



# The Wasagan



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: November 6th, 2018**  
**At the Recplex**  
**Speaker: Janet Peters, Sailing Around The World**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, October 2018

Well, Fall is upon us and it seems that winter is racing towards us with break neck speed. "Strange weather nowadays". I see loads of pumpkins and skeletons on front porches and lawns preparing for the Halloween celebrations and the kids going door to door. You can feel the excitement already.

Sunday, November 4th at the Cenotaph at City Hall will be our day of honouring our veterans with a parade and the laying of wreaths. I will be there to place the Beachcomber's wreath and you are all invited to join me.

Our move to the Recplex has gone very well and we are well organized there with our own locker for our coffee equipment. I must admit, I don't miss the stairs at the arena. I'm not getting any younger either.

We have a great schedule of events for the next few months and a list of terrific speakers. **In November we will hear from a speaker who has toured the world and our social committee has arranged for us to attend the Eagles Tribute band concert as well First Light at St. Marie among the Hurons and a beautiful presentation of Handels "The Messiah".** Make sure you get your tickets. Don't forget to sign up for our Annual Christmas dance. There are a limited number of tables.

Enjoy the last of the beautiful colours of Mother Nature and be healthy.

Regards

Denis Moise - President

## OCTOBER MEETING:



Thank you to our greeters for October, Barb and Chuck Christie

If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table.

Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for the table décor and

to **Sheila Dobson & John Norwood** for providing our refreshments.

Thanks were also given to all those Volunteers who work so hard to make our club a success.



## GUESTS and MEMBERSHIP:

Four guests were introduced. 96 members attended the meeting. We have 149 paid memberships.

## LUCKY DRAW

### WINNERS:

**First Prize - \$47.00**

Colin Troop

**Second Prize - \$33.00**

George Rice

**Third Prize - \$22.00**

Paul Edwards.



Hugh Kedey officiated the draws.

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

## GUEST SPEAKERS:



Joanne Millie introduced Nathalie Canto who is the Tour Coordinator for St. Marie among the Hurons and Discovery Harbour. Using slides and videos Nathalie highlighted many of the interesting sights and programs being offered at these places. These included new winter skating trails and Halloween activities. Creative marketing is working to raise funds without relying on government.

## 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**

### First Edition

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

### Happy Bookers

**Jan Bivall - 429-7584**

### The Bookies

**Tom Donohue - 429-0644**

### Kitchen Bridge

**Betty Keyes - 429-6064**

### Euchre Night

**Jayne Edwards - 422-0793**

**Doug McCullough - 429-7075**

### Book Exchange

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

### Dinner & a Movie

**Ron Hanson - 705-422-0227**

## SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SPEAKERS

December Speaker: Worsley Public School Band is playing Christmas Music

### BUSINESS REPORT:

- Patrice McCammon was welcomed as our new Speakers Convener.
- Dennis thanked all who brought food donations to the Food Bank. John Dunnett delivered everything collected to the Food Bank.
- Gary Willis and Wayne Crone have finalized all required paper work to make our move to the Recplex official. There is ample storage for our supplies and coffee equipment.
- Dennis asked for volunteers to act as backup for Sheila Dobson and John Norwood, our Coffee Conveners.

### REPORT ON PROBUS ONTARIO DISTRICT #7 CONFERENCE:

I attended the October 15, 2018 Conference for the #7 District of Probus at the Wasaga RecPlex. The Conference was originated by Bob MacNair, the Director of District #7. I was joined by members of our Beachcombers club, Doris Willis, Gary Willis, Patrice McCammon, Anne Laporte and Jayne Edwards. Our club, Beachcombers Probus was one of two clubs who sponsored the conference and handled the administration of the day.

Our District #7 includes 29 clubs and representatives of almost all of them were there to join in the discussions. We had round table discussions with members of other clubs and were able to exchange information on how they operate and pick up some very good ideas for our own club.

I was surprised to hear how big and how old some of the clubs are in our area. I was also surprised to learn that dues range from \$30.00 to \$60.00 per year and that hall rentals are from our current \$67.00 per meeting at the RecPlex, to as high as, \$400, \$500 and even \$1000.00 per meeting in some cases. Most clubs I spoke with only held a Christmas lunch ranging from \$10.00 (subsidized by the club) to a high of \$50.00. Only one other club had a full dinner dance at Christmas and their charge was \$60.00 per person.

It was an excellent learning experience to hear how other clubs work with their bylaws, events and speakers. Activities, costs and attendance all seem to be very common among us all, along with the same difficulties of organizing events as we encounter.

Overall, our club stood high among the others for value vs. costs. We were among the most active clubs with a good regular attendance.

