



# The Wasagan



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: August 1st.**  
**Wasaga RecPlex**  
**Speaker: George Laidlaw - Historian**

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## **MANAGEMENT CONTACTS**

### **PRESIDENT:**

**Al Grondin 352-0565**

### **PAST PRESIDENT:**

**John Dunnett 352-0100**

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Paul Edwards 422-0793**

### **TREASURER:**

**Gary Willis 429-7835**

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

**Judy Grondin - 352-0565**

### **SECRETARY:**

**Doris Willis 429-7835**

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

**Barb & Rick Roettger 717-1933**

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

**Anne Laporte 429-6261**

### **REFRESHMENTS:**

**Bob & Joan Bowyer 429-0579**

### **SPEAKERS:**

**Joanne Millie 352-2860**

### **LUCKY DRAW:**

**John Norwood & Sheila Dobson  
429-9719**

### **DECORATIONS**

**Carol Stonehouse 606-0504**

### **GOODWILL CONVENOR:**

**Betty Baker 422-1909**

### **NEWSLETTER & ARCHIVIST:**

**Dennis Moise 352-1335**



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Hi All,**

**The Probus year has passed quickly and we will be welcoming our new Executive today. It's been a privilege to be able to serve as President for the past year. I would like to take this time to thank the Management Team for their efforts in making our Beachcombers Probus Group successful and enjoying for all.**

**I'd like to thank Paul Edwards for all of his help during the past year. Paul is moving into the President's position today and I know he has some new and interesting ideas to bring to the group. I wish him all the best in the coming year.**

**A big thank you goes out to Doris Willis for keeping excellent minutes of the general and executive meetings and made sure the meetings all ran smoothly. Doris has graciously accepted the position of Secretary for the upcoming year.**

**I'd like to thank Gary Willis for taking over the position of Treasurer part way through the year. Gary has done a fine job of banking, keeping financial records, providing monthly reports to the membership, and made sure all cheques were issued in a timely matter. Gary is staying on as Treasurer for the upcoming year.**

**A huge thank you to Bob and Joan Bowyer for providing the members with excellent coffee and delicious treats at each meeting. Sheila Dobson and John Norwood will be taking over this position for the upcoming year.**

**Carol Stonehouse did an excellent job of providing decorations for the tables for each meeting. Carol will continue again next year.**

**Anne La Porte and her team have done an amazing job of coordinating our social outings and activities and will be returning as Social Committee for next year.**

**Dennis Moise has done an outstanding job putting our Newsletter together each month and getting it sent out to the members quickly and efficiently. Next year, Carolyn Cassells will be taking over this position. Dennis Moise will continue on as Archivist for 2017 – 2018.**

**A big thank you to Joanne Millie for arranging our monthly speakers. We have had a great variety of speakers this past year who were very informative and interesting.**

**Joanne will continue on in this position for the upcoming year.**

**Thank you to Sheila Dobson and John Norwood for doing the Lucky Draw each month. There were many lucky winners drawn thanks to their efforts. Vincy and Gene Stephenson will be taking over this position next year.**

**Thank you to Judy Grondin for introducing all of our new members for the past year.**

**Gene Stephenson will be welcoming our new members for the upcoming year.**

**Rick Roettger did a super job signing up our new members to our Probus Group and will continue on next year.**

**A big thank you to Irene Sunderland and Betty Baker for taking on the position of Goodwill Ambassador. Betty Baker will continue in this position for next year.**

**John Dunnett wore many hats this past year....his main position being past President, he also filled in for Doris Willis in her absence, and also filled in for me during my absence. He promptly stepped up to the plate when he was called upon. Thank you very much John!**

**Ron Hanson is coming back to the Executive Committee as Vice President and I know he will add some flavor to the team.**

**Finally, to all our members, a big thank you for all your support over the past year.**

**Cheers,**

**Al Grondin – President**

## **JUNE MEETING:**



**Thank you to our greeters for July, Lynn & Doug McCullough and Carol Ridout.**

**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**

## NEW MEMBERS

There were no new members in July.

## LUCKY DRAW Winners



1st PRIZE: \$58.00	Jane Edwards
2nd PRIZE: \$39.00	Brian Kerry
3rd PRIZE: \$33.00	Bob Harasowsky

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

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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**

## JULY SPEAKER

**Joanne Millie** came forward to introduce our speaker, **Andrew Robert**, Chief of Paramedics for Simcoe County who gave an excellent presentation about the role of paramedics in our county.



