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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

ENTERTAINMENT BY NORTH HARMONY CHOIR

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY SANTA CLAUS

NOVEMBER SPEAKER WAS GEOFF RITCHIE, ONTARIO SECURITIES COMMISSION

Well, Geoff Ritchie certainly was interesting! Investment fraud is big business and we must stay alert to the signs. If it sounds too good to be true, then walk away, it's not true.

Some investment red flags are unsubstantiated guarantees, high return and low risk, tax advantages or avoidance, operations are offshore or unknown, "secret" investments, unsolicited offers, an unregistered seller, vague details.

The top ten fraud schemes are pyramid schemes, unlicensed individuals selling securities, unregistered investment products, promissory notes, senior investment fraud, high yield investment schemes, internet fraud, variable annuity sales practices, and oil and gas schemes.

Remember! Protect your investments, ask questions, establish realistic goals, and diversify your investments and your source of advice. Understand what you invest in and the risks. To check to see if a seller is registered, call the OSC at 1-877-785-1555. For more information go to the OSC website at www.sedar.com

JOB PROFILER – ALBERTO HAIRSPRAY

Being the shy guy that he is, Alberto would prefer not to be a speaker, but he has kindly provided us with a copy of his job profile for inclusion in this newsletter.

My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned, I couldn't concentrate. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it so they gave me the axe. After that, I tried to be a tailor but I just wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a sew sew job. Next I tried working in a muffler factory, but that was too exhausting. Then I tried to be a chef, figured it would add a little spice to my life, but I just didn't have the thyme. I attempted to be a deli worker but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard. My best job was being a musician; eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy. I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patience. Next was a job in a shoe factory, I tried but I just didn't fit in. I became a professional fisherman, but I discovered I couldn't live on my net income. I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining. So then I got a job in a workout center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a historian – until I realized there was no future in it. My last job was working in Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind. So, I retired and found I'm perfect for the job!

NOVEMBER 18 SOCIAL EVENT – GEORGIAN DOWNS RACETRACK

As reported by Maggie Higgins

What a great time everyone had at Georgian Downs Racetrack!

The peel and eat shrimp and the roast beef on the buffet, along with the varied salads and hot dishes made for a delicious dinner. I think just about everyone took a turn at the chocolate fountain holding skewered pieces of fruit under a sinfully decadent shower of warm chocolate!

After dinner the races started. I know next to nothing about betting on the horses, but luckily there were "instruction" booklets at each of our tables. Some people knew what they were doing and at one point Joan Porter mentioned to me that Ray was doing quite well. (I'm not sure what that meant, but I can pretty well guarantee you that hitting up our esteemed president for a loan won't work). The rest of us bet on a horse because we liked its name or because of what we'd manage to glean about the horse from the write up in the racing form. Two dollars was the minimum bet. Now we all know that winning a two dollar bet isn't going to put you on easy street, but losing the bet also won't put you in the poorhouse. Being my cautious self, of course I made only two dollar bets and I actually won a couple of times! I walked away with maybe ten dollars less than I'd arrived with. Not bad for a good night's entertainment!

Thanks to Vivian Sheridan and Gloria Harasowsky for organizing this event.

DECEMBER 2 CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE – COLLINGWOOD LEGION

There were 121 tickets sold. Thanks to Sandra O'Halloran for her creative gift baskets again this year. Thanks to all the girls who were involved in the making of our table decorations. Thanks to Terry McDonald for donating one of his beautiful prints for our raffle.

A full report on the Christmas party will be published in the January issue of the Wasagan.

PROBUS HAPPENINGS

Watch for three new Probus logo signs that will be going up soon as you enter town on Hwy. 92E, Hwy. 26S, and Sunnidale Rd. S. Each of the four Wasaga Beach Probus clubs will share the cost of \$43.13 per club.

On October 27 our President Ray Porter hosted a meeting, at the Superstore, of the area Probus Presidents and other invited guests. There were discussions on how the other clubs were handling various situations and everyone emerged from the meeting feeling more a part of the bigger whole!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

CURLING & LUNCHEON

STAYNER CURLING CLUB

WED, JAN 18

Cost will be **\$22.00** for the curling and luncheon. If you prefer to come for the **lunch only, the price will be \$7.00**. Tea biscuits will be served first, and then we'll have curling instruction, curling and finally lunch and prizes. Wear **GOOD** running shoes with lots of tread.

BOWLING

COLLINGWOOD

WED, FEB 15

Cost will be **\$12.00** (cost includes shoes). We will be bowling 3 frames with no limitations on time. Dinner will be at **Tony's Skillet** (4:30-5:00 pm and at your expense) with prizes for bowling as well as a door prize.

