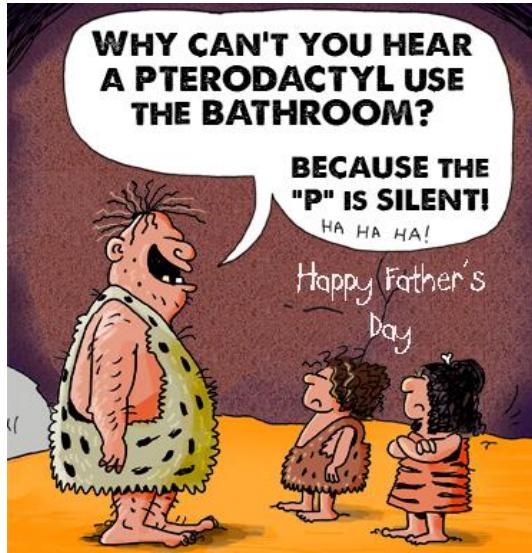


Probus Mountainview Newsletter – June 2021

Probus Mountainview



June 2021 President's Message

Hope you have all been enjoying the beautiful sunny, although a bit cool, days we have been having. All of us gardeners were busy planting and transplanting when the weather warmed up and then spent a few evenings putting blankets on everything to protect them from those cold nights! In the future I am not planting until June – will someone please remind me of that next year.

I know all the golfers are doing their happy dance since the golf courses have reopened and many of us are just happy to be able to go for walk with a few friends now that restrictions are being slowly lifted.

Now the important things. June brings Probus Mountainview's Annual General Meeting on June 10th. Like last year the AGM will be held via Zoom and we need your participation. You will receive the Zoom invitation to the meeting along with important information regarding Financial Year end, Candidates nominated for 2021-22 Management year (there is still

an opportunity for you to step forward for a position, if you wish), and proposed Bylaw changes. If you are not able to attend the meeting I ask that after reviewing the information, you would send an email to Dorte Hawker at dorte532@gmail.com designating me to vote on your behalf. Thank you for considering this.

After the business end of the meeting, Jim Theobalds has lined up another great speaker for us. John Beeden is going to take us on a trip across the Atlantic – read more about this in the Newsletter.

As this will be my last message as the club President, I would like to thank all of you for your support over this very different year! When the current Management Team started to meet, socially distanced in my back garden, we really were not sure where we were headed and we had many lively discussions on the direction we should take. Should we Zoom or shouldn't we Zoom – surely this Pandemic won't last too long!

Well Zoom we did and each of us started on a new learning curve. Several of us sat in on Zoom Tutorials provided by Probus Canada - how hard can this be?!

Paul Douglas said he would take on the challenge of setting up the monthly Zoom meeting. Whew that was relief!

Duncan Bristow said he had a few ways to record the meeting and then he set up our own YouTube channel so we could share those recordings with members who were not able to attend. Duncan also did the work to put together the videos you saw at each of the meetings. He also took on the challenge of changing the format of our Newsletter, and a great job he did.

Linda Haldenby, Member at Large, offered to host Zoom Happy Hours, so Zoom lessons she took.

Monthly Management meetings, Social Committee Meetings, Book Club meetings as well as a few social events were now by Zoom.

Don Godfrey ensured we received our Zoom meeting invitations and Newsletters and any other important information that needed to go out to our members. Of course, he has just handled our Membership Renewal process, not an easy task.

Peggy Sturch and Susan Theobalds, our Social Committee Chairs along with their committee members continually came up with ideas of how they could keep our members connected. Many times, they had plans all in place only to have government Covid guidelines require them to change course. The Christmas deliveries were certainly a highlight this year. We owe the Social Committee a big thank you for never giving up.

David Sturch kept our club Finances in order. In a year when we did not take in any membership dues there were still expenses to be paid and David made sure we were in good financial order.

Dorte Hawker, as our club secretary, make sense of all our Zoom chatter at our management meetings and provide us all with an accurate report of what we said.

Also Dorte, along with Steve, were determined to keep the book club going! First in their garage and then during lockdown by drop box at their front door, as well as emailing out a list of books available to those interested. Dorte was also responsible for sending out Care Bear cards to those members who were ill or suffered a loss.

