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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: **KEN HAIGH, TAUGHT IN BHUTAN**



President's Message

I have been pondering all day on what I should write in the President's Message for the April Newsletter. Well! Just a few days ago I watched the 6:00 o'clock news and the weather man announced that this year spring arrives on March 20 at 7:21 p.m. Who really cares if it is 7:21 or not and why is it such a big deal?

For more than 70 years, I and everybody my age have been celebrating the twenty-first of June as the first day of Summer – the twenty-first of September as the first day of Autumn – the twenty-first of December as the first day of Winter and the twenty-first day of March as the first day of Spring. I don't know about you folks, but I ain't gonna change. Why do they have to be so precise?

Thinking about the seasons brings to mind that I became President on August 3, 2010, which is the last full month of Summer. That means I will soon be entering the fourth quarter of my term. The time really goes fast when you are enjoying yourself. I have really enjoyed myself in these first three quarters of my term as we have a great Management Team and a great Membership.

Your continued support at our General Meetings and our Social Events is sincerely appreciated.

Enjoy the Spring!

Don Caron



MARCH'S SPEAKER

Our speaker for March was Helen Hutton. As you know, Helen already presented us with her profile in June of 2009, enthralling us with stories from her childhood in Manitoba, and often leaving us in fits of laughter. She returned this March to speak to us about her passion for photography.

She told us some of the history of photography touching on the old box camera and the durable Brownie. She also related that once upon a time a picture wasn't a picture and was wasted unless there was a person in it. Now that isn't the case as shown by many of the samples Helen brought in and put on display from marvelous sunsets to unusual shots of ice and snow and fruit.

Helen, with the help of Gene Stephenson, put together a compilation of her photographs on a DVD set to music and introduced it to the Club. Everyone watched spellbound and appreciated Helen's keen and sensitive eye that allowed us to see that photography is more than the click of the camera.

Helen is a modest person and doesn't boast about her accomplishments, but if you surf the net and go to www.bayphotoclub.com, of which Helen is an active member, you'll see she has entered several

competitions and won in both the novice and intermediate categories. Congratulations, Helen, and thanks for sharing.

**THANK YOU TO MARCH'S GREETERS, SHARON AND ROBIN WOOD.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER PLEASE SEE BETTY BAKER.**

GOODWILL

A *Get Well* card was sent to Marion Belgum and a *Get Well Thoughts of You* was sent to Christina Armstrong.

PAST EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011 – NIGHT AT THE RACES (GEORGIAN DOWNS)

Once again our outing to Georgian Downs was a blast! We enjoyed the thrill of harness racing combined with a delicious buffet. Those seeking more action experienced the excitement of the SLOTS. The evening was profitable for some but enjoyed by all.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011 – LUNCH AT A SUGAR BUSH

Come out and enjoy a pancake and sausage lunch in Ore Medonte at Shaw's Maple Sugar Bush. We will take a stroll through the sugar bush starting at 10 a.m. and at 11 a.m. have a Pancake and Sausage luncheon. If we are lucky, we may see maple sap being boiled into syrup. Today's meeting is your last chance to get your tickets which are \$14 each.

Directions to **Shaws** from Wasaga Beach:

- East on Hwy 92 to Elmvale
- Right (South) on Hwy 27
- Left on Horseshoe Valley Rd (County Rd 22)
- Right on Hwy 93 to Hwy 11
- Exit Oro-Medonte Line 14
- East 2 KM



TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011 – WINES OF SPAIN AND ARGENTINA

Join the festivities and delight your senses as we take a journey through the wines of Spain and Argentina. Enjoy an evening of wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and good company. The adventure will start at 7:00 PM at the Lions Club, Wasaga Beach. Due to the popularity of this event, we have increased the maximum number of tickets to 60. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold on a first come basis. Don't be sorry – make sure you get your tickets at the April meeting.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011 – MYSTERY THEATRE AND LUNCH

For June's event, we have rented a bus and we'll be off to the Old Mill in Toronto for lunch and a mystery theatre matinee. The production, entitled '*Tangled Web*', features Sherlock Holmes and a cast of 'likely suspects'. Tickets are \$70 each and include your return bus fare, lunch and the theatre. Join in the fun and participate in the solving of a hilarious whodunit!!