MINI PUTT AND LUNCHEON

THE PUTTING EDGE, BARRIE

WED, MAR 9

Cost will be **\$10.00** plus lunch at your cost (restaurant being organized). The Putting Edge has mini putt with black lights and we will play 11 am to 12 noon. Prizes and door prize will be given out!

INTEREST SHEETS

It has been decided to combine the Honda and Toyota plants tours and do only the **Honda Plant Tour** in Alliston. Interest sheets are out for the **Honda Plant Tour** and the tour of the **OPP Headquarters** in Orillia. Diane Nagel will be in charge of the OPP Headquarters tour. **At today's meeting, Joan Porter will be asking for volunteers from the membership to take charge of the Honda Plant tour as well as someone to head up the YOYO's (You're on your own) Special Interest Group.**

NOVEMBER'S LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$59.75 was won by Maria Servaas

2nd Prize of \$24.90 was won by Marie Jaques

3rd Prize of \$14.95 was won by Marg Richmond

Isabel Rose Quirie, a visitor from England won theatre tickets. She left them for sister, Judith Turner and husband Paul to use in her stead.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Dinner at our Place	Contact	Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact	Maggie Higgins	422-1338
*	Golfing Around	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Gary Willis	429-7835

Instead of participating in dinners this month, the **Dinner at Our Place** gang will be having a special cocktail party as one group to celebrate the holiday season.

Would you like to join us as a replacement for those who are on vacation? We rotate the duties; however as a substitute you would **never** have to host a dinner. You would be assigned an appetizer, or a 1st course of soup or salad or a dessert to bring that evening. We now have a full roster of 4 houses participating with 8 people at each house. You would enjoy good food, super company and interesting conversation. This has proven to be a very winning interest group with Probus. Speak to any member who is a part of this group and you will find they enjoy these evenings very much. Give me a call. I would be happy to explore any questions you might have about the dinners and welcome your participation. Betty Keyes – 429-6064

The Happy Bookers Club. For the month of November we are reading the Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. The Toronto Star described the book as follows: "A stunning first novel which puts a human face to the recent events in Afghanistan....A moving portrait of friendship, loyalties, the difficult relationships between fathers and sons, and of the clash of culture."

Future reading schedule: Standing in the Rainbow by Fannie Flagg for December and The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad for January.

We meet every third Monday of the month, if you are interested in joining us; please contact Joanne Scruton at 422-0976.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at the Blueberry Trail Parking Lot. Contact Luci Worch or Gary Willis for more details. The walk lasts about an hour and the coffee break after the walk is worth the effort. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunch, which is run as an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, discussion, laughter and gossip. Call Maggie Higgins at 422-1338 for more information.

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

A NEW GROUP!

We would like to form a new social group to be called the **YOYOs (You're On Your Own)**. Individuals looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatre, restaurants, bowling, etc. will want to be part of this dynamic new club. There is an interest sheet available at today's meeting. **We are looking for one person to coordinate the YOYO's activities.**

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Everyone has an intriguing life story to tell. Give a thought to sharing your biography with the Probus membership! Call Betty Baker at 422-1909 if you are interested in presenting your profile.

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Copies of the *Wasagan* will no longer be automatically mailed to absent members. For those with internet, the newsletter can be found at our website at www.probus.org/5wasbcnrn.pdf or by using any search engine and typing in the word *Wasagan* and follow the link to the site. **If you do not have access to a computer, please notify us in writing at the newsletter station and we will continue mailing you your copy when you are not able to attend the general meeting. Under no circumstances will the newsletter be mailed out of the country.**

STROKE IDENTIFICATION

Please read this, you could save a life.

During a BBQ a friend stumbled and took a little fall – she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food – while she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital – (at 6:00pm, Ingrid passed away). She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ – had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours, the effects of a stroke can be totally reversed. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking 3 simple questions.

1. **Ask the individual to SMILE.**
2. **Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS**
3. **Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (Coherently) (i.e.... It is sunny out today)

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher

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 (Deborah Ferris) of any changes to your address, phone no., 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 deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card. Get-well Wishes, Best Wishes, and Condolences to anyone we may have missed.
- Our New Members Ambassador, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached at 429-6064.

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Ray Porter	429-9260	Goodwill:	Lynda Trimble	429-3402
Vice-President:	Chris Armstrong	429-7805	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
Treasurer:	Harry Durrant	429-3071	Social:	Joan Porter	429-9260
Secretary:	Doris Willis	429-7835	Refreshments:	Orlene & John Fost	429-9479
Past President:	Luci Worch	422-0062	Speakers:	Betty Baker	422-1909
			60/40:	Kay Knab	429-5547

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE NEW YEAR!