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MAY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: JEFFREY SHEARER, PUBLISHER OF "ON THE BAY" MAGAZINE

APRIL SPEAKER

Our speaker was Joyce Mayne who is the fundraising coordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society in the Barrie Area. Joyce, who is a cancer survivor, spoke to us about the upcoming "Relay for Life" which will take place at the Collingwood GNE Fair Grounds on June 23. Teams of 10 will participate in a relay that lasts through the night. "Relay for Life" is a celebration that includes a cancer survivor's victory lap, a candle lighting (luminary) ceremony, incentive prizes, opening and closing ceremonies, food, cancer education, team photos and entertainment.

Team members take turns running or strolling around a track in ½ hour increments. The luminary candles will be placed around the track and lit after dark in remembrance or in honor of individuals who have battled cancer. Each team will have a tent where they can retreat to for some quiet time. Joyce's speech was very moving and some of the Probuc membership has expressed interest in being on a team.

PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS

BACK ROOM - MYSTERY PLAY & DINNER APRIL 21 Reported by Mary Barnes

23 Skidoo!

All spiffed up the big cheeses were out in abundance as were the dolled up molls and flappers. The joint was hopping and the giggle water flowing. Scriptwriter Joanne Scruton did it again, creating a plot worthy of the Roaring Twenties. Along with producer Joan Porter and the gang, they made the annual mystery play and dinner a resounding success through their hard work and perseverance. Written in four parts, the actors kept the audience puzzled as to who the killer was from their "don't know from nothing" claims to the baloney accusations pitted against each other. Was Bugsey a stoolie, Harrow a straight arrow, Torchy an assassin, Ernie a gambler? We know Silky was a madam, Billy a thrower, Molly a mobster, Eddie argyle socks and Malice forethought. All in all, no one was left holding the bag. Silky "fessed up" and all was well with the world again.

From the mug shot of Al Capone jazzed up by Lucille Mancer to Ray Porter's remarkable replicas of Tommy guns, the evening bubbled with authenticity. And during intermission, Marilyn Ruse and her dancers cut a rug with the Charleston while Lorraine Doidge tickled the ivories for our pleasure. What a hotsy-totsy evening! Everything was ducky.

A note from Joan Porter: Murder Mystery was a tremendous success. The Actors did a "very fine" job indeed. 120 tickets sold and 4 did not make it. Again thanks to all that were involved in one way or another, particularly those who "dressed" for the occasion. Doris again – we should put her on our payroll as she seems to work at ALL our events snapping pictures all night long – great job Doris. Those of you that paid your \$1.00 can take your picture from the Easel. THOSE OF YOU WHO DID NOT PAY FOR YOUR PICTURE on Friday night please make sure you leave your \$1.00.

OPP MUSEUM TOUR

APRIL 24

Reported by Diane Nagel

On April 24, 36 Beachcombers made the trek up to Orillia to tour the Ontario Provincial Police General Headquarters and thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Sitting on a 13 acre site, the headquarters building was opened in 1995 and is some 500,000 square feet in size. Close to 1,000 staff work at this site and about 2/3 of the building is devoted to operational work. Sgt. Peter McGuinness was our tour guide for the day and provided much information about the OPP's history and operations. The tour included a walk along the main floor "public street" including a visit to the library, the museum and the Honor Roll dedicated to officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. On display, as we walked along were three cruisers and a current all white vehicle.

A short walk outside over to the heliport and we spent an enjoyable 20 minutes talking to one of the OPP pilots about the two helicopters and their uses in the OPP-search and rescue and, at certain times of the year, searching for marijuana grow operations, among others.

We also toured the stores area which supplies uniforms and equipment to some 7,000 OPP officers stationed throughout the province and the garage which equips the various cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, boats and all terrain vehicles used to police the province.

After lunch at the OPP cafeteria "The Steak Out", we were given a presentation on forensic identification, starting with the theme music from CSI. And last, but for some not the least, a visit to the "OPP Off Duty Shoppe" which sells a large variety of OPP logo-ed clothing and other items.

For those who were unfortunate enough to miss the tour, the mail floor of the building, including the museum and cafeteria, is open to the general public during normal business hours.

Thanks go to Diane Nagel for organizing this event and preparing a "Newsletter" report!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

HONDA PLANT TOUR

ALLISTON

THURS, MAY 25

All participants should have received a map to the plant, an important tour guide information sheet and a confirmation time. Please be there at 8:45 a.m. for the 9:00 a.m. tour to meet with your Probus contacts, Susan and Taylor Pearson and at 12:15 p.m. for the 12:30 p.m. tour to meet with your Probus contact, Bob Hammond.

If you have any questions, please see Bob Hammond at the side table during coffee break. It is very important to read the tour guide information sheet in advance to ensure proper attire and instruction.

FUN AT THE CASINO

COLLINGWOOD LEGION

FRI. MAY 26

Cost will be \$25.00 and includes a "sit down chicken dinner with all the trimmings" and, of course, the money to play with. Cocktails are at 5:30, dinner is at 6:00 and then the fun begins. We recently held a meeting to decide on the games for the Casino Night. There are lots of 'funny money' to be won and lots of prizes to bid on. About 35 tickets have been sold; we are hoping to sell at least 100.

