



# The Wasagan



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**JULY'S GENERAL MEETING**



**Today: Marian Ritchie and Alzeimers**



## President's Message



Well friends this is the last message from me as President. I have had a fun time. With a great administration group that really helped me pull it off. I cannot believe that it is a year ago that I donned this cap - once again - where does the time go? You have been a great group to preside over. You seemed to enjoy my morning smiles (especially the one about the electrified fence) Hope I did not offend anyone. I look forward to the next year with Ron Hanson as President; I know he will do a great job. Love to you all - remember - Keep well and Drive Safely.

**President Betty Baker**

## THANK YOU TO OUR GREETERS FOR JULY:



**CAROLYN AND GEORGE PAYLOR**

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

## JULY'S SPEAKER

**Marilyn Ruse** introduced our guest speaker Marian Ritchie who spoke about Alzheimer's. More seniors are afraid of Alzheimer's than death in the U.S.A. Marian spoke from personal experience as her husband had Alzheimer's. She wrote a book about her experiences and sold several at the meeting. Marian's presentation covered the many coping skills she had gained in living with him. She related the happy and the sad, the difficulties and the awkward moments. She decided the best way to survive is to laugh at the situations as they present themselves. The best advice to caregivers is to be present and supportive. Do not judge others as nothing prepares you for Alzheimer's. Marilyn presented Marian with a token of our appreciation after her informative talk.



## **SOCIAL**

### PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

**Probus Summer Picnic** – Seventy members enjoyed a beautiful picnic day on July 17 at the Wasaga Sports Park. Tim Knorr of T.K. Catering returned for a second year to cook us up a delicious meal. Below are some of the happy and comfortable members.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Kings Wharf Theatre**  
2:00 PM, Thursday, August 29  
"Johnny & June"

Members who have purchased tickets for this event will be able to pick them up at the general meeting on August 6 at the Rec Plex.

**Beachcomber Probus Golf Tournament & Dinner**  
Thursday, September 19  
1:30 pm shotgun start

Marlwood Golf Club – \$60.00 for 9 holes of golf with cart plus dinner for 36 golfers; dinner only tickets are also available for \$25

There are still some spots left so buy your ticket at the August general meeting.

**Orillia to Sparrow Lake Fall Colour Boat Cruise**  
Friday, October 11

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

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.

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

See Judy at the membership desk.

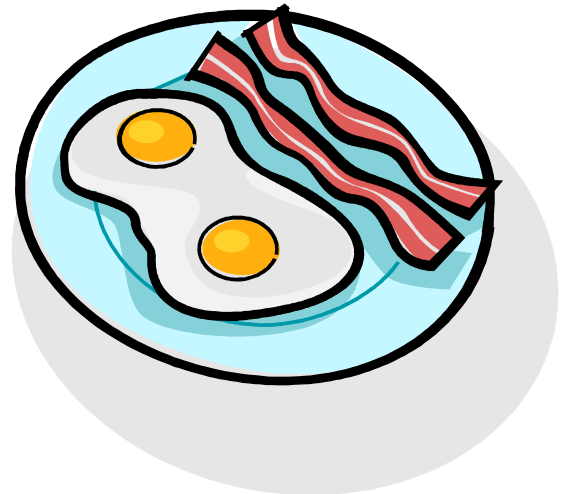
**THANK YOU TO MARILYN RUSE FOR MAKING THE MEETING ROOM SO WELCOMING!**

### ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP

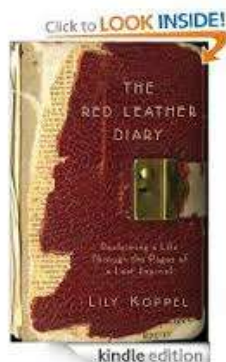
The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group meet on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In **JULY**, the group met at **SUNSET GRILL** on **WEDNESDAY JULY 31, 2013 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast. We are unable to give a report on our breakfast at this time (Editor's comment: 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 July, the First Edition Book Club read The Red Leather Diary: Reclaiming a Life Through the Pages of a Lost Journal by Lily Koppel. The book begins with its author, finding an old red leather diary in a pile of steamer trunks that had been discarded from her apartment building in New York City. The diary led Koppel on a journey of discovery. The 5-year diary had once belonged to an intelligent, precocious and passionate young girl named Florence Wolfson who started it on her fourteenth birthday in 1929. Florence lived a rather privileged life and attended Wadleigh High School for the Performing and Visual Arts at the age of 11. She dreamed of a literary life and excelled in music, art and writing. There is teenage passion and drama as Florence discovers love with both boys and girls.

