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JULY GENERAL MEETING
TODAY'S SPEAKER: RON EMO, GEORGIAN TRIANGLE HOSPICE
TODAY'S PROFILER: FRANK TATE

Membership renewals are due August 1. Please pay at today's meeting with a post dated check. Deadline is the August meeting, after which time it will be assumed that you have quit your membership. Speak to Debra Ferris about any concerns that you might have.

JUNE SPEAKER

Our speaker was Marie McCallum, Executive Director of Victim Crisis Assistance Referral Service (VCARS). VCARS is a community based program that works in conjunction with police services and OPP detachments to assist victims of crime and tragic circumstances. The agency steps in to help the victim as soon as the police leave the crime scene. The well trained volunteers provide support in a safe location to help individuals begin to cope with the trauma of the crisis event. Domestic violence is the most common call and the worst day of the year for this is Christmas Day.

For more information please call 705-725-7025, extension 2120.

Ms McCallum was an extremely informative and interesting speaker and we thank her for taking the time from her busy schedule to speak to us.

JUNE PROFILER

Joanne Scruton had us crying with laughter as she presented her profile. The essence of Joanne's personality was shown through the eyes of her 6 year old granddaughter, Kyra Knape, as Joanne read the child's assessment of her grandma! Her granddaughter would dearly love to take Joanne to school for "show and tell" because she thinks her grandma is really nice and fun but doesn't think she can get her in her school bag. She thinks that Joanne is really good at doing stuff like golfing, tennis and curling and she also noted that one of Joanne's favorite pastimes is shopping.

Joanne was born in Montreal, the youngest of 5 children, 4 girls and 1 boy. She worked for Bell Canada in the computer dept when computers were relatively new to the work force and she eventually moved up the ranks to a managerial position. Joanne met and married Stan and their union produced 2 wonderful children, a boy and a girl. Their family moved to Ontario in the 1980's and never regretted the move. Stan's new job presented the opportunity for them to travel and visit other countries which they took full advantage of. Stan and Joanne moved to Wasaga Beach 3 years ago and through Probus have made many wonderful friends. They also belong to so many interest groups that Joanne hardly has time to maintain her image as a shopaholic!

Joanne told the following joke during her talk and I felt it was worth repeating here.

After Christmas a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following. We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it's

okay now and they do exercises there but they don't do them very well. At their gate there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape, sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out and they eat the same thing every night, "early birds". The ones that get out past the man in the doll house bring food back to the wrecked center and call it pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says that I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too., But when I do I want to be the man in the doll house then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS

LAWN BOWLING

STAYNER

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

There was a whole lotta rolling and bowling going on during lawn bowling day! We received a lesson which most of us understood at least a part of! Then it was over to the lanes to play some real lawn bowling. It takes a bit of getting used to because the bowls (balls) are weighted on one side and must be thrown off centre, and as they roll, they change direction because of the weighted factor. Teams try to roll their bowls as close to the white ball (jack) as they can and at the same time knock the opposing team's bowls out of the way. The game reminds me in some ways of curling but on grass and minus the brooms! After four games of lawn bowling we were ready for our "Early Bird" steak dinner. The lawn bowling club did a great job barbequing the beef and serving it up with baked potatoes and coleslaw. Dessert of ice-cream and cookies followed.

The bowling was fun, the weather was perfect and the food was great! We even had door prizes and 50/50 draw prizes. One lucky person won a year's free membership in the lawn bowling club!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

3RD ANNUAL BBQ

HERITAGE PARK, ELMVALE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

This is a subsidized event, the cost is \$5.00 (\$10.00 for non members) and the event will run from noon to 5 pm. Tickets are available for purchase at today's meeting.

Snacks and drinks will be available before lunch just to keep your strength up for the games.

We will start the games at around noon, lunch should arrive shortly after 1 p.m. and will be served at 1:30. Then we will continue with our games and playoffs. Bocce ball, Horseshoes, Egg Throwing, Water Balloons, Balloon Races and more.

The menu will be Southern Fried Chicken with three salads, rolls, dessert and drinks.

PRIZES AND GAMES----BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR! PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.

This will be Joan's last event as social chair. She will be missed!

GOLF DAY

MARLWOOD GOLF COURSE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Calling all golfers – GOOD, FAIR & WILLING! Cost will be \$45.00 for golf, cart and dinner. Steak dinner only, will be \$20.00. Golf at 2 pm and dinner at 6 pm. There will be prizes for closest to pin for ladies and men and longest drive for ladies and men. A putting contest before dinner will test your capabilities! All golfers will receive a prize! There will also be a door prize and a 50/50 draw.

Anyone with a prize to donate for this event, please see Marilyn Ruse, Frank Tate, Gloria Harasowsky or Vivian Sheridan.