LAWN BOWLING

STAYNER

TUES. JUNE 13

Lawn bowling in Stayner and a steak dinner. Cost is \$15.00. We will be selling tickets at our May and June meetings. Lawn bowling will begin at 1 p.m. and dinner will be around 4:30 p.m. A maximum of 56 (64 if we stretch it) is preferred. We have about 40 on the interest sheet. Door prize and 50/50 draw. Directions: Hwy 26 towards the town of Stayner just before the tracks, turn left onto Ontario St., playing field is on the right hand side.

3RD ANNUAL BBQ

HERITAGE PARK, ELMVALE

WED. JULY 19

Cost will be \$5.00 and the event will run from noon to 5 pm. We will play some games, have a chicken lunch at around 1:30 and then continue with the games. Interest sheets are out today and we will start selling tickets at our June meeting. Lots of food and drinks, PRIZES & GAMES...this is the biggest event of the year so plan to attend.

This will be Joan's last event as social chair. She will be missed!

GOLF DAY

MARLWOOD GOLF COURSE

THURS, AUGUST 17

Cost will be announced at our June meeting. Dinner only for those not golfing. Golf at 2 pm and dinner at 6 pm. There will be a putting contest before dinner. There will be prizes for closest to pin for ladies and men and longest drive for ladies and men. All golfers will receive a prize! There will also be a door prize and a 50/50 draw.

CRAFT FAIR

Several people have signed up for this event, which will be held before one of our fall meetings and at coffee break time. If you are interested, see Doris Willis.

APRIL'S LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$69 was won by Taylor Pearson

2nd Prize of \$29 was won by Harvey Jones

3rd Prize of \$17 was won by Jim Park

Easter basket was won by Stan Scruton

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	Maggie Higgins	422-1338
*	Golfing Around	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Gary Willis	429-7835
*	YOYO's	Contact	Shirley Hoskin	429-4378

Dinner at our Place wants you to come dine with us. Would you like to join us as a substitute for those who are on vacation? We rotate the duties; however as a substitute you would **never** have to host a dinner. You would be assigned an appetizer, or a 1st course of soup or salad or a dessert to bring that evening. We now have a full roster of 4 houses participating with 8 people at each house. You would enjoy good food, super company and interesting conversation. Speak to any member who is a part of this group and you will find they enjoy these evenings very much. Give me a call. I would be happy to explore any questions you might have about the dinners and welcome your participation. Betty Keyes – 429-6064

There is also an opening for a couple to join the permanent list of diners. Contact Betty Keyes after May 4th.

The Happy Bookers Club. Future reading schedule:

For the month of May we are reading one of Ronald La Tondress sci-fi novels. He is a local author who writes under the name of Ronald James. To date he has written 2 novels "Drainers" and "Drainers 11". He will be attending our book club meeting on May 15 and has agreed to do a reading from his latest book (not yet released).

June 19-"In a Sun burnt Country" by Bill Bryson.

Summer break follows – we resume in September.

The book club meets every third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please call Joanne Scruton at 422-0976.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at the Blueberry Trail parking lot. Contact Luci Worch or Gary Willis for more details. The walk lasts about an hour and the coffee break after the walk is worth the effort. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunch, which is run as organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, discussion, laughter and gossip. Call Maggie Higgins at 422- 1338 for 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. Call Diane Nagel at 428-3209 if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

This month members of the Restaurant Club dined at two restaurants that some of our members visited last year. They were Abbot's in Craighurst and Mylar & Loreta's in Singhampton. Good food and good company once again!

The **YOYO's** (You're On Your Own) are a new group of individuals looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatres, restaurants, bowling, etc. Call Shirley Hoskin at 429-4378 for more information.

The **Golfing Around** group plays monthly from May to October at a different golf course each time. See Bill Travis or call him at 422-1148 for more information.

NOTICE

Everyone has an intriguing life story to tell. Give a thought to sharing your biography with the Probus membership! Call Betty Baker at 422-1909 if you are interested in presenting your profile.

CONGRATULATIONS

David and Margaret Lawless have just celebrated 50 years of married bliss!

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 (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.
- 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, and Condolences to anyone we may have missed.
- Our New Members Ambassador, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached at 429-6064.
- **Wanted or For Sale Items** – for the Bulletin Board. Sign your name & phone number. Betty Baker is in charge of this.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrated in April!

NEXT MEETING:

June 6, 2006

WASAGA STARS ARENA

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Ray Porter	429-9260	Goodwill:	Lynda Trimble	429-3402
Vice-President:	Chris Armstrong	429-7805	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
Treasurer:	Harry Durrant	429-3071	Social:	Joan Porter	429-9260
Secretary:	Doris Willis	429-7835	Refreshments:	Orlene & John Fost	429-9479
Past President:	Luci Worch	422-0062	Speakers:	Betty Baker	422-1909
			60/40:	Kay Knab	429-5547