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## **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: AUDREY PRENZEL**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Well can you believe it, we have passed another hurdle. January is now in the books. So far we have not had too much snow shoveling. Now by saying this I hope I have not put a hex on us.

It is now February. This is the month we shower our sweethearts with lots of extra love, flowers, Valentine's Day cards, boxes of chocolates and of course lots of hugs and kisses.

Our hats go off to Joan and Ray Porter and Ron Hanson for doing our refreshments while Susan and Brian Passmore enjoy their winter vacation.



*Bob Bowyer*

### **JANUARY'S GUEST SPEAKER**

Our speaker last month was Michael Fawcett from the Fawcett Funeral Home in Collingwood. The Fawcett Funeral Home has been in business for over 147 years and is considered one of the oldest funeral homes in the country. Their DVD tribute presentations were voted #1 in Canada.

For those of you who were not able to attend last month's meeting you missed an amazing speaker and a very informative session. Michael is not only very knowledgeable about his business (as you would expect him to be) but he was very entertaining and he very quickly put us at ease discussing this often sensitive subject. Michael answered questions regarding visitations, cremation and urns, embalming rules, pre-arrangements, caskets (are they even needed?), organ donations and much, much more. You can pre-arrange and pre-pay for your services or just pre-arrange. Pre-arranging your services lets your family know what you would prefer but there is no cash outlay. This is even more important if you travel out of the country for extended periods of time. If something does happen while you are away from home, one phone call to Fawcett's and they will make all of the arrangements and deal with foreign funeral homes (usually trying to take advantage of you) and their laws and regulations.

Fawcett's also has a variety of services including bereavement support, estate administrators, getting death certificates; help getting through all the paperwork, and duties of an Executor along with a large number of other services. They have an Executor's Tool Kit and a book called "Good Grief - I Have To Plan A Funeral" written by Judy Smith Ross (from Craigleigh) which would be very helpful to read before we need to deal with any of this!

A lot of information was covered and unfortunately too numerous to summarize in this newsletter (and of course loses a lot in the translation). If you have the opportunity to catch one of Michael's presentations at another time I recommend that you do so. For those with a computer you can also get more information by going to their web site [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com).

## **PAST SOCIAL EVENT**

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010 – GAMES DAY/POT LUCK LUNCH**

Our Games Day was a smashing success. Each pair of attendees brought a dish or plate of food and there was a wonderful selection on the menu – a taste sensation. It was like going to an expensive buffet. Coffee, tea and desserts rounded out the food experience. Everyone raved about the great food. Then we had a lucky draw and also two door prizes were drawn consisting, of course, of two games. We got down to the business of playing the games and, like the foods served, there was also a great variety of games. All in all everyone had a great time and people were already talking about next year.



## **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 – Free Pancake Breakfast**

Today we hope you enjoy your free breakfast (for members only) of pancakes, sausages, bacon and fresh fruit. Boston Pizza catered our breakfast this morning and we are grateful they charged us the same amount as last year. There is no other event planned for the month of February.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECTACLE**

Make no plans for lunch on this day as food continues to be the theme and we will provide a traditional light Irish meal accompanied by some Irish entertainment. We hope to have Irish dancers perform for us. Come and enjoy the music and join us in an Irish sing-along. Mark your calendars and, if you enjoy food, music, dance and a chance at winning a prize, keep it open to have a delicious and fun-filled afternoon. Tickets are on sale today and are only \$10.00 each.



### **TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 – AN EVENING AT THE RACES**

Do you feel lucky (and hungry)? Enjoy a fine dinner (alcoholic drinks are extra), and then look over the racing program and pick your winners at Georgian Downs. If you feel you may have better luck in the casino, just step downstairs. The cost this year is \$23 each which leaves more money to bet on the races. The dinner alone is a nice treat and well worth the cost, especially the dessert. Tickets are on sale at today's meeting.



## **HEADS UP FOR FUTURE EVENTS**

**MAY, 2010 – MAGICAL MYSTERY CAR TOUR** – The actual date is still to be selected but do join us as we take a Magical Mystery Car Tour of the local area. Teams will be provided with some information to guide you on your way and then it's up to you. Four persons per car are encouraged. The tour will explore some places in our local area which may be magical. Then we will all wind up at someplace for a meal, and that is the mystery.

### **JUNE, 2010 – TALENT NIGHT**

Actual date TBA - Legion Hall in Collingwood – Near the end of June we will be having a dinner and talent night. This is an early notice so all of you Snow Birds have something else to do while you are down south enjoying yourselves. Try to keep your act to 5-7 minutes long. There may be judges too.



## **FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Members of the social committee are Joan Maloney, Sandra Hanson, Michael James, Jane James, Linda Marshall, Marilyn Evans, Mary Searle and Tom Donohue. **Feel free to support us with flowery**

**opinions, constructive comments and brilliant and helpful suggestions.** It is our hope that many members enjoy the variety of events we have lined up for you.

