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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: May 1st, 2018

Wasaga Stars Arena

Speaker: Mathew Fells, Simcoe County Archivist

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, April 2018

I am sure you were all as shocked as I was to see all that snow and ice when we should have been looking for robins and crocuses in our lawns. Oh well, Canadian winters can be surprising but I think we probably have seen the last of it and the birds can come home now.

We are holding a Silent Auction at our next meeting in May to raise some funds for our 15th Anniversary celebration in June. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them on May 1st. If they don't sell, please take them home again.

Funds we make from the auction will go toward a nice free lunch at the June meeting. Please sign up so we know how many we can expect to stay for lunch. The club is funding the lunch beyond what we make in the auction. Don't Miss the "FREE" lunch.

Our June meeting will be an all day celebration for our 15th year as a Probus club in Wasaga Beach. Next month's newsletter will list all the activities. We are looking for performers. If you can sing or dance or tell jokes, how about volunteering?

We are also looking for our missing Probus Banner and our old photo albums. If anyone has any idea where we could locate these, please let one of the executive know.

Regards,

Dennis Moise - VP - Acting President.

APRIL MEETING:

Thank you to our greeters for April, 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 lovely Springtime table décor and **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:

No new members or guests at the April meeting.

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS:

1st PRIZE: \$40.00	Alex Sunderland
2nd PRIZE: \$26.00	Peter Gribbon
3rd PRIZE: \$22.00	Chuck Christie



Alex was absent for the photo

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

Dinner at our Place

Rickey Lemire 422-1738

MARCH SPEAKER:

Joanne Mille introduced Diana Freitas who spoke about the importance of Organ Donation and shared the personal journey she and her family went through when her husband Demus needed a liver transplant. She gave many interesting and somewhat shocking statistics about the number of people who are waiting for transplants in Ontario. 4,500 people are on lists for transplants and of those 75% are waiting for kidney transplants. One donor can help 8 others. The presentation was one of hope.



SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SPEAKERS:

May - Mathew Fells - Simcoe County Archivist
June - Diane Nagel - 15 Anniversary Celebrations

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

BUSINESS REPORT:

Dennis wants to remind everyone that the new term for the committees starts in August and he is encouraging all members to get involved and consider volunteering on existing committees or start new ones. He and Al Grondin will discuss this with the members at the May meeting.

SILENT AUCTION IN MAY:



Betty Baker spoke about the Silent Auction which will take place at the May meeting. The proceeds will go to pay for the luncheon and the celebration of our 15th Anniversary to be held at the June meeting.

For the May meeting, please bring "things that people would be interested in buying, no junk please!"

If the item doesn't sell, you take it back home with you!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

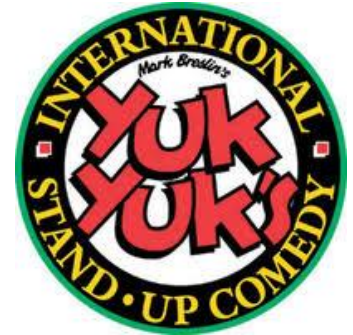
**REMINDER - Please bring your cheque book to the meetings!!
NO CHEQUE.....NO SIGN-UP!**

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.

May 2018 -

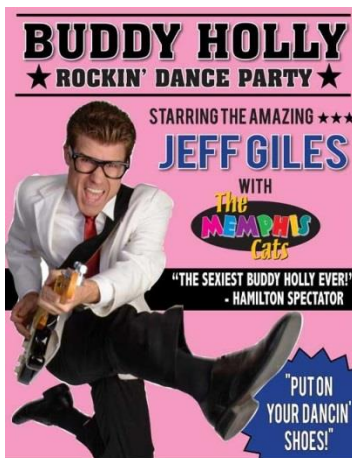
YUK YUK COMEDY – DINNER AND SHOW

SATURDAY May 5th —COUNTRY LIFE WASAGA BEACH
Doors open at 6:00 – Roast Beef Dinner @ 7:00 – Show @
9:00 p.m.



