



The Wasagan



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OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR JUNE 3, 2003 – JUNE 3, 2013

APRIL'S GENERAL MEETING

Today's Speaker: Eric Conroy, S.S. Keewatin

President's Message



President Betty Baker

It's Springtime (somewhere). April showers should be bringing May flowers, butterflies and bees and sunny hours. This has been the longest winter I can remember but hopefully it will mean we will have a longer summer. But as long as we are healthy and happy that is really the main thing isn't it? I hope everyone has had a Happy Easter - it was early this year but it is never too soon to enjoy family and friends gathered around. A lot of our friends will be returning from holidays and we will soon have our usual crowd back at the Probud tables. Even if we do not have an early spring - enjoy life to the fullest!!

NOTE: Please bring almost new items to the May meeting for our Silent Auction.

MARCH'S SPEAKER

Tom Donohue introduced this month's speaker, Nathan Wukasch, CIP, RPP, planner for the town of Wasaga Beach. Nathan talked about the strategic plan for Beaches 1 and 2. The final report is due this spring. There are short, medium and long range recommendations. The realignment of Main Street is a major undertaking. The plans include new structures, a wide view of the bay crossing the bridge and a public square. There was an accompanying power point presentation and it all looked very attractive. It was pointed out that this vision may take 40 years to accomplish and I am sure we all cannot wait. Concerns were raised by members about tax increases because of this undertaking. Also, the priority of frequent cleanup of the actual beach waterfront was raised by members. Tom thanked Nathan and presented him with a token of our appreciation.



CHECK OUT THE LAST PAGE FOR A PHOTO PUZZLE AND SEND TOM A GUESS.

SOCIAL

BOWLING Wednesday March 20th

Bowling at Georgian Bowl was a great success with many screams of delight and groans of disappointment (as well as groans with sore muscles the next day.) The group went out to dinner at the Crystal Buffet to socialize and mingle and met up with several non-bowling members and all enjoyed the glorious food – a fitting conclusion to a fun time.



Joan and Joe announce.....The winners – Irene, Janet, Fred, Bonnie and Joanne. Congratulations to all the participants and thanks to the social committee for a fun event.

NOTE: ARE YOU GETTING READY FOR THE SILENT AUCTION IN MAY?

After the bowling we all enjoyed dinner at the Crystal Buffet.



NIGHT AT THE RACES has been cancelled as proper arrangements could not be made between the race track and the government. There is no social event planned for April.



KEEWATIN BOAT TOUR **11:00 A.M. Thursday May 16th.**

This is a tour of the “Keewatin” ship docked at Port McNicoll. Eric Conroy from the SS Keewatin in Port McNicoll will be speaking at our April 2 meeting about the Boat Tour

The 105-year-old S.S. Keewatin, the last Canadian Pacific Railway Great Lakes steamship.

A big **THANK YOU** to our greeters at the March meeting, **John and Kathy Dunnett.**



NOTE: Don't forget the Silent Auction during our May meeting. Bring “nearly new” sellable items to the meeting on the actual day – May 7. Thank you.

Important notice to all members

regarding our Beachcombers 10th Anniversary meeting in June.

*** We require your name on the 'sign up' sheet if you plan to attend our 10th Anniversary celebration on Tuesday, June 4th which is the date of our regular monthly meeting.**

These lists will be available at both the April and May meetings. Please go to the side table, a committee member will be there to reserve your name. This is most important as concise numbers are necessary for the caterers. We will have a small selection of 'finger food' to choose from at the luncheon, which will be served after the regular meeting. Entertainment is also planned which will be provided by our members.

NO GUESTS IN JUNE, PLEASE

* As there are food costs involved, we are requesting no guests for this particular meeting. it will be open to all those who have a current Beachcombers membership.

*** Please note to bring a 'nearly new' item to our May 7th meeting for the Silent Auction. The proceeds from this endeavour will assist to defray the costs for this day.**

* Your Committee has been planning to make June 4th a fun, nostalgic review of the past 10 years. Please reserve your name and join in this celebration.

Committee members: **Marilyn Ruse, Rickey Lemire, Tom Donohue, Gene Stephenson and Betty Keyes.**

First Edition Book Club Review



In March, the First Edition Book Club read Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. When we first meet Henry Lee, it is 1986, and he is walking past the Panama Hotel in Seattle, which has been boarded up since World War II. He notices the new owner carrying boxes of personal items that belonged to Japanese families who were evacuated to internment camps during the war. This takes Henry back to his childhood memories. In 1942, when he was 12 years old, he was "scholarshipping" at Rainier Elementary, the only Chinese student in an all-white school. Henry's father, a Chinese nationalist who is against the Japanese, insists that Henry wear a button that declares "I am Chinese". This button provokes teasing and bullying by his classmates. The tension between Henry and his father is a major theme of the book. A young Japanese girl, Keiko Okabe, also becomes a student in the school, and identifies with Henry's plight. The two strike up a lasting friendship. Their shared love of jazz music brings them friends with the neighborhood corner musician Sheldon who sneaks them into a club to listen to Oscar Holden play. This night becomes a sacred shared memory for the two of them. Keiko and her Japanese family are eventually evacuated to an internment camp. Henry, along with help from Sheldon and Mrs. Beatty, the cafeteria lady from his school, is able to see her occasionally. They eventually lose touch and Henry marries a lady named Ethel. After Ethel passes away, Henry shares his memories with his son Marty who helps him search for Keiko. The story is beautifully written with memorable characters and vivid details. It was well liked by all members and rated 4.75 out of 5

MARCH LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$50.00 ---- **Linda Squires**
2nd prize of \$35.00 --- **Ed Davies**
3rd prize of \$20.00 ---- **Doris Willis**