Her independence led her to travel alone to Europe in 1936 to find new adventures. Lily Koppel eventually found Florence Wolfson when she was 90 years old. The book is a combination of Florence's diary entries and additional details supplied by Florence and some gained by research. The book is a fascinating and engaging portrait of the 20's and 30's from the perspective of a lively, enthusiastic young woman. Mixed reviews resulted in a book rating of 3 out of 5.

### FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB DINES OUT

At the left, members of the First Edition Book Club enjoying lunch at Probus member **Jane Ryder's** new business (Tea and Spirits) in Wasaga Beach,



### JULY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$50.00 ---- **Sharon Wood**  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$30.00 --- **Ray Dimock**  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$22.00 ---- **Joan Maloney**  
\$50.00 to Treasurer.

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



Congratulations to Prizewinners Sharon, Ray and Joan

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES** Best wishes to all those who celebrate in July.



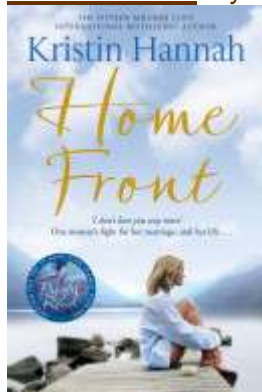
### Goodwill

Cards were sent out to **Christina Armstrong** and **Robin Wood**. 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.



## HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK CLUB

### HOMEFRONT by KRISTIN HANNAH



Seventeen year old Jolene was left orphaned when her alcoholic parents were killed in a car crash. She served two decades in the military, with the regular army and then with the National Guard, having a career as a helicopter pilot. After 12 years of marriage, Jolene's defense lawyer husband Michael Zarkades tells her that he no longer loves her. Jolene's unexpected deployment to Iraq leaves Michael, with the help of his mother, to take over household duties and two kids. As a mum Jolene agonized over leaving her kids, but as a soldier she understood the meaning of duty. When Jolene's helicopter was shot down she and her best friend Tami were badly injured. On returning home, Jolene had to face a difficult rehabilitation, being disabled, her troubled marriage, and concern for her friend Tami. While defending a PTSD- afflicted soldier, Michael begins to understand what Jolene is facing, and revisits his true feelings for his wife.

EVERYONE ENJOYED READING THIS BOOK. WE RATED IT AT 4.2. OUR GROUP HIGHLY RECOMMENDS IT.

### 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](http://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](http://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

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	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU NOW	
First Edition Book Club	Bette Montgomery	429-6854	New group, anyone?		

**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](mailto: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).

**AUGUST – Jan and Steve Bivall present their trip to Asia.**

### MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2012-2013

<b>President</b>	Betty Baker	422-1909		<b>Membership</b>	Judy Morrison	429-6611
<b>Vice-President</b>	Ron Hanson	422-0227		<b>Refreshments</b>	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
<b>Past President</b>	Gene Stephenson	422-0201		<b>Lucky Draw</b>	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
<b>Secretary</b>	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201		<b>Goodwill</b>	Shirley Brett	429-8907
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dan Squires	429-4765		<b>Archives</b>	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
<b>New Members</b>	Betty Keyes	429-6064		<b>Social</b>	Bryan Stephenson	422-0037
<b>Speaker/Profiles Chair and Decorations</b>	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271		<b>Newsletter</b>	Tom Donohue	429-0644

**DEADLINE for submissions for September's newsletter is FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**

#### **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 Betty Keyes.



**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.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013  
WASAGA STARS ARENA**

#### **FREE IPAD COURSE**



A computer store on Main Street is offering an iPad course to Probus members if you happen to own one of those tablets. Call The Computer People on Main street to register for the free course. Thanks to Everett for the tip.