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Anne & Rudy Hochkirchen

SPEAKERS:

Patrice McCammon

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Doug McCullough

OTHER COMMITTEES

REFRESHMENTS:

Joyce Throop

NEW MEMBERS:

Kathy Dunnett

LUCKY DRAW:

Carole Ridout / Linda Trigg

DECORATIONS:

Carol Stonehouse

GOODWILL CONVENOR:

Betty Baker 422-1909

NEWSLETTER :

Jim Desormeaux

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AUDIO VISUAL:

Wayne Crone

NEXT SOCIAL MEETING:

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President's Corner



Where or where has the summer gone? Here we are in September once again. I hope and trust that you all have been keeping healthy and occupied over these past few months.

Your new executive team has taken the reigns effective this September. I am sure that you will join me in expressing our appreciation and thanks to the previous team for all of their efforts during this strange and trying covid season.

The Executive Team for the upcoming year is truly fortunate to have so many of the prior team members returning for another season (Jim Desormeaux / Newsletter, Kathy Dunnett / New Member, Rudy & Ann Hochkirchen / Membership, Patrice McCammon / Speakers, Doug McCullough / Social, Betty Baker / Goodwill, Carol Stonehouse / Decorations, Carol Rideout / Lucky Draw, Joyce Throop / Coffee, Wayne Crone / Audio Visual, and of course Colin Throop / Past President.

New to the positions this year are Tony Svirplys / Vice President, Kathy Zack / Treasurer, Linda Trigg / Secretary, and myself Ron Hanson / President.

Your Executive team continues to meet every month and will now be exploring ways in which we can perhaps schedule social events within the covid guidelines. We are also going to be exploring special speakers and / or entertainment for when we are finally able to resume our general meetings.

I thought it would be beneficial for the executive team to provide a short personal bio / photo for this issue, that you can view further into this newsletter. You will be able to put a face to a name for those newer members.

On the COVID UPDATE FRONT....there is nothing new to report of any consequence....we are still limited to gatherings of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors. I have recently spoken with Chris Roos who is the Director of Recreation, Events, and Facilities who assure us that as soon as things open up further or there are any significant changes in their procedures that they would be in touch with us.

Have you ever wondered....why we say it? * where it came from? * how it happened? * why we do it? i will be including in this and future newsletter, answers to many of the things that you wondered about. for this month.....here is your nugget of knowledge.

Why do we call luxurious living a "***posh existence***" ?

In the days of their empire, British tourists travelled by ship from England to warmer climates of India and the Mediterranean. Wealthy passengers on these voyages demanded cabins shaded from the sun, which meant being on the port side on the way out and on the starboard side on the way home. Tickets for these cabins were marked "POSH", which stood for Portside Out, Starboard Home, and posh stuck as a word that signified luxury.

And that is your little nugget of knowledge for this month.

KEEP HAPPY / HEALTHY / AND ENGAGED.

Ron Hanson

YOUR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

September is the beginning of our club's fiscal year. Though we will not be accepting membership as such, we still do have a full Executive. We would like to introduce each of our Executive members along with a short bio so that you can get familiar with them.

PRESIDENT: Ron Hanson



FAMILY HISTORY:

Moved to Wasaga Beach from Oakville with wife Sandy in 2007

Have 4 adult children and 6 wonderful and energetic grandchildren

WORK HISTORY:

Graduated from Laurentian University (Sudbury) in 1973.

Sears Canada – 1973- 1987 / Westpoint Stevens (Home Textiles) 1987 – 2007

PROBUS HISTORY

Joined Beachcombers Probus in 2007

SPEAKER: Patrice McCammon



FAMILY HISTORY

33 years on the farm and farm supply business first with my parents then my husband

- 3 daughters (one deceased) and a grand daughter
- divorced and went into sales

WORK HISTORY

Ciba Geigy Garden products

-Re/max broker/owner real estate Sold business 1990 -Canadian Federation of independent Business district manager -retired President junior Achievement Hamilton Director Hamilton chamber of commerce 28 years in Rotary (5 x Paul Harris fellowship Rotary International) Hospice fund raising chair Blues fest sponsorship sales Plus many other volunteer roles Citizen of the year in 2014 Order of Wasaga 2015.