Enjoy the dinner and evening of laughter! If you do not yet have your purchased ticket, please see Tony at the social committee table. This sale is now closed!

Thursday May 10th – Tribute night – Buddy Holly



Buddy Holly: The “Rockin Dance Party” is a fun filled audience interactive theatrical presentation starring international tribute artist Jeff Giles. ... Backed by the amazing Memphis Cats band, you’ll hear all of Buddy’s biggest hits including, “Peggy Sue”, “That’ll Be the Day” “Rave On” “It’s So Easy” “Oh Boy” and “True Love ...

**Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound - 7:30 p.m. performance
Dinner at Norma Jean’s Bistro in Owen Sound 4:30 p.m.**

Enjoy the performance. If you do not yet have your purchased ticket, please see Anne at the social committee table. This sale is now closed!

Thursday May 24th – COMEDY – the Birds & the Bees

Matinee at 2:00 p.m. – Cost \$40.00 per ticket
Gayety Theatre Collingwood

For those interested – Dinner to follow

This raucously funny new comedy tackles love, sex, science, family and the artificial insemination of turkeys!



Enjoy the performance. If you do not yet have your purchased ticket, please see Anne at the social committee table. This sale is now closed!



BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS

**is celebrating its 15th YEAR on June 5th
at the Probus meeting**

Planning is underway for the 15th Anniversary celebration of Beachcombers Probus. If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills for this event and sharing your memories of its founding and your experience of being a member of the years, singing a song or telling a joke... please let us know and contact the social committee. We welcome everyone's ideas!

A FREE LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL MEMBERS WHO SIGN UP! We encourage you to stay and celebrate with all members. Please sign the form at the social committee table if you are staying for lunch. **For those members who have special food concerns**, have allergies or need to eat gluten free, please let us know so that we can accommodate your needs! There is a separate sheet to sign if you have any food concerns. See the social committee.

“Performers Wanted” – Anyone interested in participating in some fun, on stage entertainment for this celebration, please contact the social committee.

June 2018

Saturday - June 23rd

HORSE RACING & BUFFET DINNER

Georgian Downs is a leading provider of Standardbred racing, pari-mutuel wagering, slots and entertainment in central Ontario.



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



A \$10.00 cash deposit per person is required at the time of sign-up.

We will give it back to you when you show up to gamble!

**BUFFET is \$30.00 per person
SIGN-UP NOW!**

July 2018

King's Wharf Theatre

TUESDAY JULY 31st

Play at 2:00 p.m.



Tickets are \$42.00 each – SIGN-UP NOW!

Grab your poodle skirt, pull on your bobby socks, and get ready for fun with a rock 'n' roll musical celebration featuring classic hits of the Baby Boomer era!

Chuck, the owner of a struggling diner must grapple with the possibility of selling his beloved haunt. As he relives the moments and music of a simpler time, from the early rockin' sounds of Bill Haley to the beautiful ballads of Brenda Lee, the voice of an entire generation is revealed.

Entertaining and energetic, this joyous jive down memory lane will tickle your funny bone and touch your heart with its classic tunes and retro style.

SUMMER PICNIC

Klondike Park – Tuesday July 17th

This event is still being organized.
Further details will be provided next month.
Sign-up in June!



STILL TO COME - WATCH FOR DETAILS for more summer fun!

- Summer Golf tournament - Duntroon
- Boat Tour - Parry Sound
- Mini-golf and luncheon
- Keady Market and Grey Roots Museum Tour - August on a Tuesday
- Corn Roast and Golf - Orr Lake - mid to end of August



Several Birthdays and Anniversaries Were Recognized

GOODWILL CONVENER:

A get well card was sent out to Greg Lemire who is recovering from hip surgery.

A sympathy card was sent to Ruby Dimock regarding the passing of her husband Raymond Dimock. A Heart and Stroke Remembrance was also purchased.



