



# The Wasagan



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING - December 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
**Wasaga Stars Arena**  
**Speaker: Sylvia McLeod Singers**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Hello Everyone

Our November most interesting speaker was the Commander of CFB Borden **Colonel Doyon**, who exercises administrative control over the base personnel and of those co-located units. His talk was very informative and enlightening as he shared some of the history of Base Borden as well as by providing insight as to what is planned for the base's future. Kathy and I will definitely be visiting the base on a nice day next spring.

We marked at 11 am, 2 minutes of silence during our November meeting, which allowed us to pause and remember those who have served and who are serving in our armed forces providing us the freedom we so often take for granted each day.

Your Executive received a proposal from the Town with respect to rental fee changes for the use of the RecPlex and the Arena. I was in contact with 3 of the 4 other PROBUS groups who had all decided to support the proposed fee changes for their PROBUS Clubs. Our proposed fee increase works out to \$142.50 a year which is an increase of just \$11.88 / month. Your Executive sent a positive response to the Town in support of the proposed fee increase for Beachcombers PROBUS. Our fees have not increased for several years and 3 other Wasaga Beach PROBUS Clubs supported the fee changes, which they also felt are fair. The proposed rental fee if approved by Council will increase from \$420.00 to \$562.50 / year.

The Suggestion Box which we started at the November meeting saw a positive suggestion made by one of our new couples who wish to start a Euchre Club. This will add another positive opportunity for our members to mix and mingle. I wanted to remind the membership that the table decorations are not to be

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taken home. During the last 2 meetings table decorations which are used year after year were removed from the table.

I look forward to seeing your smiling faces at the December 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas meeting which will be fun as we have a Christmas Trio joining us again this year.

You will see in this newsletter that you are being asked to bring Food for the Food Bank, a Gift or Gift card for the Kinettes and 6 cookies PER PERSON for the cookie exchange.

How is it that the days, weeks, months flying by brings Christmas to our door step in what seems to be the blink of an eye each year.

Take Care and if the snow does show up be careful how you remove it! Even better yet get someone else to remove it!

Warmest Regards

**John Dunnett - President**



With **Christmas** approaching we begin to think of the people in our community that are less fortunate than ourselves.

At the December Probus meeting we ask the members to help those less fortunate by bringing food for our local **Wasaga Food Bank**. **Brian Armstrong** will pick up.

The Kinette group has their annual toy, gift or gift card collection to help the needy and they could use your donation, contact **Jane Ware of the Kinettes**. Remember to bring an unwrapped gift or a gift card for the Kinettes' Christmas Toy Drive, with the focus on babies and teenagers.

We at Probus will once again participate in the Cookie Exchange this year and ask that all members bring 6 cookies (12 per couple) of your choice to the December 1<sup>st</sup>. meeting. **Irene Donohue** is organizing.

## November Meeting

Thank you to our greeters for November, Irene and Tom Donohue...  
If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table.



Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for her table décor and  
To **George and Lyn Rice** for providing our refreshments.

## New Members

**Judy Grondin** introduced new members **Imants Hausmanis** and **Joanne & Kerry Millie**.



**And Lydia & Gary Boissonnault and Jayne & Paul Edwards**

**\*John Dunnett** also welcomed several guests to the meeting.



## LUCKY DRAW Winners:

**1st PRIZE: \$64.00 - Ben Succetti**

**2nd PRIZE: \$48.00 - Gail Dawe**

**3rd PRIZE: \$34.00 - Joan Smith**

**Speakers' Fund: \$50.00**

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

## Guest Speakers

**Doug McCullough** and **Major Richard Kurtzer** (right) introduced our speaker **Colonel Doyon** (centre), the **Commander of CFB Borden**

**Colonel Doyon** gave us an overview of the operations of **CFB Borden** including history, current activities and future changes to the base.



## Schedule of future speakers:

December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sylvia McLeod Singers
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Cerantola - Wasaga Beach Film Festival
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andera Abbott-Kokosn - Breaking Down Barriers
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gabriela Roman - Simcoe County Recycling
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Shieli Boxem - Food & Water
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Matt French - Johnston's Cranberry Marsh & Winery (Bog to Bottle)
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Forrest Patenaude - Simcoe County Museum

# SOCIAL REPORT

## November 12<sup>th</sup> EVENT

Bowling in Collingwood from 4-6pm and Dinner at "PIE".  
Loads of fun and great food.



