



# The Wasagan



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: May 2nd.**

**Wasaga Stars Arena**

**Speaker: Tim Lalonde**

**Maple Syrup**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hi All,

Hopefully all of our April showers will bring us May flowers!

It is that time of year again when our PROBUS executive committee begins to go through another transformation for the upcoming year 2017 – 2018. Many of the volunteers on our committee are returning to their positions but there will be some new spots opening up for others to join in. This should take place before July as the new Executive Committee takes over in August, 2017. I am bringing a signup sheet for everyone to check out and please sign up to help the committee run smoothly. If you have not stepped forward to volunteer in the past, perhaps this is your year. For new members this is an excellent opportunity to make new friends and enjoy new experiences by helping out others. One area where we will require members is on our Social Committee. I would like to thank everyone on the Social Committee this past year for all their hard work in making it a very successful year. A lot of our Social Committee members will not be returning in August as they have completed 2 terms in this position and it is time to turn it over to other members possibly with new ideas.

I would like to wish all the ladies a very Happy Mother's Day.

Cheers,  
Al Grondin,  
President

## APRIL MEETING



Thank you to our greeters for April, **Larry & Marilyn Ruse**

Thanks were given to our volunteers for their table décor and for providing our refreshments.

If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table



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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the **Management Team**.

PM Luncheon Cuisiners:

**Joan Porter** - 429-9260

Genealogy:

**Sandra Hanson** - 422-0227

Daytrippers:

**Lucille Mancer** - 422-0143

First Edition:

**Vincy Stephenson** - 705-422-0201

Happy Bookers:

**Jan Bivall** - 429-7584

The Bookies

**Tom Donohue** - 429-0644

Appy-hour:

**Jan Bivall** - 429-7584

**Diane Nagel** - 422-0835

Kitchen Bridge:

**Betty Keyes** - 429-6064

Euchre Night

**Jayne Edwards** - 422-0793

Men's Breakfast:

**Bob Bowyer** - 429-0579

Book Exchange:

**Rita Bencquista** - 705-429-1911

Dinner & a Movie

**Ron Hanson** - 705-422-0227

## NEW MEMBERS

Judy Grondin introduced our newest Probus members, Joanne Hartley & Dorman Parsons and Doug & Nancy Frivalt.



## LUCKY DRAW Winners



1st PRIZE: \$56/00	Caroline Paylor
2nd PRIZE: \$38.00	Earnst Bartlik
3rd PRIZE: \$31.00	Joanne Hartley
Speaker's Fund: \$31.00	

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



## APRIL SPEAKER

**Joanne Millie** introduced our speaker, **Ted Vandenhurk**, who gave a very informative and interesting presentation about chicken growers. There were many questions, which were answered expertly and we all agreed that we could have listened longer.



## Schedule of Future Speakers

June	Josh Palas - Recreation @wasagabeach.com
July	Wasaga Paramedics
August	George Laidlaw - Historian

## SOCIAL REPORT

**Anne LaPorte** introduced **Tony Svirplys** who reminded everyone about the Murder Mystery luncheon being held at Country Life on May 17th at a cost of \$68. pp.

In June, a trip to the O.P.P. headquarters is planned and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat is being presented at the King's Wharf in August.

**Rudy Hochkirchen** then came forward and shared information about the Golf Tournament at Batteaux Creek, the



Gravenhurst Boat Cruise and the bus tour to the Nuclear Power Plant.

If anyone has any ideas of how we can commemorate Canada's 150th Birthday, they can be given to any member of the social committee.

The Executive Committee wish to advise the membership that we will now be taking **cheques only** for any event bookings.

Also, when tickets are purchased for an event, it is the responsibility of the member to sell the ticket if he/she is unable to attend

During the next few months we will be looking for new volunteers to join the Social Committee. Please think of signing up and help our club with any information on social outings

The results of the interest sheets and questionnaire will be provided to you at the meeting in May.

