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**SIX VOLUNTEERS
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NOVEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Fraser Muir and his WWII remembrances



Ross Dawe

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November holds special significance for Canadians. Often the changing weather is matched by our somber remembrance of sacrifices made in years gone by courageous Canadians, sacrifices that have allowed the

rest of us to enjoy our daily lives and concentrate on hopes for the future.

November is truly a time for quiet reflection, a time to recognize just how wonderful life in Canada is, and to realize that the freedom and prosperity many of us have enjoyed throughout our lives is due to the courage and determination demonstrated by our brave veterans in battles that may have taken place years ago, but battles that have never been forgotten and never will be forgotten.

It's especially fitting this year when members of our current armed forces are embarking on missions to combat evil and terror in the Middle East to solemnly remember past as well as present Canadians who have served this incredible country with courage and honour. We think not only of them, but of their families who have to deal with the worry of having loved ones in harm's way or with the unbearable grief of losing a loved one who has made the ultimate sacrifice for his or her country. Let's all take a few minutes at this time of year to realize just how fortunate we are and to fully appreciate that our good fortune came as a result of the incredible sacrifices made by members of our armed forces, both past and present. We can never thank our veterans enough for what they have done.

Lest we forget



OCTOBER'S MEETING

THANK YOU TO OUR GREETERS FOR OCTOBER:
Don and Marg McFadyen. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Ron Hanson.**

Guest Speaker: **Dave Morrison** introduced fellow **PROBUS** member **Lance Wright** who gave us a brief profile of his life as a drummer. He showed and demonstrated several instruments finalizing his presentation with a drum solo. **Lance** received a rousing standing ovation for his show. He was very informative as well as entertaining. Well done, **Lance** and thank you for sharing your wonderful gifts and talent with us.



OCTOBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

Lucky Draw : Joan Maloney

1st PRIZE : Ron Hanson

2nd PRIZE : Bob Harasowsky

3rd PRIZE : Doris Willis

It was the decision of the Executive that a portion of the winnings be put into the Speaker's Fund in the event that a speaker requests payment for a presentation.

\$ 43.00 has been entered into that fund.

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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

October 2014- Georgian Manor mini-putt

Last month 26 members of the club went to Georgian Manor resort in Collingwood for our lunch / mini-putt golf tournament. Unfortunately the weather conditions prevented the group from completing the golf portion of the day. However we all had an enjoyable lunch and were provided with golf rain checks that we can use perhaps next year.



November 2014- ctv studio tour



For our November 12th event, we had a greater than expected response to our ctv Barrie studio tour / Market Grill lunch. We have had to date 50 people signed up, but unfortunately the studio can only handle a maximum of 30 people per tour. We have arranged an additional tour of the studio, however ctv could only accommodate us on December 10th. We will determine the participants for

both tours during the November general meeting. As a result of the second tour we can still accommodate another 8 - 10 members.

December 5th 2014 - Christmas Event



December 5th, 2014 is the date for our annual Christmas dinner / dance at the Collingwood Legion. We have had 70 people sign up at the October meeting.....and will continue to allow people to purchase tickets during the November meeting. The cost is \$30.00pp for members and \$35.00pp for guests. During the November

meeting you will have the opportunity to arrange you own table seating.

Note: The last opportunity to get tickets will be at the November meeting, so please come prepared with cheques. Also for those of you who signed up in October but did not purchase tickets, please do so at the November meeting.



January 2015 - Games Day



We will be scheduling our ever popular games day / potluck immediately following the general meeting on Jan. 6th, 2015. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November meeting, so start thinking about what mouth watering dish you want to bring as well as what game to bring.



Thank you for your support..... Ron / Al / Herb / Betty / Ross / Barb

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team.

Special Interest	Contact Name	Phone No.
PM Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Porter	429-9260
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Daytrippers	June Davidson	422-0960
Dinner at our Place	Diane Nagel	422-0835
First Edition	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
Happy Bookers	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579

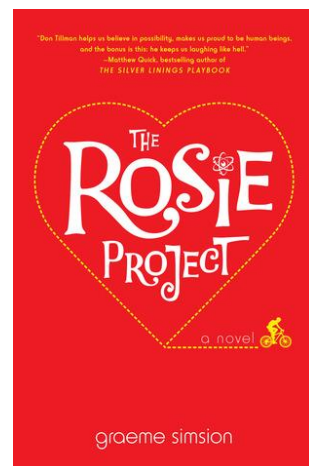
Happy Bookers Book Club

Our October read was The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion. This is a funny and heartwarming book about Don Tillman who has a brilliant scientific mind but has no social skills. At age 39 he's never had a second date so embarks upon his Wife Project, a 16 page questionnaire to find the perfect partner.

Then ... in walks Rosie.

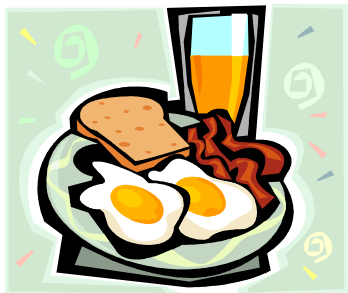
There are many laughs in this novel, while at the same time it gives us serious reflection and insights into high spectrum autism, and our need for identity, companionship and love.

We would recommend this book and rate it 3.5.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and



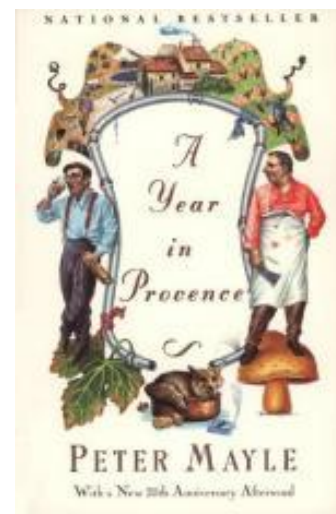
breakfast. In October we met for breakfast and conversation at Mosley Street Grill.

