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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

COMMUNITY MOMENT: Luanne Dorian, Wasaga Chapter, Canadian Cancer Society

SPEAKER: Anita Miles, Manager of Collingwood Museum @ "The Station"

Subject: The History of Collingwood (100th Anniversary).

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

Allan Brand was our Profiler for this meeting. Here is a summary of his profile:-
Allan was born in the east end of Toronto where he received his schooling. At the tender age of 12 he got his first job as a delivery boy. By 16 he was working part time in a Shoe Store putting \$1.99 Ballerina's on the "bobby soxer's" feet. After he graduated from high school in 1953, he joined the Bank of Commerce. In 1954, he discovered a new current account officer named Brenda had been hired at his branch, and in 1957, he married her. Showing great promise, he was transferred and trained as a Commercial Lender. In 1961, the Commerce and Imperial banks merged and Allan was one of the first employees to be moved to assist senior management with the integration of procedures. In 1971, Allan assumed a senior position with the management team that opened "Commerce Court". He spent the next 3 years lunching in the 56th floor executive dining room, looking down on the aircraft at Island Airport and looking up at the ascending CN Tower. In the succeeding years, he headed up a regional credit department, and was the Manager of numerous downtown branches of the Bank. He opted for early retirement at age 55, after a very rewarding career in banking. He considers it one of the greatest opportunities a person could ever ask for, as he was a "Dream Maker" who helped many people with the resources they needed to make their dreams happen.

Allan is no newcomer to Wasaga Beach as his parents first rented a cottage here in 1942, and then purchased a newly built 3 bedroom cottage and extra 50' lot on 43 St. in 1948 for \$2150. Over the years, he has seen and experienced many changes in "the Beach".

Allan and Brenda will celebrate their Golden Anniversary in 2007 and are the proud parents of 5 daughters with 10 grandchildren who keep them eternally young.

Thank you Allan, for that insight into who you are.

At the March meeting we were also honoured to have as our Featured Speaker, Bruce Young, who gave us an extremely interesting presentation of the many photographic images he took while working on Electrical Power projects in the country of Sri Lanka.

Born in Kapuskasing on James Bay, his family moved "south" to Terrace Bay on the north shore of Lake Superior at an early age. He was given a camera on his 6th birthday which started him out on his life-long passion. After University, he began his career of installing electrical generating systems in remote northern Ontario communities, always taking his camera with him. Today Bruce is semi-retired in Wasaga Beach, having worked on power projects and his photography in over 20 countries around the world. His images of Sri Lanka (the country, the people, the culture) were extremely interesting and came to an end much too quickly. Based on the comments after the meeting, a return engagement at a later date would be welcome.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

Gayety Theatre, Collingwood - Friday, March 4th - 8:00 pm.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

36 people attended this event, which was an irreverent performance of the entire works of William Shakespeare. The 3 "Aarons" who performed for us kept us in stitches the entire evening. The rendering of the sonnets, the word-play of the comedies, the "drama" of the tragedies and Hamlet done forwards and backwards at breakneck speed was so well done. The standing ovation given the performers at the end of the evening said it all !!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd 6:00 pm Dyconia Resort Hotel, Wasaga Beach

A ROCK 'n ROLL Murder Mystery Dinner,
"The Last Kiss" presented by the Beachcomber Thespians
Cost - \$17.50

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. Your job will be to follow the twists and turns of the plot as it unfolds to solve this complex case.

The dress code for the evening will be "late 50-early 60's. Dig out your old photos to see how you dressed in the "good old days". There will be prizes for the best dressed lady and man, and door prizes as usual. In keeping with the theme of the evening, we will be dining on Cheese Burgers, Fries, Cole Slaw and a Sundae for dessert. A Chicken Burger is available but you must specify this choice today, or you will get a cheese burger.

