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JANUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Michelle Fallone - Services Ontario (Scams, Frauds, and Identity Theft)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gail and I would like to wish each and every member of our Beachcombers PROBUS club a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

After enjoying our December general meeting and a wonderful Christmas dinner dance, I found myself reflecting on what makes our PROBUS club so special. The answer is really

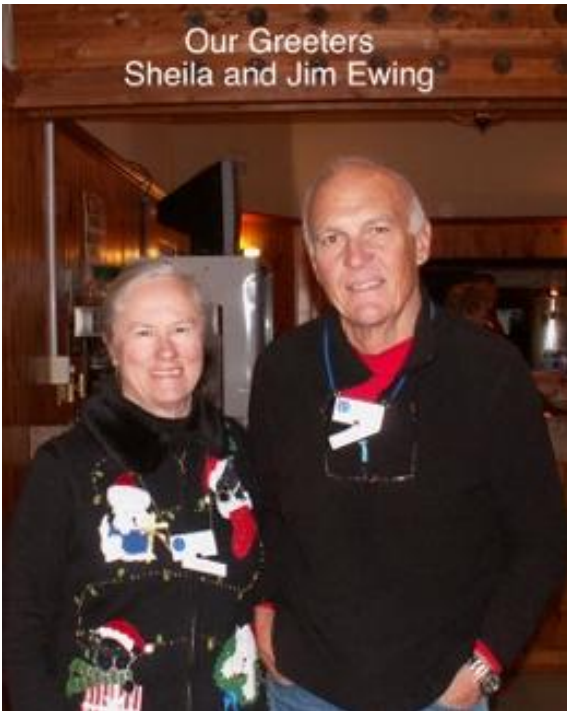
quite simple. It is the people who give so freely of their time and talent to make sure we all enjoy this club. A fine example of that giving spirit is a person like **Carol Stonehouse** who stepped into the breach during **Joan Smith's** absence from our last couple of general meetings to help decorate the hall and did so in such a quiet manner that we were not aware she had even taken on this task. I thought of executive members like **Doug McCullough, Joan Maloney, Al Fraser, Russ White, and Sheila Ewing** who work for our club while, at the same time, are actively involved with other Wasaga Beach PROBUS clubs. I'm grateful for members like **Gene Stephenson, Doris Willis, Ron Hanson and Betty Baker** who stepped up to fill positions when they saw a need even though they had served on the executive for years in the past. We're also blessed to have people like **Tom Donohue** who has published one of the best newsletters imaginable and has done so for years and **Judy Morrison**, our membership ambassador. Both of these wonderful people have put in years of service and would like to retire from their respective positions. They are waiting for a couple of special people with enough computer expertise to assume these roles.



Ross Dawe

Before long, we'll be looking for new executive members to work with **John Dunnett** in 2015 and 2016. I'm confident all of our members are now thinking about how they can help out our wonderful club next year and, while composing their new year's resolutions, will resolve to volunteer their time and talent to Beachcomber's PROBUS.

DECEMBER'S MEETING



Our Greeters
Sheila and Jim Ewing

THANK YOU TO OUR GREETERS FOR DECEMBER: Sheila and Jim Ewing. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Ron Hanson** who doubled up as Santa at the meeting and he is seen below congratulating one of our members for being nice all year.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

New Members' Ambassador **Sheila Ewing** introduced 3 new members: **Mary Rose Swan** and **Rick and Barb Roettger**.



Santa Ron
poses with Jim Ewing



New Members

Sheila Ewing
New Member Ambassador

Rick and Barb
Roettger

Mary Rose Swan



HAPPY NEW YEAR



After the break we were entertained by a trio of singers (Sylvia MacLean, Ken Robertson and Ruth Currie) who led the members in some Christmas carols. They donated their fee to the food bank.



Lucky Draw: Joan Maloney

1st PRIZE: \$63.00 Velvet Van Ravenstein

2nd PRIZE: \$42.00 Chuck Christie

3rd PRIZE: \$35.00 Jeanne Boem

Speakers' Fund: \$46.75

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

There were several other winners of Christmas cookies left over from our special treats.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

DECEMBER 2014

The Christmas party on December 5th was a huge success as was the CTV Studio Tour on December 10th.



JANUARY 6th 2015 - Games Day

Approximately 50 people will be attending the Games and Pot Luck on January 6th

The hall has been booked from 12:00 noon to 3 P.M. Hopefully all attending will remember to bring their

plates/bowls/cutlery as well as any board games they wish to play.



Special Interest Groups/Convenors

Check with the convenor below if you wish to join a group listed below. If you are considering organizing any other type of interest group, please approach the Management Team. We are a social club.

**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 Book Club/
Rickey Lemire - 422-1738**

**Happy Bookers Book Club/
Jan Bivall - 429-7584**

**Kitchen Bridge/
Betty Keyes - 429-6064**

FEBRUARY 16th 2015



18 people have signed up so far for the "Swingin' Jazz Lunch." Other PROBUS clubs have been invited as well. This will be held in the banquet room at the Donato House Hotel in Wasaga Beach. The cost is \$25.00 pp, and the Donato can accommodate up to 60 people.

March 11th. 2015

A bus trip to Toronto is planned to see Angela Lansbury performing in "Blythe Spirit." The cost is \$165 per person and includes tickets to the play, lunch and transportation from the RecPlex. The trip will proceed if enough people sign up.

