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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: STEVE DONOGHUE,  
ALL INSPECTION & PROPERTY SERVICES**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE – IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO PLEASE  
SUBMIT A CHEQUE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP CONVENORS TODAY**

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This being the first of my messages for the following year I would like to thank all of the esteemed Past Presidents for their contribution to the Beachcombers Probus Club in helping to make it the great club that we enjoy today. The Past Presidents are Diane Nagel, Luci Worch, Ray Porter, Christina Armstrong, Tom Donohue, Betty Baker and Bob Bowyer. It is quite an act to follow. I would also like to give a very special thanks to all the committees and their convenors for their contributions in all the social aspects of the club. The social part is most important in keeping the club going. The Management Team will be working to make this coming year as successful as in the past.

*Don Caron*



### **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GREETERS!**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER PLEASE SEE BETTY BAKER.

### AUGUST SPEAKER

Bill Brodeur is the Coordinator of Marketing and Media Relations for the Huronia Historical Parks. Bill came to speak to us about the Métis Day Festival at Discovery Harbour in Penetanguishine. Bill first gave us a brief history of the area. The British naval base was built in 1817 as a response to the war of 1812. However, it was too expensive to maintain so in 1834 they brought in the Military. It was a combined Naval and Military base from 1834 to 1856. They had three ships in the harbour; the HMS Bee, the HMS Mosquito and the HMS Wasp. Even back then they had problems with these nasty pests! The two groups kept the base in good repair and the ships in a state of readiness.

The Métis Nation is comprised of descendants of people born of relations between Indian women and European men. The initial offspring of these unions were of mixed ancestry. The genesis of a new Aboriginal people called the Métis resulted from the subsequent intermarriage of these mixed ancestry individuals. The Métis descendants now live throughout Canada. "Bo'jou Neejee" is a welcome greeting derived from the French and Aboriginal languages. The 2010 festival will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Métis Day Festival and will include music, jigging (popular dance), artisans, hands-on activities, horse drawn wagon rides and demos. The special feature of the day will be the Métis Fiddler Quartet. This talented group

performed at the 2010 Olympics. If you did not make it to the Festival this year keep it in mind for next year.

### **Welcome To Our New Members:**

Valerie Motrin, Sheila Halpert and Bob Pitchforde, and Maureen and Peter Buttkee

### **PAST EVENTS**

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010 - SEE HOW THEY RUN**

About 50 Probus members enjoyed this outing at King's Wharf. It was a fun comedy with lots of surprises. Draws determined who won the leftover funds. Best of all, the weather was beautiful and sunny, just right for a picnic for some of us before the show. Our thanks go out to Marilyn Evans for securing our booking and all her behind the scenes work.

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010 - PROBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

This year's Probus golf tournament, held at Batteaux Creek Golf Club was enjoyed by all who attended; approximately 60 members played golf and another dozen or so joined us for dinner. *Everwood* was also there to entertain us during dinner. Batteaux Creek is a very well run and well groomed course (thanks to some of our members). We all greatly enjoyed a barbecued steak dinner after the match. Many golfers commented on the possibility of having next year's tournament at Batteaux Creek. Longest drive prizes were won by Ron Hanson and Marg Pirk. Closest to the hole were won by Brian Currie and Mary Quesnelle. Many door prizes were given out to very happy members and the 50/50 winners were Erie Vanderknokke and Bob Harasowsky (who also won a door prize). Our thanks go to Michael James for organizing the tournament as well as buying all the prizes and to Kathy Zack for all her help in dealing with golf course management over many of the details.



### **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010 – HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY**

Our first Halloween Party at Country Life Estates is sure to be an event you will not want to miss. Tickets are \$20 and are for sale today. There will be a DJ (Gene Stephenson), dancing, a cash bar and prizes. A light meal of roast beef on a bun, salad, veggies and dip, dessert and coffee and tea will be served later in the evening. If you do not want to wear a costume, just come and enjoy yourself.



#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 – GAMES NIGHT**

This event will be held at the Prime Time Club. The price is \$20 and tickets go on sale today. We will start with dinner – KFC chicken, salads, rolls, dessert and tea and coffee followed by games of your choice for the evening. Snacks will also be served. There will be darts, shuffleboard, cards (euchre, bid euchre, bridge), billiards and bingo. Come and enjoy the fun!

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2010 – CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE**

Our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held on Friday, December 3 at the Collingwood Legion. Tickets will be available at the October meeting.



