



The Wasagan



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SEPTEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: Gary Cerantola, Wasaga Beach Film Festival



President Ron Hanson (with his wife Sandy) - a "couple" of years ago.

President's Message

As your newly appointed President of our Beachcombers Probus Club, let me say how fortunate I was to have worked with such a wonderful management group last term. I am sure that you all will join me in offering a heartfelt thank you for a job well done.

I am also equally excited about the volunteers that have come forward to participate in this upcoming year's management team. We have had only one meeting at this point, however there are quite a number of new initiatives that we are looking at to stimulate membership participation. I encourage you all to make an effort to get involved in the social activities that are planned. You will probably be surprised at how much fun you will actually have. This is your club and the success of the events rests on

membership participation. If you find that the events planned to date, do not peak your interest, I am sure that **Penny Rivait** and her Social Committee team are more than willing to hear your suggestions for those events that you would like to have them look into.

Your management team for this year has a goal.... to increase our membership. You can help by approaching your friends / neighbours, and inviting them to one of our general meetings.

I look forward to a great year with all of you Beachcombers

President Ron Hanson

THANK YOU TO OUR GREETERS FOR AUGUST: CHARLIE AND BETTY BAKER

If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

AUGUST'S SPEAKERS

Irene Donohue welcomed members Jan and Steve Bivall who treated us to a wonderful travelogue of their recent trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. They went to visit their daughter and her husband and



travelled to many towns and cities in those exotic locales. The photos and descriptions were rich in colour and details. It was in a word – FANTASTIC. Irene thanked Jan and Steve and rated their presentation as A+. Congratulations to the Bivalls whose daughter in Vietnam delivered a new baby in the last week or two of August. Jan and Steve returned to Vietnam and just missed the actual birth.

SOCIAL

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS



These are a few photos from the June tour of the Toronto Harbour and lunch at the Old Mill. Thanks to **Greg Lemire** for the fine photos and sorry they got left out earlier.



ALSO

The King's Wharf Theatre presentation "Johnny and June" was attended by an appreciative group of members on August 29th and a report will be made in the next issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Beachcomber Probus Golf Tournament & Dinner

Thursday, September 19

1:30 pm shotgun start

Marlwood Golf Club

There are still tickets available and at \$60.00 for 9 holes of golf with a cart plus a steak dinner, it is a good bargain; steak dinner only tickets are also available for \$25. Join us as we will not cancel this event.

Orillia to Sparrow Lake Fall Colour Boat Cruise

Friday, October 11

\$79 per person includes a Continental breakfast and a hot buffet lunch.

There are still a few tickets available.

Spend the day cruising from Lake Couchiching through Lock 42 and up the Trent waterway to Sparrow Lake and back. This is a combined Probus club event sponsored by the Mens' Probus Club of Wasaga Beach – Buy your ticket in August – We only have 4 allotted tickets left to sell, though we may be able to get more if we want them – Consider this a great way to kick start the Thanksgiving long weekend.



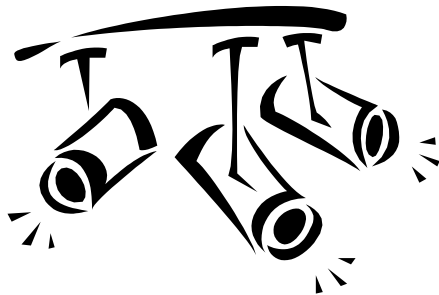
Fall Colour Car Rally

1:00 PM on October 17, 2013

Start at RecPLex. Finish at ?



Financial and route details are being finalized at this date but a car rally will be ready for Tuesday, October 17. You are asked to sign the interest sheet if you really intend to participate. The cost might be in the \$30 per person range. You will drive through the countryside following a predetermined route answering questions which test your powers of observation. There is a lovely mystery rest stop and a wonderful dinner at the final (also a mystery) destination. Organize yourselves into groups of 3 or 4 per car as you sign up or leave it to the organizers to put you in groups.



Theatre Collingwood

The Sweetest Sounds

Saturday, October 26

The sign up sheet with additional information will be at our September meeting. Please bring your cheque book as full payment is required at the theatre by September 26. We have booked 40 tickets for this one time only production.

Curling, anyone?

At the next meeting there will be a signup sheet for anyone who would like to go curling one day in the future.



More social events to come in the months ahead, so stay tuned

Yearly Probus fees (\$25) are due this month

See Judy at the membership desk.

