



The Wasagan



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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: ROY WILSON, WASAGA BEACH'S TOWN CRIER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here we are into February already. This is the month of Sweethearts and Lovers. Remember to give someone a HUG - as we all get older we need more of them. We have had lots of snow and like the bears we all feel like hibernating. So if you are not going south (as a lot of our members already have) just snuggle up to the fireplace, a good movie on the TV, or a good book to read. It won't be too long until the golf clubs are out and the winter will be forgotten. Enjoy every day - they really are all good ones regardless of where you are.

 **Betty Baker**

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Darlene Faulkner is the Director of Marketing and Resident Services for Raglan Village, a new and unique adult and retirement community in Collingwood. Darlene spoke to us about a variety of retirement living options that are available and encouraged everyone, as we start to plan for our old age, to make an informed decision by exploring the different options that are available.

Darlene brings over 20 years experience in wellness care and came to Collingwood just over a year ago. She has taken a very active role in volunteering within the community for such activities as the Elvis Festival, Walk for Cancer, Chamber events, Summer Theatre and more. She has worked with people with special needs, the deaf community, fund raising and coaching, marketing and organizing events within the community. Darlene has 3 children and also worked as a nurse for 26 years.

Darlene recently attended the Community Health Centre meeting and is very excited about the increase in physicians and nucleus of medical support that this will bring to Wasaga Beach and the surrounding community. Darlene spoke of the various retirement living options such as nursing homes, or senior villages with condos, town houses, independent living apartments and assisted lifestyle apartments where your meals and general needs are looked after. She spoke of the 2008 Atkinson Series that included information on health and retirement around the world. There are also social workers who make home visits, meals on wheels, special exercise clubs etc. Funding for renovations to your home to assist with disabilities can also be acquired for those in need.

You can obtain more information for seniors and their families regarding community, social services, health and related government services, service providers, hospitalization and long-term care by visiting the following four websites on the internet.

www.seniorsinfo.ca / www.211ontario.ca (These websites have very useful information.)

www.health.gov.on.ca / www.cihi.ca

Thanks to Darlene for her very informative presentation. She will be keeping us updated on events regarding the Community Health Centre.



Tickets are on sale at this meeting for:

The Beaver Show – funny, funny, funny! **LAST CHANCE**

Ride the Red Rocket – first chance – a fabulous experience!

VISIT THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND GET YOURS



FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Your Social Committee is made up of members Marilyn Evans, Sandra Hanson, Joan Maloney, Linda Marshall, Mary Searle and Tom Donohue. We would love to hear your comments, suggestions and ideas.

PAST SOCIAL EVENT – GAMES DAY – JANUARY 14TH **GAMES DAY - A POPULAR EVENT**

It was a cold Wednesday, January 14 when 38 members gathered in the meeting room in the arena for a Games Day. It was a bit tentative for a few moments but once everybody started grouping together, the fun began. Card players were in the majority but there were some other games, such as Boggle, Scattergory and Headbanz, being played. The afternoon went by quickly and several members were grateful to get away from their mundane housework. You are most welcome fellows. The thought was expressed that we should make this a regular activity. Your feedback would be helpful and we will discuss it in the future if enough interest is shown. It certainly was not expensive and not difficult to organize

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

BLUE JAY'S BASEBALL – SORRY! June 4 and July 23 –Regretfully, not enough members signed up for these outings, so there will be no Blue Jays baseball group tickets available.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009 – Pancake Breakfast

Boston Pizza is supplying us with our wonderful and free (for members only) breakfast today. Hope you enjoy it. No other event is planned for February.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009 – The Beaver Show

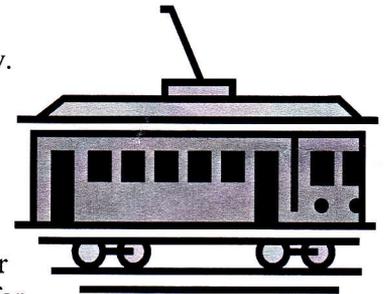


Today (February 3, 2009) is the final day to purchase your ticket for this fun event. Cost is \$80.00 each and it includes the bus ride (Hamilton Tours) to Toronto for lunch at 11:30 A.M. at Tucker's Marketplace followed by the 1:30 P.M. performance- an afternoon of music, laughs, and skits presented by the Beaver Bible Class of Westway United Church of Martingrove Collegiate Institute. Toronto's longest running amateur (with a polished professional look) musical and sketch review, in its 71st year, is definitely worth a look. If you think you would have liked the old-fashioned minstrel shows (without the black-face), then you will love this.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009 – Ride the Red Rocket (budget plan available)

You will take a ride on the Red Rocket Street Car in Toronto with historian Mike Filey. Transportation is via Hamilton Tours to Toronto. You begin with a wonderful buffet lunch at "The Old Mill." Then take a guided tour aboard a historic red rocket street car with Mike Filey. Don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to see Toronto as perhaps you have never seen it before.

Today's meeting is the first of three (February, March and April) where you can purchase your ticket on the budget plan for this event. The total cost is \$96.00 each for a wonderful and enjoyable experience. You may pay the total of \$96.00 each now or for the next three meetings we will accept payments for \$32.00 until you reach the total of \$96.00 each.



UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS – Specific details about each will be announced later. Some events are a little more costly and we will take payments in installments which we call the budget plan.

