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AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: MAUREEN POTTON, COLLINGWOOD FOUNDATION

JULY SPEAKER

Cal Patterson gave an excellent explanation of both the short term and long term development proposals for Beach 1. For the short term, the Levy Brothers who own 17 out of 23 properties in the Beach 1 area came forward with a 3 year plan involving the dome structure which is now in the process of being built at a cost of \$600,000. It will house 700 people for performances of the Zero Gravity Circus and 350 people for theatrical shows such as Second City. There will also be a tent for other tourist activities and a splash park. Unfortunately the opening has been delayed. The remaining 3 buildings on the promenade strip are asking outrageous sums of money to sell to the developers. In the long term, the developers have a 5 – 10 year vision of year-round attractions such as a theme park with indoor skiing, 6 luxury hotels, a convention centre, a shopping area and restaurants. This area will stretch from the 'Dard' to the Presbyterian church but they will have to buy \$80 – 90 million worth of property from the Town behind Beach 2. The town has sent a letter to the developers requesting a business plan, securities and a financial plan that would be scrutinized by a third party. There are many questions and issues to work out and there are other developers interested if the Levy Brothers can't comply. It was reassuring to know that the Town would require that the development would go in phases east to west with each phase being completed before the next is started with lots of community input. The development would also create jobs, and help with supporting the tax base. Cal went on to address such issues as the O.P.P., County growth, the new transit plan, library expansion and beach cleanliness. Overall, his frankness and reservations about the development was reassuring and the opportunity to see the visualization of the proposal was interesting.

PAST SOCIAL EVENT: THE ANNUAL PICNIC

What a wonderful day it turned out to be! It was raining in Wasaga Beach but the sun was shining on Heritage Park in Elmvale. Everyone had a great time playing horseshoes and bocce (who was it I saw throw a horseshoe that landed in a tree?) – running with a balloon between their knees and passing it on to a fellow team player – tossing eggs at their partners (the winning egg must have come from a genetically altered hen as it managed to survive a number of drops at quite wide distances!) – tossing water filled balloons and hoping they would burst on their partners and not on them. Someone or some people actually managed to get Bill Travis wet this year, or so he says – he was heard complaining he would have to go home and change his underwear. These games are also great fun to watch if you wish to just sit back and relax in your chair, but you have to keep you head up or you might just get hit with a stray egg or water balloon.

A day like this does not happen without the co-operation of a lot of people and there are so many to thank. On behalf of the Social Committee, I would like to thank the following members: Bill Travis (M.C.) for his booming and commanding voice, Jim Ewing and Bob Harasowsky (horseshoes) and Jack Benedet (bocce), for managing these games with grace and patience. This was no easy task as we discovered it would be easier to manage if people were only allowed to play one of these games (a lesson for next year, perhaps). Thanks go to Brian Currie and Ron Hanson (balloon pass), for their organizational skills and Tom and Irene Donohue (egg toss), even though they did not use up all five dozen eggs and Bill Travis and Don Caron (water balloon toss). Did the balloons seem bigger this year? Thanks also to the members of the Social Committee - Joan Maloney and Marilyn Evans for buying and wrapping eighteen great prizes for the games winners, Betty Baker for purchasing three lovely door prizes and, along with Charlie, collecting event tickets and keeping track of the number of attendees and signing up game players,

Mary Searl, for purchasing numerous bags of ice, Heide Haessler (and Guenter) for selling the 50/50 tickets, Gloria Harasowsky, for purchasing the snacks, Bob and Gloria Harasowsky, for supplying the shelter for our ticket collectors, Erie and Linda Vanderknokke, for graciously volunteering to make the coffee and Robin and Diane Nagel, Frank Tate, Heide and Guenter Haessler and Glenn and Crystal Martin for bringing along their Bocce and Horseshoe games.