### **POTENTIAL EVENTS FOR 2011**

Your committee is hard at work thinking about events for the new year. Curling, bowling, a sleigh ride and chili dinner, another trip to Georgian Downs, a mystery dinner event and a wine tasting evening are just some of the ideas you may hear about in the coming months. If you have ideas for a social event tell any member of the Social Committee. Our goal is to plan activities and outings that you will enjoy.

**AUGUST LUCKY DRAW WINNERS - PLEASE BRING COINS TO BUY YOUR LUCKY DRAW TICKETS**

1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$60.00 – Monika Burchell

2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$37.00 – Penny Rivat

3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$30.00 – Gail Dawe

4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$22.00 – Pat Caron

Gift Certificate for \$40.00 at Boston Pizza – Kathy Dunnett

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:**

Best wishes to those who celebrate in September.

**“MEET YOUR MEMBER” – WE NEED YOU!**

**Please consider presenting your profile.**

Contact Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. Betty will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Golf	WE NEED YOU!	
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Book Worms Club	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU!	
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227			

**\*\*Please let Vincy know if there are any changes to the SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP information.\*\***

**Kitchen Bridge**

'Come Score With Us' - Would you like to join our bridge club for a fun get together? Eight enthusiastic members take turns hosting 2 tables of 'Social Bridge' on the second Wednesday of the month. Perhaps you played the game at one time and would like to return with a group you already know. We need and welcome spares when our regular members are not available. Give Betty Keyes a call; we would enjoy adding your name to our group.

**First Edition Book Club**

Our Club was unanimous for the first time. *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill was rated 4.9 out of 5. It is a powerful story of loss and survival about an 11-year-old girl who is taken from her village in Central Africa for the slave market in Virginia. She is marched for 3 months to the coast chained by the neck to other slaves to arrive at the ship. Once in Virginia she is sold. Aminata is a very intelligent girl and keeps herself alive by learning and telling herself to remember. She delivers babies, learns the use of herbs and learns to speak, read and write English; she also learns math. Her husband and two children are taken from her and sold as slaves but still she survives. Eventually, after the Civil War, she goes to Shelbourne, Nova Scotia as a free person for working for the British. However, the people of Nova Scotia did not want the Africans, so eventually they are returned to Africa. She finds it difficult to settle in Africa again so she goes to work in England for the slave abolitionists.

The reader cannot put this book down. If you can, get the illustrated version of *The Book of Negroes*.

**Happy Bookers Club**

The Happy Bookers have been on hiatus for the summer.

## Daytrippers

July 29 was a beautiful summer day so the Daytrippers headed to Thornbury. Our first stop was *King's Court Antiques* which is a very unique antique store. Then we went to *SiSi on Main* where we enjoyed a fantastic lunch. They have the best crême brûlée! After lunch we were surprised, and very pleased, to find so many unusual boutiques. On the way home we stopped at *Ladies Designer Fashion* and *Home Zone Bed Bath & More* stores that have opened in the new Cranberry Mews. These shops have designer clothes, sheets and towels at discount prices. It was truly **A Grand Day!**

In August the Daytrippers had lunch at *SerendipiTea* and then did some window shopping on Midland's main street. We were surprised at the number of decent shops for a town the same size as Wasaga. The excursion was topped off with 'refreshments' on the waterfront. In November we plan to go to '*First Light*' at *Ste. Marie Among the Hurons*, which is where we were originally headed before being waylaid.

## ROMEO - Men's Breakfast Group

The **ROMEO** (Men's) Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship and a good breakfast. We rotate between 4 or 5 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be at **FUD GRILL (Edenvale Aerodrome) on Wednesday, September 29 at 9:00 AM**. We have 27 in our group. If at any time you wish to join us please call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.

## DON'T FORGET:

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted at the front of the room. Please read them!
- **Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011:

<b>President</b>	Don Caron	429-0308	<b>Membership</b>	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
<b>Vice-President</b>	Michael James	429-7207	<b>Refreshments</b>	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
<b>Past President</b>	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	<b>Lucky Draw</b>	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Barnes	429-2142	<b>Goodwill</b>	Shirley Brett	429-8907
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kathy Zack	429-0033	<b>Newsletter</b>	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
<b>New Members</b>	Betty Baker	422-1909	<b>Social</b>	By Committee	
<b>Speaker and Profiles Chair</b>	Monica Kristen Mary Barnes	429-9635 429-2142			

## NEXT MEETING

**OCTOBER 5, 2010**

**WASAGA STARS ARENA**

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

Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tags.