I believe the day was well spent and the value of club interconnection was well worth it. Bob MacNair announced that we will be holding these conferences annually from this date forward.

Submitted by Dennis Moise



Bob MacNair thanking volunteers from hosting clubs; Beachcombers Probud and Probud At The Beach.



Bob Boone, President Probud Canada



**SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**OCTOBER 2018 - Russ' HALLOWE'EN DANCE was held October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Dancing the night away to the 50's and 60's music, we had a night of laughter and great fun! This event was organized by Russ White and friends.



**Best male and female prizes  
Mr. Bones and the Bitch cop!**



Best Couples Costumes: The "Bitch Cop" and her Jail Bird and Princess Leia with her Pirate.

**"THANK YOU" Russ & Carol ... Kathy & John!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018**, we woke up to snow on the ground but still ventured out for our **Car rally and fall colours tour.**

51 members attended, 13 teams were organized and we left the RecPlex at 1:30, travelling along dipping and curved country roads.



Our final destination was Mylar and Loreta's, in Singhampton, where we enjoyed a wonderful meal, friendship and shared a few laughs! Teams with the most correct answers were team #8 – George Paylor's team and team #2 – Greg and Rikey Lemire. Best poker hands went to Diane Nagel's team and second best poker hand went to team #9 – Jim Desormeaux's team. There were draws for cash prizes where some lucky people won their money back!

**“Thank you”** Doug and Russ for organizing this fun day!



Best Poker hand- 2 Kings & a Queen



Team #2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 40 correct answers



Team #8 – First Place with most correct answers – 41 correct – a perfect score!



Team # 9 - 2<sup>nd</sup> best poker hand  
– 2 Tens & a Jack

## NOVEMBER 2018

**SATURDAY November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Ultimate **EAGLES TRIBUTE BAND** at the King's Wharf Theatre



Ticket sales are closed.

Dinner following at Henry's Fish and Chips in Midland.

## THURSDAY EVENING - November 22nd 2018



**5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Admission \$10.00 per person**  
(with a donation of a non-perishable item)

**On site Dinner at 4:30 p.m.**

**\$35.00 includes dinner & entrance fee**  
(all taxes and gratuities included)

**LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKET!**

Now in its 19th year, Sainte-Marie's "First Light" is a must-see event with a great line-up of family activities and performers, all amidst the spectacular glow of over 5,000 candles. An abundance of music will also fill the air, including Native drumming and singing, lively Franco-Ontarian folksongs, and delightful community and school choirs performing seasonal music... and much more!



**FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!**

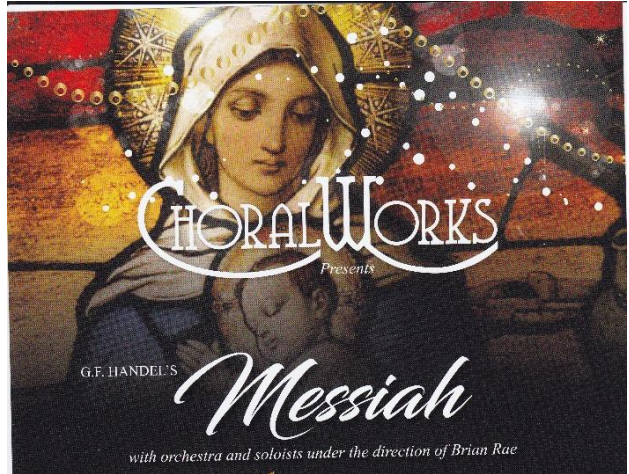
Friday – November 30<sup>th</sup>

Choral Works presents G F Handel's  
**THE MESSIAH**

NEW LIFE CHURCH in COLLINGWOOD  
7:30 p.m. - Tickets \$30.00

Come and enjoy this wonderful Christmas music!

**LAST CHANCE TO BY A TICKET!**



**Christmas Dinner & Dance**  
Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> - At Country Life

6:00 p.m. cocktails - 7:00 p.m. dinner

Tickets \$42.00 per person

You have a choice of a  
traditional turkey dinner or a roast beef dinner

Featuring DJ Charlie Tabone  
Come and dance the night away!

**LAST CHANCE TO BUY A TICKET!**

Come and celebrate the holiday season with Theatre  
Collingwood

**a Christmas Cabaret**

Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>  
Gayety Theatre – 7:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$49.00

This superb cabaret is packed with outstanding  
performers sharing mixed holiday music  
and entertainment.

