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OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR JUNE 3, 2003 – JUNE 3, 2013

JANUARY'S GENERAL MEETING
Today's Speaker: Bob Morgan talks travel

President's Message



Well, here it is another year to celebrate. I hope that everyone is blessed with good Health and Happiness in 2013. There have been a lot of tragedies occur in the month of December and I know that we have all thought of them and offered our prayers for recovery. There have been a lot of things planned for the New Year by the Social Club so let's get behind them and offer support for their activities that are coming up in the New Year. This is going to be a quiet month so that everyone can get over the Christmas rush. Am I getting older and it seems that there is not enough time in the day to get all the things done that I used to do in one hour. As you can see by the picture I am thinking about something (with a glass of wine in hand) that does not appeal to me --- well this is so. I am celebrating the 27th Anniversary of my 50th birthday this month. But thankfully I am doing this with

Charlie and thoughts of many good years ahead of us. Happy New Year, folks.

Last Month's Meeting



Thank you to the Sweet Adelines who did a nice job of putting us in a Christmas spirit. The following photos may capture some of the mood.





If the singing didn't brighten your day, I bet you loved those sweet treats (on the plates) at break time. Thanks ladies. And if that did not make your spirits bright, did the man in the red suit help you? Thanks, Ron, oops, Santa. The clincher had to be the management group singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."



DECEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



- 1st prize of \$64.00 ---- **Chuck Davidson**
- 2nd prize of \$40.00 --- **Joe Baxter**
- 3rd prize of \$32.00 ---- **Judy Hutton**
- 4th prize of \$24.00 ---- **Gary Willis**

Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Bradford Nursery was won by **Chuck Davidson**.

Cookie plates were won by **Linda Marshall, Rod Ranta, Ron Searl, Vincy Stephenson and June Davidson**.

PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS

THANKS JACK

Here is a story which was gleaned (Thanks to Marilyn Evans) from The Herald in Alliston, Ontario, about John (Jack) Reynolds Morris. You may ask: who was John Morris? He was an Ontario businessman involved in life to the fullest both personally and professionally but the reason he is mentioned here is he brought the concept of the Probus Club to Canada. He was introduced to it during a trip to Australia and New Zealand in 1981 and the first Canadian club was formed in Cambridge, Ontario in 1987 thanks to his initiative. It has been highly accepted and there are now 217 clubs in Canada with 30,000 members. John (Jack) Reynolds Morris died in Alliston on December 1, 2012 and is fondly remembered by Probus. Rest in Peace, Jack, and thanks

Social

PAST EVENT

The Christmas Dinner Dance on Friday, December 7 was a success as 107 people attended. Here are just a few photos showing off smiles of fun.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

No social events are planned for January.

Visit the social committee tables if you are interested in attending any of the following events.

Potluck Lunch & Games Afternoon

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 – Stars Arena – following the February general meeting.

Whoever plans to stay for lunch, should let the Social Committee know what food they plan to bring to the lunch



BOWLING

Wednesday March 13th 2013

Bowling at Georgian Bowl in Collingwood. Price and time to be advised.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Tuesday April 16th 2013

Visit to The Georgian Downs for dinner and the evening races.

Expected time 6 pm. Cost to be advised.



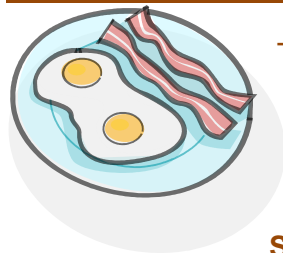
The happy diners in Thornbury

RESTAURANT GROUP VISITS THORNBURY BISTRO

Here is an item which got left out of December's issue: my apologies to the Restaurant Group.

On Monday November 19th the Restaurant Club had dinner at the Simplicity Bistro in Thornbury. What a wonderful experience. The food was great! The Staff was very accommodating. We all had a very good time. We would highly recommend this restaurant to anyone looking for a great night out.

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 last gathered at **YAMMAS GRILL** on **WEDNESDAY NOV. 28, 2012 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast. This was our last breakfast for 2012.

In January we start up our Men's Breakfast group and we will be gathering at **Mosley Street Grill on Wednesday, January 30, 2013**. The new owners are Mike and Luci.

We have 25 in our group. If you wish to join us for the first time call Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579. We try to give them an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.

DINNER AT OUR PLACE CHRISTMAS EVENT



The **Dinner at Our Place** group had their annual Christmas soiree at the Donohue's this year and many members participated in an evening of eating, chatting, singing and several members witnessed a surprise dance by Linda and Monica during a karaoke tune.

ARCHIVE BOOK



We have had challenges continuing photo records of club events, like Book Club weekends. As a tenth anniversary initiative, Sandra Hanson has agreed to archive photos for the club. So, take some pictures of your special interest group, committee etc. and give them to Sandra Hanson to be included in the book. At the next meeting, be sure to check what a fabulous job Sandra is doing.