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



ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP

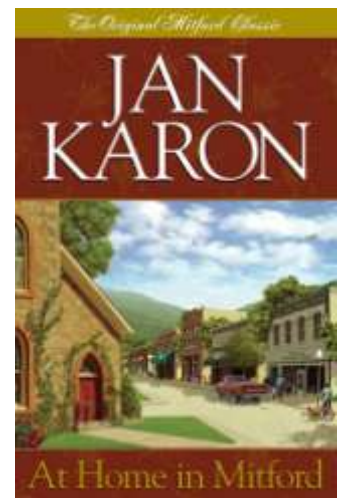
The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group meet on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In **JULY**, the group met at **SUNSET GRILL** on **WEDNESDAY JULY 31, 2013 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast. We are unable to give a report on our breakfast at this time (Editor's comment: delicious). We will give an update in the September WASAGAN.

In **AUGUST** we will be meeting for breakfast at **GEORGIAN FAMILY CIRCLE RESTAURANT** on **Aug. 28 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.

First Edition Book Club

In August, the First Edition Book Club read At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon. This is a delightful story about a fictional town called Mitford where everybody knows everybody, and they all want to help each other. The main character is Father Timothy, the local Episcopalian rector, and the story revolves around him. He adopts a rambunctious dog that he names Barnabas, looks after an 11-year old boy Dooley, who needs lots of discipline, has an interesting friendship with a neighbor and generally gets involved in everyone's business in the town. Reading this book is like watching a tele-series as you look forward each time you pick up the book to a new humorous and entertaining episode. The book is a charming and laid-back read which was enjoyed by all our members. The book was rated 3.65 out of 5.



AUGUST LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

- 1st prize of \$50.00 ---- **Irene Donohue**
2nd prize of \$30.00 --- **Bob Harasowsky**
3rd prize of \$25.00 ---- **Betty Keyes**
\$50.00 to Treasurer.

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



Congratulations to Prizewinners Irene, Bob and Betty.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in September.



Goodwill



Cards were sent out to **Steve and Jan Bivall** and **Robin Nagel**. Sorry if we missed you and you are feeling poorly. 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** New Member Ambassador, **Betty Montgomery**, 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/13wasbcn.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

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.

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	Diane Nagel	422-6835	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU NOW	
First Edition Book Club	Bette Montgomery	429-6854	New group, anyone?		

NOTICE

We are still looking for a member(s) to step forward to organize the popular Restaurant Dinner Club or to modify how it is run.

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).

OCTOBER: Sheryl Cooper plus a rep from Georgian College

NOVEMBER: Kevin Colcy

DECEMBER: Christmas themed

New Management Team for 2013-2014



Front row (L to R): Shirley Brett, Betty Baker, Ross Dawe, Bob Bowyer, Dan Squires, Tom Donohue

Second Row: Penny Rivait, Marilyn Ruse, Joanne Scruton, Violet Svirplys, Judy Morrison, Betty Montgomery

Rear: Ron Hanson

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2012-2013

President	Ron Hanson	422-0227	Membership	Judy Morrison	429-6611
Vice-President	Ross Dawe		Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Betty Baker	422-1909	Lucky Draw	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
Secretary	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765	Archives	Everett Rivait	422-1573
New Members	Betty Montgomery	429-6894	Social	Penny Rivait	422-1573
Speaker/Profiles Chair and Decorations	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271	Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

NOTE: Please send all articles and photos to t.donohue@rocketmail.com by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** for inclusion in October's issue. Thanks to Harry Durant for the new email format.

New Archivist

Thanks to **Everett Rivait** for volunteering to assume the ARCHIVIST position. If you take a good photo of a Probus event, perhaps you can share it with **Everett**.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Thanks also to the many behind the scenes people who help with the running of our club. Spouses play a big role as well as other volunteers. We will try to get all the names in the next issue.

WATCH THOSE KIDS

And in honour of the young ones returning to school, here is an cute, old joke which is not very PC today from several angles: The little boy wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he surprised his teacher when he tapped her on the shoulder and said ..."I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades, somebody is going to get a spanking."

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?



This little boy is one of our Probus members. He is a few years older now. Anyone recognize him? We will learn his identity in the August meeting. Do you have a photo of you at an early age? Secretly submit it to the editor. Last month's picture featured Dan Squires.

Arrive early for the meeting on the first Tuesday of the month to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

**SEE YOU ON TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 2013
WASAGA STARS ARENA**