## December 4<sup>th</sup> EVENT

**Christmas Dinner/Dance** at the Collingwood Legion is all reserved for a great time just like last year. Over 100 members and friends have signed up to come.

Sit down dinner, Cash Bar, Music, Dancing, Door Prizes, Spot Dance Prizes, Lucky Draws and a 50/50 draw.

Gene Stephenson will again be providing the music.

Sign up now while there is still space.

Reserved seats and tables are available upon request.

## 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:

**June Davidson** - 422-0960

First Edition:

**Vincy Stephenson**-705-422-0201

Happy Bookers:

**Jan Bivall** - 429-7584

Appy-hour:

**Diane Nagel** - 422-0835

Kitchen Bridge:

**Betty Keyes** - 429-6064

Men's Breakfast:

**Bob Bowyer** - 429-0579

Shift Sharing Group:

**Rita Bencquista** - 705-429-1911

Dinner & a Movie

**Penny Rivait** - 705-422-1573



## January 12<sup>th</sup> Event

### **Sleigh Ride**

Rainbow View Farms in Phelpston. 3:00-4:00pm at a cost of \$10.00 per person. 16 people per sleigh. Storm date is January 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet at the side table next meeting.



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## February Event

Mid-Winter is a great time for a **Potluck & Games** Afternoon at the Wasaga Stars Arena following our regular meeting.

Games, Food, Pop/Water, Snacks and loads of Fun. Sign-up for your choice of salad, main dish or dessert. Bring own plates and cutlery.



## March 25<sup>th</sup> Event

**Fashion Fund Raiser Gala** in support of Wasaga Society of the Arts.

Carol Romanella is hosting this function and she will be supplying us with further information. The cost will be \$20.00 (for Probus members) - there will be finger food, and a fashion show, all designs by Carol.



## April 30<sup>th</sup> Event

Wasaga Film Festival Gala Awards Night held at the Recplex. Local, Regional and International film/video entries from a number of categories have been judged and the Awards prepared.

Don't miss the TIFF, Sundance and Oscars of South Georgian Bay.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person, includes the gala evening with appetizers and cash bar. Reserve your tickets early.



## May Event

Tour of Dickey Bee.

## June Event

30,000 Island Tour

## July Event

Annual Probus Picnic

## August Event

Kings Wharf Theatre - *Mama Mia*

## Goodwill Convener

A Get Well card was sent out to Greg Lemire and a Sympathy card was sent to Doris Willis.

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise Irene Sunderland [irenesunderland@sympatico.ca](mailto:irenesunderland@sympatico.ca) or Linda Vanderknokke [linvan@rogers.com](mailto:linvan@rogers.com).

## Membership

The Beachcombers Probus Club has a current membership of 193 members. 107 members and 8 guests were in attendance at the November meeting.

The membership directory will be distributed to each email address on our list in both excel and pdf formats, as well as a printed copy. The printed version will be available at the membership table at the December meeting.

Rick and Barb Roettger, Margaret McFadyen, Joan Smith

## New Member Ambassador

Sheila Ewing, our new member ambassador, advises that 5 new members joined in November and will be introduced at the December meeting. Donna & Bill Aikin, Carol Romanella and Colin & Joyce Throop.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.



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## ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gather on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast at various local restaurants. In November our group met for breakfast, and conversation at **YAMMAS GRILL**.

The **ROMEO'S** group has now grown to 30 who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation whenever they can attend. We average about 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.

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.

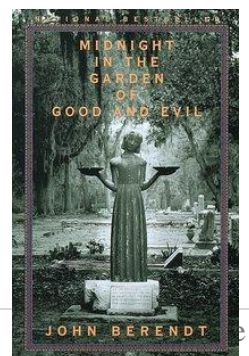
Our next breakfast will be on **Wednesday January 27, 2016, 9:00AM**. Please check the **January Wasagan** for details.

We do not schedule a breakfast in December as it would be too close to Christmas, and New Year's.

On behalf of all the **ROMEOS**, we wish all a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

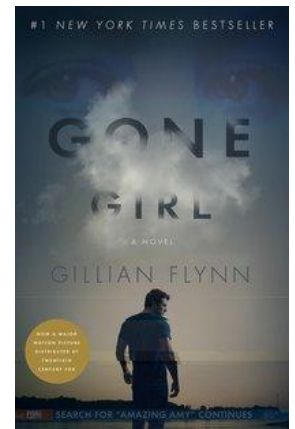
## First Edition Book Club

In October we read *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. It is a non-fiction set in Savannah, Georgia. The book focuses on entertaining real life characters and some of the bizarre situations that were a part of life in the southern city where everyone knows everyone else. It also is an effective suspenseful chronicle of a series of high profile trials that focuses on the society and the events that led to the murder of Dan Hansford, a local male prostitute. We rated this book 4 out of 5.