From the interest sheets the following are now being considered

- 1- Golfing at Batteaux Creek Golf Club in Nottawa - date to be announced
- 2- Gravenhurst Boat Cruise - now booked for Wednesday July 12th
- 3- Credit Valley Explorer - Train ride and lunch -now booked for Saturday September 30th

Other considerations - to be announced later

- 4- SS Keewatin Tour
- 5- Keady Market
- 6- Car Rally

Unfortunately, the bus tour to the Bruce Nuclear Power Plant has been postponed until further notice and enough people show interest in a bus tour. **We need 50 people for the bus. Trip is 9:00 to 5:00 pm and \$40.00 per person. If interested please sign up.**

## **EVENTS**

Mysteriously Yours Luncheon Murder Mystery - tickets still on sale

OPP Museum and Stephen Leacock Museum - Lunch overlooking Lake Couchiching - now booked June 28th - tickets on sale now

Gravenhurst Boat Tour - now booked for July 12th - tickets on sale now

Summer Party and Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration - tentatively booked Friday July 21st - details to be announced

Play at Kings Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

- now booked Thursday August 31st. Tickets on sale soon.

Credit Valley Explorer Train Ride from Orangeville to Brampton

- now booked Saturday September 30th. Tickets on sale soon.

Christmas Dinner and Dance - now booked for Saturday December 2nd.

## APRIL

- We had an excellent tour of the Creemore Springs Micro Brewery which included complimentary tasting! Lunch followed at the Old Mill House Pub next door.



## MAY

- MYSTERIOUSLY YOURS INC. will be presenting a Murder Mystery Matinee on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wasaga Country Life Community Centre. The fun starts at 11:00 a.m., includes lunch, a cash bar and a free ballet to guess WHODUNIT! Sign-up now!



## Goodwill Convener

Cards with well wishes were sent to Marilyn Evans and Susan Mogelin

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise Irene Sunderland [irenesunderland@sympatico.ca](mailto:irenesunderland@sympatico.ca)

## Membership

Our total membership stands at 191 with 101 members in attendance at the April meeting. The membership fee for new members signing up starting February meeting drops to \$15 plus \$25 initiation fee. This fee remains in effect until May.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Several Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized



**APRIL 2017**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST MESSAGE**

**ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP:**

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gather on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast. We have been rotating between YAMMAS GRILL, and Georgian Circle Family Restaurant. We have now added Tilly's 2 Cafe and bakery (**formerly Edenvale Airport**) to our list. In April the group got together at YAMMAS GRILL for breakfast and stimulating conversation.

The **ROMEO'S** group was formed around 2008, and has been a success. We have approximately 30 on our list. Those who can make it out enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation whenever they can attend. We average around 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time contact **Bob Bowyer** at 705-429-0579. We will add you to the list for the monthly reminders.

We send out a reminder a few days ahead to find out how many can make it. We try to give the restaurant an approximate count as to how many will be attending. You can always show up at the last minute. We will find a seat for you.

Our next breakfast will be on **Wednesday, MAY 31, 2017, 9:00AM at GEORGIAN CIRCLE FAMILY RESTAURANT.**

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## First Edition Book Club

The book chosen this month is "Hornet Flight" by Ken Follett.

Synopsis:

The Story takes place during World 2 on a small island Danish Island across from the North Sea. Harold Olufsen, a bright 18 year old with a talent for engineering has a secret to give England that could turn the course of the war. The only means available to him is a derelict, abandoned Hornet Moth biplane.....

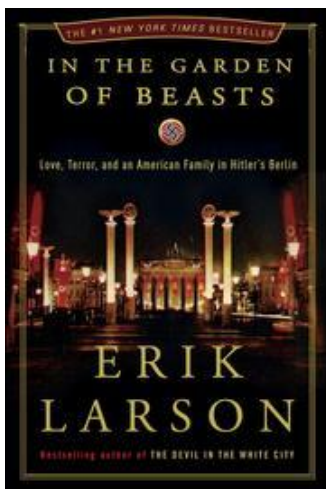
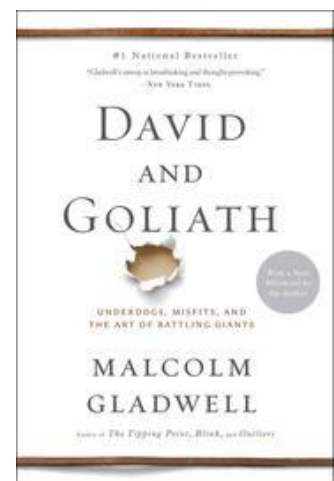
We gave the book a rating of 3.4. Many felt the book was too predictable and the writing was too simplistic. Some members quite liked the book but others lost interest and found it a painful read.