Jim Theobalds, who was our 1st VP, when we did not have a Speaker Chair for the year, volunteered to take on the role for a bit – he did the whole year! What you would not be aware of is not only did he line up the speakers but also since this was all going to be by Zoom he also had to help co-ordinate a pre meeting between the speaker, himself, Paul Douglas and Duncan Bristow a week or so before our General Meeting to ensure everything would run as smoothly as possible.

Janis Miller, our 2nd VP, was given the challenge of coming up with a ten-minute entertainment segment for the meetings as well as a topic of discussion for our break out rooms. Janis took this challenge and turned it into wonderful segments about many of our members. Thank you to all the members who stepped forward to work with Janis, I know a lot of work went in to creating the segments. As to the topic of discussion in our break out rooms – they were always lively!

Bob Royce, Member at Large, always offered the voice of reason at our Management Meetings. Often the team would get into some lively discussion and we could rely on Bob to remind us what was important.

So again, thank you to all members and especially the Management Team for making this year the best it could be under difficult circumstances.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Thursday.

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Andja". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "A" and "n" being particularly prominent.

JOHN & LIBBY BEEDEN

Our June 10th - Guest Speaker(s)

Biography

John Beeden - 24th January 1962

John Beeden, is a lifelong runner, competing on the track, roads and cross country into his late thirties, now just running for pleasure. John's passion for running has also became his career, amongst other events John has been responsible over some 26 years for organising the London Marathon Exhibition and Registration as well as other major sporting events. He has recently taken a brake from business commitments to concentrate on family.

John lived in Burlington with his Canadian wife and two daughters until June 2018, Cheryl and John relocated to Blue Mountain for a year before moving back to the UK to support their two daughters who had settled there.

In 2011, at 49 years old, looking for a new challenge, John rowed the Atlantic from the Canaries to Barbados, the journey took 53 days, the second quickest crossing on record.

Not satisfied following his Atlantic adventure, John prepared for a new challenge.

At 53, John left San Francisco on June 1st 2015 and after rowing 14000km, a third of the world's circumference, arrived in Australia just after Christmas, becoming the first person in history to row solo, non stop, from



North America to Australia – an incredible 209 day physical and mental journey, a story of personal struggle and accomplishment.

Not quite finished with the worlds oceans. In December 2018 John left Portimao, Portugal

with his 20 year old daughter Libby and rowed to Antigua. Libby became the youngest female to row the Atlantic in a pair. In some ways this journey became the toughest challenge of them all.

Libby Beeden - 24th June 1998

Libby was born in the UK and moved to her mothers native Canada in 2003. She lived in Kilbride (Burlington) until 2017 when she returned back to the UK to attend University. Libby has led an active life, amongst other sports she is an excellent swimmer, runner and rowed competitively for Hillfield Strathallen her high school. Despite all the

04:30am starts she worked hard on her academics and graduated with honours from high school and is currently in the UK pursuing a degree in Mathematics.

While conscious academics are an important part of life, she also wants to be exposed to real world experiences. Living through the planning and execution of both John's rows, despite seeing the hard work and perseverance required, Libby was inspired to take on her own adventures. Libby became the youngest female to row the Atlantic in a pair and the 2nd youngest women to make the crossing, she is one of only two women to have rowed from mainland Europe to anywhere in the Caribbean.



John & Libby, standing with their Giant Oar Discovery!!

(Apologies....this terrible pun was entirely my fault, not that of these incredible adventurers :)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

A reminder to all that the Heritage Walk & the Purple Hill Lavendar Farm 2 activities that you can enjoy over the summer. Please see attachments for more information.

Thank you to the following:

Sue Charman for organizing the Trivia Night which was a great success.

Dorte Hawker for continuing to run the Curbside Book Exchange.

Adrian O'Connor for running the camera club. The amazing pictures taken by its members certainly makes us appreciate the beauty of Collingwood and its surrounding landscape.

Happy Father's Day to all our men members.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer, stay safe and we look forward to the upcoming year.

The Heritage Town of Collingwood Historic Walks

As we are not able to organize events because of Covid, the social committee suggest the walking tours would be great for you to enjoy with people you feel safe with, or who are in your own bubble. Take a walk about town and travel through Collingwood's history. There are three separate tours you can do at your leisure.



Historic Heritage Tours

←Just open the link and start travelling!