**JANUARY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$53.00 – Sandra Hanson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$33.00 – Bob Keyes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$26.00 – Shirley Watson
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$20.00 – Heide Haessler
- Gift Certificate (\$40.00 value) to Red Lobster – Tom Donohue

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

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

**“MEET YOUR MEMBER” – WE NEED YOU!** Please consider presenting your profile.

Please contact Betty Keyes at (705) 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. If you are not comfortable speaking in front of groups, Betty will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only. If you are interested in joining any of these special interest groups, or want to find out more information regarding the group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity.

If you wish to have some interesting information regarding your new group entered in the monthly newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor by email at [vs\\_bcnw@rogers.com](mailto:vs_bcnw@rogers.com).

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	Pinochle	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Dinner at our Place	Linda Willis	429-0467	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Restaurant Dinner Club	Joyanne Loughran	429-6574	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	422-0747	Fair-Weather Walkers	Lyn Rice	429-1798
Book Worms Club	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Daytrippers	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579

**Happy Bookers** - (Is at maximum membership)

The Happy Bookers' January meeting was held at the home of our gracious hostess, Betty Baker. After a splendid repast, we reviewed our biography selections for the month. The books were varied, fascinating and satisfying. They included *The Time of My Life* by Patrick Swayze & Lisa Niemi, *Against Medical Advice* by James Patterson & Hal Friedman, *Mrs. King* by Charlotte Gray, *The Lady Elizabeth* by Alison Weir, *Life on a Rock* by K.A. Albury, *All of Me* by Anne Murray, *A Soldier First* by Rick Hillier, *Why Me?* By Sammy Davis Jr., *Annie's Box* by Randal Keynes, and *Agatha Christie: Duchess of Death* by Richard Hack. The ratings ranged from 3.0 to 4.5 with recommendations.

**Book Worms Book Club** – (There are currently two openings)

The Bookworms would love to have more members so please feel free to call Lucille and join our group. This month we read a book entitled *'The Forbidden Daughter'* by Shobhan Bantwal. The setting is India and the premise of the book is based on answering the question "Where can a woman turn when her life's greatest blessing is seen as a curse". The book deals with a family, a pregnancy, archaic persistent customs and the introduction of ultrasound technology within their culture. It is an interesting and thought provoking read about the alarming social issue of female feticide.

### First Edition Book Club

The First Edition Bookclub met at the home of Valerie Willock on January 19<sup>th</sup> and we enjoyed a wonderful time of discussion and friendship. It was our first meeting of the new year and we did not have an assigned book to read, but spent the time in planning and setting out the schedule for the upcoming year, and each person presented a book review of their choice. These afternoons are always delightful with a time of relaxation and laughter that we always enjoy. Next month our meeting will be hosted by Helen Hutton.

### Kitchen Bridge - 'Come Score With Us'

Our Bridge Group met for our monthly game in January with a change of locale as we participated with other Probus members at 'Games Day' at the Stars Arena. The 'Pot Luck' luncheon was a welcome new addition to the afternoon games. Currently our group is made up of 8 members but I would be happy to form another table if we can get 4 more people. Or perhaps you would just like to spare for us once in a while? You can reach Betty Keyes at 429-6064 after the first week of March.

Congratulations to Stan Scruton for being our high score winner in January.

### Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship and a good breakfast. We rotate between 5 or 6 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be held at PUB FUB (beside Barb's Clothes Closet located at 259 Main Street in Stayner) on Wednesday, February 24 at 9:00 AM. We have capped our group at 25. To get on the list as an alternate 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 (Shirley Brett at 429-8907). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Lucille Mancer, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Lucille can be reached at 422-0143 or [lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca](mailto:lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca)

### PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD

An online bulletin board is available to Canadian Probus Clubs at [www.probus.org/bulletin.htm](http://www.probus.org/bulletin.htm). When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of *The Wasagan* at [www.probus.org/10wasbcn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/10wasbcn.pdf). (Please contact *The Wasagan* Editor if you do not have a computer.)

### MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2009-2010.

<b>President</b>	Bob Bowyer	429-0579		<b>Membership</b>	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
<b>Vice-President</b>	Don Caron	429-0308		<b>Refreshments</b>	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Barnes	429-2142		<b>Lucky Draw</b>	Michael James Linda Vanderknokke	429-7207 429-6846
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kathy Zack	429-0033		<b>New Members</b>	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
<b>Past President</b>	Betty Baker	422-1909		<b>Goodwill</b>	Shirley Brett	429-8907
<b>Speaker and Profiles Chair</b>	Monica Kristan Mary Barnes	429-9635 429-2142		<b>Newsletter</b>	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
<b>Social</b>	Tom Donohue	429-0644				

### NEXT MEETING

**MARCH 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.

