



The Wasagan



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

MAY'S GENERAL MEETING
Today: Silent Auction Day



President's Message

Well, as you all know it is the first of May and here I am going around the May Pole. You all probably thought it was a different kind of a pole but it is not (fooled you). We have had a wonderful introduction to May and I really think you can put those winter boots away. It's time to clean up the garden, plant new seeds and fill those pots with beautiful flowers. We are all looking forward to the wonderful weather known as summer and it looks like it might actually be on its way. Our 10th anniversary is next month and it will really be something to look forward to. Betty Keyes and her team are planning something very special and we are really looking forward to it.

Happy Month of May, everyone.

President Betty Baker

APRIL'S SPEAKER

Marilyn Ruse introduced this month's speaker, Eric Conroy of the

S.S. Keewatin. We learned that the Keewatin is the last surviving ship from the Titanic era being built around a hundred years ago. It was originally a large grain ship and was part of the history of the formation of our modern Canada as it enabled the grain from the west to be moved east. It was transformed to a passenger ship and Eric served aboard her as a young waiter. We watched part of a documentary about the Keewatin which will air on TV in either June or July. Watch for it. It now is located in Port McNicoll and our social committee has arranged a tour of the ship later this month. Eric has written a book, "A Steak in the Drawer" about his time as a waiter. Marilyn thanked Eric for his very informative talk and presented him with a token of our appreciation.





A big thank you to our greeters for April, **Brian and Helena Aherne**

SOCIAL



KEEWATIN BOAT TOUR

11:00 A.M. Thursday May 16th.

Tickets are \$10.00 each

This is a tour of the “Keewatin” ship docked at Port McNicoll. There is a large group meeting for lunch after the tour. Ask Joyce at the social table if you want to join the group for lunch.

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

Kings Wharf

2:00 PM on August 29

Johnny and June

Cost is \$36.16 per person.

Tickets are on sale at today's meeting.

There are two events sponsored by other Probus groups.

Men's – Tour of Mississauga's new Emergency Service Training Centre.”

May 21 at 9:15 AM at a cost of \$35 each

ALSO

Probus at the Beach – Tour of Toronto Harbour on the Mariposa, featuring Mike Filey as speaker, then lunch at the Old Mill. Tour is on June 25 but cheque for \$86 per person is required by May 18. Ten tickets per Probus group.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak to a member of the social committee.

If you like to join the Social Committee, you would be most welcome.

NOTE: ARE YOU GETTING READY FOR THE SILENT AUCTION NEXT MEETING?

Important notice regarding our Beachcombers 10th Anniversary meeting

We require your name on the 'sign up' sheet if you plan to attend our 10th Anniversary celebration on June 4th. Today's meeting is the LAST opportunity to sign up. 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.

* 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.

* The committee thanks everyone in advance who donated 'nearly new' items for the May Silent Auction. The proceeds from this endeavour will assist to defray the costs for the Anniversary celebration. Please join us for a fun, nostalgic review of the past 10 years.

This is your last chance to reserve your name

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

First Edition Book Club Review

In April, the First Edition Book Club read ***Dreams of Joy*** by Lisa See. This book is a continuation of *Shanghai Girls* (which we read last year). The author continues the story of sisters Pearl and May and Pearl's strong-willed 19 year old daughter, Joy.

Reeling from newly uncovered family secrets Joy runs away to Shanghai in early 1957 to find her birth father and to "live the dream" that China's propaganda has been spouting. Joy's blind idealism and defiance throws her into the New Society of Red China (The Great Leap Forward), heedless of the dangers in the communist regime. Devastated by Joy's flight and terrified for her safety, Pearl is determined to save her daughter, no matter the personal cost. Their journey takes them through the most tragic episodes in China's history and threatens their very lives. The family is challenged by tragedy and time. Will a mother's love be enough to save her daughter? We rated the book 4 out of 5.

The Happy Bookers

Night Watch by Sarah Waters begins in 1947 and ends in 1941. It's about four Londoners, three women and a young man with a past. Kay, who once drove an ambulance during the war and lived life at full throttle, now dresses in mannish clothes and wanders the streets with a restless hunger....searching. Helen, clever, sweet, much-loved harbours a painful secret. Vivian, glamour girl is stubbornly even foolishly loyal to her soldier lover. Duncan, an apparent innocent has his own demons to deal with during the war. Their lives and their secrets connect in sometimes startling ways. War leads to strong alliances. It was interesting reading a book in reverse order, however not everyone enjoyed it or would recommend it.

APRIL LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$57.00 ---- **Joyce Frost**
2nd prize of \$35.00 --- **Jeanne Boem**
3rd prize of \$22.00 ---- **Kathy Cantin**
A Gift Certificate for \$40.00 was won by **Charlie Baker**.

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 **April**, 17 of us met at **YAMMAS** on **WEDNESDAY APRIL 24, 2013 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast. The snow birds have all returned. It was great having Brian Passmore join us for breakfast again. Brian shared some pictures of his Florida Biking Club, and brought us up to date on his bicycle accident.

In **May** we will be meeting for breakfast at **GEORGIAN FAMILY CIRCLE RESTAURANT** on **MAY 29, 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 May.

DAYTRIPPERS



The Daytrippers' April outing was in Elmvale for their 48th Maple Syrup Festival. First of all, we headed off to a chili luncheon at the local Presbyterian Church. There were many eating options to choose from in town, with the majority of the visitors enjoying the traditional pancake, sausages and maple syrup which was offered at the Community Centre.

For those who were adventuresome and could endure the cold windy temperatures, there was music to enjoy from performers at the bandstand and numerous items for sale at the kiosks on the streets (which were closed to all traffic) to tempt the customers. Down at the Fairgrounds one could find a good sized midway set up with lively

music for the children. At the arena every square foot was taken with wonderful merchandise and homemade goodies on display by the vendors. Upstairs was yet another place to enjoy a dessert and beverage. In addition, there was a quilt display with stories attached of their origins. We loved the quilt with the wedding photographs incorporated of a bride and groom in 1957. Fast forward to their 50th wedding anniversary and we also saw their family members in various photos super imposed on the quilt. Another unique feature was the fact that their guests also signed various squares and these were added to the finished treasure. What a unique way of celebrating 50 years of married life! We will return to The Festival next year, and hope the weather is kinder for all those who visit this annual event.

Submitted by: **Betty Keyes**

Goodwill

A card was sent out to Dina McDonald who husband Terry passed away in April. A get well card was sent to Ted Van Ravenstein. 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.



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 Probus 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!

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 TO BRING AN ALMOST NEW ITEM TO THE MEETING IN MAY FOR THE SILENT AUCTION.

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).

JUNE – Anniversary Celebration (Do we know you are coming for sure?)

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

Phone Home?

Lionel phones his mother Long distance.

'Mum, how are you?' he asks.

'Not too good,' answers Lionel's mother, 'I've been very weak.'

Lionel, concerned, asks, 'Why are you so weak, mother?'

She says, 'Because I haven't eaten in 23 days'

Lionel stammers, 'That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 23 days?'

His mother replies, 'Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should phone.'

Two Quotations to Ponder

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford.
Then I want to move in with them. - Phyllis Diller

All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy.
No man does. That's his. - Oscar Wilde



Happy Mother's Day to all mothers everywhere!

THANK YOU TO MARILYN RUSE FOR MAKING THE MEETING ROOM SO WELCOMING!

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	422-0201	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	429-6064	Social	Bryan Stephenson	422-0037
Speaker/Profiles Chair and Decorations	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271	Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

DEADLINE for submissions for May's newsletter is Friday, May 24th

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 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.