PURPLE HILLS LAVENDER FARM

IN CREEMORE



This lavender farm is another great outdoor activity you can enjoy with a friend or people in your bubble during Covid. The social committee was planning a group tour before Covid, but thought you could enjoy this beautiful place on your own. Hit the [link below](#) or phone for more information.

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LAVENDER HILL FARM

Probus Mountain View

2020-2021

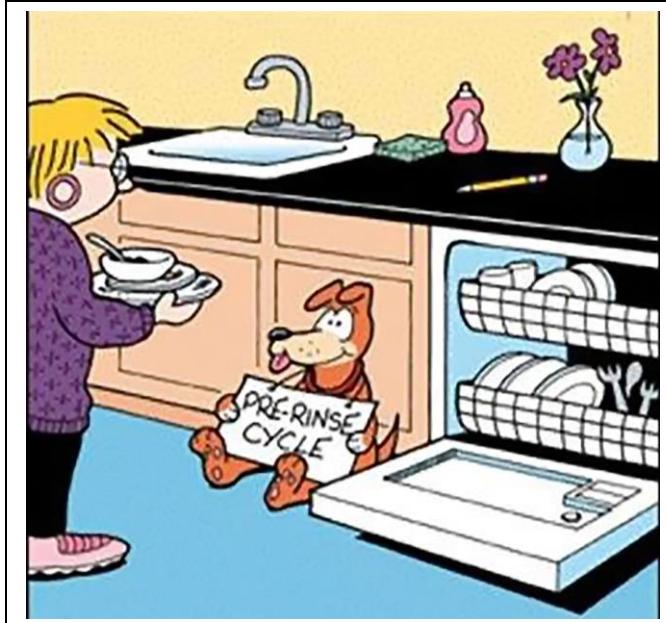
Thank you to all of our volunteers for everything you do
for our Probus community!

Without you and our Zoom experts we would not have
been able to stay connected & partake in any events and
activities this year of COVID 😊

27 Volunteers
4 Activities
3 Special Events
2 Monthly Socials

"Don't ever
question the
value of
volunteers.
Noah's Ark was
built by
volunteers; the
Titanic was
built by
professionals."

2020 – 2021 Management Team



President – Andja Martynuik

Past President – Paul Douglas

First Vice President – Jim Theobalds

Second Vice President – Janis Miller

Treasurer – David Sturch

Secretary – Dorte Hawker

Membership Chair – Don Godfrey

Webmaster and Communications –Duncan Bristow

Speakers Chair – Jim Theobalds

Social Chair – Peggy Sturch & Susan Theobalds

Member at large - Bob Royce & Linda Haldenby

Social Committee

Laurie Neweduk, Peggy Sturch, Bridget Schmidt, Maureen Baker, Susan Theobalds, Diane Woodbeck, Sue Charman, Pat Carr, Nancy Rice

