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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

**TODAY'S SPEAKERS: LORNE KENNEDY, UNITED WAY OF SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY
AND JEAN OOSTRUM, REFERENDUM RESOURCE OFFICE**

If any members wish to purchase Probus Logo wear it is available at Lasting Impressions in Stayner.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker was Doug Garraway, former Vice-President and General Manager of the Barrie TV station, CKVR which is now known as the "A" Channel.

In the early 1960's Doug walked into the CKVR offices and asked if he could play the organ on TV. He was told to play quietly and was taken to a studio where he played a piece. The station was impressed and asked him if he would like a full time job for a new show playing the organ and doing production. Doug happily left his job at the tire factory and launched his career. The station kept promoting Doug until he finally made it to Vice-President. He retired when "A" Channel took over. During that same period in the 60's, Doug applied for the position of church organist and choir master. He endured a rather negative interview as the church wanted someone with a degree and formal training. A short time later the then current church organist called in sick and the church, in desperation, called Doug and asked him to cover the Sunday services. Doug's only question was "Will I get paid?" The church eventually hired him and he has been with them for 46 years.

Mr. Garraway entertained us with stories of the many celebrities he has met including several Prime Ministers and Whipper Billy Watson who he has remained friends with ever since. We enjoyed hearing about the adventures of Doug Garraway and he was great fun to listen to. Thank you Doug, for taking the time to come and speak to us!

PAST SOCIAL EVENT: SEPTEMBER BOAT CRUISE LUNCH AND THEATRE

On September 18, we set sail from Orillia harbor on a glorious late summer day. The route took us past many fabulous homes with gardens and boats to match. Lunch was delicious, with three different salads, mixed vegetables, wild rice and chicken. Dessert consisted of a variety of cheese cakes and fresh fruit. The boat must have been carrying a heavier load on the way back! We arrived at the Orillia Opera House shortly before two o'clock, to see the play, "Stage Door Canteen". Much to our amazement, Beachcombers Probus could have a choir! When we heard all the great voices singing the old songs so well, there was a great harmony. There were five lucky winners of draw prizes and two 50/50 winners. It was such gorgeous weather, that if we could guarantee it, perhaps we will have an all day cruise next year? Submitted by Marilyn Evans, Social Committee member.

(A huge thank you to Marilyn Evans for organizing this very successful event!)

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE TICKETS ARE ON SALE TODAY FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

OCTOBER 17th – MYSTERY CAR TOUR - \$25.00 PER PERSON

This is your last opportunity to purchase tickets. The car rally is a fun-filled event which challenges the driver's skillful operation of a motor vehicle through the pretty Ontario countryside while following detailed directions. There will also be many questions that will test the passengers' powers of observation. A rest stop is planned following the first leg of the tour and dinner will be, as usual, at a surprise location at the conclusion of the tour. A wonderful menu is planned. It is advised that members car pool (the more, the merrier) for this fun and memorable

event. Also, please dress appropriately for the weather, as at least one person from each car will be required to get out at certain locations in order to answer questions. Weather permitting, everyone is encouraged to get out, stretch their legs and enjoy the challenge! Perhaps a camera and/or binoculars will enhance your enjoyment.

NOVEMBER 20th – SILENT AUCTION AND LUNCH - \$7.50 PER PERSON

Tickets are on sale today and also at our November 6th club meeting. Members are asked to bring any new or gently used items they wish to donate to this event to our November club meeting. The price includes 60 silent auction tickets and a lunch. Donors will receive additional auction tickets. Everyone will be able to purchase additional tickets on the day if they wish. Please telephone Irene Donohue (429-0644) or Heidi Haessler (422-0288) if you wish to drop off items for this event at their homes.

CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

The Social Committee will be selling tickets for a Christmas basket filled with delicious chocolates and nut treats (valued at \$100.00). This beautiful basket was specially made up for this raffle by Rheo Thompson Candies of Stratford, Ontario, and was purchased in Stratford by Marilyn Evans. The items in the basket are of the highest quality. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the draw will be made at our December 4th club meeting. In order to give as many people as possible the opportunity to purchase tickets they will be on sale at today's meeting and also at our November and December meetings. Please print your name and telephone number on any tickets you purchase, this way, if you are not at the December meeting or if you misplace your ticket, your name will still be in the draw. You will be telephoned if you are not present during the draw. Good luck, everyone!

DECEMBER 7th – CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE - COLLINGWOOD LEGION - \$25.00 PER PERSON.

Tickets for this annual event will be on sale today and at the November 6th club meeting. Ticket price includes a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, deejay, dancing, prize baskets and door prizes. We will not be able to sell tickets at our December 4th club meeting as we have to give the legion caterers the final number of people expected for dinner no later than November 28th. The social committee needs empty baskets to fill with special items for the draw. Please bring empty gift baskets you wish to donate to our Probus meeting in November or contact Irene Donohue (429-0644) or Heidi Haessler (422-0288) if you are unable to attend the November meeting and would like to drop off baskets. Thank you.

Please call Irene Donohue (429-0644) if you wish to purchase tickets for any of the above events and you are unable to attend a club meeting prior to the event.

2nd ANNUAL BEACHCOMBERS CRAFT SALE

Shop early for Christmas at the Beachcombers Craft Sale during our November 6 meeting where talented members will display their hand made and one of a kind items. Anyone interested in being a vendor, please contact Doris Willis at 429-7835. This year, there will be no charge for a table.

SEPTEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

- 1st Prize of \$71.00 was won by Mo Parkes
 - 2nd Prize of \$44.25 was won by Kay Knab
 - 3rd Prize of \$35.24 was won by Maggie Higgins
 - 4th Prize of \$26.50 was won by?
- Gift certificate for Galaxy Theatre was won by Shirley Allan

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

(If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee.)

The special interest groups are open to Probus members only.

*	Book Club	Contact Lucille Mancer	422-0143
*	Happy Bookers	Contact Mary Barnes	429-2142
*	Dinner at our Place	Contact Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact Maggie Higgins	422-1338
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835
*	YOYO's	Contact Joan Maloney	422-0573

The **YOYO's** (You're On Your Own) are a group of individuals wanting to share in good fellowship, potlucks and amusing activities. We meet on the 4th Wednesday morning of the month. Call Joan Maloney @ 422-0573

Dinner at Our Place: TO ALL MEMBERS

I am happy to report that our dinner club has a 5th house for our monthly dinners which starts up this month. This brings the number of members participating to 40. Since a few couples have moved from our "Substitute" list to the regular rotation, we do need more of you to join us as an occasional guest. This winter we have many going south for periods of 1-3 months and I will need and welcome YOUR participation to fill in. You have seen our photographs of various social events, you have talked to some who are a part of our group, why don't you join us and give me a call? I will be glad to answer any of your queries.

Does this fit your description?

1. I like to cook and prepare favorites dishes as well as try new recipes.
2. I like to have fun, share a lot of laughs and get to know members over the course of an evening.
3. I enjoy the experience of welcoming people to my home and entertaining.
4. I like the fact that others are responsible for preparing courses which they bring to my home that evening.
5. I like the fact that I will only host once every 4 months.
6. I like the fact the other 3 months I will be a guest in another member's home.
7. Finally, I would love to attend the group socials: the annual Christmas party in December, and the annual barbecue in August each year.

After you finish reading the above, please inquire about your participation with these super group of people.

Betty Keyes 429-6064 keyes1@sympatico.ca

The Happy Bookers Retreat – Reported by Joanne Scruton

The "Happy Bookers" club enjoyed their annual retreat at The Clyffe House on Mary Lake in the beautiful Muskokas where the deer run freely and our husbands were no where to be seen. Although the weather didn't fully cooperate it didn't deter us from enjoying morning walks, pedal boats and an outdoor scavenger hunt. A few brave hearts actually went swimming. Our amazing and talented games director, Chris Armstrong kept us quite busy with all her ingenious games. We hardly had time to complete one of our main objectives which was to review two books.

1) The children of Men by P.D. James. In the year 2027 the human race faced extinction by the inability to reproduce. Chaos prevails until it is learned that one woman has become pregnant, the first child born in 27 years. There is now hope for the future.

2) Charlotte Gray by Sebastian Faulks. Charlotte is portrayed as a strong independent, focused and skilled Scottish woman who becomes caught up in the war effort to help liberate France while pursuing her own mission of locating a downed RAF pilot.

Being at one with nature enjoying sumptuous food and the comradery of a group of friends focused on the same goals is the recipe of a successful retreat...who could ask for anything more.

Book Club

Our new book club had their 1st meeting on September 27 to meet each other and organize. Anyone wishing to join can contact Lucille Mancer @ 422-0143. Our October reading assignment is "Belonging" by Isabel Huggin.

The **Fair Weather Walkers**, as the name implies, walk when the weather co operates. However we have been caught in downpours and blizzards but have always managed to complete the course. The route begins at the Powerline Road Skidoo trail and except for two small hills, is easy to walk. Our pace is unhurried yet steady and gives us plenty of time (about an hour) to observe the ever changing world around us. We have been known to see deer, a variety of birds, the occasional porcupine and even a black bear. (But he was too far away to cause us too much worry!) Please join our friendly group any Friday at 1:30. We enjoy laughter and good conversation which always carries to Tim Horton's afterwards.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Members take turns hosting the lunch, which is an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, laughter and gossip. We are now at our maximum membership limit of 12 ladies. Call Maggie Higgins @ 422-1338 if you want to be on our "wait" list.

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 @ 428-3209 if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

Dorie the cat has been found and all is well. Mo Parks would like to thank everyone for their interest and concern.

BEACHCOMBERS SELLERS PAGE

Sellers must be members of Probus Beachcombers. Email your submission to Joanne Scruton (stan.scruton@sympatico.ca) or add your submission to the list which is posted on the bulletin board at each meeting. Please notify Joanne immediately when your item has been sold. **Items will be listed for a maximum of 3 months.**

1. Sears Treadmill with weights, bench press and monitor \$250. Call Aeron Raab @ 429-4965
2. Stationary Bike with tension control \$75. Call Aeron Raab @ 429-4965
3. Electric Organ \$175. Call Aeron Raab @ 429-4965
4. Matching 3 piece chesterfield, love seat and chair. Gray floral pattern with wine and green flowing through it. Very pretty, all three in good condition. \$300 for all 3 pieces. Call Shirley Brett @ 429-8907
5. 4 Michelin Arctic Alpine 215/65R15 winter tires with steel rims and wheel covers. \$85.00 for the set or best offer. Call Ken Wong @ 422-1338
6. Almost new 4 wheel garden cart. \$35.00. Call Ken Wong @ 422-1338

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrated in September!

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 (Linda Willis @ 429-0467) of any changes to your address, phone number 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 death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Marilyn Ruse @ 422-0271) - if you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached @ 429-6064.

PROBUS BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs wanting to make others aware of new ideas, upcoming events and any other information they would like to share. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm

NEXT MEETING:

NOVEMBER 6

ALL STARS ARENA

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

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/7washern.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer)

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
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