The lucky game winners were: Bocce – Jim Park, Mildred Lambe, Erie and Linda Vanderknokke. Horseshoes - Bill and Pat Travis. Egg Toss - Brian Currie and Ron Hanson. Balloon Pass – Joanne Scruton, Joan Porter, Luci Worch, Doris Willis, Diane Nagel, Rita Premich, Tom Donohue and Judith Turner. Water Balloon Pass – Ron Hanson and Betty Hutton. The lucky door prize winners were Jim Ewing, Lyn Rice and Marilyn Ruse. The 50/50 winners were Joanne Scruton (first prize), Taylor Searl (Ron and Mary's granddaughter – second prize) and David Marshall (third prize).

All of this was followed by a delicious meal of roast pig, roast beef and ham, potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, buns, coffee and dessert. Finally, thank you to everyone who attended this wonderful annual event, without you it would not happen. Report submitted by Irene Donohue, Social Committee Chair.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your Beachcombers Probus membership is due today. The Renewal fee is \$25.00 per person and Linda Willis will be happy to take your cheque at this meeting. The cheque should be made payable to 'Beachcombers Probus - Wasaga Beach'. You can also mail it to Linda at 1 Wintergreen Way, Wasaga Beach, L9Z 3A9. You no longer have to fill out a renewal form; just update any information as necessary. There is a waiting list so if Linda has not received your cheque by the September meeting, your place may be taken by the people on the waiting list. Thanks go to Deborah Ferris, Joanne Wood and Betty Guerin for helping with the membership portfolio.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Probus members and welcome to a New Year in our Club. I have big shoes to fill from our former President Tom as he has done a wonderful job in the last year along with his Executive members. I want to thank all the people who came forward and volunteered their services for the next year. All of the positions have been filled, but there is always room for more people to help out. Our Social Club members are already thinking of lots of fun things to do, please participate in these outings as we do manage to have a good time. The Queen sends her good wishes to you all and best wishes for a happy, healthy year. Thank you again from Betty Baker.

We thank the people who have agreed to continue in the following positions or have volunteered to fill a position:

Goodwill Committee Members:

Mary Barnes	Shirley Brett
Gloria Douglas	Kay Knab
Dorothy Mitchell	Pat Travis

Social Committee Members:

Marilyn Evans	Joan Maloney
Linda Marshall	Sandra Hanson
Mary Searl	

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

AUGUST 25th – Annual Golf Tournament at Wasaga Sands. It will be a 9-hole Best-Ball Tournament. The cost is \$52. which includes golf, cart and dinner. Dinner only cost is \$22. Sign up today. 1:30 tee-off time.

SEPTEMBER 10th – Buffet Dinner Cruise on the 'Serendipity Princess' out of Barrie. Time is 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. and the cost is \$40. p.p. Tickets are available today.

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MONTHLY GOLF OUTING

If you are interested in joining the monthly golf excursion to different clubs in the area, call Bill Travis @ 422-1148 or give him your name.

JULY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$76.00 was won by Linda Marshall

2nd Prize of \$47.50 was won by Marie Jany

3rd Prize of \$38.00 was won by Judith Harrison
4th Prize of \$28.50 was won by Mildred Lambe
Gift certificate for Arden's Chocolates was won by Shirley Brett.

Best wishes to those who celebrated their birthday or anniversary in July!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

(If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee.)

The special interest groups are open to Probus members only.

*	The First Edition	Contact	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
*	Happy Bookers	Contact	Mary Barnes	429-2142
*	Dinner at our Place	Contact	Linda Willis	429-0467
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact	Joyanne Loughran	429-6574
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Luci Worch	422-0062

Beachcomber members belonging to the 'Dinner at Our House' group have completed another wonderful year of enjoying monthly dinners at each others' homes. As usual, we are taking the month of July off with everyone looking forward to our annual group barbecue in August. This will be held at the home of Colette and Harry Durrant where we will all get together enjoying conversation, laughter and friendship while noshing on a super array of wonderful food.

This is Betty Keyes' last report and we all want to thank her so much for her efforts on behalf of this group.

Managing the rotation successfully considering people's vacation schedules, food preferences and the restrictions of the food contributions and hosting every four months is a logistical challenge few of us could manage without going a bit crazy; yet Betty is always so patient and so gracious with us all. It's a good thing her support and advice will still be available to us.

