

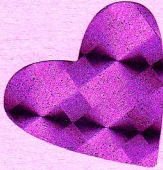


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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

PROFILER: Maureen (Moe) Parkes

SPEAKER: Gerald Cowley, P. Eng., C. Eng.
Anthrax Clean-up in Washington, DC

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Brian Passmore was our Profiler for this meeting. Here is a summary of his story.

Brian was born in Toronto, and attended public school there. At the tender age of 16 he got his first full time job, working as an apprentice photo engraver, making printing plates for cardboard boxes. During his time in high school and later while working, he spent 6 yrs. in the Canadian Militia with the 48th Highlanders becoming a drummer in the pipe band. His claim to fame was one night playing at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City with Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians. Also, during his Militia days, he met Susan at a Regimental Dance and married her 6 months later.

In 1966, he became a construction surveyor with the Highways Dept. and worked on such projects as the Rouge River, Green River and Locust Hill bridges, as well as the layout of the 427 Highway.

In 1969 he fulfilled a life long dream of becoming a police officer with the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force, a career which lasted for 26 years. He served in various capacities, working his way to the level of Sergeant, and later Detective with the Fraud Squad. In the course of various investigations, he had the opportunity to travel to many parts of the world. During his years with the Police Force, he received numerous awards and recognitions for exemplary service. In 1995, the opportunity for early retirement came up and he took it.

Not ready to sit back and relax, he obtained a position with the Insurance Crime Prevention Bureau as an analyst. He was responsible for ensuring the quality of the submitted investigative reports met Company standards, and he also maintained the database of fraudulent insurance claimants. He was promoted to Manager of Information Services with responsibility for the integrity of the Bureau's Claims database. Four years later, his position became redundant when the Company merged with The Insurance Bureau of Canada.

Still not ready to retire, he applied and was accepted for a position as Investigator with the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario to find and prosecute unlicensed dentists, and to investigate complaints against licensed dentists. Finally in August 2003, he officially retired from the College.

The Passmore's have a son and a daughter, and 5 grandchildren to spoil. His retirement leaves him time to pursue his many interests such as hiking, kayaking, cooking, and singing. While they have not yet moved to Wasaga Beach full time, most of their social life is here with the many wonderful people they have met through the Probus Club and the Ganaraska Hiking Club.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

CURLING FOR FUN - **Wednesday, January 19th** - **Stayner Curling Club**

36 "Curlers" (over half were novices) descended on to the ice to play a fun filled draw with lots of good natured competition. At the end of the day, Stan Scruton's team came out on top to win the Pepperette prizes, but everyone who curled won a prize of steaks, a roast or pork chops to take home. After the curling, a delicious lunch of soup* and cold cuts was served to finish the day. Three lucky people won the beautiful Breakfast, Lunch, and Bath Time baskets, and others won the door prize and bottles of wine, etc. raffled off. Everyone had a really good time and many were already planning for next year's 3rd Annual Curling event.

*Because so many people raved about the soup served for lunch, we provide the recipe here.

Hamburger Soup

1 lb hamburger – browned
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp oregano
1/4 tsp basil
1/2 tsp salt
1 envelope onion soup mix

13 oz can tomato sauce
1 cup carrots (chopped)
1 cup celery (chopped)
2 tsp soy sauce
8 cups boiling water
1 cup macaroni

Combine all except macaroni and bring to a boil. Add macaroni and simmer minimum of 1/2 hour.
Serves 12 people

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

5 Pin BOWLING – **Wednesday, February 23rd** – **2:00 – 4:00 pm**
Mariners Cove Sports Complex on Hwy #124, S end of Collingwood **Cost - \$12.00**

There are 8 lanes booked which will handle 40 people. So far, 29 people have signed the interest sheet. The cost includes 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental. A Snack Bar is available for refreshments at your own cost. If there is interest, a group may go out for something to eat (at their own expense) after Bowling at a local restaurant. ***The money must be collected today for those interested in bowling.***

Gayety Theatre, Collingwood - **Friday, March 4th** - **8:00 pm.**
Cost - \$21.40 (15 or more people)

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)
by Adam Long, Daniel Singer & Jess Winfield

One of London's longest running comedies, this record breaking hit performs all of Shakespeare's 37 plays in 97 minutes!! Performed by three overgrown pranksters, this irreverent romp through Shakespeare's entire repertoire features sonnets reduced to eight lines, comedies condensed to a single short sketch and tragedies unmercifully ridiculed – there's even a two minute, abridged version of Hamlet that can (and probably will) be performed backwards.