Speakers Committee

Jim Theobalds

Care Bears

Dorte Hawker, Marjorie Wilson

Audio Visual & Photography

Duncan Bristow

Zoom Meetings

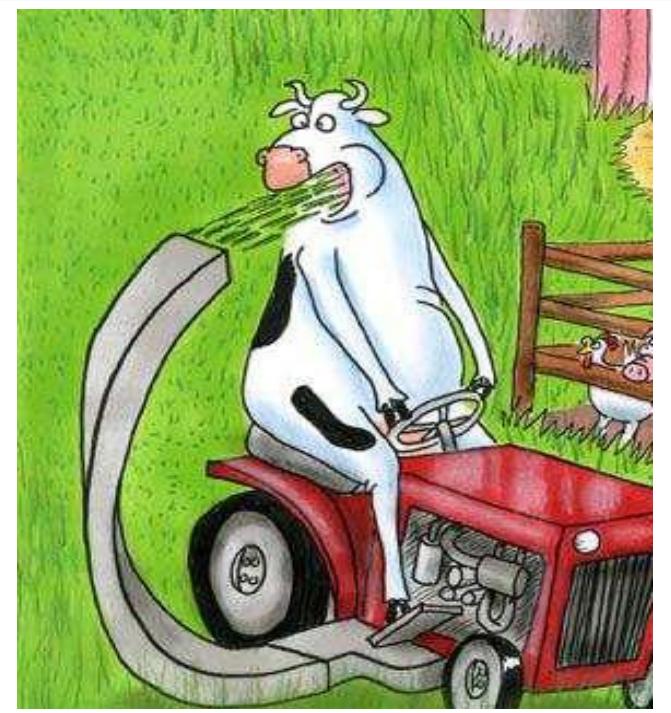
Paul Douglas

Monthly Socials

Zoom Happy Hour – Linda Haldenby

Zoom Book Clubs -

Darlene Tranquada, Nancy Godfrey, Adrian O'Connor, Janet Baker, Valerie Orviss



Special Events

Christmas Gift Package

Delivered by all members of the Social Committee & Management Team

Snowshoe Picture Contest

Organized by Dale Bristow

Zoom Trivia Night

Organized by Sue Charman

Activities

Snowshoeing –for individuals or groups of 5

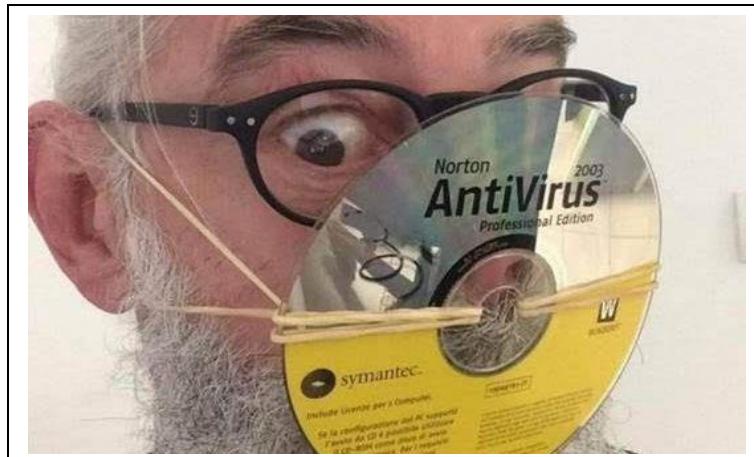
Dale Bristow supplied map and directions.

Take it Easy Snowshoe – for individuals or groups of 5

Paul & Anni Douglas supplied maps & directions.

Camera Club – Adrian O'Connor,

Curbside Book Exchange – Dorte Hawker





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN BOB MACNAIR!!

As you will read in the Probus Canada Newsletter, I was elected the President of PROBUS CANADA, by the Board of Directors, on May 6th. This is a one-year position. My final year on the Board of Directors will end in May of 2023. PROBUS CANADA will need to find a replacement for me in my role as Ontario District 7 Director. I will still serve our District as its Director until then. Any Past President of any Club in our District may run for this position. The maximum time any Director may serve on the Board is six years. I hope that several of you or a Past President of your Club might be interesting in pursuing this opportunity. As Past President at that time, I will be overseeing that Election.

Since becoming President, I have worked with my Executive Committee to establish several Sub-committees. One very important Committee is the "Re-opening of PROBUS Clubs". Other Committees are: "Technology", "Strategic Planning", "Website", "Reviewing the Standard Constitution for Local Clubs" and "Liability Insurance".

Several Clubs have contacted me regarding our Commercial General Liability Insurance and the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policies. I have spoken to our Insurer recently and have been assured that, at this time, there is "no exclusionary clause" regarding communicable diseases. You will, of course, be informed of any changes in the future. The important thing is that as we begin to offer more opportunities to our Members that we strictly follow the Guidelines and Protocols established by the Province and our local Health Regions.

We all hope that will be able to meet "in person" in the not-too-distant future. There may be a transition period based on the number of people that may be allowed to meet in an indoor facility. Some Clubs are considering the suggestion of holding "Hybrid Meetings" where a limited number of members might be able to be "in person" in the Club's Meeting Venue, while others will continue to participate via Zoom.