Daytrippers

The Daytrippers did not go on a trip last month but they did manage to travel to Betty Keyes' house for a lovely Christmas luncheon.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in January.



Special Interests Contacts

Special Interest	Contact Name	Phone No.
PM Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584
First Edition	Betty Montgomery	429-6854
Happy Bookers	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Restaurant Dinner Club	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
ROMEO – Men’s Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579

THE HAPPY BOOKERS CLUB



December book review - LITTLE PRINCES by Conor Grennan

Little Princes is the refreshingly honest and uplifting story of 29 year old Conor Grennan, who sets out looking for fun and adventure and finds maturity and true purpose. (Quote from Booklovers Review)

Conor traded his day job for a year long trip around the globe, a journey which began with a three month stint volunteering at the Little Prince’s Children’s Home, an orphanage in war torn Nepal.

When Conor learned the truth about the children’s situation, that they were not orphans but were pawns for Child Traffickers, he was stunned. The Traffickers promised the families in remote villages that they would take their children to

safety from the civil war for a huge fee. They would abandon the children far from home in Nepal’s Capital, Katmandu.

For Conor, what began as a footloose adventure becomes a commitment to reunite the children with their families. He risks his life on a journey through war torn Nepal to locate families and warn them about the traffickers.

Conor marries a coworker from the orphanage and returns to the U.S to raise funds for the orphanages. Conor founded the Next Generation Nepal, a non-profit organization that helps reconnect trafficked and displaced children with their families and communities. Conor is still actively involved with the daily activity of the organization.

This book was rated an average of 4.3. Everyone enjoyed it.

Editor’s Note and Book Review: **50 Sheds of Grey**: A very quick and humorous read. Like its inspiration, it is not literature, but is funny.



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB

In December, the First Edition Book Club had a pot luck Christmas luncheon at Vincy’s beautifully decorated house. Eleven out of thirteen ladies attended the luncheon. We missed the two ladies who could not be there with us. We had a wonderful meal thanks to everyone’s help. The food was delicious. There was lots of laughter and good conversation. Gene was there to take pictures of us all which you can see below. We will certainly plan this Christmas get together

again for next year. Best wishes for the Christmas season and good health for the New Year.

MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBER – Member profiles may be a rare thing now but that does not mean we do not want to hear from you. If you are able to manage a personal profile, step up and let us know. Most of us would also love to hear from you regarding a hobby or a trip you may have taken. If you have photos to support your presentation, that is all the better.

MEMBERS WHO PRESENT THEIR PROFILE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A FREE BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS MEMBERSHIP!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

AND if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups below, or want to find out more information regarding the group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity.

AND if you wish to submit some interesting information regarding your group or submit a good, short joke and/or a photograph, please contact the newsletter editor **Tom Donohue** by email at least a week before the next monthly meeting.

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!

Membership Changes

Please make the following changes to your membership list:

Add:

Clint and Carrie Nesbitt 705-322-2217

51 Amelia Street
Elmvale, ON L0L 1P0

Change the information for the following:

Ben and Bernice Sacchetti,

35 Illinois Ave
Wasaga Beach, ON L9Z 3A8

Don and Marion Belgum

34 Harbour Crescent
Wasaga Beach, ON L9Z 1G5



Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Shirley Brett. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.**

Cards were sent to Ted Van Ravenstein, Robin Wood and Terry McDonald.

If we missed anyone, please let us know.

- Our New Member Ambassador, **Betty Keyes**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

Upcoming Speakers

It has been decided to give you advance notice of who the speakers are and their areas of expertise so you can prepare for the meeting and perhaps even send questions in ahead of the meeting to assist the speaker with specific areas of interest. If there is a specific topic of interest you would like to cover please contact

Marilyn Ruse (422-0271) or **Irene Donohue** (429-0644).

February - Susan Staples – Home for Life

March – Tracy Jarratt – Wasaga Beach Planning

Please submit ideas/questions/concerns to either **Marilyn Ruse** or **Irene Donohue**



Management Team Meeting

At the left is December's Management Team meeting at the Hanson's. The team meets at a different home each month to discuss club matters. It is always a fun group. **Judy Morrison** was absent on this day as she was welcoming her brand new grandson into the world. Congratulations to Judy.

Management Team for 2012 - 2013

President	Betty Baker	422-1909
Vice-President	Ron Hanson	422-0227
Past President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Secretary	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765
New Members	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Speakers and Profiles Chair and decorations	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
Membership	Judy Morrison	429-6611
Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Lucky Draw	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Social	Bryan Stephenson	422-0037
Archives	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY'S NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

Arrive early on Tuesday, January 8 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 A.M. Remember to bring your Probus mug and to wear your Probus name badge (or you'll be fined, remember!).

**OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013
The Wasaga Stars Arena**



SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY