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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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**The guest speaker for the April Meeting will be John Hicks
from the Bendigo Gallery.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following are the members who will assist in the running of our club for the next 12 months.

President – Ern Holland
Vice President – Vacant
Immediate past President – John White
Secretary – Bob Chenery
Treasurer – Don Ridge
Tour Organiser – Arthur Eaton
Guest Speaker – Vacant
Public Officer – Graham Osborne
Auditor – Ken Coles
Welfare Officer – Peter Randall
Probus Labels – Max Ship

Bowls Manager – Ray Fitzgerald
Committee – Brian Armstrong
– Ray Fitzgerald
– John Hardy
– **Two Vacancies**
– Ian Bennett
– Doug Laity
– Alan Court
– Alan Stephens
– Bruce Michelsen
Members Luncheon Report – Alec Crothers

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

Birthday Wishes

Best Wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months.

May 2009

08	Norm Dack	82
13	Alan Stephens	86
14	Bruce Michelsen	78
28	Bill Redmond	82

June 2009

02	Jack Laidler	82
05	John White	85
06	Allyn Fisher	79
07	Barry Hargrave	77
07	Ron Twitt	82
11	Alec Crothers	81
23	Ralph Michell	89

Congratulations to all the above.

Note: If you do not wish for your birthday to be published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

NEW MEMBER

Bill Redmond introduced Kenneth Crouch to the members and the following is his summary.

Kenneth Frederick Crouch

Born 19th July, 1940 at Mildura.

Dad joined the Army soon after, and we moved to Melbourne, living at Glenroy. I was educated at the Essendon Technical College, and we later moved to Sea Lake in the Mallee. Dad had farmed in the Mallee in his younger days.

At 16 years of age I learned shearing, and shored sheep in the Wimmera and Mallee. I later did general farm work, clover harvesting, driving as a shop assistant around Sea Lake, which was a lovely country town in those days, but like most places now has a reduced population and prosperity. When I was 19 I got sprung for speeding up the main street of Sea Lake in Dad's Mercury one Saturday morning and decided the police force sounded a bit exciting, so when they next had a recruiting drive in country areas, as they did in those days, I applied and was accepted. I was stationed at Fitzroy, later Victoria Dock, the Surveillance Branch, Ringwood CIB and the Fraud Squad before promotion to Sergeant. I worked in the inner suburbs then Ringwood as a Sergeant, before returning to the CIB where I worked in the Armed Robbery Squad and the Surveillance Section of the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence. I later transferred to Bendigo as a Senior Sergeant, deputy to Adrian Booth. After 2 years I transferred to Highway Patrol, our area being Bendigo, Mildura, Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton. After two years of that I returned to the Station as Officer-In-Charge for 7 ½ years, then the District Support Group doing drugs, firearms and licensing and Support Services with the DSG, D24, Prosecutors, Neighbourhood Watch, District Firearms, Radio Electronics, Intelligence Officer, Crime Collator's Officer, Computer Officer and the Community Policing Squad, until retirement on 4th July (Independence Day) 1997.

I married a Sea Lake girl, Margaret McLean, in 1962 and we had 3 children, Caroline, Andrew and Danny. The boys are in the Dog Squad and at Fawkner respectively, and Caroline's husband is in the Purana Task Force. Caroline is in Childcare. To my great sorrow, Margaret died several years ago.

I have a 1923 Durant car, which I am very slowly restoring, I feel a bit embarrassed by my slow work on this project. I played football for Sea Lake in my youth and with some amateur teams in Melbourne while there, but only dabbled in sports in recent years.

Ken was inducted into our club by President John.

- Editor

Foundation Members Luncheon

The April Luncheon is to be taken at the British and American on Eaglehawk Road, following the Probus meeting on April 15th, 12.30pm. If you are not a regular, please inform us of your intention to participate no later than Thursday April 9th because this will be around Easter Weekend. Similarly any regulars who will not be available please phone: 5443 2642.

- Alec C.

Useless Information

- It is estimated that within 20 years of Columbus discovering the new world, the Spaniards killed off 1.5 million Indians.
- Woman shoplift more often than men, the statistics are 4 to 1.
- World War II involved 57 Countries.
- A baby Giraffe is about 6' tall at birth.
- There are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian Alphabet.
- The correct response to the Irish greeting "Top of the morning to you" is and the rest of the day to yourself.
- Sea otters tie themselves together with kemp often drifting miles out to sea during the night.
- Camels milk does not curdle.
- Those condemned to die by axe in medieval England were obliged to tip their executioner to ensure that he would complete the job in one blow. In some executions notably of many Queen of Scots, it took 15 whacks of the blade before the head was severed.

- Editor

Simple Puzzle Time

6 6 6 6 6 6

Write the number 6 six times as shown above.

Now write it (still with six 6's) in such a way that the **total is 37**.

(Answer next edition – if the Editor remembers)

Called To Account

The Bishop is lying on his deathbed after a long career faithfully serving the church and its flock. He says to the Archbishop, "could you arrange for both Kevin Rudd and John Howard to come and see me it is important".

The Archbishop agrees to the dying man's request and pulls some strings to have both Kevin and John attend.

"After a few minutes of silence in the Bishop's chamber, Kevin can no longer contain himself:

"Why have you called us in?"

He says with all solemnity he can muster.

"Well," says the Bishop,

"Jesus died on the cross between two thieves and I wanted to see what it was like".

- Rupert R.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO
- MYSTERY TRIP WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE, 2009

Conducted by Australia Pacific Travel (Escorted by Fran Sirio.)

Depart: At 9.00am from Bendigo Rail Station

Return: At 4.00pm to Bendigo Railway Station

Transport: By Luxury Road Coach (As arranged by APT.)

Maximum seats available: Current Limit of (20). List for Emergencies

Cost: \$25.00 per person includes:

Luxury Coach Travel, Full Guided Commentary, morning tea & a very "Special Mini Opera Concert" performed by the sensational Justin Carlevetti, "plus tours & will be escorted by Fran Sirio. Enjoy a day of fun and full of surprises in which Fran excels.

Bookings secured for: B. Armstrong (1), R. Chenery (1), W. Clemens (2), B. Clemson (2), A Crothers (2), A. Eaton (1), G.Himsworth (2), E.Holland (2), D. Laity (2), R. Michell (1), P. Randall (1), R. Watkins (2), J.White (1)

LIST: Was Posted Wed 18/3/09 Meeting.

PAYMENTS: At Wednesday 20th May Meeting.

PROBUS CLUB OF BENDIGO - SPECTACULAR FILM SHOWING

By Cynthia & Rob Watkins

AT R. L. CAMPBELL THEATRETTE (In Hargreaves Street.)

SUNDAY 19th JULY, 2009 AT 1.30pm.

Bookings: Our Club has been allocated (40 seats) for Members & Partner/or Friend
"Book early - don't miss out on seeing this excellent showing"

Screening includes: Images gained by Rob & Cynthia during a recent 6 months driving tour of 23,000 km from Oregon to the Arctic Ocean in Alaska.

Highlights include: Attending a five day gathering of 2000 Indians.

The Inside Passage: 3 Days to Haines in Alaska. Close up encounters with bears, bull moose, Elk etc. Yellowstone National Park (Bison & Elk), Bryce Canyon, Teton National Park in full Autumn Colour - Reaching to the Arctic Ocean.

Program: Entry: 1.30pm. Be seated by 1.45pm for a 2.00pm start

** 2 00pm to 3.00pm Films:

** 3.00pm to 3.30pm Afternoon Tea & Socialise.

** 3.30pm to 4.30pm Films

** 4.30pm Depart for home in daylight.

LIST: At Meeting Wed. 15th April 2009.

PAYMENTS: At meeting Wed. 17th June, 2009.

Enquiries to: Arthur Eaton, Tours Organiser. Phone: 5443 9162

Note: Bendigo Ladies Probus Club have organised a Five Day Canberra Floriade Tour From Monday 14th to Friday 18th September Cost: \$550/person Twin share.) bookings are welcome.

Contact: Organiser Marj Byrne. Phone:5474 8234
(Copy of Itinerary available at our meeting.)