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**

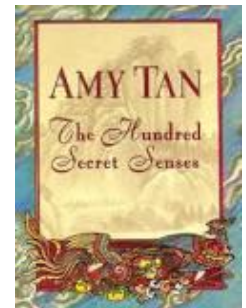
MEMBERSHIP:

At the April meeting we had 75 members sign in. There were no new members, so the membership remains at 166.

First Edition Book Club:

The Hundred Secret Senses by Amy Tan.

This author basis her writings on opposing views and traditions between Chinese and American culture. Mysticism and mother issues seem to be a theme in most Tan novels.



The reader is introduced to 2 half sisters, who are unknown to each other in the beginning. Kwan was raised in China and came to America in her late teens. Olivia was raised in America and a toddler when Kwan joined their family. The beginning of the story spans the years in America with the sisters in disagreement on most subjects. The majority of the novel is set in China. We pick up the story in mid life, Olivia, a photographer, is now married to Simon, who is an accomplished writer. Kwan convinces Olivia and Simon to visit her village and relatives in China. The main objective was for her to connect with the past, for Simon to write a book, with Olivia taking photographs to accompany. Kwan, is a loving, person with much to forgive in her life, and Olivia is quite the opposite, bitter, ungrateful and insecure, who doesn't communicate well with anyone. The majority of the novel is linked to Chinese legends, beliefs and traditions while introducing them to Olivia and Simon.

Our group discussion came to the conclusion the novel was" tedious" and, in parts, disjointed and unnecessary. Instead, we recommend reading Tan's novel, "The Joy Luck Club".

We rated this book a 3 out of 5

Reviewed by: Betty Keyes

THE BOOKIES:

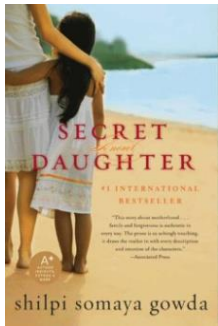
"Cool Water" by Dianne Warren is an enjoyable, relaxing read about the various interactions of everyday life in the fictional small town of Juliet, Saskatchewan. The novel tales place all in one day and night and the author delves into the hearts and secrets of the characters. We all highly recommend it and scored it 4.5 out of 5.

Tom Donohue



HAPPY BOOKERS:

Title: Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda



A lively discussion was had regarding this interesting story of the birth in India of a female child whose mother begs to spend one day with her knowing the child will not be allowed to live due to a culture that favours sons. The birth mother secretly takes her child to an orphanage in hopes the child will be adopted. The story interweaves the story of both the birth and the adoptive parents plus the daughter who is loved by both mothers and her adoptive father. The book was rated 3.5 and most members would recommend it.

Irene Donohue

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

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT:

After taking a break last month the group was back at it again for April. We had 21 people come out to Swiss Chalet (Collingwood), for good eats and great conversations. The most popular movies of choice for the group were...Black Panther, and Tomb Raider.

If you wish to join the group for future outings please get in touch with Sandy / Ron Hanson (705) 422-0227 or email [@ rhanson99@rogers.com](mailto:rhanson99@rogers.com).

Our movie night for May will be May 16th, 2018.

Sandy / Ron Hanson

Contact Ron or Sandy at: rhanson99@rogers.com

Or 705-422-0227



DINNER AT OUR PLACE:

Due to a decline of Probus members partaking in the Dinner at Our Place activity, these dinners will be discontinued. I would like to thank those who participated. It was fun while it lasted.

Rickey Lemire - 422-1738

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](tel:705-429-1911)



WHAT'S MY LINE?

Carolyn Cassells was away this month, so there was no What's My Line.
To volunteer for What's My Line, contact:
Carolyn Cassells bigbirds@rogers.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday May 1st, 2018

At the Wasaga Stars Arena

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.

NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in the May Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter editor,
jpedwards@live.ca by May 19th, 2018