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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: February 5, 2019

At the Recplex

SPEAKER: Pam Pal from Wasaga Beach Library

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, December 2018



Happy Polar Vortex to all our members who stayed home this year and withstood the cold and snow and equal good wishes to all those who escaped the Great White North for sunnier climates. Those of us who are wrapped in our snuggies and sitting around the fireplace salute you. We will let you know when it's safe to come home.

Our speaker in January broached a very delicate subject of Hospice Care and while it was obviously something that disturbed us all, it was very informative on a subject we need to consider in our own lives. Our thanks go to Patrice and our speaker for their time at our meeting.

In conjunction with our move to the Recplex, we are trying to advance our meetings electronically so they could be more enjoyable. With the upgraded sound system and projector provided by the Recplex we are trying some new things as well.

Jayne Edwards, our newsletter convener, is changing our electronic newsletter to be 4 pages which you can print yourself in black and white or colour if you want a copy. **Following the newsletter, online, is going to be a photo gallery of the events that took place the previous month.** This will allow us to publish many more photos of our adventures instead of the select few we put in the context of the newsletter. We will also match this up with a presentation, at coffee time, of the same photos on the screen in the Recplex for everyone to enjoy.

We attempted to do this at the last meeting but without technical success. However, never say die, we will try again in February. There will probably be some stumbling and mistakes so please bear with us and let us know if you have any feedback about the change.

See you all on February 5th at the RecPlex.

Regards

Dennis Moise - President.

JANUARY MEETING:

Thanks to Paul Edwards and John Dunnett (filling in for Jayne Edwards) for being our January greeters. If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table.

Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for the table décor and to **Sheila Dobson & John Norwood** for providing our refreshments.

Thanks to **all Volunteers** who work so hard to make our club a success.

GUESTS and MEMBERSHIP:

2 guests were introduced. 86 members attended the meeting. We have 159 paid memberships. Kathy Dunnett introduced our newest members, Ray and Diane Harris.

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS:

\$37.00 for each: Frank Lauzon and Lars Nilsson (the remaining \$74 was put into Speaker Fund) Hugh Kedey officiated the draws.

PLEASE BUY TICKETS AT THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Patrice McCammon introduced Lisa Hardisty and Linda Meeks from Hospice Georgian Bay. They gave an excellent presentation on Campbell House.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SPEAKERS:

February - Pam Pal from Wasaga Beach Library will discuss plans for a new library building.

*Future speakers to be announced at next meeting.

BUSINESS REPORT:

- Dennis pointed out that our current Probus newsletter as well as past ones are available at www.bcp.wbnet.ca
- The new member fee of \$30 no longer covers the cost of the mug, name plate and chain along with the Probus literature package. The initiation fee has not changed since 2003. As a result, a motion was put forward by President Dennis to increase the initiation fee to \$40 beginning February 2019. This was seconded by Colin Throop. Motion carried by a show of hands.
- New membership lists were made available. Thank you Anne and Rudy for putting these together. Dennis stressed that these lists are confidential and private and **not** to be used for business purposes or shared with any other organizations. **Please destroy old lists.**

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 Cuisiniers

Joan Porter - 429-9260

Genealogy

Sandra Hanson - 422-0227

First Edition

Sharon Wood - 429-4691

Happy Bookers

Jan Bivall - 429-7584

The Bookies

Tom Donohue - 429-0644

Kitchen Bridge

Betty Keyes - 429-6064

Euchre Night

Jayne Edwards - 422-0793

Doug McCullough - 429-7075

Book Exchange

Rita Bencquista - 705-429-1911

Dinner & a Movie

Ron Hanson - 705-422-0227

GOODWILL CONVENER:

A Get Well card was sent to Rudy Hochkirchen. If you know of someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise Betty Baker: betty.b@rogers.com

THE ARCHIVES:

If you have anything worth archiving in our records or would like to look up anything from our past newsletters, please submit them to Dennis Moise our Archivist. Dennis.moise@gmail.com

BOOK EXCHANGE: For the Love of Reading Book Exchange Program - Exchange your previously Loved Book for a New Adventure! Contact Rita Benacquista - 705-429-1911



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB: "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate

Foss and her four siblings are wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty. Based on a true story, where poor children are kidnapped and sold to wealthy parents all over the country. We follow Rill through a life that we know exists but is hard to comprehend. Rated 4.4/5
Submitted by Rickey Lemire

THE BOOKIES BOOK CLUB: "The Witch Doctor's Wife" by Tamar Myers.

