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**OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING**

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: STEVE WALLACE  
714 AIR CADET LEAGUE**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE – IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO PLEASE  
SUBMIT A CHEQUE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP CONVENORS TODAY**

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I sit down to write my second President's Message it is September 18, 2010. I have been President for forty-six days and the world is still the same as it was forty-seven days ago. We are almost into autumn, my favourite time of the year. The leaves are beginning to turn colour. There are already a few beautiful reds and oranges. In the past I always liked the smells that autumn brought including bon fires, which we can't have any more. As a boy I remember jumping into piles of leaves and making forts out of them. I always enjoyed returning to school for another year, but I can't remember how long that lasted. I met my wife at this time of year and we also had an autumn wedding. The fall of the year is the beginning of all the church activities for another year and my choir practices start again after a summer of resting the voice. Autumn is just a great time to be alive as is anytime, and when I sneak my eyes open in the morning and I don't see the roots of the grass above me. I give thanks for another day. What is your favourite time of the year?

*Don Caron*



## SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Steve Donoghue from *All Inspection and Property Services* spoke to us about Energy Audits. The Ontario Home Energy Audit is a provincial government initiative, aimed at helping residential homeowners improve their energy efficiency. The provincial government offers grants of up to \$5000.00 and covers attic insulation, exterior insulation, windows & doors, basement and crawlspace insulation, heating and cooling and domestic water heating.

Homeowners have 18 months from the date of the first evaluation to complete whatever renovation they are planning or until March 2011 whichever is sooner. Homeowners can now apply a second time for the grant, please call for more information.

Properties that qualify for the grant must meet one of the following criteria: properties up to 3 stories high; properties with a foot print less than 600m<sup>2</sup>; row, semi and detached properties, including trailers with a fixed foundation; and, commercial or mixed use properties (mixed use properties must be at least 50% residential with no commercial specific equipment).

In order to qualify for the grants, two evaluations are required. The first before any work is carried out; the second after the work is finished. Your ecoENERGY advisor does all the paperwork and applications for you; the grants are all tax free. To get more information you can go to the following web site [www.allinspectionsservices.ca](http://www.allinspectionsservices.ca) or call Steve at 705-429-0739.

THANK YOU TO SEPTEMBER'S GREETERS, SHEILA HALPERT AND BOB PITCHFORDE.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER PLEASE SEE BETTY BAKER.

**PAST EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 – LAWN BOWLING**

48 Probus members enjoyed a fun Bowling Party on September 1 at the Lawn Bowling Club in Collingwood. We were all having a terrific time with two coaches per group provided by the clubs members ... until the sun just got toooooo hot. We later enjoyed a luncheon (with a few non-bowlers) provided by the club and a few prizes to boot. Thanks to everyone for participating...Joan Porter



**UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010 – HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY**

Our first Halloween Party at Country Life Estates is sure to be an event you will not want to miss. Tickets are \$20 and this is your last chance to buy them. There will be a DJ (Gene Stephenson), dancing, a cash bar and prizes. A light meal of roast beef on a bun, salad, veggies and dip, dessert and coffee and tea will be served later in the evening. If you do not want to wear a costume, just come and enjoy yourself.



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 – GAMES NIGHT**

This event will be held at the Prime Time Club. The price is \$20 and tickets are still available. We will start with dinner – chicken, salad, rolls, dessert and tea and coffee followed by games of your choice for the evening. Snacks will also be served. There will be darts, shuffleboard, cards (euchre, bid euchre, bridge), billiards and bingo. Come and enjoy the fun!



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2010 – CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE**

Our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held at the Collingwood Legion. Tickets are \$25.00 and go on sale starting today. Music by DJ John from *Let's Party*. This is our most well attended annual event. You won't want to miss it!!



**SEPTEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS**  
**PLEASE BRING COINS TO BUY YOUR LUCKY DRAW TICKETS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$75.00 – Larry Ruse
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$47.00 – Glen Martin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$38.00 – Keith Stanworth
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$28.00 – Vincy Stephenson
- Gift Certificate for \$40.00 at Canadian Tire – Jack Benedet

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:**  
Best wishes to those who celebrate in October.

**THANK YOU TO KATHY ZACK  
FOR PRESENTING HER PROFILE.**

**“MEET YOUR MEMBER” – WE NEED YOU!**  
**Members who present their profile will be entered into a draw for a free Beachcombers Probus membership!**  
Contact Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. Betty will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Golf	WE NEED	YOU!!
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Book Worms Club	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	Regular Euchre	Lorraine Doidge	422-0622
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED	YOU!!
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227			

### NEW - Ladies Luncheon Group

Our Ladies Luncheon Group is having so much fun that others have expressed an interest in joining. However, as these luncheons are held in member's homes, there is limited space and numbers for the original group cannot be increased.

Betty Keyes has graciously offered to help get another group started. She is not leaving her present group, she has only offered to guide the new group on how to get organized and get you off to a good start. There will be a 'sign up' interest sheet on the table to see if anyone is interested in forming a second Ladies Luncheon Group. As well as assisting the new group to get started, she has also offered to host the first luncheon should we have at least 6 who are serious in this venture. So for all of you who have been patiently waiting or you are a new member and are interested in joining this new group ... sign-up today!

### Bookworms Book Club

The Bookworms decided to take a break from reading and enjoyed an outing at the new Thai restaurant on Mosley Street. Everyone enjoyed an excellent luncheon. Regular book discussion meetings will resume next month.

### Happy Bookers Club

For September *The Happy Bookers* took to the road and drove north to their annual retreat. The ladies had a lot of fun despite the weather which was very uncooperative. Members read *Stardust* by Neil Gaiman and watched the companion movie. The story is about Tristan, a young man who leaves the village of Wall to search for a fallen star to give to his love interest, Victoria. Once he passes from the village, Tristan enters *Faerieland* and there he has many adventures; they include being kidnapped by pirates and battling witches. He discovers along the way that he has an inheritance but most of all Tristan finds love. Members enjoyed this read once they got into the book and gave it a rating of 3.2 with reserved recommendation.

### Daytrippers

The Daytrippers' September excursion is on Thursday, September 30 when they will be heading up to the mountains to view the Fall colours and then off to Mrs. Mitchell's in the Purple Hills for lunch. We look forward to reading about their adventures in November's newsletter.

### ROMEO - Men's Breakfast Group

The ROMEO (Men's) Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship and a good breakfast. We rotate between 4 or 5 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be at **LITTLE MARINA RISTORANTE & PIZZERIA** (beside Giant Tiger) **on Wednesday, October 27 at 9:00 AM**. We have 27 in our group. If at any time you wish to join us please call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.

**DON'T FORGET:**

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted at the front of the room. Please read them!
- **Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

**MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011:**

<b>President</b>	Don Caron	429-0308		<b>Membership</b>	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
<b>Vice-President</b>	Michael James	429-7207		<b>Refreshments</b>	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
<b>Past President</b>	Bob Bowyer	429-0579		<b>Lucky Draw</b>	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Barnes	429-2142		<b>Goodwill</b>	Shirley Brett	429-8907
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kathy Zack	429-0033		<b>Newsletter</b>	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
<b>New Members</b>	Betty Baker	422-1909		<b>Social</b>	Irene Donohue	429-0644
<b>Speaker and Profiles Chair</b>	Monica Kristen	429-9635				
	Mary Barnes	429-2142				

**NEXT MEETING**



**NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

**WASAGA STARS ARENA**

Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 am.  
Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tags.



**IN FLANDERS FIELDS**



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders

John McCrae

