signed up. We will meet at the RecPlex at 11:30 am., with vehicles scheduled to depart at 12:00 noon. The route will take you to 4 stops along the way where you will be required to leave the vehicle and proceed on foot for a short period of time, so make sure that you wear appropriate footwear. You will also be required to take photos so make sure you have at least one camera in each vehicle. There will be a quiz for the first and second portions of the rally. The team who scores the highest on the quiz will be crowned as the winners and awarded a prize. Regarding the Poker Run....each vehicle will select 1 card from deck at each of the 4 stops, plus a fifth card at the rally end. The vehicle with the best poker hand will be awarded a prize. The Rally is estimated to take between 5 - 5 ½ hours to complete including the required stops. At the completion of the rally we will be having dinner. You will find out where once you have arrived at the end.

Cost is \$30.00 pp....this includes refreshments / treats along the route....and dinner with tax and gratuity included.....SO BRING YOUR CHECK BOOKS.





OCTOBER EVENT

We can arrange for a Bus Excursion to the Bala Cranberry Festival on Friday, October 16th. This will be an all day event, leaving Wasaga Beach RecPlex @ 10:00 am...arriving in Bala around 12:00 noon.... Departing Bala @ 4:00 pm., and returning to Wasaga Beach around 6:00 pm. The cost is \$31.00 pp. which is the cost of the bus + gratuity for the driver. The cost is based on a minimum requirement of 50 people. To date we have 19 people who have signed the interest sheet. You still have the opportunity to sign up in August



and September meetings. A decision as to whether we will proceed will be made at that time (dependent upon the #'s)
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GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE



Vincy Stephenson sent out no cards last month. Please pass information regarding illness, hospital stays or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, Vincy Stephenson.



MEMBERSHIP

We are now 200 members and growing. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE AGAIN. All memberships are due for renewal by the September meeting. See me at the Membership table. Membership fees remain the same - \$25. Per person. Thank you. **Judy Morrison.**



Birthdays/Anniversaries

Best wishes to those who celebrate a special day in **August, 2015**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the Management Team.

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

Men's Breakfast:

Bob Bowyer - 429-0579

ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast at various local restaurants. In July our group met for breakfast, and conversation at **YAMMAS GRILL**.

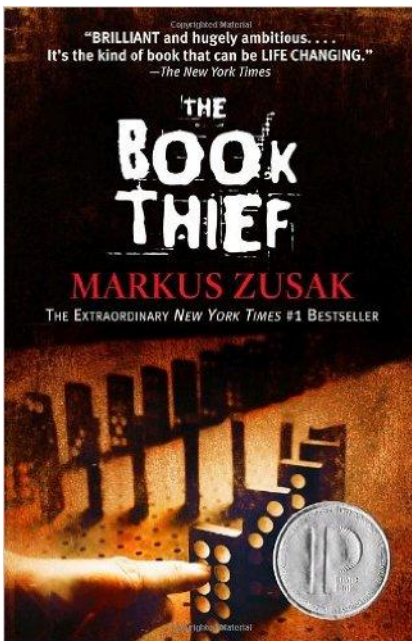
The **ROMEO'S** group has now grown to 30 who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation whenever they can attend. We average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579. We will add you to the list for the monthly reminders.

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.

Our next breakfast will be on **Wednesday August 26, 2015, 9:00AM at MOSLEY STREET GRILL, 1238 Mosley St.**



FIRST EDITION BOOK REVIEW



The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak takes place in the fear filled years of Nazi Germany during 1939-1943. Not your typical WWII story, the book has a very unusual narrator, 'The Grim Reaper' throughout, but it is not morbid. We are first introduced to Liesel, a young girl and her foster mother and father who reside in a small, poor, German village. The story is rich with well developed characters who play an important part in her life. Liesel loves books and becomes a book thief, stealing books from many sources, even though initially she is unable to read and write. This is a story so rich with characters of all ages it is appealing to a broad spectrum of readers. We are exposed to those inside and outside the Nazi party, some caught in the middle during those horrendous years, many who are unable to replace ignorance with knowledge. Zusak's writing is beautifully lyrical, haunting and

poetic throughout the book. The power of language continually paints a visual landscape for the reader, so much so, that many have said they can't put the book down. However, this is a book to savour slowly, a story that is both heart-warming and heartbreaking at the same time. One reviewer made this comment: "If you love to read, love to care about the characters, love to eat words like they're ice cream, love to have your heart broken and mended on the same page, then this book is for you"

'The First Edition' recommends this novel, and gave it a 4.25 rating.

THE ARCHIVES

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

NEW ACTIVITIES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Dinner and a Movie

Penny Rivait will coordinate this activity group which will meet on **the third Monday of each month** to enjoy dinner at a different restaurant in Collingwood followed by a movie. Attendance is optional and members are responsible for their own dinner and can decide individually which movie they choose to see. The only commitment is to inform Penny via email of your intention to attend so she can make dinner reservations (similar to Bob Bowyer's ROMEO breakfasts). A signup sheet will be available at the August meeting.

The Shift Sharing Group

All the world's a stage and men and women, merely players,
They have their exits and entrances, and each act has seven ages!

William Shakespeare~~17th century

We can safely surmise that the **Shift** began in the 17th century. However, mankind continues to miss the hidden meaning in one of the greatest statements ever made by one of the greatest Philosophers that ever walked the earth~~William Shakespeare, the illegitimate son of Queen Elizabeth the 1st.

The Shift Sharing Group will be for individuals who have a yearning for Higher Knowledge, and

are open to examining the meaning of William Shakespeare's relevant statement in this Seventh Golden Age or the Age of Peace.

If you are interested in forming a group or wish more info please contact Rita Benacquista @ 705-429-1911 or 705-515-1000 or sign the interest sheet.

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 the August meeting where we will have our



usual lineup of suspects. Think about secretly submitting a youthful photo of you (or your spouse) to the editor.

Mary Searle was last month`s mystery member.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

At the RecPlex

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.

NOTE

**Submissions for inclusion in September's Newsletter
should be sent to our new newsletter editor**

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no later than August 21, 2015