It tells the story of Amanda Brown, a young well-meaning missionary, who looks forward to working in the Congo in the late 50's. The tale revolves around the many interesting and unusual characters she meets in the small village and the mystery of a large diamond. Chapter openings are sprinkled with interesting tid bits about Congo culture and nature. We rated it 3.5 out of 5. Submitted by Tom Donahue

THE HAPPY BOOKERS: "Heroes in My Head" by Judy Rebick. It tells the story the eleven personalities she developed in order to help her cope with, and survive, childhood sexual abuse. Rebick chronicles her struggle with depression in the 1980s, when she became a high-profile spokesperson for the pro-choice movement during the fight to legalize abortion. Rebick reveals her moment of discovery: meeting the eleven personalities; uncovering her repressed memories of childhood sexual abuse; and then communicating with each personality in therapy and on the page in a journal - all of this while she is leading high-profile national struggles against a Conservative government. Most members did not enjoy it, would not recommend it and gave it an average rating of 2.5 (out of 5).

CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY:

I told the teller at my bank to withdraw \$400 from my account and that I wanted it in large bills. She looked puzzled and said "I'm sorry sir, but all our bills are the same size". When I got up off the floor, I explained it to her. I always use another teller now.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	COST	DETAILS
Tuesday January 15 th was cancelled *To be rescheduled in February	Sleigh ride – Phelpson followed by lunch at Swiss Chalet Sleigh to leave at 10:30	\$13.00	Postponed due to lack of snow in the fields. Owners will let us know when we can reschedule – probably in February - 16 people per sleigh and 1 sleigh already full - sign-up still available for the 2 nd sleigh We have a waiting list
Tuesday February 5 th	Lunch & Games event at the Beacon Eatery @ noon	\$5.00 each refundable upon arrival at the event	Meet for lunch at the Beacon Eatery after the February General meeting Bring your games and cards! - sign-up still available - We currently have 40 people signed-up
Thursday March 21 st	Side Launch Brewery Tour at 2:00 p.m.	\$10.00 each refundable upon arrival at the event	<u>Maximum of 30 people</u> Dinner after the tour – Tony’s Iron Skillet in Collingwood
Wednesday April 17 th	Tour of AGNORA GLASS- Collingwood Tour starts 10:30 am	\$25.00 includes the tour and lunch (drinks extra)	AGNORA is a CUSTOMER SERVICE company that fabricates the largest architectural glass in North America - <u>Maximum of 25 people</u> -The tour is approximately an hour Lunch to follow – Curly Willow in Collingwood You will have a choice from three items to be ordered prior – these are yet to be determined

Bring Cheques - You Must Pay When You Sign Up

CLARIFICATION FOR NO-COST EVENTS For events that don't have a cost, to hold your spot, you must pay \$10.00 cash (or a set amount) which will be refunded to you ONLY upon arrival at the event. If you must cancel, or you do not show up for the event, the money is non-refundable.

Anne Marie Laporte
Social Convener

NEXT GENERAL MEETING Tuesday February 5th , 2019

At the Recplex

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship. NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in the November Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter convener, Jayne Edwards, jpedwards@live.ca by **February 21, 2019**

Photo Gallery



January Greeters Paul Edwards and John Dunnett



January Lucky Draw Winners Lars Nilsson and Frank Lauzon



January Guest Speakers from Hospice Georgian Bay, Campbell House; Lisa Hardisty and Linda Meeks



New Members Diane and Ray Harris

