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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

January 2021 ZOOM (TBA)

Speaker and topic: (see page 3)

Drayton Entertainment: We'll Meet Again

President's Corner



Happy Movember to you all.

I hope this issue finds you healthy and as happy as can be expected given the circumstances under which we have had to adapt to. Now is about the time that we all have run out of turkey leftovers from Thanksgiving. They were good but I am glad to see them gone.

In the October newsletter I had advised that our plans to open up for a general meeting in November had to be pulled back due to increased Covid cases within the province. This was unfortunate, however it has not dampened our efforts to bring us back together in some form.

It is our intention to hold a ZOOM GENERAL MEETING in January. A number of clubs across Canada have successfully held meetings and been able to stay connected with their members. I know some of you may be apprehensive about participating in a virtual ZOOM meeting, but rest assured we will be in contact with the Zoom support group to guide us through the process and provide each of you with assistance for the initial virtual meeting.

As previously indicated it is our intention to commence these virtual meetings in January.....however if we feel that we are not quite ready from a logistical point of view we can certainly delay until February or March.

Look at the upside of a Zoom meeting.....it could be snowing and blowing outside with -25C temperatures.....yet you can be in your home with a cup of coffee nice and warm.

Under a separate email to all club members we will be asking each of our members for a commitment as to whether you will be renewing your membership for 2021. It is very important that you respond to

this email a.s.a.p. as we need to provide Probus Canada with 2021 membership #'s for insurance purposes. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Now for something on the lighter side.....here is this month's "NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE".

WHY WERE DANCERS IN THE THIRTIES AND FORTIES CALLED "JITTERBUGS"?

Band leader Cab Calloway coined the word jitterbug as a description of both the music and the dancers during the big band era. It came from a time when drinking alcohol was prohibited by law, giving rise to the popularity of illegal booze. Because of its hangover effect, moonshine had long been called "jitter sauce", and Calloway, while watching the intoxicated dancers, labelled them "jitterbugs".

And now you know!!!!!!

Best Regards

Ron Hanson , President

**THE HAPPY BOOKERS Report:
Giver of Stars' by Jojo Moynes**

Here is our October report:

The Packhorse Librarians was a program instituted by Eleanor Roosevelt in Kentucky during the Depression to get books to families living in remote areas to improve the literacy level. 'Giver of Stars' by Jojo Moynes, is a historical fiction based on this program. We follow the adventures and personal development of 5 women courageous enough to challenge the norms of women's behaviour in the 1930's. The book involved issues in a mining town, such as mine safety, unionization, class divisions and violence against women. Everyone enjoyed the book, and rated it a '4'.

YOUR CLUB REPORTS

Treasurer: Kathy Zack

As of September 30, 2020, Beachcombers Probus has a balance of \$5705.80 in the bank. This amount reflects 2 refund cheques for rent in the amount of \$415.25 from the Town and our cost of \$169.50 for the Movie Night at the Recplex.

**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](#)

Barb Christie - 429-1749

[First Edition](#)

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[Kitchen Bridge
Vacant](#)

[Euchre Night](#)

Jayne Edwards – 422-0793

Doug McCullough - 429-7075

[Book Exchange](#)

Rita Benacquista – 705-352-0505

[Dinner & a Movie
Vacant](#)

Our SOCIAL MEETING:



We miss live theatre and we know you do too. Although we cannot yet gather for live performances, Artistic Director **Alex Mustakas** has been working on something really special, which will be exclusively available online to Drayton Entertainment supporters like you **for free** ... and it's coming soon!

Harken back to a simpler time when families gathered around the television set on Sunday nights to watch the hottest acts of the day perform on popular variety shows like *The Ed Sullivan Show* or *Johnny Carson*. We're bringing entertainment home to you with a variety show of our own. Brimming with warmth, wit, and wonderful music, *We'll Meet Again* is an online variety series featuring an exciting blend of popular songs, lots of laughter, and plenty of nostalgia. Enjoy amazing performances from some of your favourite Drayton Entertainment performers, hilarious comedy, fun moments for kids, visits to local tourism attractions, and more ... right from the comfort of your living room!

