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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: GEOFFREY RITCHIE, ONTARIO SECURITIES COMMISSION

TODAY'S PROFILER: ROBIN NAGEL

OUR OCTOBER PROFILER WAS BETTY BAKER

Born 69 years ago in New Toronto, Betty did her own thing from a young age. High School held no excitement so she quit and, working part time as a cashier at the Capital Theatre, Betty paid her own tuition for a 6 month Business College course. Upon graduation, her proud father presented her with a check for the full tuition amount!

Life as a teenager was a party and the family cottage at Lake Simcoe was party central for Betty and her many girlfriends. Our Betty probably broke a few hearts at the many dances and lacrosse matches that she attended.

Betty's father had ambitions for her to be a doctor, but that didn't happen! She did, however, work as a medical secretary for a radiologist at Queensway General Hospital. Marriage followed (not to the radiologist!) at age 23. When beautiful Betty walked down the aisle, her friend Marilyn Ruse (yes, the Marilyn in our Probud group) was her bridesmaid! That "walk" lasted 22 years and produced her beloved daughter, Kathleen. During that time, Betty worked for 3 orthopedic surgeons and then for a forensic pathologist at Queensway Hospital and the Toronto Crime Lab. The autopsy she was allowed to observe was very interesting indeed!

Divorce forced our girl into a higher paying job working as a secretary for Dr. John Bailey at the Hospital for Sick Children where she stayed until her retirement 12 years later.

Betty met, fell in love with, and then married Charlie Baker 20 years ago. Truly a wonderful match. Between the 2 of them, they have 7 grandchildren to dote on. After Charlie's retirement from Imperial Oil, a much deserving Betty and Charlie traveled extensively and wintered in Florida.

Finally Charlie's hip problems forced them to settle down and move to Collingwood. Betty volunteered at Sunset manor for 12 years and then, after caring for two of her friends who had cancer, she took a course in palliative care at the Georgian Triangle Hospice.

Finally two years ago, came their move to the condos on Marlwood Golf Course. Downsizing sure makes you realize how much "stuff" you have! The Presbyterian Church and golfing occupy a lot of Betty's time and she is very happy to be living the good life in Wasaga Beach.

Betty has 1 brother who lives in Huntsville.

OUR OCTOBER FEATURED SPEAKER WAS ETHEL BERRY, AUTISM SOCIETY

Ms. Berry gave a very informative talk and showed a video about this all too common developmental disorder. Her own daughter was diagnosed with autism 30 years ago. Autism affects verbal communication, behavior and social skills – 1 in every 165 children are found to have the disorder and it can be reliably diagnosed by age 2. The Society's goals are to promote awareness and understanding of autism and provide accessible services for all autistic children.

To learn more, you can access the society's website at www.autismsociety.on.ca

OCTOBER 12 SOCIAL EVENT - MYSTERY CAR TOUR

As reported by Marie Jaques

Departure time was 2 p.m. at the All Stars Arena. We left at 2 minute intervals after picking up our envelopes with instructions. Off we went with an average of 4 to a car. Down River Road West, past the water slides, taking notes and recording various sightings amongst much discussion and laughter and hoping the rain would hold off – it did and it became a glorious fall day. After driving until 3:30, we arrived at Mount St. Louis Moonstone where, amongst the ski hill setting, we were served tea, coffee, danish and muffins. There we met fellow tour travelers – all keeping their scores hush, hush! Again, much laughter! Twenty minutes later, we took off on the final leg gathering leaves and wild flowers for our dinner table. More note taking and sign post sightings. Our outfits matched the stunning fall colors and the sun shining through the trees made for a beautiful afternoon drive.

We finally arrived at our final destination for dinner – the Marlwood Golf and Country Club. It was a great barbeque with steak, roast potatoes, mixed veggies and rice pudding for dessert. On full stomachs, we all waited for the announcement of the judge's decision of our bouquets and costumes and the many decorated hats on the men and women – very talented and artistic! Winners received a gift basket, wines and various other prizes. There was also a lucky draw.

Special thanks to Frank Tate and his sister, Birdie, for their efforts in making this event a great success. Thanks to Mike O'Halloran for printing the instructions and everyone who donated prizes.

Stats: 78 people attended

Winners of most perfect score – Team of Irene & Tom Donohue and Gloria & Bob Harasowsky

Winners of best costume – Team of Christina & Brian Armstrong and Kathleen & Jack Benedet

Winners of floral bouquet – Team of Judy & Glen Hutton and Mary & Rod Ranta

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

GEORGIAN DOWNS DINNER & RACING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

An evening at the races! Enjoy a fantastic buffet dinner and try your luck on the horses. Car pooling four to six to a car! Please leave your home at 5 pm sharp for the 45 minute drive. Buffet starts at 6 pm and post time is 7:35 pm. **Today's meeting is your last chance for tickets (\$34.00).** We are asked to all meet as a group inside the main entrance to be shown to our tables. **DOES ANYONE HAVE ROOM IN THEIR CAR TO TAKE MEMBERS THAT CANNOT DRIVE AT NIGHT????????????**

Event coordinators: Vivian Sheridan 429-5590 and Gloria Harasowsky 429-0180

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Collingwood Legion

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

A large turnout is expected for our special holiday bash! Arrive for cocktails (cash bar) at 5:30 and enjoy a festive dinner at 6:00. Each person is asked to bring a **\$5.00 wrapped gift** to be handed out by Santa later in the evening. There will be door prizes, spot dances and a snack later in the evening! Terry McDonald has donated a numbered and signed print for a special raffle! Our Christmas party is a subsidized event, members price is **\$25.00** and partners or escorts price is **\$35.00**. **Today's meeting is your last chance to purchase tickets, otherwise contact Joan Porter (429-9260) or Joanne Scruton (422-0976) before Nov. 18.**

CURLING & LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY ~~10~~ 18

Cost will be \$22.00. We will have more information on this event at our December meeting. An interest sheet is available at today's meeting.

