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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: FRASER MUIR, WAR MEMORIES

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We are now into another November. The Eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month is when Remembrance Day services take place in Canada. I can remember as a young boy at the Cenotaph in Collingwood, as a cub and later as a boy scout. Though the weather was usually terrible with rain or snow or cold and windy, or maybe all of these conditions on the same day. I felt good that I was taking the time to remember. My two boys did the same thing at the same Cenotaph as cubs, scouts and air cadets. Our oldest boy Gary became a Lieutenant in the Canadian Armed Forces and died at the age of twenty-four, five months before he would have been a Captain. Remembrance Day is an important day in our family.

WHY REMEMBER?

We must remember. If we do not, the sacrifice of those thousands of Canadian Lives will be meaningless. They died for us, for their homes and family and friends for a collection of traditions they cherished and a future they believed in; they died for Canada. The meaning of their sacrifice rests with our collective national consciousness; our future is their monument.

This year make a special attempt to remember as we have many of our military in Afghanistan with many paying the supreme sacrifice. You can show your support by wearing something red each and every Friday as long as the Mission lasts.



Don Caron

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Former Snowbird and CF-18 pilot, Steve Wallace, came to speak to us about the 714 Air Cadet League of Wasaga Beach. Steve has been a resident of Wasaga Beach for over 14 years and has been retired from the military for over 24 years; Steve now flies as a pilot for Air Canada. Steve is the past president of the Wasaga Beach Rotary Club, occupies much of his time on the sponsoring committee and raises funds for the 714 Air Cadet League.

The Air Cadet League is a movement supported by the Federal government and many, many volunteers. It is free to join and opens its doors to any youth. Uniforms are on loan to each cadet and are free. Steve mentioned that many well-known people were involved with cadets including Jim Carrey, Rick Mercer, Chris Hadfield, as well as our own mayor, Cal Patterson.

Steve went on to say that the league offers a program for youth from 12 to 19 years of age. He stressed the need for structure in the youth of today and that it is important we invest in our youth. The Wasaga group has 30 members but can take 50 or more. The league meets every week for training with activities including instructions in physical fitness, first aid, team sports, music, military parade and survival. There are also opportunities for youth to learn gliding, and scholarships for any air cadet who wants to earn his/her pilot's license. There are also opportunities for cadets to travel world-wide and there is also an

international exchange program. Summer programs include a 2-3 week experience where cadets receive a check.

The 714 League is starting a drum corps and hope to include brass later when funds are available. The local league has its own flag with the eagle badge, the sky, the beach and the Flight of the Caribou displayed on it. Steve emphasized that members can help by passing the information to others. The league holds a yearly lottery to raise funds for the group. We can also help by joining the sponsoring committee. If you missed Steve's presentation, please feel free to drop in on one of the meetings or better yet, visit the League at their yearly parade event.



THANK YOU TO OCTOBER'S GREETERS, MARILYN & GEORGE RICE.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER PLEASE SEE BETTY BAKER.

GOODWILL

Get well cards have been sent to Charlie Baker, George Douglas, Lynda Trimble, Christina Armstrong and Robin Nagel.

PAST EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010 – HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

On Friday, October 22, our first Halloween Party was held at Country Life Estates in Wasaga Beach. Everyone was in full Halloween spirit. Most of the 72 attendees were in full costume and what a great variety there was. We had pirates, witches, flappers, gangsters, Japanese geishas, vampires, the 4 Aces, mustard and ketchup and many others. We even had a proctologist and Groucho Marx make an appearance. Gene Stephenson did a wonderful job as our DJ with a little help now and again from Vincy. Dancing, a parade of costumes, prizes, a 50/50 and a delicious light meal were highlights of the night. Thanks to all who donated their Halloween decorations to set the Halloween mood.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 – GAMES NIGHT



This event will be held at the Prime Time Club. The price is \$20 and today is the last meeting to get your tickets. We will start with dinner – chicken, salad, potato, 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 on Friday, December 3 at the Collingwood Legion. This event is open to members and companions. Tickets are \$25 each (\$30 for companions). **The November meeting is your last chance to buy tickets for the most popular of all Beachcomber Probus events.** This year you will be able to select your entree – stuffed chicken or stuffed pork. If you have particular friends you wish to sit with, let the Social Committee know. You can be accommodated with our assigned seating plan. Start your Christmas celebrations with your Probus friends; as always there will be great food, dancing, prizes, a visit from Santa and camaraderie.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011 – CURLING AND LUNCH

Tickets go on sale today for our January social event – curling and lunch at the Stayner Curling Club. Tickets are \$15 per person. The day will start at 9 am with coffee and muffins /scones, followed by some instruction and curling with lunch at approximately 11:30 am. If you are not a curler and wish to join us for lunch only, luncheon tickets are available at \$10 per person. We need to have 32 curlers for this event to go ahead --- so, come out and join your friends, whether you are a seasoned curler or just want to try the game!



OCTOBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS
PLEASE BRING COINS TO BUY YOUR LUCKY DRAW TICKETS

- 1st prize of \$52.40 – Sharon Wood
- 2nd prize of \$32.75 – Joan Porter
- 3rd prize of \$26.20 – Don Caron
- 4th prize of \$19.65 – Shirley Brett
- \$40.00 Gift Certificate for Wal-Mart – Sylvia Vandale

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrate in November.

“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 Cuisiners	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	Loraine 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			

Dinner At Our House

The 'Dinner at Our House' group is looking for more substitute couples. This is for people who like to eat great food and do not mind being asked to fill in with just a couple of days' notice, but who do not want the responsibility of having to host a dinner. You will be asked to provide one component of the dinner (appetizer, soup or salad, or dessert), but never to host. If you are interested or would just like more details, please contact Jan Bivall at the Probus meeting, by phone at 429-7584 or by e-mail at stevebivall@gmail.com.

First Edition Book Club

In October the First Edition Book Club read *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows and for the second month in a row we were unanimous that this book was a great read.

It is a story of the Second World War but written as a group of post-war letters to a young woman in England. It tells of their lives and experiences, joys and sorrows under German occupation. During this time, there was no outside communication with Guernsey for four years. This book was an education and a real page turner.

Happy Bookers Club (is at maximum membership)

The October selection was *The Angel's Game* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. The story of David Martin starts off strongly and the setting of Barcelona is rich in detail, so much so that you feel that you are there. David makes a pact with the devil and there are secrets and twists galore, but that soon becomes a problem. Some of the sub-plots are too far-fetched and the author's maneuvering leads to a disappointing conclusion. Members gave the book an average of 3.1 with reserved recommendation.

Daytrippers

The Daytrippers enjoyed a lovely lunch at Mrs. Mitchell's charming restaurant in the hamlet of Violet Hill. For some of us it was the first time we had dined there but it certainly won't be the last. Did you know this popular restaurant was once a one-room schoolhouse dating back to 1889? Originally known as the Mulmur Township School, history records that there was a teacher, Mrs. Mitchell, who had the distinction of being the longest standing teacher at the school. The building was purchased and restored by the present owners, the Baufeldt family, who opened up this restaurant more than 30 years ago. They called it *Mrs. Mitchell's* to honour her memory. After lunch, we did some browsing across the street at '*Granny Taught Us How*', a former Orange Lodge which also has been restored and is filled with many decorative items to entice the shopper in all of us. Our journey continued on a beautiful sunny day, driving through the countryside enjoying the fall colours. We drove through Shelburne and Flesherton with stops to visit Eugenia Falls Conservation area where we took photographs, and later, The Beaver Valley look-out. Our tour continued to Thornbury where we found many roadside markets to purchase fall produce before we returned home. All in all, we thought how lucky we are to live in an area where you can enjoy a wonderful lunch at a variety of restaurants, and take a leisurely afternoon drive visiting so many little charming towns en route, appreciating all they have to offer.

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 **GEORGIAN FAMILY CIRCLE RESTAURANT on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 24 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:

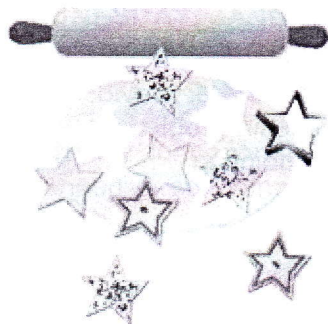
President	Don Caron	429-0308	Membership	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
Vice-President	Michael James	429-7207	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Lucky Draw	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Secretary	Mary Barnes	429-2142	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer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

NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 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.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING 6 COOKIES PER PERSON (12 PER COUPLE) TO OUR DECEMBER MEETING TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE.