We now have 29 serious **ROMEO'S** on our list, who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579 to get on the list. We send out a reminder a few days ahead to find out how many can make it. We try to give the restaurant an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.

Our next breakfast is scheduled for **9:00 AM on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at Georgian Family Circle Restaurant.**

FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB

We read **A Year In Provence** by **Peter Mayle** This is a novel about a British couple who vacationed in Provence, France for a number of years and then decided to purchase a 200 year old dilapidated farmhouse, pull up roots and move there. The entire novel is written in chapters, month by month, on the trials and tribulations of dealing with trades' people through massive construction problems, meeting and living with the local neighbours, while trying to assimilate within the new culture and community. All this in addition to coping with the unruly weather. We had mixed reviews on this book, those who liked it enjoyed it for the easy read, the amusing, if not frustrating, situations experienced throughout the year, picturing ourselves taking on this challenge. There is not much dialogue but the story is descriptive and flows easily. If you love food you will be envious over the multi- courses they partake of while getting to know the neighbours, and wonder how the French manage to spend numerous hours consuming so much food. On the other side of the review, were those who commented there were far too many descriptions of food items, as well as too many construction woes and not enough character development to keep them interested. It was also mentioned that they felt the couple in question treated the local people they encountered not as their equal, but inferior. This novel rated as: 3.75



FIRST EDITION GETAWAY

Our cars loaded down with delicious food items, members from the 'First Edition Book Club' journeyed to The Carriage Hills Resort in September for our annual Getaway. This resort has quite a few amenities for owners and visitors to enjoy as well as an easy drive to nearby communities. We gathered together in a larger Condo for our meals and recreational time together; everyone retreated to their own individual Bachelor Suite at night. Movies and discussions on a variety of subjects, including the Wasaga Beach election, (over perhaps 1 or 2 glasses of wine) with lots of laughter in between, made up our evenings. The grounds are beautifully maintained and the area is super for a meandering walk. An indoor/ outdoor pool, sauna, and hot tub are all there for the guests to enjoy and there are other planned activities throughout each week. One morning our group drove to Orillia where we shopped the downtown area and lunched at The Mariposa Bakery. After our departure on the final day we were off to



Gravenhurst where we picked up items from their large Farmer's Market as well as crafts from various artisans. A lovely way to end our traditional mini holiday was enjoying a super lunch at a restaurant by the water.

PROBUS Ski LEGENDS



PROBUS Ski LEGENDS is made up of members of all area PROBUS Clubs who enjoy skiing and socializing. Each local PROBUS Club has a representative on the Legends executive, from a base of 11 local clubs. We negotiate privileged rates from service providers, arrange Ski Days at the private clubs, and weeklong Ski Trips to western Canada and the United States, plan various social activities, and for those who wish, have guest memberships at Toronto Ski Club (TSC). TSC offers a good place to have lunch, and a great bar and deck. We encourage LEGENDS



to take their Coffee Break about 10.30 am at Central Base Lodge at Blue Mnt, and to welcome others to join them. We issue each LEGEND member stickers for helmets and skis, so they can be easily recognized, and meet others on the lifts and at coffee break (check out the helmets on the tables). We believe in "mix and meet".....don't ski alone!

For more information contact Ken Birse, Wasaga Beach Men's PROBUS, at 705 352 6357 or check our WEBSITE, at <http://www.ProbusSkiLegends.ca> or .com

Membership

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.

NICE JOB!

As always, thank you to **Joan Smith** for making the meeting room look so very welcoming.

GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Vincy Stephenson advises that no cards were sent out this month. Keep up the good health work. Please pass information regarding illness, hospital stays or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Vincy Stephenson**.



Birthdays/Anniversaries

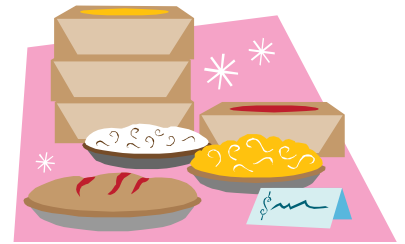
Best wishes to those who celebrate a special day in October.

Our Archivist

Gene Stephenson, our Archivist, would love to see your photos. If you take a good photo at a PROBUS event, perhaps you can share it with **Gene Stephenson** for the Archives.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

FINALLY, about our December meeting where members are asked to bring in treats, Betty Keyes has kindly agreed to act as the coordinator. She will look after a small group of volunteers who will organize the treats and cookies that members traditionally bring to our December meeting. We require a maximum of 6 volunteers who will be asked to arrive at approximately 9:15 on the day of our December meeting. A signup sheet for prospective volunteers will be at the social table during our November meeting. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile event



CONGRATULATIONS BILL

Congratulations to PROBUS member **Bill Stockwell** for being elected to the town council. Bill presented some excellent and original ideas to the electorate and they obviously appreciated his thoughts and the direction he would like to see Wasaga Beach follow. Good Luck to you, Bill.

Editor's Note

***SORRY ABOUT THE ABSENCE ONCE AGAIN OF THE "DO YOU KNOW THIS MEMBER?" SECTION BUT THERE WAS SO MUCH PRINTED CONTENT.

Hopefully, it will return next month.

SEE YOU AT 9:30am FOR NEXT TUESDAY'S MEETING

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER BY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 (Christmas shopping done yet?)
and use the email address: t.donohue@rocketmail.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The "Christmas Treat" Meeting
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014
Wasaga Stars Arena