## Schedule of Future Speakers

September	Garnet Pratt Siddall - Side Launch Brewery
October	Canadian Cannabis Clinic

## SOCIAL REPORT

**Anne Laporte and Rudy Hochkirchen** shared the duties of presenting information about our social events:







In June we toured the **OPP Museum and the Leacock Museum** in Orillia. Those in attendance enjoyed this outing.



Unfortunately 19 people who had signed up did not show up for the tours and lunch! As discussed at the July meeting, a **"REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT"** will now be enforced. If you show-up, you get your refund back. If not, it will be forfeited.



On July 4<sup>th</sup> we had a wonderful **Canada 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and luncheon**. Those who attended enjoyed this event and made it a very successful day! Thank you to the committee and to all those members who helped set-up and clean up.

A big **"THANK YOU"**

also to the many people who commented on how fun it was, how well organized this event was and how much they enjoyed the delicious food prepared by the Valley Farm Market & Catering in Elmvale!

We, the social committee members, always like to hear positive feedback and that you have enjoyed a planned event!







It was on July 12<sup>th</sup> that we enjoyed the **Gravenhurst boat tour and lunch aboard the Wenonah II** -

This also included passes to the Muskoka Steamships & Discovery Centre. The Farmers' Market on the pier that day was enjoyed by many!



A big **"THANK YOU"**

to Rudy and Anne Hochkirchen for organizing this wonderful outing!

In August we will be going to see a play at King Wharf Theatre Production in Penetanguishene - Thursday 31st August **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. Ticket sales are now closed for this event. A big thank you to Carol Ridout for organizing this one!



NOTE: Tickets will be available for pick-up at the August meeting. Anyone who cannot attend this meeting will be contacted to pick-up their tickets.

### **TICKETS STILL FOR SALE - BRING YOUR CHEQUE BOOKS!!!**

**SEPTEMBER - Credit Valley Explorer - Train Ride & lunch on board** - from Orangeville to Brampton - Saturday, September 30th. The cost is \$60.00 per person. There are a limited number of tickets being sold. We are looking to sell at least 8-10 more tickets. Get your ticket! Those who have signed up but have not yet paid have been sent an email. Payment is required at the August meeting.



### **OCTOBER - Murder Mystery and Luncheon** - Wednesday October 11th.



The cost is \$68.00 per person. Several people have signed up for this event but have not yet paid. Please see Tony at the August meeting and pay for your ticket. We are looking to sell at least 20 more tickets! Get your ticket. Invite your family, friends and neighbours! This promises to be a fun afternoon. A big **"THANK YOU"** goes out to Tony and Violet Svirplys whom have been working very hard to make this event happen for us. **Let's sell those last tickets!!!** Those who have signed up but have not yet paid have been sent an email. Payment is required at the August meeting. Fill a table of friends and challenge others to solve the murder mystery! It promises to be a fun filled afternoon!

### **COMING UP - WATCH FOR THESE EVENTS**



**Golf and corn roast at Orr Lake Golf Club  
- mid August**





## A cruise in the Collingwood Harbour – September



### NEW POLICY

For "no charge" or "pay as you go" events (i.e. previous events like bowling, Bateaux Creek golf day, OPP and Leacock Museum tours) a deposit of \$10.00 cash per person will be required in the future, to hold your place at sign-up. This will be considered a REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. The money will be returned to you once you attend or arrive at the scheduled event. If you do not attend, the money is non-refundable!

Due to the difficulty of forecasting the number of members who will attend a ticketed event, you can no longer sign-up for an event without paying by cheque the full amount owing for the event, at the time of sign-up. If you have signed up for an event and have not yet paid, you must pay now or your name will come off the list. Only the people that have paid for events will be considered signed-up in the future.

Once you have purchased a ticket for an event there is no refund on that ticket. Should you need to cancel, the ticket is your responsibility.

### Goodwill Convener

Cards with well wishes were sent to **Carol Ridout, Tony Svirplys, Monika Burchell and Gary Boissonault**.

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise **Betty Baker: [betty.b@rogers.com](mailto:betty.b@rogers.com)**

### Membership

Our club has not increased yearly dues since the first year of operation in 2003. It was decided by the Management Team that costs are rising quickly and we have a need to increase our annual dues to \$30.00 annually.

Anyone who becomes a member in July or August will pay the full \$25.00 initiation fee but their membership will be in effect for a full year. In essence, they are members for 14 months because of the time of year that they join the club.

Membership expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August and dues for the New Year must be paid by Sept.5<sup>th</sup>. Anyone paying after that date will be charged an additional \$5.00.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Several Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST MESSAGE** **ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP:** **AUGUST 2017**

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

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast. We had to cancel the breakfast in June due to the OPP Tour being scheduled on the same day, and others with conflicting schedules.

The **ROMEO'S** group was formed around 2008, and has been a success. We have approximately 30 on our list that try to make it to breakfast when they can... 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.

Please note that I am going to clean up my contact list. We have quite a few names on the list that have not attended in a year or more. Starting in August the reminder will only go out to those who are still active. Should you decide that you still want to be on the list, I am only a phone call away.

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, AUGUST 30, 2017, 9:00AM** at **GEORGIAN CIRCLE FAMILY RESTAURANT**.

## First Edition Book Club

In June the First Edition Book Club read **Room** by Emma Donoghue. At the start of this powerful novel Jack, the narrator, and his mother (who was kidnapped 7 years earlier when she was a 19 year old college student) celebrate Jack's 5th birthday. "Ma" is resourceful in creating exercise games; make shift toys and reading and math games to fill their days locked in an 11' x 11', sound proof, and windowless shed in the kidnapper's back yard. The story's intensity cranks up dramatically when, after a nail biting escape, Jack meets the outside world. *Room* is disturbing, thrilling and emotionally compelling. We rated this book 3.3 out of 5.



July report: **"Me Before You"** is an emotional story about 2 families, the importance of choices in life and where those choices lead.

The reader is introduced to Louisa, an immature mid 20's person. living at home with no ambition and recently unemployed. This all changed when the opportunity presented itself to be a companion to a quadriplegic. The other main character is Will, once a very successful wealthy business man enjoying all that life offered. He is now faced with having his overwhelming medical difficulties attended to by a care giver. Unfortunately, he makes life miserable for all those around him. No two people could be more opposite than Louisa and Will as the reader becomes more involved with their ongoing struggles. Many attempts are made to introduce Will to outings outside his comfort zone hoping to make his life more interesting.



Everyone agreed the writing style of Moyes is very readable and seemingly effortless. The secondary characters are interesting as we are introduced to family members and others in both Will and Louisa's past and present lives. A comparison was made in the lives of Will and Toronto's Barbara Turnbull who was left a quadriplegic during a robbery at a convenience store. Barbara went on to achieve numerous firsts to benefit society during her short life. We agreed it is not what you have, or do not have, but what you can accomplish with what life has dealt you. The members of our book club enjoyed this 'Best Seller' and would recommend it to others. It provoked a lengthy, interesting discussion. We rated it 4.6 out of 5.

Submitted by: Betty Keyes

## The Bookies

The Bookies will take the month of July and August off and will return in September's issue.

## Happy Bookers

No report from the Happy Bookers for July.

## 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"

The last 'Appy Night' will be hosted by Peter & Jeanette Gribbon. The date is Friday, August 11th from 5 -7 p.m. so check your calendars. They have requested 8 guests and there will be a sign-up sheet with all the details available at the Probus meeting.



Thank you to all the hosts and guests who have supported Appy Night and made it a successful social event for the past two years. Diane and I have enjoyed being part of it. Jan Bivall & Diane Nagel

Rickey Lemire has volunteered to co-ordinate this event. [rickeyandgreg@gmail.com](mailto:rickeyandgreg@gmail.com)

## 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](tel:7054291911)

## What's My Line?



What's My Line was the victim of time at our July meeting. The discussions regarding membership cost increase consumed the time allotted to What's My Line. August meeting will be the next presentation of a fun new guessing game. We need volunteers to be contestants on future games, so if you ever had a paid job that was amusing, unusual, or just plain yucky, 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 at future meetings.  
**Carolyn Cassells**   [bigbirds@rogers.com](mailto:bigbirds@rogers.com)

#### **THE WASAGAN EDITOR CHANGE:**

Our monthly newsletter will have a new editor starting in September; Carolyn Cassells. Carolyn will bring a new and fresh prospective to the publication.

I have enjoyed publishing The Wasagan for the last two years and I hope you have all enjoyed the issues each month.

Thanks for your interest.



**Dennis Moise**

## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup>. 2017**

**At the Wasaga Recplex**

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

NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in the July Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter editor [bigbirds@rogers.com](mailto:bigbirds@rogers.com) by July 21, 2017