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OCTOBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: **Lance Wright and his musical talents.**



Plus bring in a donation for food bank.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President **Ross Dawe**

Recently, Beachcombers PROBUS lost a dear friend with the passing of long time member **Bill Travis**. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, **Pat**, and their family. Bill was a very special man. I first discovered Bill when Gail and I joined PROBUS soon after we moved to Wasaga

Beach. Attending our first PROBUS meeting, we were a bit overwhelmed by a sea of unfamiliar faces. However, a few people in that sea of humanity stood out. **Bill Travis** was definitely one of those people.

Bill was such a kind, considerate, and welcoming individual. He had an infectious smile and a delightful sense of humour. It was simply fun to be in the same room with Bill. He made people feel at ease. He took an interest in their conversations. It was just comfortable to be around Bill. Even if you were just a passing acquaintance, Bill had the knack of making you feel like you were a close friend. Bill coordinated a monthly golfing outing for PROBUS members for many years. He dressed up as Santa for our Christmas activities. His "one liners" from the floor during meetings kept everything light. I remember one particular meeting when, while speaking, Bill managed to lose his dentures. He carried on in his own style adding humour and laughter to everyone's lives.

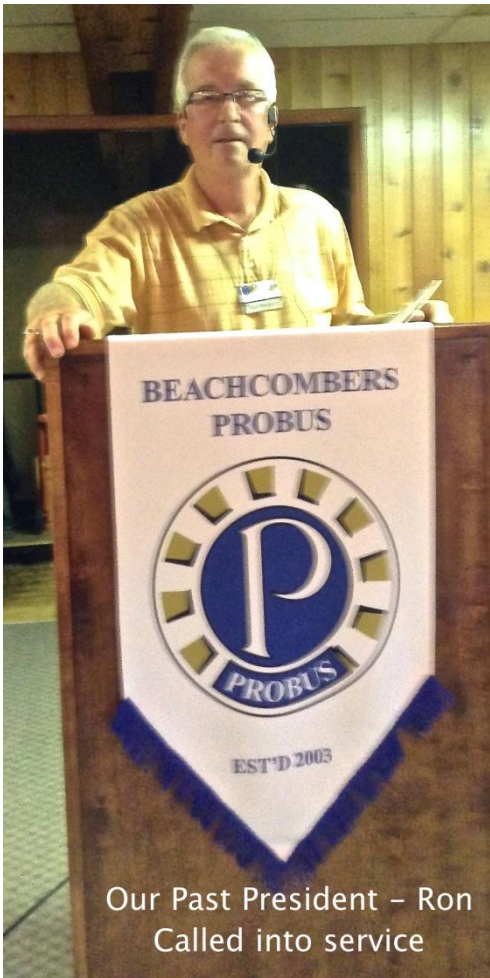
At this time, although we are saddened that Bill has moved on, we are also so grateful for everything he provided. I'm sure that we will all honour his memory by trying to lead our own lives the way Bill lived his life, by giving, sharing, and caring about others. Thank you, Bill. You will be missed.



Pat and Bill Travis enjoy a meal. (Looks like after a car rally)

EDITOR'S NOTE: President **Ross Dawe** captured the feelings of many who volunteered some reflections about Bill. Here are some additional snippets about Bill's contributions in the past: humorous auctioneer, dressed in drag for fashion show, ran games at picnic, and always laughed loudest at himself. Thank you to all those who contributed. There are a few more photos for you to enjoy (or not) at the end of the newsletter.

SEPTEMBER'S MEETING



Our Past President – Ron
Called into service

Past President **Ron Hanson** chaired the meeting as President **Ross Dawe's** knee had an appointment with a surgeon. Ross is slowly improving after he had a suffered some ill effects. We wish him well.



Our Greeters
Frank and Nancy Lauzon

THANK YOU TO OUR GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Frank and Nancy Lauzon. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Vincy Stephenson.**





Guest Speaker: Doug McCullough introduced Twyla Nicholson, the Town Clerk and Returning Officer who, together with her assistant, Lorraine Sano, gave a very informative presentation about electronic and telephone voting. You will be hearing more about it as the election nears.

After the presentation, questions were posed to Twyla who did an excellent job of answering them. **Doug** showed our gratitude by presenting a gift.

SEPTEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

Lucky Draw : Joan Maloney

1st PRIZE : Joanne Scruton

2nd PRIZE : Olga Yates

3rd PRIZE : Linda Squires

It was the decision of the Executive that a portion of the winnings be put into the Speaker's Fund in the event that a speaker requests payment for a presentation.

\$ 49.50 has been entered into that fund.

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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Last month 26 members of the club enjoyed wine and cheese tasting at Georgian Hills Vineyards, followed by dinner at the Crystal Palace Chinese restaurant in Collingwood.

For October you can still sign up for the lunch / mini putt golf tournament at Georgian Manor which is scheduled for October 8th. The cost is \$25.00 pp which includes a barbeque lunch. You can also attend as a lunch participant only for \$15.00 pp. Lunch will be served at 12 noon so you should plan on arriving prior (suggest 11:30 - 11:45). For those of you who wish to car pool you can arrange this in advance or as an alternate you could meet at the RecPlex parking lot to see if there are carpooling options. You should leave the RecPlex no later than 11:15 am to arrive at Georgian Manor by 11:45am.