Craig and I started as substitutes in the "Dinner at Our House" group in the fall of 2007. It was such a pleasant experience that when an opening arose to join as a regular we jumped at it. The thing we like most about this special interest group is the opportunity to get to know our fellow Beachcombers better while enjoying a wonderful dinner in the comforts of home.

As a regular member, one is hosting the dinner and preparing the main course, two or three times in a year. The Hosts can make the experience as casual or as elegant as they chose. The guests, regular members and substitutes (as necessary) prepare one of Appetizers, Soup or Salad, or Dessert. What could be easier!

I have a daunting task ahead of me trying to step up to the great coordination job Betty Keyes has done for several years, and I am taking on only half the job. Diane Nagel will be organizing the December Christmas Party and August BBQ held annually in lieu of "Dinners at Our House" during the holiday and vacation times.

If you are interested in joining this group as a substitute, come to see me, Linda Willis, at the membership desk or e-mail me at dwille708@rogers.com.

The **Happy Bookers Club** is at maximum membership.

We don't meet over the summer. Everyone is busily reading a Jane Austen book in preparation for our fall retreat.

The **First Edition** Book Club. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and at this time have reached our maximum of 10 members.

The First Edition Book Club selection for the month of July was The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. The story is a fictionalized account of Dinah, who was a daughter of Biblical Jacob and Leah. Jacob had four wives, Leah, Rachel, Zilpah and Bilhah who were sisters. Dinah is the only daughter out of 13 children and develops a very close relationship with all her 'mothers' who initiate her into the mysteries of the Red Tent. Dinah becomes a midwife at an early age and through this vocation meets the man who becomes her future husband. Because of the circumstances surrounding her marriage, two of her brothers, Simon and Levi decide to take revenge. The novel gives the woman's side of this story. What happens to Dinah after that is sad, but she manages to endure despite her suffering. The author digs into the everyday lives of women during this period of time and their traditions, one of which is the red tent. This book is an empowering read that shows how strong women can be under adversity. Our rating was from 3.5 to 4.75 (out of 5). Report submitted by Florence Burns.

The **Fair Weather Walkers**, as the name implies, walk when the weather cooperates. We have been caught in downpours and blizzards but have always managed to complete the course. The route begins at the Powerline Road Skidoo trail and except for two small hills, is easy to walk. Our pace is unhurried yet steady and gives us plenty of time (about an hour) to observe the ever changing world around us. We have been known to see deer, a variety of birds, the occasional porcupine and even a black bear. (But he was too far away to cause us too much worry!) Lately we have been walking from the Beach 1 parking lot. Please join our friendly group any Friday at 1:30. We enjoy laughter and good conversation which always carries to Tim Horton's afterwards.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Members take turns hosting the lunch, which is an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, laughter and gossip. We are now at our maximum membership limit of 12 ladies.

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. Call Joyanne Loughran 429-6574 or e-mail to somatech@rogers.com if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area. Bon Appetit!

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. Please read them! These Bulletin Boards often have details of other Community Events and Happenings in the area. We do this as an information service to our members, but we do not promote such things.
- **Please notify the Membership Convener (Linda Willis @ 429-0467) of any changes to your address, phone number, email address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Wear your name tag to all Probus meetings and events.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Marilyn Ruse @ 422-0271) - if you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Lucille Mancer, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Lucille can be reached @ 422- 0143 or lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca

PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm

NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2008

ALL STARS ARENA

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 am. Remember to bring your "Probus" mug!

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/8wasbcn.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer). Please note that the number 7 in the website address has changed to number 8 to reflect the new year of 2008.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

It would be helpful if contributors could submit their items to Lyn Rice at gl_rice@rogers.com by the end of the third week of the month.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2008-2009

President:	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social:	Tom Donohue	429-0644
Vice-President:	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Membership:	Linda Willis	429-0467
Treasurer:	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Secretary:	Joanne Scruton	422-0976	60/40 Draw:	Kay Knab	429-5547
Past President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	New Members:	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Speakers:	Jan Bivall	429-7584	Goodwill:	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
	Diane Nagel	428-3209	Meet-your-Member:	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Newsletter:	Marilyn (Lyn) Rice	429-1798			