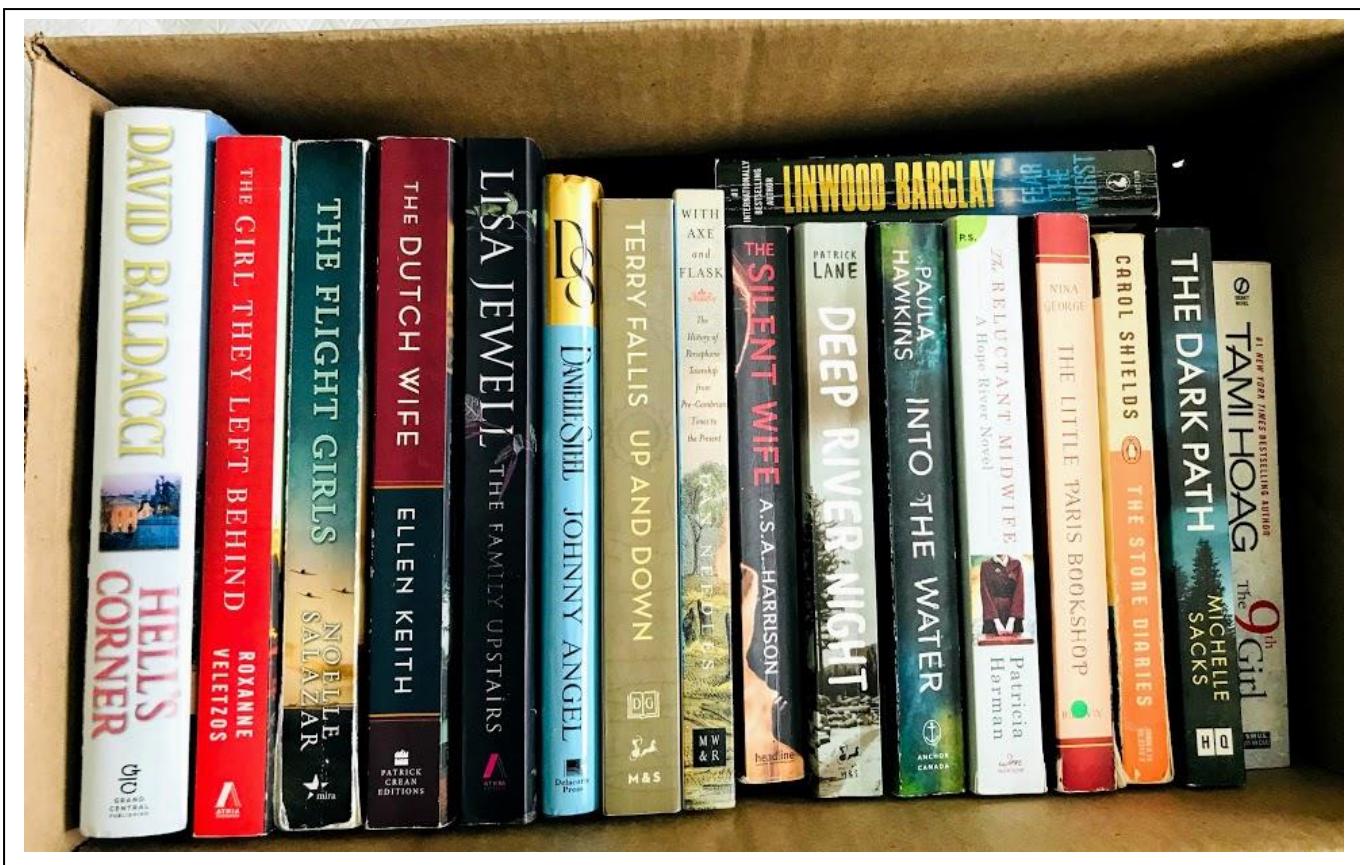
I am looking so forward to the day when I can visit all of the Clubs in our Ontario District 7. Since last May, I have 8 Framed "Certificates of Congratulations" for Clubs that have celebrated 10, 15, 20, 25 years etc. as a PROBUS Club. Only by being "in person" can "Fellowship, Friendship Learning and Fun" be truly experienced. I am sure, like many of you, I am Zoomed out.

Sincerely, Bob MacNair, Director-Ontario District 7 (President, PROBUS CANADA)



PROBUS CURBSIDE BOOK EXCHANGE

CHECK OUT THE NEW DONATIONS...



The Book Exchange will continue throughout the summer!

Its not too late to join the Curbside Pickup Probus Book Exchange just email Dorte Hawker at dorte532@gmail.com to be put on the

email list. The complete book selections will be sent out the 1st Monday of each month.