PROBUS HISTORY

Speaker Committee

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 Cuisiniers](#)

Joan Porter - 429-9260

[Genealogy](#)

Barb Christie - 429-1749

[First Edition](#)

Sharon Wood – 429-4691

[Happy Bookers](#)

Jan Bivall - 429-7584

[The Bookies](#)

Judy Morrison - 705-429-6611

[Kitchen Bridge](#)

Betty Keyes - 429-6064

[Euchre Night](#)

Jayne Edwards – 422-0793

Doug McCullough - 429-7075

[Book Exchange](#)

Rita Benacquista – 705-352-0505

[Dinner & a Movie](#) [Vacant](#)

PAST PRESIDENT: Colin Throop



FAMILY HISTORY

My wife Joyce and I moved to Wasaga Beach. We moved from Ajax where we lived for 40 years. . Following their move to Wasaga Beach Colin became a volunteer member of the Age Friendly Community Committee where he served a three year term of office.

WORK HISTORY

I was an employee of Ontario Hydro working in Project Management positions within many of the mega projects built in the province during the 1970's and 80's. During the late 1990's he was on the executive of the Hydro's Professional Employee's union including two years as President. Following his retirement in the early 2000's he worked on the refurbishment project at Bruce Power for 5 years.

PROBUS HISTORY

I have been Past President, has been a member of Beachcombers Probus club for 5 years. Previously we were members of the Durham West Probus club in Ajax

VICE PRESIDENT: Tony Svirplys



FAMILY HISTORY

Moved to Wasaga Beach from Brampton with wife Violet in 2007
Have 2 adult children and 2 amazing teen age granddaughters

WORK HISTORY

Graduated from Guelph University with an Engineering Degree in 1974
Eagle Machinery Co. in London, Ontario; Great Lakes Fabricating in Petro Chemical Industry in Sarnia, Ontario; Peel Regional Police 1975-2007

PROBUS HISTORY

Joined Beachcombers Probus in 2008

Have previously been a member of our Social Committee

TREASURER: Kathy Zack



FAMILY HISTORY

Twenty years ago, I moved to Wasaga Beach from Oakville with Brian Currie. Shortly after that we joined Beachcombers Probus. Over the years,

WORK HISTORY

In 2003, I retired from Bell Canada after 28 years.

PROBUS HISTORY

Shortly after moving to Wasaga we joined Beachcombers Probus. Over the years, I served as Treasurer for 4 years and also as President of the New Waves Ladies Probus.

MEMBERSHIP: Ann e & Rudy Hochkirchen



FAMILY HISTORY

following their retirement they both took up new challenges, Anne in Real Estate and Rudy as a Travel Guide. In 2003 they decided to tear down their cottage here in Wasaga Beach and build their retirement home. Although the house was finished in 2005 they didn't make the move from Unionville to Wasaga until 2007 and they have love living here, They have two sons and so far 3 grandchildren.

WORK HISTORY

Rudy and Anne are both retired teachers

PROBUS HISTORY

They have made great friends and enjoy the Probus Group

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Doug McCullough



FAMILY HISTORY

Married to Best Friend & wife for 50 years Lynn McCullough.

WORK HISTORY

Worked in Management for Oshawa Foods (Food City Division) 1969 to 1974 at Kimberly Clarke of Canada Territory Sales Manager in South Western Ontario from 1974 to 1988

Store Owner of McCullough's Food Market Inc Paisley Ontario 1988 to 1995

Store owner of Wasaga Beach IGA / Foodland 2 locations on Mosley St &

River Road west 1995 to 2012 Retired in 2012.

PROBUS HISTORY

Have held 2 positions in Beachcomber PROBUS

1. Speakers Chair person for 2 years
 2. Social Convener chair person 2 years
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NEW MEMBERS: Kathy Dunnett



FAMILY HISTORY

We moved to Wasaga Beach in late 2007 and were looking to meet new people. We have lived in 6 different cities within Ontario and 2 times in Edmonton AB. Each one has been an interesting adventure.

