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SPEAKER: Const. Tim Garland
O.P.P.

Member Profile: Mike O'Halloran

General Meeting - April 6th, 2004

SPEAKER: Alan Morris
Financial Planner

Georgian Downs Dinner and Racing/Slots - Saturday, March 13, 2004

A great evening ahead - first dinner and then a night at the races, or if you prefer, the slot machines. Bus pickup at IGA Plaza (by Radio Shack) between 4:30 - 4:50 p.m. - departure time to be determined by a vote. **Cost \$35.00.** 35 people are already on board - only 13 seats left!!!

Mystery Dinner Theatre - Dyconia (downstairs) - Friday, April 23, 2004

"The Good, The Bad and the Guilty" with a Western theme so get out your cowboy gear! Arrive at 6:00 p.m. for a drink, mingle and obtain clues before enjoying a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m. during which time you will attempt to solve the murder with the finale over dessert and coffee. Prizes to the best detectives! **Cost only \$25.00** for a night to remember!!

Get out and get involved!

Niagara on the Lake Wine Tour with Picnic Lunch - Wednesday, May 26th, 2004

Joan Porter and her committee have planned a very special day - bus to leave from the Arena and head to Niagara-on the Lake for the first Wine Tour. Followed by a stop for a bring-your-own-picnic lunch at Fort George, browse downtown for a little shopping and enjoy another wine tour on the way home. **Cost \$28.00 (bus only).** We have 21 signed up - must have 40 to make it a go! A fun trip - something for everybody!

FUTURE EVENTS

Late June or early July (boat cruise) - either the Segwun and Opera House out of Gravenhurst (10 signed up) or, the Orillia Jazz Nite Cruise (14 signed up). Please indicate your choice on the sign-up sheet so we can make the final plans.

July 21st - Drayton Theatre/St. Jacobs - Car Pool event to St. Jacobs's in the morning, then meeting at the theatre by 1:45 p.m. The first 36 people to sign up and pay will get tickets. Cost (theatre only) \$25.00.

August 18th - "First Anniversary" BBQ - Heritage Park, Elmvale. Bar-b-Que Bob confirmed for this event. More information later.

Unfortunately due to inclement weather, our speaker was unable to be present. However, two members once again stepped up to the plate. Treasurer Maureen Parkes explained Avon's commitment to breast cancer research and invited the members to help with the fundraising effort by purchasing bookmarks. Mike McClusky gave an interesting presentation about being a marathon runner and hoped that some Beachcombers would be inspired to join him.

MEMBERSHIP

83 members signed in at our February Meeting, together with seven guests. We now have fourteen prospective members on our waiting list.

LUCKY WINNERS - 50/50 DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 draw:

Joan Porter \$30.00
 Marg Richmond \$26.00
 Bottles of wine were won by Shirley Allan, Wayne Dobson and Mary Ranta.

BIRTHDAYS

Many Happy Returns to all the members celebrating February birthdays.

GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes to Dorothy Mitchell who fell and broke her ankle and also to Marilyn Evans now recovering after surgery at home. Sincere condolences to Doris Bumstead whose husband passed away recently. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

MEMBER PROFILE - Tom Parkes

Tom Parkes spent the first 18 years of his life in the City of Toronto leaving school to become an employee of Birks Jewellers for 7 years. He married and became the father of three daughters, however, divorce followed and he met and married Maureen, our Treasurer with whom he had another daughter. Leaving the jewellery business, he joined Bell Canada eventually advancing to management in both the warehousing and transportation departments. Unfortunately, this would lead to his early retirement under doctor's orders. Tom did not stop there - he took up target-shooting becoming a coach and expert shot. Also, he was involved in the Salvation Army Campaign as well as becoming a training officer for the Power Squadron. Maureen and Tom purchased their home in Woodland Beach in 1999 where he continued his volunteer work with the Bayshore Seniors and is an active member of both the Men's Probus and the Beachcombers. Thanks Tom - you are a perfect example that life does not stop with retirement - it only begins!

EVER WONDER...

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
 Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
 What is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
 Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
 Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called "rush hour"?

Next General Meeting Tuesday, April 6th, 2004 at Wasaga Stars Arena.

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Diane Nagel	428-3209	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
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