HAPPY READING!!! DORTE

Camera Club Entries (April 2021)

- Photo Effects -



Adrian



Paul D



Rachel



Mark



Andy

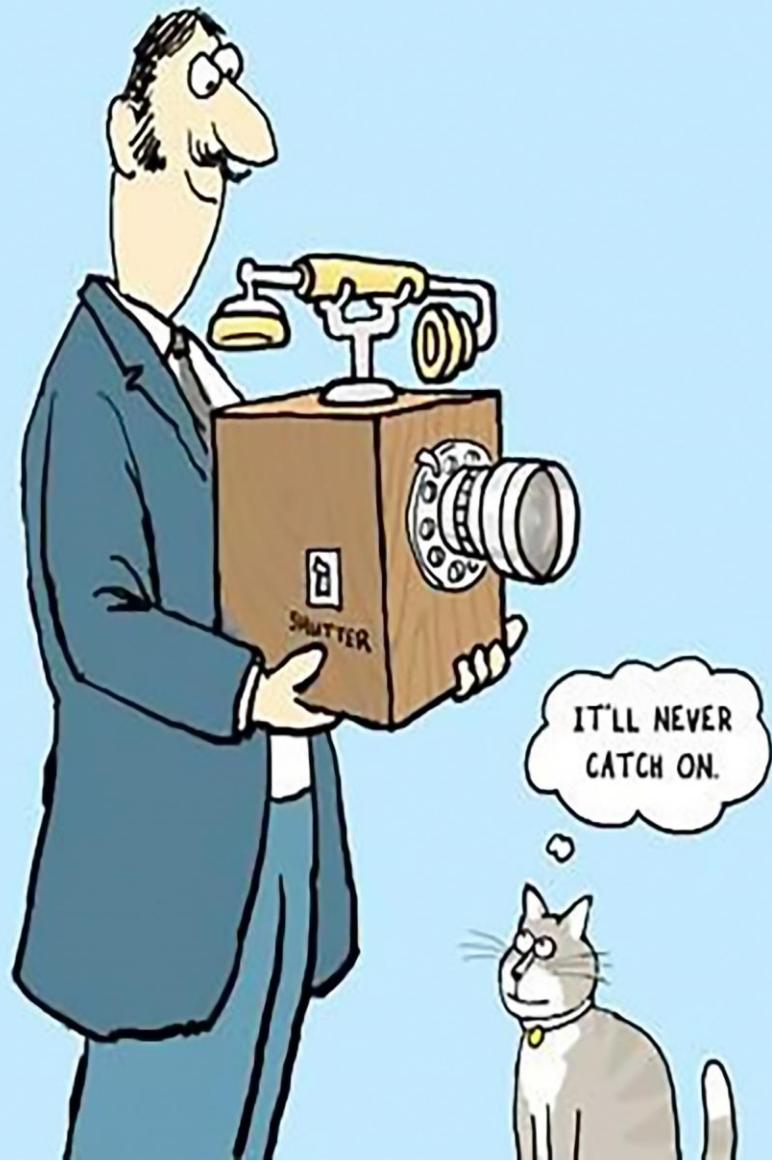


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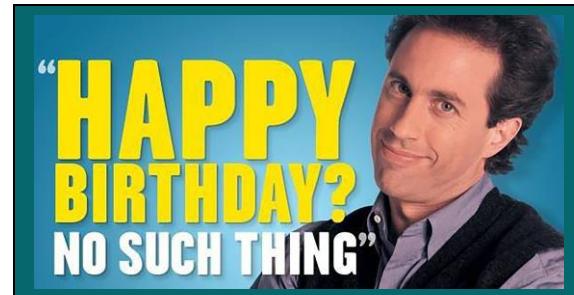


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THE WORLD'S FIRST CAMERA PHONE



Happy Birthday



Dale Button	6
Graham Charman	5
Debbie Clements	14
Helen Coleman	5
Francis Murphy	15
Norman Kerr	14
Brian Lucas	?
Susan Spencer	13
John Miller	24
Kim Racioppa	16
Michael Racioppa	22
Robert Roy	2
Robin Stilwell	18
Paul Tranquada	27
Mary Wayland	15
Wendy Woods	3

What did the bald
man say when he
got a comb for his
birthday?



thanks, i'll
never part
with it!