The Actors are learning their lines and the rest of the eager beavers are working on collecting props, costumes, and everything else that needs to be done. **A word of caution: Please do not touch the props. Many are priceless antiques that are irreplaceable!** Lots of meetings, rehearsals and hard work are being done to get ready for this fabulous event. Because of the tremendous success of last year's event, everyone is anxious to succeed with this year's production.

The Dyconia can only seat 110 people, and 53 tickets have been sold already, so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

CASINO FUN NITE

FRIDAY, MAY 27th

6:00 pm

Collingwood Legion

Cost: \$20.00

This is not a fund raising event, and you can't lose your money. We will be using Funny money for the games and for an auction on several items at the end of the night. We will start with a dinner of cold cuts, salads, desserts, and coffee/tea, then play a few games of chance such as Crown & Anchor, Black Jack, Dice Roll, Bean Bag Toss, Mini Putt, Slot Machines, etc., and finish the night with the auction.

Volunteers are still needed for the Committee running the evening and we are looking for the loan of paper cutters to make the "millions of dollars" we need for the evening. Over 60 people signed the Interest Sheet at the last general meeting. **Tickets for this event are on sale today.**

FUTURE EVENTS....

BOAT CRUISE & DINNER

June

The Social Committee has two options for us to consider- a package deal with theatre, cruise and dinner or an afternoon cruise only for \$16.00 and with an arranged dinner at your expense after the cruise. Please indicate your preference on the sign-up sheet.

Lucky Draw Winners from March Meeting –

1st Prize of \$45.00 was won by Shirley Allan.

2nd Prize of \$25.00 was won by Maria Servaas

The beautiful Easter Basket was won by Mary McCluskey.

The Community Theatre tickets were won by Judith Harrison.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Dinner at our Place Club	Contact	Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Golfing Around	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Gary Willis	429-7835

The **Dinner at our Place** Club now has 31 members and a 4th home will be participating in the April dinner. 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 still looking for people who are interested in being an occasional substitute when regular members are not available and will also take the names of others who would like to participate in forming the next group of 8 people for a 5th home. It's another great way to get to know our members better. Call Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for more information.

The **Happy Bookers** Book Club members will be choosing and reading a book from the Bronte Sisters collection and providing a short book report for the Group at the April Club meeting. The May selection will be "Women of the Silk" by Gail Tsukiyama. 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 walk lasts about an hour and the coffee break after the walk is worth the effort. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers** are still 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?

The **Restaurant Dinner Club** is a group of some 60 members dedicated to the proposition that retirement is more than cooking. They go to different restaurants in the area every other month. They sometimes go as a large group. On other occasions they divide into groups of 12-14 so that they don't overwhelm the restaurants. **Call Diane Nagel at 428-3209** if you are interested in joining the group or can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

DON'T FORGET....

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted on the Bulletin Board for your information. Please read them! Check it for details of other activities taking place in the community as well.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card. Get-well Wishes, Best Wishes, Condolences to anyone we may have missed.
- We've all been bothered by that telemarketing phone call that tries to sell us something we don't want at the most inopportune times. You can now get your name put on a "Do Not Call" list by going to the web site www.cornerstonewebmedia.com/cma/submit.asp , fill out the required information, and for 3 years, you won't be bothered by those who are members of the Canadian Marketing Association.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

To those who celebrated in March, we wish you many happy returns.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is now at our cap of 200. We already have a number of interested persons who are on our waiting list and they can become members in August if all current members do not wish to renew their membership.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Your Newsletter Editors are taking some time off for a vacation and visiting family. In our absence, **Margie & Lindsay Brannen** have volunteered to handle the duties of Editors. Please give them the help & cooperation that we have received. Pass your information and news items to them at **429-7756** or e-mail them at **margo@georgian.net**. We expect to be back at our post for the June meeting.

Next General Meeting May 3, 2005 at the Wasaga Stars Arena

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

Management Team

President:	Luci Worch	422-0062	Goodwill:	Lynda Trimble	429-3402
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