Mark your calendar and tune in every Sunday night from October 25 to December 20 (plus a special holiday episode on Thursday, December 24) at 7:00 p.m. to stream each episode online. There is no cost to view this series; we'll send you the link and instructions to view each episode on the day that it airs.

From country hits and soul tunes to British Invasion classics, Broadway sensations, and more, each weekly episode has a theme and features incredible talent singing songs you love. Don't miss this special online series available for a limited time. Although nothing can replace the magic of live theatre, we hope this series will lift your spirits and warm your heart ... and know that when the time is right, "We WILL Meet Again!"



Photo credit: Host **Alex Mustakas**



Photo credit: **Berry Vrbanovic**, Mayor of Kitchener, **Neil Aitchison**, and **Dave Jaworsky**, Mayor Waterloo at KW



Photo credit: **Jesse Grandmont**, **Devan Ballagh**, **Paige Ballagh**, **Leah Grandmont**.

[Episode 1: The Leading Men \(airing Sunday October 25, 2020\)](#)

Episode 2: The Leading Ladies (airing Sunday, November 1)

Episode 3: The War Years (airing Sunday, November 8)

Episode 4: The Country Legends (airing Sunday, November 15)

Episode 5: The Standard Time (airing Sunday, November 22)

Episode 6: The Rising Stars (airing Sunday, November 29)

Episode 7: The Sounds of Soul (airing Sunday, December 6)

Episode 8: The British Invasion (airing Sunday, December 13)

Episode 9: The East Coast Kitchen Party (airing Sunday, December 20)

Episode 10: The Holiday Special (airing Thursday, December 24)

How To Watch

Instructions

- Please note that each episode will be available for viewing on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting October 25 (and also on Thursday, December 24 for The Holiday Special)

- On the day each episode airs, you will be sent a link by email that takes you to the Vimeo website. You will also be sent a password to access the website.

- You will need the password **showtime01** The password is case sensitive, so please ensure the letters are all lowercase.

- Click this link <https://vimeo.com/471172214>

- Once you are on the Vimeo site, enter the password and click the play button.

- When the video has started playing, you can click the icon with four arrows  on the bottom right of the video to expand to full screen if you choose.

- Enjoy the show!

SMILES FOR TODAY



A 96-year-old woman's note to her bank! Priceless! 🤔 🤔

The following is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by a 96 year-old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his depositing the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly transfer of funds from my modest savings account, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only thirty-one years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has recently become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contact Status form which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course,

I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Please allow me to level the playing field even further. When you call me, you will now have a menu of options on my new voice mail system to choose from.

Please press the buttons as follows:

Press 1: To make an appointment to see me.

Press 2: To query a missing payment.

Press 3: To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.

Press 4: To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.

Press 5: To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.

Press 6: To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.

Press 7: To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorized Contact.

Press 8: To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.

To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee of \$50 to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. Please credit my account after each occasion.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous, New Year.

BRAIN TEASERS:

Here is the answer to last month's riddle: (The winner that correctly answered this riddle was Anne Laport)

LAST MONTH:

I know a word in English dictionary that has **three consecutive double letters.**

Do u ? ANSWER: "Bookkeeper" and "bookkeeping" and "sweet-toothed" have three consecutive sets of double letters. "Subbookkeeper" is the only word found in an English language dictionary with four pairs of double letters in a row.

Thanks to riddles. Guru for that.

Here is this months (read the word's carefully)

Billy's mother had five children. The first was named Lala, the second was named Lele, the third was named Lili, the fourth was named Lolo. What was the fifth child named?

If you think you have the answer please email it to beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

ALL GENERAL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Note: Submissions for the December Newsletter should be sent to
beachcombersprobus@gmail.com by November 20, 2020