To date, 38 people have signed the interest sheet. We will collect your money today.

Future Events....

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd

Dyconia Resort Hotel, Wasaga Beach

ROCK 'n ROLL Mystery Dinner, "**The Last Kiss**" presented by the **Beachcomber Thespians**
We will be going back to 1964, the era of the cherry coke and the '57 Chevy's, where the jukebox is rockin' in the corner of the Sugar Shack Café. Elmdale High's head cheerleader, Sue McNaughton, (also known as "Runaround Sue") is found dead under suspicious circumstances. Follow the twists and turns to solve this complex case. The dress for this event will be "50-60's. More details later.

In the meantime we need 8 actors, **(4 of these need to be male)**, a director and several other people to help with props, etc. We had a number of new faces sign the interest sheet last month, but could still use more people, **especially male actors**. The Interest Sheet is still out today so, **men**, please sign up. Rehearsals will start about mid-February.

LATER IN MAY

CASINO FUN NITE

WATCH FOR DETAILS

This is not a fund raising event. We will be issued Funny money for the evening and use it for an auction on several items at the end of the night. **The Interest Sheet is out today so sign up now.**

Past Happenings.....

Our Club received a very nice "Thank You" Letter from the Salvation Army for participation in the **Adopt-A-Family** program at Christmas. Because of the generosity of our members, a local family had a much better Christmas Season.

Members were asked at last month's meeting to check for left-over yarns and to donate them to Shirley Roughley, 29 Silver Sands Cres., Wasaga Beach. Phone No. - 429-3247. She uses them to knit for new born babies at the General & Marine Hospital in Collingwood. Any yarn not suitable for babies, she knits into blankets which are put into the cages with kittens and puppies at the Humane Society. When the animals are adopted, the blankets go with them. She is still accepting any yarns you might have to donate.

Lucky Draw Winners from January Meeting –

1st Prize of \$35.00 was won by Charles Davidson.

2nd Prize of \$22.00 was won by Gary Willis.

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	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Mixed Golf Group	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Group	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Gary Willis	429-7835

The **Dinner at our Place** Club now has 27 people and they need 5 more persons to make their system work. They meet at different host houses monthly, with a group of 8 people at each house who rotate duties of preparing the appetizers, main entree, and dessert. They are also looking for people who are interested in being an occasional substitute when regular members are not available. Call Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for more information if you are interested.

The **Happy Bookers** Book Club will be reviewing "The Life of Pi" by Yvann Martel in their February meeting and we'll get their assessment at a later date. If you are interested in being a part of this "scholarly" group contact Joanne Scruton, the Coordinator.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at the Ganaraska Trail Entrance, off Powerline Rd. The turn-out has been improving with up to a dozen people turning out for the walk lately. A visit to a local Coffee Shop usually follows an hour of leisurely walking through the woods. Gary Willis, the Coordinator, would be happy to have you join the group. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** are working towards expanding their group so more members can have the opportunity of meeting socially while enjoying good food and conversation. They meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunches which are run as an organized pot luck. They are hoping to expand to two manageable groups of 10 people each, with the idea of interchange of people from time to time. Why don't you give Joanne Scruton a call at 422-0976 to get more information.

DON'T FORGET....

- 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**. It makes it much easier for us to recognize each other and learn Member's names. Remember that those people who have a beautiful ribbon bow in Probus colours attached to their name tag are brand new members and we should go out of our way to welcome these people and make them feel right at home in our Club.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402) so an appropriate card can be sent out. Also, if you need a ride to any Probus event, contact Linda. She can help you find a ride.
- The web address for our Club is: www.probus.org/5wasabcr and it has information on our Club, and our latest newsletter is available at this site.
- It has been decided that our Club needs a "**Set-up Coordinator**" who will be responsible for getting 4 people each month who will come in early and set up the tables and chairs for our meeting. If you can take on this important responsibility, please contact our President.

BIRTHDAYS

To those who celebrated a birthday in January, we wish you many happy returns.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is now up to 193. There is room for a few more members, but we have set a cap of 200 for our Club. Once we reach our maximum number, interested persons will be put on a waiting list and can become members in August if all current members do not wish to renew their membership.

Next General Meeting March 1, 2005 at the Wasaga Stars Arena
Speaker: Bruce Young Subject: Proofs Positive Photography

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee or tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00

Management Team

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