



The Wasagan



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AUGUST'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: Marion Ford (Nordic Pole Walking)

President's Message



Where does the time go?? My tenure as president has come to a close and with that comes time for reflection. We have had an increase in membership, terrific speakers, awesome social events, Pulitzer prize winning newsletters, sound financial management, wonderful meeting decorations, the ever exciting lucky draw (sometimes unlucky), paparazzi photographs, and of course top notch secretarial which kept us all on track. A special thanks goes out to Sue and Brian Passmore for their last 8 years of coffee and snacks. I sincerely hope that you all have had as much fun and enjoyment as I have this past year as the club president.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's executive committee for all their efforts. If there were Oscars to be given I think they all should be awarded one. I anxiously look forward to next year with **Ross Dawe** as President working with the new executive. Once again, thank you for your support and participation.

Be Safe... Be Well... Be Happy.

Ron Hanson

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are due today - \$25.00 per person.

Cash or cheque to "**Beachcombers PROBUS.**"

See **Judy Morrison** at the Membership table upon your arrival.

THANK YOU to our greeters last month **Kathy and John Dunnett**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.



NOTICE TO ALL GRANDPARENTS

Beachcombers PROBUS have attained a **corporate discount** (You do save a few dollars - \$10 a head for up to six people) for Santa's Village, which is a nice place to bring your grandchildren (as long as the parents go too). There are actually three parks in one which you can visit. Go online for more details and to book tickets at www.santasvillage.ca and use the secret code: **GINGERBREAD**.

THANKS FOR THE LONG SERVICE



Thank you for the ... coffee, tea and treats.

Sue and Brian Passmore step down after faithfully serving the breaks for club members at monthly meetings for these past 8 years. Now they get to sleep in on the monthly meeting days.

JULY'S MEETING

Marilyn Ruse welcomed to-day's Guest Speaker Tom McCavour, pictured at right. Tom is a retired Civil Engineer, and authored his first historical Canadian novel titled **Bloody Diamonds**. Tom spoke briefly on his engineering career which took him to many countries around the world. The characters that he met over the years became interwoven throughout his novel. Tom used a power point presentation as well, which set the background for his novel around the Diavik Diamond mine in the North West Territories. The characters in the novel seemed to resemble well know personalities.

Tom closed his presentation by letting us know that there will be a sequel titled **Beyond Diamonds**.

Marilyn Ruse thanked Tom, and made a gift presentation in appreciation.



MANAGEMENT TEAM JOCKEYING

New management team members volunteered in July's meeting and of particular note are **John Dunnett** and **Doris Willis**. John had stepped up to fill the secretary's position earlier but when the vice president position was open, **John** opted to fill it if someone covered the secretary position. That is when **Doris** spoke up. We are grateful to all new members who are joining next year's team but especially commend and thank both **John Dunnett** and **Doris Willis**. The new team will be introduced at August's meeting.

New Members Welcomed



Also during the July meeting, **Betty Baker** who is filling in for **Betty Montgomery** came forward to introduce two new members **Keith & Maureen Baird**, and present them with their pins and mugs. **Keith & Maureen** were sponsored by **Susan & Brian Passmore**.

Betty Baker, Maureen and Keith Baird and Ron Hanson

SOCIAL

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

July 11th, Simcoe County Museum/Flying Monkeys tours - Interesting history, great beer, and lovely lunch in Barrie. A great time was enjoyed by all. AND the weather was fantastic.



This is a very large locomotive which many members remembered from their youth. (They did, didn't they?)

The brewery tour was enjoyed by all as we learned the ins and outs of brewing and tasting.



There are many more photos of our thanks to **Everett Rivait**. There are too many to show here but soon we will have a web site to visit and look at ALL our PROBUS club photos.

July 22nd End of the year BBQ – Music was enjoyed throughout the afternoon, by Gene Stephenson, who held dance contests and the winners were **Fraser & Joan Muir** who have been married for 60 years and still dance up a storm. They are a wonderful couple and an enjoyment to watch. Golf contests were held, along with Bingo games, lots of prizes and many, many laughs. 100 members attended and the weather was beautiful. Taste of Paradise caterers made sure we were well fed, and Costco supplied the chocolate bars and caramel/cheese popcorn. Thank you to all who attended.



George and Carolyn arrived at the picnic in their summer toy – a vintage 1930 Ford.



Gene Stephenson supplied music which got people dancing. Joan and Fraser Muir (top right) gave a workshop on how it is done.



FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS



ISLAND QUEEN CRUISE - \$32.00 pp/ group rate --Parry Sound, Monday, August 18th, Arrival time 12 noon, departure time, 1:00 pm, duration 3 hours. Food and beverage available to purchase on board, but you can bring your own in a SOFT COOLER BAG. Pictured above is the large free parking lot (at the end of James Street, Parry Sound) for the use of cruise passengers. Three restaurants are located across the street from the cruise dock for those who wish to stay and have dinner before heading home. (Parry Sound is 1 1/2 hrs. from Wasaga Beach) **THIS IS THE LAST MEETING TO SIGN UP, PAYMENT DUE AT OUR AUGUST MEETING.**



GEORGIAN WINERY WINE/CHEESE TOUR- \$20.00 pp, - Wednesday, September 17th, arrival time 1:30 pm, tour is 2 - 3:30 pm, and is followed by dinner at the Crystal Palace, Collingwood, at members expense. **MAXIMUM 40 MEMBERS for this event,** Signup sheet and payment due will be out at this August meeting.