INTEREST SHEETS

Interest sheets available today for tours of the **Toyota Plant** in Cambridge, the **Honda Plant** in Alliston and the **OPP Headquarters** in Orillia. **Volunteers needed to take charge of the Honda and Toyota tours, please.** Speak to Joan Porter at 429-9260

LOCAL EVENTS

Remembrance Day Service, Nov. 6 at the town hall. We have combined with the Probus Sunbirds to purchase a wreath for the service.

Santa Claus parade on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 2 pm. We are donating candy to be handed out by Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS FROM OCTOBER MEETING

1st Prize of \$62.52 was won by Jack Benedet

2nd Prize of \$27.30 was won by Judy Hutton

3rd Prize of \$16.38 was won by Nancy Ritchie

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Dinner at our Place	Contact	Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	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

Dinner at our Place wants **you** to come dine with us. Would you like to join us as a replacement for those who are on vacation? We rotate the duties; however as a substitute you would **never** have to host a dinner. You would be assigned an appetizer, or a 1st course of soup or salad or a dessert to bring that evening. We now have a full roster of 4 houses participating with 8 people at each house. You would enjoy good food, super company and interesting conversation. This has proved to be a very winning interest group with Probus. Speak to any member who is a part of this group and you will find they enjoy these evenings very much. Give me a call. I would be happy to explore any questions you might have about the dinners and welcome your participation.
Betty Keyes – 429-6064

The **Happy Bookers** enjoyed their 2nd annual book/potluck supper/video review. We chose "Orlando" a fantastical gender-bender, written by Virginia Wolff who was one of the founders of the movement known as modernism. She is also considered to be one of the most important English writers. We enjoyed an interesting discussion followed by a culinary delight. We felt, however, that the video was disappointing and didn't meet our expectations. Our next read is "The Kite Runner" by Kaled Hassen. If you are interested in joining our group, please call Joanne Scruton at 422-0976. We meet every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at the Blueberry Trail Parking Lot. Contact Luci Worch or Gary Willis for more details. The walk lasts about an hour and the coffee break after the walk is worth the effort. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunch, which is run as an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, discussion, laughter and gossip. Call Maggie Higgins at 422-1338 for more information.

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 at 428-3209** if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

A NEW GROUP!

We would like to form a new social group to be called the **YOYOs (You're On Your Own)**. Individuals looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatre, restaurants, bowling, etc. will want to be part of this dynamic new club. There is an interest sheet available at today's meeting. **We are looking for one person to coordinate the YOYO's activities.** Speak to Joan Porter at 429-9260

THE RESTAURANT DINNER CLUB REVIEW

Twenty nine members of the Restaurant group went to the Innisfil Heights Marché last week to taste the fare of this new restaurant, housed in a 14,000 sq. ft. log building just off Hwy 400 and Innisfil Beach Road. The Marché is a market restaurant, featuring food stations and menu items including a variety of meats, fish, pasta, and sushi, amongst other things. As usual the group had a great evening of wine, food and conversation. The hit of the evening appeared to be the dessert crepes - decadent but delicious.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEETING!

Wasaga Stars Arena

DECEMBER 6

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee or tea with your friends before the meeting at 10:00.

You are requested to bring a food or personal hygiene item (health & beauty items, baby food, diapers, canned goods) for our food basket which will be donated to the Salvation Army. They will be picking up these goods at 11:30 am on the day of our meeting. **Each person please also bring ½ dozen cookies** (with the recipe) to our special Christmas meeting. Please deliver your cookies to the kitchen behind the coffee counter. The cookies will be served at our coffee break and the remainder will go to a local senior's home. We will be entertained by the North Harmony Choir and, who knows, Santa might even put in an appearance!

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Everyone has an intriguing life story to tell. Give a thought to sharing your biography with the Probus membership! Call Betty Baker at 422-1909 if you are interested in presenting your profile.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

After the November issue, copies of the Wasagan will no longer be automatically mailed to absent members. For those with internet access, the newsletter can be easily accessed by going to our website at www.probus.org/5wasabcrn.pdf or by using any search engine and typing in the word Wasagan and follow the link to the site. If you do not have access to a computer, please notify us in writing at the newsletter station and we will continue mailing you your copy when you are not able to attend the general meeting. Under no circumstances will the newsletter be mailed out of the country.

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 (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402). 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 Members 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 October!

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Ray Porter	429-9260	Goodwill:	Lynda Trimble	429-3402
Vice-President:	Chris Armstrong	429-7805	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
Treasurer:	Harry Durrant	429-3071	Social:	Joan Porter	429-9260
Secretary:	Doris Willis	429-7835	Refreshments:	Orlene & John Fost	429-9479
Past President:	Luci Worch	422-0062	Speakers:	Betty Baker	422-1909
			60/40:	Kay Knab	429-5547