In November we read *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. This fiction is a physiological thriller with many twists and turns. This is one of those books that you either love or hate. We would not recommend this book as our group gave it a 1.7 out of 5.



### Happy Bookers

Our Book for November was a historical novel called ' **Loving Frank**' by Nancy Horan. It was based on the 10 year love affair between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, but since there were few documents to consult, the majority of the conversations and interactions were fictionalized. There were articles and pictures from the Chicago press condemning the two for leaving their respective spouses and children. The book also includes ideas from the feminists of the time, who influenced Mamah. Overall, people thought the book was unnecessarily long, tedious in spots and that the behaviors of Frank and Mamah would still not be condoned today. The book was rated as a 3.20.



### The Bookies

A third Bookclub, "The Bookies", will meet the first Wed. of each month at 2 pm commencing January, 2016. If you are interested in joining or finding out more about the club, please contact Helen Whittome at [hwhittome@gmail.com](mailto:hwhittome@gmail.com). You are also invited to like the new Facebook page "The Bookies".

Submitted by **Helen Whittome**

### The Archives

Tom Donohue, our Archivist, would love to see your photos. If you take a good photo at a

PROBUS event, perhaps you can share it by email with Tom [Thomas.donohue@rogers.com](mailto:Thomas.donohue@rogers.com) for the Archives.

### Dinner & a Movie Night

On Monday, November 16th, 23 Probus Members enjoyed dinner at Kelsey's followed by a movie at the Collingwood Cineplex. Most of us went to see "Spectre", a fast paced, enjoyable and recommended movie.



There **will not be an outing in December**, as it is a very busy month. A date for January will follow in your December newsletter. If you wish to join the group, please contact: Penny Rivait, at [705-422-1573](tel:705-422-1573) or [evpenrivait@rogers.com](mailto:evpenrivait@rogers.com).

We look forward to spending time with our friends at Probus Beachcombers. 😊

### 'Appy' Hour

November's 'Appy Hour' was held on Friday, November 20th at the home of Stan & Joanne Scruton. They will also be hosted 20 guests. So, check the date and come to the next meeting prepared to sign up for another pleasant evening.





## Daytrippers

Eleven of our group, including some of the husbands, journeyed to the charming village of Creemore recently for lunch at the 'Creemore Kitchen'. This is a restaurant whose focus is using local produce and meats from the many farmers in the area. Chef Caesar, is constantly changing his menu according to what treasures the local farmers have available. The restaurant was packed the day we were there, all enjoying homemade soups, interesting salads and sandwiches, as well as Quiches, Panini's, and, according to our group, if you choose their hamburger platter it was '2 thumbs up'. After lunch, some enjoyed strolling down either side of the street popping into many of the small interesting shops in the village. The Creemore Brewery is generally open for group tours during the day, if you haven't been, you might want to drop by. In the summer on Saturday mornings a Farmers Market is available with many vendors participating, at 'The Station on The Green'. We heartily recommend driving to the village of Creemore to discover what this town has to offer, you won't be disappointed.

**Submitted by: Betty Keyes**

\*The Editor offers his apology to the Daytrippers for not publishing this in October.

Daytrippers group welcomes **Lucille Mancer** as their new **Co-Coordinator**.

Anybody who wants to join in welcome because we divide into car-pools for our monthly daytrips and share the cost of the gas. Our excursions include lunch + doing something of interest. I have just assumed the position of coordinator and will have a signup sheet on the side at our meetings.

**Lucille Mancer**

**MYSTERY MEMBER?**



Our new charmer this month is a member of PROBUS. Anyone recognize her? You will find out who our **"MYSTERY MEMBER"** is at the December 1st meeting.

Think about that Old-Young picture of yourself or your spouse and email it to [dennis.moise@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.moise@gmail.com).

Remember it is a SECRET and will be Lots of Fun.

## **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

TUESDAY, January 5th, 2016

### **At the Wasaga Stars Arena**

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

**NOTE:** Submissions for inclusion in January Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter editor

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By December 21, 2015