WORK HISTORY

Being a Registered Nurse, I had the opportunity to enjoy a varied career along the way.

PROBUS HISTORY

My husband John and I have been attending Beachcombers since April 2008. And as they say, my how time flies when you are having a good time. Over the years I have volunteered to assist with Membership as needed and presently, I have been the New Member point of contact for 3 years.

NEWSLETTER : Jim Desormeaux



FAMILY HISTORY

Born in Montreal. Married 47 years to Judy and have 4 great children and 4 energetic grandchildren. Moved to Wasaga Beach from Port Perry in 2012.

WORK HISTORY

Work at Ministry of Transportation as an Acoustical Technologist for 4 years and then Ontario Hydro (Ontario Power Generation) for 32 years as an Industrial Hygienist Technologist at the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

PROBUS HISTORY

I have been the Newsletter Editor and Web Site Coordinator for 2 years with the Beachcombers and doing the same for 4 years with the Men's PROBUS Club of Wasaga Beach



Secretary: Linda Tripp

FAMILY HISTORY

Married 50 years and lived in Wasaga for four years. My son lives close by in Wasaga and my daughter lives far away in Switzerland. We have 5 beautiful grandchildren. We both love to play Bridge.

WORK HISTORY

Worked in Brampton as a Law Clerk for 27 years

PROBUS HISTORY

Hold Secretary position

AUDIO VISUAL: Wayne Crone



FAMILY HISTORY

Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, then family move to Regina . Moved to Ottawa – finished public school and high school there. Moved from Sudbury to Wasaga Beach in 2006. Married Janet and had a girl (Wendy) and boy (Dan – deceased)

WORK HISTORY

BScEE from University of New Brunswick

Canadian GE in Application Engineering for pulp and paper drive systems. Left CGE to work in heavy industrial including copper and brass in Ontario and then Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Returned to Canada and ended career in Sudbury in Mining environment.

PROBUS HISTORY

Joined Beachcombers Probus in 2016



It is with great sadness that we have just been informed that Betty Keyes has just passed away this morning.

Betty has had a long time battle with cancer, and has not been able to participate in any club meetings or activities for some time now.

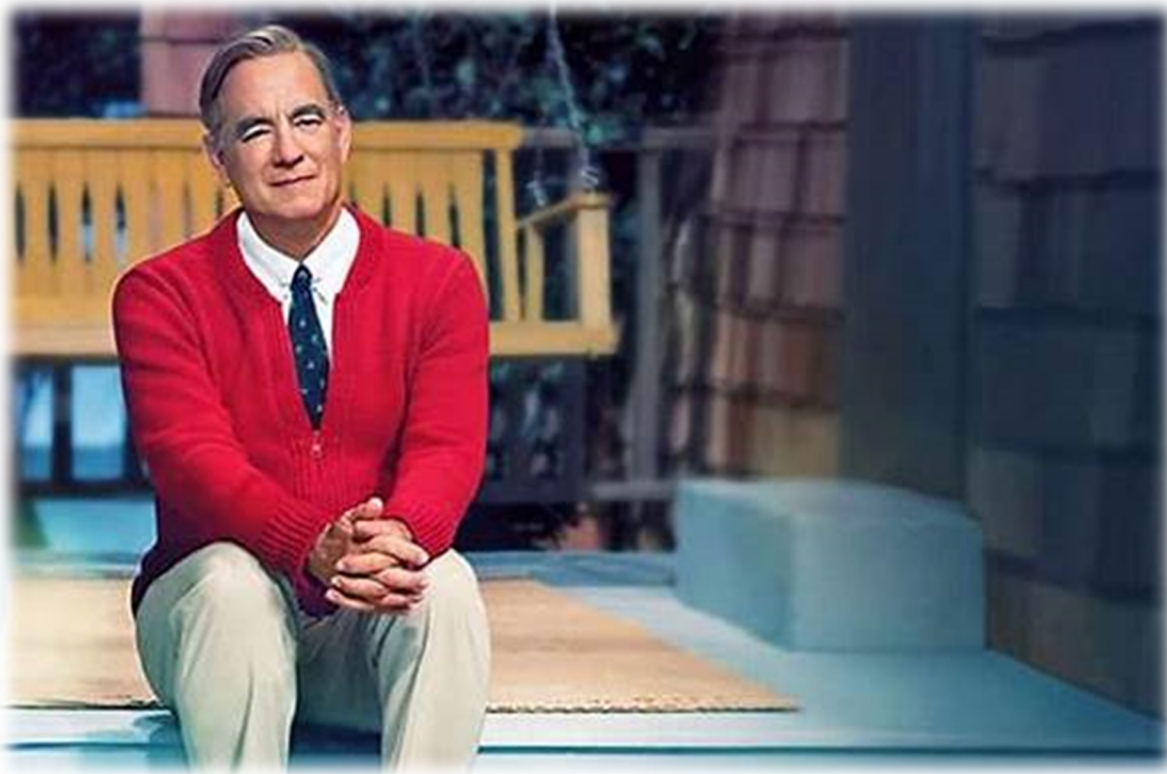
Betty Keyes was one of the founding members of beach-combers PROBUS club, and had been active in most activities and social events.