For November, we have booked a **FREE tour** of the CTV studios in Barrie, followed by lunch (your expense) at the Market Grill on Maplewood. The date is Wednesday, November 12th at 11:00 AM. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Friday, December 5th, 2014 is the date for our annual Christmas dinner / dance at the Collingwood Legion. Signup sheets and further details will be available at the October general meeting as well.

Below you will find the results of the social event survey that you completed during the September general meeting. Your social committee has also provided a tentative calendar for the entire 2014 - 2015 year for your perusal. Please bear in mind that this is a "work in progress" document, and changes / additions / deletions can be made as different events present themselves. And it goes without saying that if you have additional input for the social committee; please contact any one of us on the committee.

Thank you for your support..... Ron / Al / Herb / Betty / Ross

BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS CLUB SURVEY RESULTS

The following is a re-cap of the results from the survey submitted to the Beachcombers Membership during the September General Meeting.

There were 15 copies of the survey distributed (one for each table). All 15 copies were collected at the end of the meeting, of which 14 were completed.

There were 102 members in attendance at the September meeting.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS OR TOPICS FOR SPEAKERS

There were only two recommendations that came back.

- Joe Bickerstaff / Walter Borthwick (History of Wasaga Beach)
- Military Former Vets WW II

SOCIAL EVENT RANKINGS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u># OF CHECK MARKS</u>
1.	Theatre Productions	63
2.	Single Day Bus Trips	60
3.	Car Rally / Car Tours	60
4.	Georgian Downs	59
5.	Dinner & Movie	45
6.	Pot Luck & Games Day	41
7.	Bala Cranberry Festival	39
8.	Bowling	38

9.	Overnight Bus Trips	30
10.	Cruises	27
11.	50's / 60's Dance	27
12.	Mini Golf	25
13.	Darts / Dinner	21
14.	Golf Tournament	15
15.	Millers Dairy Farm Tour	15
16.	Curling / Lunch	15
17.	Fishing Charters	2

TENTATIVE SOCIAL EVENT CALENDAR 2014-15

- SEPT. 2014 - Georgian Hills Vineyard Wine Tasting
- OCT. 2014 - Georgian Manor Mini-Putt / Lunch
- NOV. 2014 - CTV Barrie Studio Tour
- DEC. 2014 - Christmas Dance (Collingwood Legion)
- JAN. 2015 - Base Borden Air Force Training Wing - Tour
- FEB. 2015 - Pot - Luck & Games Day (Stars Arena)
- MAR. 2015 - Bowling & Dinner / Movie
- APR. 2015 - Meaford / Gaiety Theatre.....plus Maple Syrup Farm
- MAY 2015 - Georgian Downs (Racing & Dinner)
- JUNE 2015 - Overnight Bus Trip (Niagara Falls / St. Jacobs / Toronto
Plus.....Millers Dairy Farm Tour
- JULY 2015 - Picnic
- AUG. 2015 - Train Trip / Brunch / Theatre (Orangeville)
- SEPT. 2015 - Car Rally (End September)
- OCT. 2015 - Day Bus Trip to Bala Cranberry Festival
- NOV. 2015 - Carribean / Panama / etc. Cruise
Plus..... Dinner & Movie
- DEC. 2015 - Christmas Dance

MEET YOUR MEMBER

Member profiles may be a rare thing now but that does not mean we do not want to hear from you. If you are able to manage a personal profile, great! **AND** if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups, or want to find out more information regarding the group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity. **AND** if you wish to submit anything interesting, contact newsletter editor **Tom Donohue** at the date indicated elsewhere in this newsletter.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team.

Special Interest	Contact Name	Phone No.
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	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
Happy Bookers	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Restaurant Dinner Club	Convenor needed	
ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579



Happy Bookers Book Club

We just enjoyed our 9th successful book club get-away at Mary's Lake in the Muskokas. Our theme this year was Western. We read 3 western books, however only one was worth discussing, which was the prize-winning classic, Lonesome Dove, by Larry McCurty. Lonesome Dove is described as the grandest novel ever written about

the last defiant wilderness of America. The story focuses on the relationship of several retired Texas Rangers and their adventures driving a cattle herd from Texas to Montana. The story was beautifully written and richly authentic. It certainly is a book worthy of your time.



MEN'S BREAKFAST



The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast. In September we met for breakfast and conversation at **YAMMAS GRILL**.

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 is scheduled for **9:00 AM on Wednesday, October 29, 2014** at **Mosley Street Grill**.

MEMBERSHIP

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. Remember also the membership fees due NOW

NICE JOB!

As always, thank you to **Joan Smith** for making the meeting room look so welcoming.

GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Vincy Stephenson advises that a sympathy card was sent out to **Pat Travis**. A get well card was also sent to **Ross Dawe**.

Please pass information regarding illness, hospital stays or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Vincy Stephenson**.



Birthdays/Anniversaries

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

Our Archivist - Gene Stephenson: SOMETHING NEW!

Gene Stephenson, our Archivist will modify the way we look at photos and will feature a slide show of current club events both before and during the break at meetings. If you see a photo you like, tell Gene and he can get you a copy. But you have to watch the show. If you take a good photo at a **PROBUS** event, perhaps you can share it with **Gene Stephenson** for the Archives.

SEE YOU AT 9:30 AM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT THE ARENA.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER BY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014** (Christmas shopping done yet)

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

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT THE WASAGA STARS
ARENA. COME AT 9:30 FOR COFFEE.**

Some funny memories...

BILL TRAVIS



BILL TRAVIS
December 15, 1939 - August 31, 2014