WINE TOUR

NIAGARA REGION WINERIES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

We'll be stopping at three wineries. First stop will be Herdner Estate Winery where we will sample three wines including their ice wine which will be served with cheese and crackers. Second stop will be Rockway Glen Golf Course & Winery. We'll take a tour of their antique wine museum after which lunch will be served overlooking the golf course with 3 one ounce wine selections offered. Each guest will receive a bottle of Rockway Glen wine to take home with them. Third stop is the family owned Konzelmann Estate Winery where we will sample three of their selections. We expect to return to Wasaga Beach Arena at approximately 7 pm. The tour includes transportation, lunch, taxes, gratuity and bottle of wine. Cost will be **\$86.00 per person**. The price is based on a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 50 per bus. This will be based on a first come, first served basis. Tickets **must** be purchased by our August meeting. Tickets are on sale at today's meeting. Tour bus by Hamilton Tours Ltd who will provide a tour guide. The bus will be air conditioned and have a washroom. Water will be supplied for the bus ride. Buy early to avoid disappointment!

CAR RALLY

TENTATIVE DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Once again Frank Tate and Birdie Hawkins will be sending us on a fun tour of the countryside! Frank's hard work in devising the route pays off in an afternoon of riotous antics and lots of laughs. Everyone has enjoyed the rally in past years and so we will keep you in suspense for the particulars.

CRAFTERS SALE

NOVEMBER 7 GENERAL MEETING

The November meeting will have our Crafter's sale set up for your benefit. If you are interested in selling your crafts, please see Doris Willis.

SILENT AUCTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

This year we will be holding the ever popular auction on a separate date from the monthly meeting. The auction holds plenty of fun and laughs. We will have a lunch and auction. Come away with a new found treasure to mark the day!

We will be looking for volunteers to help us prepare. Our ladies have been so generous with their time in the past, so we are looking for them again. Also to add to this, we are looking for **MEN** to serve! I know a lot of men know how to carry a plate, so please give us a hand. Start searching through your cache of treasures for items to donate to this fun event. More details at future meetings.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

DECEMBER 5 GENERAL MEETING

Get out your favorite recipe for this event. We are asking our **MEN** to serve so ladies, if you need to give your loved one a little coaxing, start now! Our entertainment is still being planned; we hope to give you a surprise!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mark your calendar for this one! The Christmas party promises to be a blast so dust off those dancing shoes and get ready to party! You have a few months to practice your steps and get in the mood.

JUNE'S LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$68.50 was won by Shirley Brett

2nd Prize of \$28.50 was won by Don McDonald

3rd Prize of \$17.00 was won by Betty Baker

Gift certificate for Wasaga Casuals was won by Linda Squires

Gift certificate for Home Hardware was won by Peter Premich

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 to learn more. Betty Keyes would be happy to explore any questions you might have about the dinners and welcome your participation.

The Happy Bookers Club's membership is now full. If you wish to join your name will now be placed on a waiting list. We meet every 3rd Monday of the month. Our June Reading was "In A Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson. We gave this book a 3-1/2 out of 5. It was a funny, enjoyable, informative book, imbued with a sense of social and environmental consciousness. We recommend it and it is definitely a must read if you are contemplating a trip to Australia. We are now on hiatus until Sept. when we will review "The Constant Gardener" at Clyffe House, a resort we are taking over for 3 days!!! Stay tuned to the Oct. Wasagan for all (or not all) the next book review from our "First" Happy Bookers Holiday

The Fair Weather Walkers: After a month of walking on the beach to escape the bugs at the Blueberry Trails, the walkers have decided to return to Powerline Road for all future walks. We will have the choice of either walking along the skidoo trail as we did during the winter, or we can use the forest trails. Changing the location may have been confusing for anyone who wishes to join us so from now on we will only use the Powerline sight. Also, the walking is never cancelled. We enjoy each other's company no matter who happens to show up. We have walked in blizzards, in downpours and while fending off Canada's other national bird (The mosquito!) So come along any Friday that you are able and be rewarded with a cup of Timmy's coffee afterwards.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunch, which is organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, laughter and gossip.

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 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 group of individuals looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatres, restaurants, bowling, etc.

The **Golfing Around** group plays monthly from May to October at a different golf course each time. July and August games have been cancelled and play will resume in September. See or call Bill Travis.

Wanted or For Sale Items – Check to see "What's New". If you would like to use this means of buying or selling give Betty Baker a call at 422-1909. A list is posted monthly on the bulletin board.

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 June!

NEXT MEETING:

August 1, 2006

RECPLEX

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

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/6wasbern.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer)

MANAGEMENT TEAM

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