Betty had initially formed the bridge club, and was also involved in the book club.

I am sure that you will join us in extending our thoughts and prayers to Bob and family. She will be greatly missed.

There will be no public funeral arrangements, however donations can be made to CAMP-BELL HOUSE in Collingwood.

NEXT SOCIAL MEETING:
September 15, 2020 At the Recplex Bandshell



Movie: it's a Wonderful Day in the Neighbourhood (starring Tom Hanks)

FREE: Movie Night on Tuesday September 15th at 7:45 pm for Beachcombers PROBUS members
Movie will start at 8 pm at the Bandshell behind the Rec Plex.

Cost is FREE. The movie is It's a Wonderful Day in the Neighbourhood (Starring Tom Hanks) Bring you own lawn chairs, blankets and a jacket to keep warm remember it is September. Also bring face masks in order to use the washrooms inside the Rec Plex **you must wear a face mask** (Covid 19 rules) and we will be the only allowed to have 100 people so please get there early.

NOTE: We do have some room for guests but please limit yourself. Thanks.

What is That Called Contest:

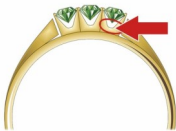
1. What is that body of water called:



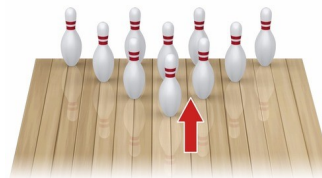
2. What is the tool called



3. What is this area called



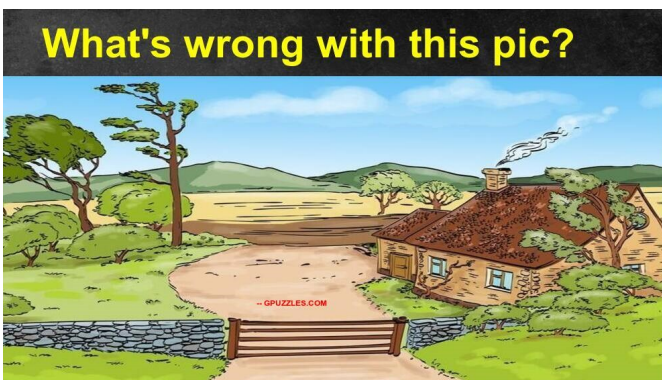
4. What is the area called



There was no one that answered all four correct but Jayne Edwards came the closest. Good for you. Here are the answers:

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| 1. Lagoon | 3. Bezel |
| 2. Pestle | 4. Pocket |

Here is a new puzzle for this month



Take a look and send your answer to

beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

ALL GENERAL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Note: Submissions for the October Newsletter should be sent to

beachcombersprobus@gmail.com by September 20, 2020