That's all for now.....your social committee.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship and breakfast. In November we met for breakfast and conversation at Georgian Family Restaurant. This was our last scheduled breakfast for 2014.



We now have 29 serious **ROMEO'S** on our list, who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579 to get on the list. 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 **9:00 AM Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at YAMMAS GRILL.**

On behalf of all the **ROMEO'S** we hope everyone enjoyed Christmas, and had a happy New Year.

Membership

For those of you who haven't yet picked up a copy - please be aware that the new Membership list (as of October) is available on the Membership table. One per couple please.

If you have a spreadsheet program (in Numbers or Excel) on your computer and are moderately familiar with using it please talk to Judy Morrison. Thank you.

Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.



GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Vincy Stephenson sent out cards: get well cards, **Fraser Muir** (surgery) and **Heide Hassler** (torn Achilles). Please pass information regarding illness, hospital stays or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Vincy Stephenson.**

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Birthdays/Anniversaries

Best wishes to those who celebrate a special day in January.

NICE JOB!

A special thank you to **Carol Stonehouse**, who, in the absence of **Joan Smith**, made the meeting room look so very welcoming.

**Thank
You**

January 2015

THE ARCHIVES

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

HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK CLUB

Editor's Note: Due to a glitch in our system (code for I forgot) here is the Happy Bookers November book report.

Our book for November was Cocktail Hour Under The Tree of Forgetfulness by Alexandria Fuller. This book was a biography of her mother, Nicole. She often saluted her mother and also criticized her for the racist views.

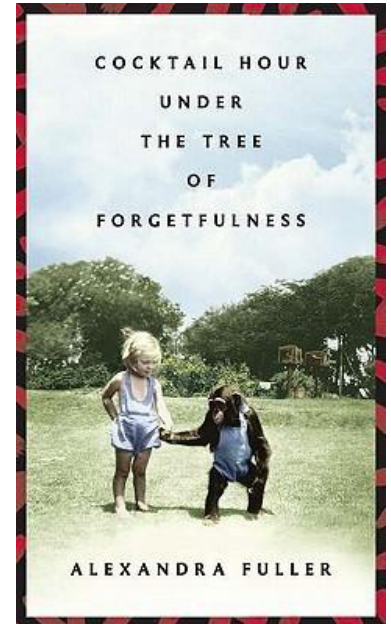
Nicole was born on the Scottish Isle of Skye but raised in Kenya where she met and married her husband, Tim. The Fullers hopped scotched the continent running from war in Kenya to Rhodesia to Zambia and returning briefly to England.

The Fullers bought a farm on the border of Mozambique, only to find themselves taking up arms to defend it. Nicola braved mines, rebels, and war's daily deprivations, but the loss of three babies just about broke her.

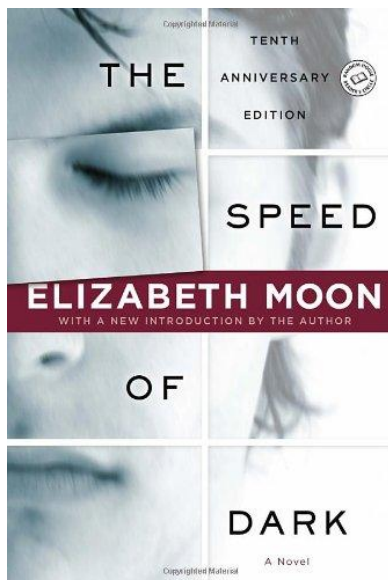
The book shows her mother as a strong, courageous and hilariously funny woman. Through all the hardships, the marriage and love remained strong.

The book received a 3.25 rating, while several enjoyed it; some were appalled at how a mother could be so reckless with her children.

(The Tree of Forgetfulness is where the villagers meet to resolve disputes and it is here that the Fullers at last find an African kind of peace).



December's Happy Bookers Book Club Report



In Elizabeth Moon's award winning Science Fiction novel, Lou Arrendale is a high functioning autistic who works discerning computer patterns for a pharmaceutical company. He and the other autists are the last cohort of autistic people as after this, autism is eliminated through in vitro genetic treatment. Through Lou's eyes and mind, the reader appreciates how difficult it is for Lou to understand what 'normals' expect of him and to participate in their world. When Lou's boss offers his fellow autists an opportunity to be subjects in an untested genetic manipulation that might make them normal, we become involved in the ethics and controversy of his decision. We gave this novel a rating of 4.0 which is our maximum and most felt they would recommend Speed of Dark.



**Last Month's Mystery
Member Photo**

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little girl is one of our PROBUS members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? Carefully examine the photo. All will be revealed at January's meeting. Last month's photo submission featured **Marilyn Ruse**. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor. This is currently the second last photo as there is only one in reserve so please consider emailing a copy to

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AND send it as a jpeg not a pdf file.

**SEE YOU AT 9:30am this TUESDAY FOR OUR
JANUARY MEETING**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY'S
NEWSLETTER BY**

MONDAY, January 26, 2015

and use the email address: t.donohue@rocketmail.com

FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Wasaga Stars Arena

Come at 9:30 for coffee.

Thanks to all the contributors: the special writers who know who you are; photos contributed by Gene; Judy for keeping me informed of new email addresses; Harry for his electronic prowess in supplying a web site for us. It truly is a team effort.