Lynda Trimble



## The Bookies

Our last two books are reviewed. David and Goliath is a well-researched book by Malcolm Gladwell. He offers a new interpretation of what appears to be a disadvantage or an obstacle and presents many examples to make his case: ie, the founder of IKEA is dyslexic and, Gladwell writes, dyslexia in the best cases forces you to develop skills that might otherwise remain dormant. It was scored 3.8 out of 5.



In the Garden of Beasts is based on the experiences of William Dodd, a mild-mannered Chicago professor who was selected as America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany in the mid-thirties. Author Erik Larson gleaned many details from the diaries of Dodd and his adult daughter Martha, who travelled to Germany with the family. Martha kept copious diaries and offers many notes from the social side of the country with her many dalliances during these years while the ambassador was frustrated by frequent ignored political warnings to Washington of the impending danger the world faced. Larson weaved an interesting tale. It was rated 4 out of 5 and the movie adaptation starring Tom Hanks and Natalie Portman is available.

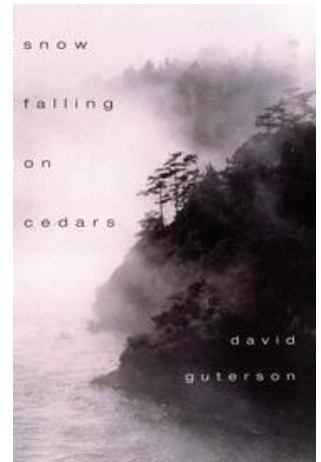


## Happy Bookers

Snow Falling On Cedars is a beautifully crafted courtroom drama, love story and

War novel. In 1954 a fisherman from St. Piedro Island is found suspiciously drowned and a Japanese-American is charged with his murder. The trial is haunted by memories of what happened to the Japanese residents during World War 11 when the entire community was sent into exile. The novel illuminates the psychology of a community, the ambiguities of justice and the racism that exists between neighbors.

Recommended and Rated as 3.75 out of



## The Archives

If you have anything worth archiving in our records or would like to look up anything from our past newsletters, please submit them to **Dennis Moise** our Archivist. [Dennis.moise@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.moise@gmail.com)

## Dinner and Movie Night

**Ron and Sandy Hanson** have volunteered to take over the Dinner and a Movie event.

Contact Ron or Sandy at: [rhanson99@rogers.com](mailto:rhanson99@rogers.com)

Or 705-422-0227



## APPY HOUR"

Thank you to the April hosts, **Joanne & Kerry Millie** and **Joyce & Colin Throop**. So far no one has volunteered to host in May. If you are interested in doing so, consider which Friday evening would be convenient and how many guests would work for you, then please call Jan Bivall @ 429-7584 or email her at [stevebivall@gmail.com](mailto:stevebivall@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.



## Daytrippers

No report this month from "The Daytrippers".

We welcome new members. **Lucille Mancer** [\(705\) 422-0143](tel:7054220143)

## Book Exchange

For the Love of Reading~~Book Exchange Program~~

Exchange your previously Loved Book for a New Adventure!

Contact Rita Benacquista 705-429-1911

## What's My Line?

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Did you enjoy the first production of this new feature at the April meeting? I do hope so! Well, now I need volunteers to be contestants on future games, so if you ever had a paid job that was amusing, unusual, or just plain yucky (like Al Grondin's!), even if it was only for a brief time, please send me an email and tell me what it was so we can feature you on a game sometime in the future.

Carolyn Cassells [bigbirds@rogers.com](mailto:bigbirds@rogers.com)

## MYSTERY MEMBER

We have two more Mystery Member photos to complete our year before the "What's My Line" game begins.

Who is this lovely little girl?

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, May 2nd, 2017

At the Wasaga Stars Arena

**Come at 9:30 for coffee and  
fellowship.**

NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in the May  
Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter

editor [dennis.moise@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.moise@gmail.com) by May .21, 2017

