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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S PROFILER: TOM DONOHUE
SPEAKER: LT. COLONEL (Retired) TOM CHRISTIANSON

OUR JANUARY PROFILER WAS ROBIN NAGEL

Robin grew up with his grandparents in Elk Lake, Ontario until the age of 12 when his grandmother died. He was then sent to Toronto to live with his mom.

In high school Robin joined the Air Cadets and did well in the Cadets but NOT as well in high school! He left high school after grade 12 and worked in a bond cage on Bay Street. Next came a job at Northern Electric. Robin's mother persuaded him to go to DeVry Technical Institute for a 12 month electronics course and, after graduation, Robin found a job at CBC as an assistant technician. A year later he was promoted to a VTR operator. During his time at CBC Robin met many big name performers.

In 1965 Robin took advantage of a mature student program at York University. During this time he met his future wife, Diane, who was a Spanish tutor to some of the mature students.

In 1969 and armed with an honors degree in Business Administration, Robin went to work as a Unit Manager at Education Television (now TV Ontario). There was a big shift in the company and Robin was moved into personnel (at his request) to help restore morale.

In 1975 Robin left Education Television and went to work for DeHavilland Aircraft as Supervisor of Salaries in the Personnel Department. Robin has a passion for aircraft and through the company flying club he took flying lessons and got his private license. In 1978, he became Manager of Labor Relations at DeHavilland and was very successful in his endeavors. He stayed there for another 11 years.

Then came a job for the Town of Vaughan as Director of Personnel until, after 16 years of successfully negotiating over 12 collective agreements, Robin retired in 2003.

Robin and Diane have been happily married for 35 years. They have a daughter, Jordan, who is married and has a perfectly wonderful 2 year old daughter named Rowan. Since the year 2000, Robin and Diane have lived about 10 minutes from Wasaga Beach in a wonderful 1870 home on over 10 acres of land. Robin loves his new tractor and the house requires enough attention to keep both of them busy. Morgan and Conan, their 2 Dandie Dinmont Terriers, round out the family.

Shortly after retiring, Robin had a serious stroke that still affects his eyesight, but this hasn't stopped them from traveling and enjoying family and friends!

THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was great fun! We played a brain teaser game devised by Betty Baker. There were 25 questions and most of the teams of 8 did quite well.

There were prizes for the best team and we all had sharper brains (at least for a little while) after the game.

BEACHCOMBERS 3RD ANNUAL CURLING BONSPIEL report by Lucy Worch

On Jan. 18th 34 Curlers with varying degrees of expertise met at The Stayner Curling Club. We started out with tea biscuits, strawberry jam and coffee to fortify us. Glen Martin explained the rules

JANUARY'S LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$54.00 was won by Bob Harasowsky

2nd Prize of \$22.50 was won by Nell Holowachuk

3rd Prize of \$13.50 was won by Irma Koch

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
*	YOYO's	Contact	Shirley Hoskin	429-4378

Dinner at our Place wants you to come dine with us. Would you like to join us as a substitute 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. 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 Club. Future reading schedule: State of Fear by Michael Crichton in February, and in March we will each read a book of our own choice from the "The Canada Reads List". April will have us reading Alligator by Lisa Moore.

The book club meets every third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please call Joanne Scruton at 422-0976.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at Powerline Road. 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 Marilyn Ruse at 422-0271 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.

The **YOYO's** (You're On Your Own) are a new group of individuals looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatres, restaurants, bowling, etc. Call Shirley Hoskin at 429-4378 for more information.

"THE HAPPY BOOKERS CLUB" BOOK REVIEW

prepared by Joanne Scruton

The Bookseller of Kabul, is an international best seller written by Asne Seierstad who is a smart journalist with literary sensibility. The Bookseller of Kabul is a true account of her experience with an Afghan family, a bookseller named Sultan Khan who allowed the journalist to move into his home and experience first hand his family's life. Sultan's two wives, five children and other relatives are all sharing four small dusty rooms. Sultan's love for books has exposed him to great risks over his 30 years in the trade. He has seen his books censored, ripped apart, even burned in the streets. Sultan is also a committed Muslim with strict views on filial respect and the role of women. Asne describes

the details of individual lives; the teenage son embarking on his first religious pilgrimage, a young girl who can no longer go to school because of lawlessness in the streets and talks about how a woman's longing for love is tabooed. It's a very moving book that leaves you with a sense of hopeless resignation, but yet a book that is worth reading.

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.

NOTICE

Discounted cruise cabins have now been made available up to 01/Apr/06. As of now, there are 12 Beachcomber Probus couples going. For further information, contact Paul Dorian, 429-3311.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

By the time you read this we will be happily soaking up the warm sun in Florida. Jan Bivall will be acting as Editor in our absence. We will return mid March. Thank you Jan!

Please note that the website address has changed to www.probus.org/6wasbcrn.pdf

Maggie and Ken

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 January!

FRANK'S SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Frank Tate,
Our wishes are sincere, if a little late,
Now that you're 80 will you slow down?
We doubt that you will, so don't frown.
You're the man! And we all know
That you can give us one hell of a show!

NEXT MEETING:

March 7, 2006

at the Wasaga Stars Arena

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

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