



The Wasagan



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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Christina Armstrong will talk about the Foodbank.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR MUGS TO EACH MEETING

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

October always brings regret to my mind. Regret that the summer has ended. Regret that I did not do all I had planned and regrets that winter is just around the corner. But, October is harvest month. We celebrate this harvest with Thanksgiving, when we get together with friends and family to share in the bountiful treasures we get from the land. October is also the month when we say goodbye to our friends that winter in the south. Sometimes we envy their ability to do this but mostly we will miss them.

When we reflect on the presentation about the Haitian people we heard about last meeting, we should be extremely thankful and content with our level of comfort. For if our forebears had settled in other parts of the world we may not be experiencing this wonderful life.

Gene Stephenson

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker last month was Irene Walker who had taken part in a visit to the Haiti/Dominican border area, organized by the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach, to help people stranded there with no status.

There were 31 people in Irene's party including 3 doctors and a dentist. Everyone had to pay their own travel expenses and they carried out fund raising to obtain much needed supplies. They raised over \$11,000. WestJet gave them a special price and allowed them to carry 2 tons of excess baggage. Toronto Hockey Club supplied them with huge hockey bags. They carried two each, filled with such things as hygiene packs, medical supplies, school supplies, blankets and clothing. Even chickens were donated so that some of the people could have eggs to eat and sell.

They were accommodated by a couple who run a charity called Dominican Crossroads and although conditions were fairly primitive and they all had to work very hard in the community, they enjoyed their time there. Irene was deeply touched by the warmth with which they were greeted and especially by the children. She also said that as a result of her visit she knows she is now a different person. She recognizes how lucky she is with what she has and wants to do more and said that after she returned she soaked in the luxury of a deep, warm bath then, as the water drained out, had a sudden guilty feeling that she could have bathed 6 children in the water she was wasting. There is another trip in November so who knows?

There is a Craft Shop in Creemore which sells craft items made by the people of the communities that Irene visited. All the proceeds go to help them have a better life. Thank you, Irene, for an interesting and moving talk.

THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR **SEPTEMBER MEETING, Don and Marian Belgum.**
OOPS! In August, **Bob and Gloria Harasowsky** were the greeters not the **Belgums** as we reported in Sept. We apologize for the error. If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker.**

SOME SAD NEWS


We are sad to report the sudden passing of member **Hugo Munoz** recently. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his family and his wife, **Elizabeth.** If you know of someone who has an ailment and could use the moral support of a card, please let our Goodwill Ambassador, **Shirley Brett,** know.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

On Wednesday, August 31, 53 members attended an uproarious performance of *Who's Under Where?* at the King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene. Many followed the theatre with dining out in local restaurants like Henry's for fish and chips. It was a great outing on a lovely late summer afternoon.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

The following tickets are on sale at the social tables today.

<p>BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS Frank Tate Memorial Car Tour 1:30 on Thursday, Oct 13, 2011 Wasaga Stars Arena Parking lot \$22.00 EACH ENJOY: a coffee stop, prizes and a lovely meal at a surprise location <u>Today is your absolute last chance to get a ticket for this event.</u></p>	<p>BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS Square Dancing at Wasaga Stars Arena 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 \$11.00 Per Member A fun evening which includes a dance caller and light refreshments afterwards. Wear your dancing shoes. This could be your ticket to a fun event</p>
<p>BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE Friday, December 2, 2011 At the Collingwood Legion Cocktails at 6:00 Dinner at 6:30</p>  <p>\$25. 00 PER MEMBER Purchase your tickets now for an enjoyable Christmas party.</p>	<p>PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE</p>

AUGUST LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$ ----- \$54.00 **Christina Armstrong**
2nd prize of \$ -----\$34.00 **Don Belgum**
3rd prize of \$ -----\$27.00 **Jim Sommerville**

4th prize of \$ ----- \$20.00 **Diane Oakes**
The Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Home Hardware was won by **Nancy Ritchie**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in October.

MEET YOUR MEMBER – We always have difficulty getting people to do a 'profile' and having done one I can understand this. If you have had a life full of change it is hard to compress it into an interesting talk in 20 minutes and if your life has been more controlled and planned it is easy to think that you have nothing interesting to say; you almost certainly have but perhaps the formal profile is the wrong vehicle. We would like to try a new way of **'Getting to know YOU'** - which is what the profile is all about. We will ask people to volunteer to be interviewed by a member of the committee using a list of questions which will be given to them a week in advance. They will be free to tell the interviewer, 'I don't like question 7' - for example,

and they will not be asked that question. We are still working on the list of questions as we want them to provide some insight into you as a person without embarrassing you in any way.

Whichever method you prefer we welcome you to do so and we hope we will have someone to do this soon. Please contact **Don** or **Marion Belgium** at 705 812-1668 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. They will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

MEMBERS WHO PRESENT THEIR PROFILE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A FREE BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS MEMBERSHIP!

NOTE: IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE GIVING YOUR PROFILE PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING A STORY, MEMORIES OF A SPECIAL VACATION (WITH OR WITHOUT A SLIDE SHOW), A FAVOURITE HOBBY OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST. LET OUR SPEAKER CONVENORS KNOW AND THEY WILL SCHEDULE YOU IN!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

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 have some interesting information regarding your group entered in the monthly newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor **Tom Donohue** by email at this special address at least a week before the next monthly meeting: newslettertom@rogers.com

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Restaurant Dinner Club	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Book Worms Club	Kathy Dunnett	352-0100	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	GOLF	We Need You	
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	YOUR SPECIAL INTEREST HERE	Your name here	

Restaurant Dinner Club – **Sandra Hanson** has scheduled a restaurant outing on October 26. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Sandra.

Happy Bookers Club (at maximum membership)

For September The Happy Bookers drove north for their annual getaway. They caught glimpses of wildlife, took long walks, ate wonderful food and enjoyed each other's company. They read ***The Stone Angel*** written by Margaret Laurence, considered a Canadian classic, and watched the accompanying movie. A woman consumed by pride, Hagar Shipley runs away when her son and daughter-in-law strongly suggest she enter a nursing home. It is while she is hiding out at an abandoned cannery that she contemplates her past and begins to wonder if she has made the right decisions regarding her life. Members gave the book a rating of 3.5 with circumspect recommendation.

Book Worms Club is still on hiatus.

First Edition Book Club

For the month of September, our book club members brought memorable photos to show and to tell their stories pertaining to the pictures. There were photos from a son's wedding; pictures taken at the Chelsea Flower Show in England; family photos taken several years ago; pictures from a Caribbean cruise; class graduation photos; and even an Arctic Circle adventure with a grade nine class. A newspaper article

about a forgotten World War 1 hero was also read and discussed. It was very interesting to see these photos and hear about everyone's adventures. We all enjoyed learning more about each other through these photos.

ROMEO - Men's Breakfast Group

The **ROMEO** (Men's) Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. We rotate between 2 or 3 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be held at, **GEORGIAN CIRCLE FAMILY RESTAURANT, on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011. TIME 9:00AM.** We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call **Bob Bowyer** at 705-429-0579.

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 Baker**, 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/11wasbcrn.pdf (Please contact the *The Wasagan* Editor if you do not have a computer.)

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011

President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201	Membership	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Vice-President	Monica Kristen	429-9635	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Don Caron	429-0308	Lucky Draw	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
Secretary	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social	Diane Nagel	428-3209
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Don and Marion Belgium	812-1668			

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011
THE WASAGA STARS ARENA**

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.

Some Final Thoughts

**A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?**