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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: July 3rd, 2018

At the Recplex

Speaker: Candice Moneau -St. Marie Among the Hurons

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, June 2018

Get ready for Summer Probus members. It's happening on the 21st of this month and since we are a Beach town, this is the big time.

We have had a very interesting year at Probus this year with many terrific events and some startling changes too. We accomplished a number of important tasks for the future success of our club and solved some outstanding problems.

July is the last month of our club year. It is the time to volunteer or nominate someone for a position on the Management Team or the event committees. Remember the club is only as good as its volunteers and I know we have some terrific people in our midst that could bring new ideas and loads more fun.

The folks who have worked on your behalf up to now have given us a lot of interesting events and some good old fashion fun too. They need a break after their years of service to us. Please think hard about volunteering. Al Grondin, our Past President, is taking all the names for the positions.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on August 7th at the RecPlex at which time we will finalized the election of your Management Team. Please try to be at that meeting to place you vote and welcome the new Team for our 16th year.

July is the month for our Annual Picnic at the Klondike Park. We have some new and interesting changes this year that I think you will enjoy, especially the food. The cost per person is only \$10.00 and your club is picking up the rest. I know it's going to be a hot

one, its summer after all, but come out and bring your portable fans or ice packs and have some fun in the sun.

Your Management Team thanks all members for their support of the activities and look forward to a great new year.

Sincerely,

Dennis Moise VP - Acting President.

JUNE MEETING:

Thank you to our greeters for June, Kathy and John Dunnett



If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table.

Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for the table décor and to **Sheila Dobson & John Norwood** for providing our refreshments.



Thanks were also given to all those Volunteers who work so hard to make our club a success.

NEW MEMBERS And GUESTS:

4 guests were present at the June meeting. No new members were introduced.

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS:



1st PRIZE: \$64.00

Richard Lankshear

2nd PRIZE: \$42.00

Rickey Lemire

3rd PRIZE: \$35.00

Carolyn Cassells

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

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the Management Team:

PM Luncheon Cuisiners

Joan Porter - 429-9260

Genealogy

Sandra Hanson - 422-0227

First Edition

Vincy Stephenson-705-422-0201

Happy Bookers

Jan Bivall - 429-7584

The Bookies

Tom Donohue - 429-0644

Kitchen Bridge

Betty Keyes - 429-6064

Euchre Night

Jayne Edwards - 422-0793

Book Exchange

Rita Bencquista - 705-429-1911

Dinner & a Movie

Ron Hanson - 705-422-0227



BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS Celebrated Its 15th Year on June 5th At the Probus Meeting

Gene Stephenson introduced Hormella (Doris Willis) and Moanette (Christina Armstrong) who presented a very funny skit, in which they were the ghosts of "Probus Past". They focused on the beginnings of our club and it's first President, Diane Nagel.

Joanne Millie then formally introduced Diane Nagel who discussed how Beachcombers Probus got started. She also gave an amazing overview of our club's activities during the last 15 years. She included comments from all 14 Past Presidents, from Paul Edwards, our current President and from Dennis Moise, our present Acting President. It was especially interesting to our newer members.



Bob MacNair, our District 7 Director, shared some interesting facts about the history of Probus. He asked that all members who have volunteered in any way for the club stand and be recognized. He also asked that all of the founding members stand and be recognized. In 1966 Probus was started in England and now is in 23 countries worldwide. Canada has 13 Probus Districts. Ontario has 26,322 Probus members in total. He also mentioned that there was going to be a conference on October 15th at the Recplex , 9AM -2PM in the Oakview Room for the southern Probus clubs. He presented a Certificate of Congratulations to our club.

A wonderful video of Beachcombers Probus activities for the last 15 Years was presented by Gene Stephenson. Gene did a fantastic job of syncing music to the photos obtained from many members. The video brought back memories of fun times together. A big thanks to Gene for going through hundreds of pictures to make this video.



All the Past Presidents and the Present President and Acting President were asked to stand. Diane Nagel had to leave early and was absent for the picture.