April, 2009 – Day at the Races – Georgian Downs

June, 2009 – Cruise from either Bracebridge or Gravenhurst (budget plan)

July 14, 2009 – Annual Picnic in Elmvale

August 13, 2009 – King's Wharf performance of Country Legends

December 4, 2009 – Christmas Dinner Dance

JANUARY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

- 1st prize - \$62.00 - Tom Donohue
2nd prize - \$39.00 - Susan Rankine
3rd prize - \$31.00 - Bob Harasowsky
4th prize - \$23.00 - Richard Chenier
\$40.00 gift certificate for the Mandarin Restaurant – Doris Willis

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrated in January!

‘MEET YOUR MEMBER’ – Please contact Betty Keyes at (705) 429-6064 for information regarding “Meet Your Member” profiles. If you are not comfortable speaking in front of groups, Betty will read your profile to our Probus members at a specified General meeting.

“CURRENT” SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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| * The First Edition Book Club | Contact: Betty Montgomery | 429-6854 |
| * Happy Bookers Club | Contact: Mary Barnes | 429-2142 |
| * Dinner at Our Place | Contact: Linda Willis | 429-0467 |
| * Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners | Contact: Marilyn Ruse | 422-0271 |
| * Restaurant Dinner Club | Contact: Joyanne Loughran | 429-6574 |
| * Fair Weather Walkers | Contact: Luci Worch | 422-0062 |

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee. Special interest groups are open to Probus members only. If you want to find out more information regarding any of the Special Interest Groups above, please contact the person whose name appears beside the group.

“NEW” SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are interested in joining any of these new special interest groups, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity. If you wish to have some interesting information regarding your new group entered in the monthly newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor by email at gl_rice@rogers.com.

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
BID EUCHRE	Paul Turner	422-0747	REGULAR EUCHRE	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
3 rd BOOK CLUB	Lucille Mancer	422-0143	CAR POOLING TO TORONTO **	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
CDN. HISTORY	Bob Jackson	429-6332	MILITARY HISTORY	Bob Jackson	429-6332
GENEALOGY	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	HOME MOVIES	Lucille Mancer	429-0143
KITCHEN BRIDGE	Betty Keyes	429-6064	KNITTING	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
2 nd . LADIES LUNCHEON *	Betty Keyes	429-6064	MEN'S BREAKFAST	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
PINOCHLE	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	RUMOLI	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
SLOW PITCH BALL	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	THEATRE	Lucille Mancer	422-0143

Notes:

* 2nd LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP - Betty Keyes has volunteered to help get this group started. She will require someone to step forward and take it over. She also requires more people to sign up. There are only 4 signed up presently, and 2 are away.

** CAR POOLING TO TORONTO - Members get together to drive to Toronto. The gas and parking fees are shared. In Toronto members split up and “do their own thing”, then meet to drive back to Wasaga Beach.

The **Happy Bookers Club** is at maximum membership.

January's book was "The Girls" by Lori Lansens, a fictional novel written about cranially conjoined twins. The girls, Ruby and Rose, write about their upbringing by their loving, adoptive parents in a small southwestern Ontario town. This is not a story about the grotesque but a book about sisterhood, love and accepting a situation you cannot change. The average rating for the book was 3.0 and most would recommend it. It is not a book we will soon forget, particularly when we hear about the trials of real conjoined twins.

The **First Edition Book Club** has reached its maximum membership of 10 members.

This month the "First Edition Book Club" met at the home of Valerie Willock. We spent the afternoon reviewing our latest reading "No Great Mischief" by Alistair Macleod. It was the story about love, loyalty, and loss of 5 generations from Scotland to Cape Breton Island dating back to 1779. Canadian fiction at it's best. The book was generally well received and highly recommended.

Men's Breakfast Group- The Men's Breakfast Group is up and running. We had our first breakfast on Thursday, January 15/09 at Beverly's on Main St. with 11 attending. We meet the 3rd. Thursday of each month for breakfast and conversation. We are trying different local restaurants each month in order to distribute the wealth. The next breakfast will be at Georgian Family Restaurant on February 19/09 at 9:00 AM. Contact Bob Bowyer if you are not on the list, and wish to attend.

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. This is only an information service to our members.
- **Please notify the Membership Convener (Linda Willis @ 429-0467) of any changes to your address, phone number, email address, 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 death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Marilyn Ruse @ 422-0271) - if you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Lucille Mancer, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Lucille can be reached @ 422- 0143 or lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca

PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm

NEXT MEETING

MARCH 3, 2009

ALL STARS ARENA

Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 am. Remember to bring your "Probus" mug.

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/8wasbcnrn.pdf (Please contact the Editor if you do not have a computer.)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

It would be appreciated if contributors could submit their items to Lyn Rice at gl_rice@rogers.com by the end of the third week of the month.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2008-2009

President:	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social:	Tom Donohue	429-0644
Vice-President:	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Membership:	Linda Willis	429-0467
Treasurer:	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Secretary:	Joanne Scruton	422-0976	50/50 Draw:	Kay Knab	429-5547
Past President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	New Members:	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Speakers:	Jan Bivall	429-7584	Goodwill:	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
	Diane Nagel	428-3209	Newsletter:	Marilyn (Lyn) Rice	429-1798