MARCH LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

PLEASE BRING COINS TO BUY YOUR LUCKY DRAW TICKETS

- 1st prize of \$38.00 – Ron Hanson
- 2nd prize of \$23.75 – Kathy McKenzie
- 3rd prize of \$19.00 – Valerie Willock
- 4th prize of \$14.25 – Sheila Ewing

\$40.00 Gift Certificate for Swiss Chalet – Brian Armstrong



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrate in April.

"MEET YOUR MEMBER" – WE NEED YOU!

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

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.

NOTE: SOME OF US ARE NOT COMFORTABLE GIVING OUR PROFILE BUT MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A STORY, MEMORIES OF A SPECIAL VACATION, A FAVOURITE HOBBY OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST, LET MONICA KRISTEN KNOW AND SHE WILL SCHEDULE YOU IN!

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	Kathy Dunnett	352-0100	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	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			

First Edition Book Club

In March we read the *Mermaid Singing* by Lisa Carey; this was her first novel. The story was about three generations of women from an Irish background. It was a story full of relationships, passion, anger, betrayal, control, love, sickness and family. We rated the book between 2 and 4 out of 5.

Happy Bookers Club (is at maximum membership)

For the month of March, the Happy Bookers read *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*. Often hilarious, the story had you laughing out loud, and yet there were sad moments too. This novel, written by first-time author Helen Simonson, was a fun read. Imagine walking down a street in an English village and someone opening a door and there stands a man in his wife's housecoat. This is the beginning of the story of retired Major Pettigrew, who set in his ways, follows a daily routine that seems unchangeable. Then he meets Mrs. Ali, the village's Pakistani shopkeeper. The author writes with insight about her characters, carrying them wisely at a good pace through the story, connecting all the threads into one delightful tale.

Members gave the book a rating of 4.1 with strong recommendation.

Book Worms Club

March's book was *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. The book explores the relationship between two Afghan women whose lives become inextricably entwined as the two wives of a cruel husband, against the backdrop of their country's last 30 years of war and political instability. It was a difficult but worthwhile read which sparked lively conversation amongst our group.

The Daytrippers

The Daytrippers' travelled to Barrie to feast on Chinese food at **Treasures of China** and to see **The Lincoln Lawyer** at the **Bayfield 7 Cinemas**. The restaurant is convenient - just across the hall in the same mall. We were pleasantly surprised by the many tasty choices in the Sunday noon buffet. **The Lincoln Lawyer** is a deadly match 'between two masters of manipulation' and it kept us riveted to our seats for almost two hours. We highly recommend both the movie and the restaurant.

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 held at **FUD GRILL, Edenvale Aerodrome on Hwy 26 on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011 at 9:00 AM**. We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011:

President	Don Caron	429-0308		Membership	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
Vice-President	Michael James	429-7207		Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Bob Bowyer	429-0579		Lucky Draw	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Secretary	Mary Barnes	429-2142		Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Kathy Zack	429-0033		Newsletter	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909		Social	Irene Donohue	429-0644
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Monica Kristen Mary Barnes	429-9635 429-2142				

NEXT MEETING

MAY 3, 2011

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.

Have you seen your first robin yet?



Easiest cookies ever! COOKIE "CUPCAKES"

1 package (18 oz) refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough
Chocolate candy kisses, unwrapped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut cookie dough into slices (as directed on package). Lightly spray a muffin pan with vegetable oil spray. Place one slice of dough into each muffin cup and carefully press into pan (forming a shell). Place one candy piece into each cup. (Dough will cook around candy.) Bake 10-12 minutes. Cool cookie cups in pan 15 minutes. Remove to cooling rack and cool completely. They are very good served warm as the chocolate will still be soft ... YUM!

Variation: Use mini peanut butter cups instead of chocolate kisses. Use peanut butter cookies with chocolate kisses or peanut butter cups. Mix different flavoured cookie dough with different candies. Quick and easy ... ENJOY!