A lovely lunch consisting of sandwiches, veggie, fruit and pickle platters was enjoyed by all. This was a subsidized event, firstly by the successful silent auction that was organized by Betty Baker and secondly by the management team. **Thanks to the Social Committee and all of the volunteers who worked to make this event such a success.**

Everyone loved the cake!!!



Tom Donohue also put together a picture poster of all of the Beachcombers' Presidents in chronological order.



SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SPEAKERS:

July - Candice Moneau, Coordinator of Marketing and Media Relations at Huronia Historical Parks will focus on Saint Marie Among the Hurons and Discovery Harbour.

August- Speaker to be announced

September - Craig Williams, Wasaga Deputy Fire Chief

Joanne asked for volunteers to join her to form a Speaker Committee.

BUSINESS REPORT:

Wayne Crone was introduced as our AV (audio/visual) Tech, a new position on the Management Team. He will work closely with Joanne Millie to ensure that our equipment is functioning for future meetings.

Al Grondin explained that members are needed for the Social Committee. Everyone is encouraged to consider joining this very necessary committee. To date, more than one person has volunteered for Newsletter Editor and for the Vice President's positions. Ballots will be distributed at the August meeting for a vote on positions that have more than one candidate.

SOCIAL REPORT

REMINDER - Please bring your cheque book to the meetings!!

NO CHEQUE.....NO SIGN-UP!

You can no longer sign-up for an event without paying by cheque the full amount owing for the event, at the time of sign-up. If you have signed up for an event and have not yet paid, your name will be taken off the list. Only the people that have paid for events will be considered signed-up.

JUNE 2018

REMINDER!

SATURDAY - JUNE 23rd

HORSE RACING & BUFFET DINNER

BUFFET is \$30.00 per person – 6:00 p.m. with racing following

Georgian Downs is located off Highway 400 at Innisfil Beach Road (Exit 85)

The \$10.00 cash deposit per person will be returned to you once you arrive!



July 2018

King's Wharf Theatre - TUESDAY JULY 31st

Play at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the July meeting.

If unable to attend that meeting to get your tickets, please contact Anne Laporte to make other arrangements.



SUMMER PICNIC

Clondike Park - Tuesday July 17th

Sign-up in June and July!

Tickets are \$10.00 per person.



This is a subsidized event for your lunch, with lunch provided by Jordan, proud owner and operator of G-BAY Gourmet.

Thank you to the management team for subsidizing this picnic lunch!

Please note that water will be made available to you.

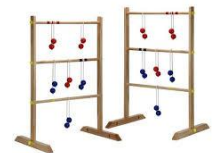
Should you wish to drink pop or something other than water, please bring your own or purchase a drink from the vending truck. *Alcohol is not allowed in the park.

WHAT TO BRING:

➤ Your own pop or cola drinks if you wish



- Lawn chairs
- Games
- Let's play Bingo!



Those who wish to hit some golf balls, the driving range "BIG SHOTS" will be opened to rent a bucket of balls!



AUGUST 2018

**Thursday August 9th - a Two-Hour Boat Cruise
Out of Parry Sound - Tickets are \$39.00 each**
(1.5 hours to drive to get there)
Starts @ 10:00 a.m. and back at noon
Lunch to follow at the Log Cabin Restaurant
LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP IS JULY!



Tuesday, August 21st Keady Market and the Grey Roots Museum Tour



Tour the farmer's market

Stroll through rustic alleys packed with 250 vendors selling a variety of produce ranging from Niagara Peaches to Deli Meats, Home Baking, Crafts and an assortment of other goods!
7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - have lunch at one of the many food vendors there.

After lunch, head over to the
Grey Roots Museum
for a tour starting at 1:00
Seniors Admission fee \$6.00 plus tax
Museum is open until 5:00 p.m.
Sign-up July and August



Friday Golf and Fish Fry Orr Lake Golf Course
Your choice of 9 or 18 holes
Sign-up in July and August

Mini-golf and luncheon

This is being planned for
early September



Tuesday September 11 - Visit to the Art Gallery

McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg - 10:00 a.m.