A Gift Certificate for \$40.00 was won by **Tony Svirplys.**



Ray & Joan Porter:
lucky draw ticket sellers

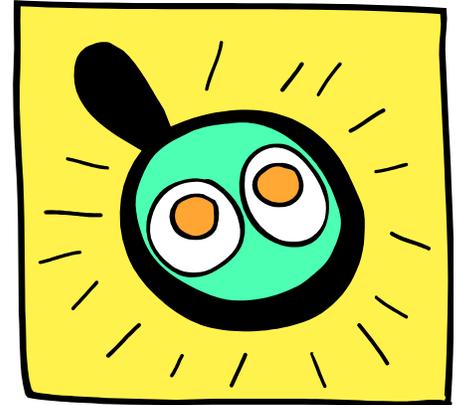
**PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE
AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS**

ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group meet on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In March about 10 of us met at **GEORGIAN CIRCLE** on **WEDNESDAY March 27, 013 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast. We had another small turn out as quite a few are still down south soaking up the sun, and doing the snowbird thing.

In **April** we will be meeting for breakfast at **YAMMAS GRILL** on **April 27, 2013 at 9:00AM**.

We have 24 on our list, and we average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time call Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579. We try to give them an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in April.

DAYTRIPPERS

Did you know that you can make a reservation for lunch or dinner at the Waterside Retirement Lodge on Zoo Park Road? Call the Food Services Manager a few days prior, and you will be given a choice of items available on the menu for that particular day. The cost is reasonable. The Daytrippers combined a luncheon followed by Irish entertainment for our outing in March. We were impressed with the various amenities available for the residents, all spacious and cheerful areas where they gather for meals, movies, library, games and social activities. Our members enjoyed lunch in their spacious dining room; this was followed by a musical selection of all those familiar Irish songs sung by a husband and wife who provided the entertainment for St. Patrick's Day. Waterside also has an evening once a month where they open their doors to local residents for dinner



and a movie. These evenings are advertised in our local paper and a reservation is necessary. Here is an interesting fact that you might not be aware of. Perhaps you are requiring additional accommodation for friends or family during holidays, or special occasions. You may reserve a room at the lodge for short term stays. All in all, it was an enjoyable, entertaining, and informative afternoon close to home. Submitted by Betty Keyes

Goodwill

Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, Shirley Brett. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card. **Brian Passmore** was sent a card. Hope you're feeling better, **Brian**.



Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?
A: During Ape-ril showers!

Q: Can February March?
A: No, but April May!

Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1?
A: Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
A: Spring-time!

Some spring highjinks
(Jokes for the grandkids)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED



In our March meeting New Member Ambassador **Betty Keyes** introduced and welcomed new members **Bill and Loretta Stockwell** with an assist from President **Betty Baker**.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Happy Bookers Club	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU NOW	
First Edition Book Club	Bette Montgomery	429-6854	New group, anyone?		

DON'T FORGET:

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted at the front of the room. Please read them!
- **Please notify the Membership Convener of any changes to your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Please pass information regarding sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener, **Shirley Brett**. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, **Betty Keyes**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. **PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD.** A bulletin board posting is available to Probud Clubs. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm. When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of *The Wasagan* at www.probus.org/13wasbcnrn.pdf (Please contact the *The Wasagan* Editor if you do not have a computer.

MEET YOUR MEMBER – Member profiles may be a rare thing now but that does not mean we do not want to hear from you. If you are able to manage a personal profile, step up and let us know. Most of us would also love to hear from you regarding a hobby or a trip you may have taken. If you bring photos to support your presentation, all the better.

MEMBERS WHO PRESENT THEIR PROFILE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A FREE BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS MEMBERSHIP!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING AN ALMOST NEW ITEM TO THE MEETING IN MAY FOR THE SILENT AUCTION.



And now for some puzzling fun.....look at the photo on the left.
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS PROBUS MEMBER? Email me!
 This is a feature which we will try to place in future newsletters if we get submissions. It's up to you. The present-day member featured today is pictured at age 7. You will find out who it is during the meeting on Tuesday, April 2. If you have a nice photo of yourself at an early age, secretly send it to the editor and tell no one. SHHHH! Give a real photo to the editor on the sly or send a scanned photo to:
t.donohue@rocketmail.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Management Team. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

AND if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups below, or want to find out more information regarding the group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity.

AND if you wish to submit some interesting information regarding your group or submit a good, short joke and/or a photograph, please contact the newsletter editor **Tom Donohue** by email at this special address at least a week before the next monthly meeting: **t.donohue@rocketmail.com**

Upcoming Speakers

It has been decided to give you advance notice of who the speakers are and their areas of expertise so you can prepare for the meeting and perhaps even send questions in ahead of the meeting to assist the speaker with specific areas of interest. If there is a specific topic of interest you would like to cover please contact Marilyn Ruse (422-0271) or Irene Donohue (429-0644).

MAY – NO SPEAKER DUE TO THE SILENT AUCTION

Please submit ideas/questions/concerns to either **Marilyn Ruse** or **Irene Donohue**

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2012-2013

President	Betty Baker	422-1909	Membership	Judy Morrison	429-6611
Vice-President	Ron Hanson	422-0227	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Gene Stephenson	429-0201	Lucky Draw	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
Secretary	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765	Archives	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
New Members	Betty Keyes	422-6064	Social	Diane Nagel	428-3209
Speaker/Profiles Chair and Decorations	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271	Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

DEADLINE for submissions for May's newsletter is Friday, April 27th

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

THE WASAGA STARS ARENA

Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tag.