This past executive year Social has offered their members, a Golf Tournament/Dinner, Car Rally/Dinner, Collingwood Theatre, Curling, Xmas Dinner/Dance, Pot Luck afternoon, Bowling.Lunch , Meaford Production, Ripley's Aquarium, Millers Dairy Farm/Lunch, Murder Mystery, Show/Luncheon, Simcoe County/Flying Monkey's/Lunch, Probus BBQ, Island Queen Cruise and Georgian Winery Tasting tour/Dinner. We would like to thank all our members who participated.

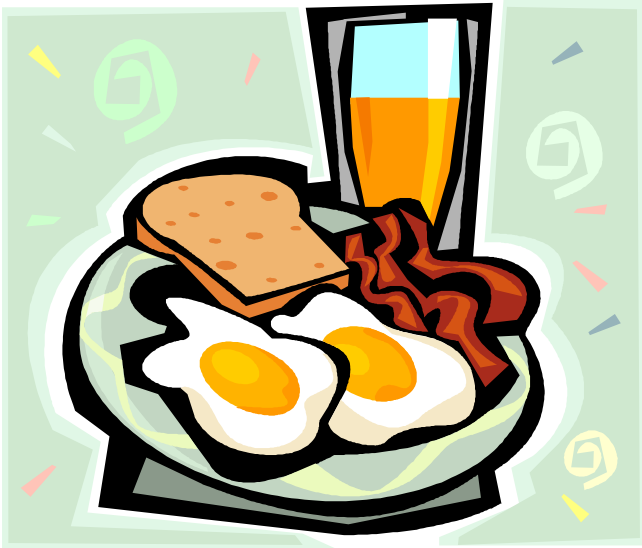
I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Social Committee **JOYCE FROST, JOE BAXTER, KATHY ZACK, SANDY HANSON, MARY SEARL, GERTRUDE BARTLIK, CRAIG WILLIS, AND BRYAN STEPHENSON,** for all their shared and creative ideas, time, and commitment to social for this executive term. It has been my pleasure working with such a great team. 😊

Penny Rivait, Social Convener

PHOTO at RIGHT: Ron thanks Penny for a great year and Penny thanks Ron for a great year?



MEN'S BREAKFAST



The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and breakfast. In July we had a good group out for breakfast and conversation at Mosley St. Grill. We now have 29 serious **ROMEO'S** on our list, who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579 to get on the list. 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 a few days before as to how many will be attending. Our next breakfast is scheduled for **9:00 AM on Wednesday, August 27, 2014** at **Georgian Family Circle Restaurant**.

GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Betty Baker, who is completing the term in this role, advises that cards were sent out to the following: **Marilyn Evans, Doris Willis** and we regret to inform the membership of the passing on July 11th of **Keith Stanworth**. A donation was made in his name to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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) and/or **Jan Bivall** (429-7584).
September: "Understanding Autism" - Christine Holroyd – Special Education
October: "PROBUS's Gene Krupa" - **Lance Wright**



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in August.
Special congratulations to **Rita and Peter Premich** on the occasion of their 53rd wedding anniversary last month.



JULY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



First prize \$60.00
Gary Willis
Second prize \$45.00
Dianne Avery
Third prize \$31.00
John Dunnett
\$40 Gift Certificate
Ruth Clark

Happy Lucky Draw winners, Left to Right: Diane, John, Ruth and Gary

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

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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our New Member Ambassador, now **Betty Baker**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities

MEMBERSHIP

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.

NOTE: MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE THIS MONTH

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/14wasbcrn.pdf (Please contact *The Wasagan* Editor if your friend does 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, it will be 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	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Porter	429-9260	Happy Bookers Club	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	June Davidson	422-0960	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Dinner at our Place	Diane Nagel	422-0835	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU NOW	
First Edition Book Club	Rickey Lemire	422-1738	New group, anyone?		

AND if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups above or you 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 publication date: t_donohue@rocketmail.com (Note, it may or may not make it into the issue.)

Our Archivist – Thanks Everett and Welcome Gene

Everett Rivait loves your PROBUS photos. And **Gene Stephenson** also loves them. **Gene** follows in the footsteps of **Everett** in the new team. We thank **Everett** for making major contributions to our club archives and in taking the fine photos we have gotten used to. **Gene** will continue in this creative process and we look forward to his contributions as we move forward in the digital world. If you take a good photo at a PROBUS event, perhaps you can share it with **Gene Stephenson** for our September newsletter.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2013-2014

President	Ron Hanson	422-0227	Membership	Judy Morrison	429-6611
Vice-President	Ross Dawe	429-8894	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Betty Baker	422-1909	Lucky Draw	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
Secretary	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Goodwill	Betty Baker	422-1909
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765	Archives	Everett Rivait	422-1573
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social	Penny Rivait	422-1573
Speakers and Profiles Chair	Marilyn Ruse Jan Bivall	422-0271 429-7584	Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

Editor's Thanks: To **Harry Durrant** for importing the newsletter to his website and sending us the link. Great support, Harry. Thanks also to **Everett Rivait** for the many wonderful photos which have been a constant all year. Thanks also to all the contributors for keeping this newsletter interesting to read and view.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER BY MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014 and use the email address: t.donohue@rocketmail.com



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little boy is one of our PROBUS members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize him? All will be revealed at today's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor.

Last month it was **Charlie Baker**. Has he changed very much? Thanks to all volunteers who joined the lineup.

LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY MEMBER



**SEE YOU THIS TUESDAY,
9:30 am, August 5, 2014 at the RecPlex**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
Back at the STARS ARENA**