Senior rate is \$15.00 per person

Lunch to follow at Longchamps Pub



Beyond the galleries, you can explore 100 acres of forested land in the Humber River Valley - from a ridge top "wilderness garden," planted by Robert and Signe McMichael to echo the northern forest beloved of the Group of Seven, to the heritage waterway important to indigenous peoples in this area.

Through a network of outdoor paths and hiking trails, visitors can explore the Ivan Eyre Sculpture Garden, a series of installations and outdoor sculptures, the Tom Thomson shack, as well as the McMichael Cemetery where six Group of Seven members as well as gallery founders Robert and Signe McMichael have been laid to rest.



Several June Birthdays and Anniversaries Were Recognized

GOODWILL CONVENER:

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise **Betty Baker: betty.b@rogers.com**



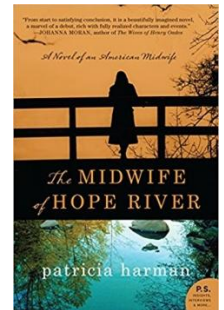
MEMBERSHIP:

At the May meeting we had 108 members sign in. There were no new members, so the membership remains at 165.

HAPPY BOOKERS:

We read *The Midwife of Hope River*. This story transports us to poverty stricken Appalachia during the great depression years of 1930s. Patience Murphy is a Midwife struggling against disease, poverty, prejudice and her own haunting past. There are many strong and endearing characters in this story. We had an interesting discussion about this book. We all liked this book and rated it 3.75.

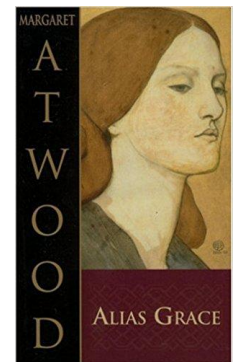
Submitted by Christina Armstrong



THE BOOKIES:

Our group read "*Alias Grace*" by Margaret Atwood. It tells the true story of Grace Marks, a teenage servant, who was found guilty of murdering her employer and his mistress housekeeper in the Upper Canada of the 1840's. We all enjoyed the details of life in that era and the attitude toward mental health and the roles played in society by males and females. We wondered at the end whether Grace was truly insane or was she super intelligent. Although none of us admitted to being a fan of Margaret Atwood, we recommend it and scored it 4.5 out of 5. Enjoy your summer reads and see you in September.

Submitted by Tom Donohue



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB:



We read *Lion* by Saroo Brierley. Lion is a remarkable true story of a five year old boy who got lost in India and was not able to return to his family until twenty five years later. Saroo and his family lived hand-to-mouth in a poor village in India when one day he went with his brother Guddu to the Burhanpur train station where his brother was looking for work. Saroo first fell asleep in the station and then went looking for his brother on a train. He was not able to get off the train until it reached Calcutta more than a day later. Thus began a long period of survival on the streets of Calcutta and many frightening adventures.

He eventually was adopted by a loving, supportive couple in Hobart Tasmania in Australia. After about twenty years he began an intensive search for his birth family in India with the help of friends, Google Earth and Facebook. Through perseverance, determination and luck Saroo was finally able to make the trip to India in 2012 to meet with his family. Our club members all found the story very interesting and heartwarming and rated it 4 out of 5.

Submitted by Lyn Rice

DINNER AND A MOVIE

The Dinner and a Movie group will take a break for the summer (June - August). Peoples' schedules these next few months are such that our anticipated attendance will be low. We will commence again in September.

Have a great summer.

Sandy / Ron Hanson

THE ARCHIVES:

If you have anything worth archiving in our records or would like to look up anything from our past newsletters, please submit them to **Dennis Moise** our Archivist. Dennis.moise@gmail.com

BOOK EXCHANGE: For the Love of Reading Book Exchange Program - Exchange your previously *Loved Book* for a *New Adventure!* Contact Rita Benacquista - 705-429-1911



WHAT'S MY LINE:



Carolyn Cassells introduced Russ White as the contestant this month and stumped everyone. In Russ's youth he did bicycle deliveries for a local drug store.

SMILE FOR THE DAY:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS!!!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday July 3rd, 2018

At the Recplex

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.

NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in the July Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter editor, Jayne Edwards, jpedwards@live.ca by **July 21st**, 2018