**LAST CHANCE TO BUY A TICKET!**



**A VERY CHRIS-TERICAL  
CHRISTMAS CABARET**

## LOOK FOR THESE OUTINGS – Coming soon



# The Warmth of the Season

**“GLOW”** is the largest indoor festival in Barrie!

Celebrate the warmth of the season and stroll under the twinkle of a million lights. It showcases some of the best of Barrie’s artisans, with boutiques, food vendors and bars. It’s a magical and wonderful indoor festival of lights! Come and join the fun! Pick a date or join our group! ... **Date for our group is to be announced** ...

**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 ★ Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Barrie**

**Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery,  
4346 County Road 90, Springwater, Ontario.**

- January 2019 – Annual sleigh ride in Phelpston
- February 2019 – Skating and Games day
- March 2019 – Beer tour in Barrie
- April 2019 – Agnora Glass Tour in Collingwood

**REMINDER - Please bring your cheque book to the meetings!!**

**NO CHEQUE.....NO SIGN-UP!**

You can no longer sign-up for an event without paying by cheque the full amount owing for the event, at the time of sign-up. If you have signed up for an event and have not yet paid, your name will be taken off the list.

Only the people that have paid for events will be considered signed-up.

Anne Marie Laporte  
Social Convener

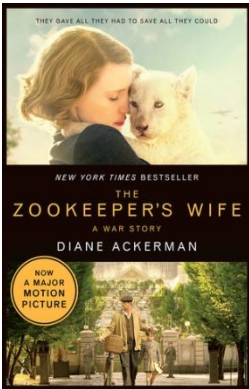
## October Birthdays and Anniversaries Were Acknowledged



### GOODWILL CONVENER:

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise **Betty Baker: [betty.b@rogers.com](mailto:betty.b@rogers.com)**

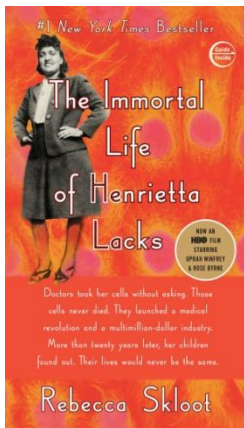
### FIRST EDITION: Our Group Read 2 Books



#### Zookeeper's Wife by Dianne Ackerman-

In 1939 in Poland, Antonina Zabinski and her husband, Dr. Jan Zabinski run The Warsaw Zoo. When their country is invaded by the Nazis, Jan and Antonina are forced to report to the Reich's newly appointed chief zoologist, Lutz Heck. Lutz is putting together a zoo in Berlin with only the purest breed of animals; taking the ones he wants from the zoo and killing the rest. The Zabinskis covertly begin working with the Resistance and put into action plans to save the lives of hundreds from what has become the Warsaw Ghetto. There were mixed reviews for this book. The average rating was 3 out of 5

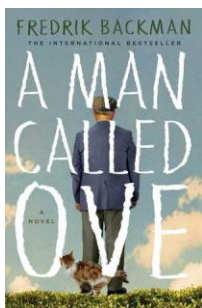
#### The Immortal Life Of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot



Ever wonder what HeLa cells are and where they came from? The author takes us through the story of Henrietta Lacks who died of cervical cancer in the '50's. Her tumour cells were harvested before she died without her knowledge or consent. Those cells, known as the HeLa cells (the cells that wouldn't die and are still going strong) were used to advance medicine, i.e. Polio vaccine, uncover the secrets of cancer, viruses, gene mapping, etc., and are still used today in medical research. They have been sold by the billions yet her family could not afford medical care. Most of our group loved the book and gave it a 5; the average rating worked out to 4 out of 5.

Both reports submitted by Vincy Stephenson

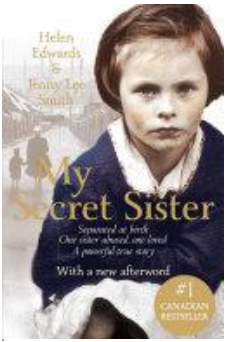
### THE BOOKIES:



Our group read "A Man Called Ove" by Frederik Backman. Ove is a grumpy man who feels he is surrounded by people he thinks are "idiots." His isolation is alleviated by new neighbours who drag him back into life. The story is speckled with unexpected humour. Most of the group enjoyed the story, recommend it and rated it 4 out of 5. It is available on Netflix under the same title.

Anyone who feels the need to join a book club is invited to inquire about joining The Bookies. Call Tom Donohue.

## THE HAPPY BOOKERS:



My Secret Sister was written by Helen Edwards. It is a powerful story of two sisters separated at birth, one abused and one loved, and their search to understand their past. Neither woman knew of the other's existence until, in her fifties, Jenny went looking for her birth family and found her sister Helen. Together they searched for the truth about Jenny's birth - and uncovered a legacy of secrets that overturned everything Helen thought she knew about her family. Happily, they also discovered that they were twins. This is the story of two women brave enough to confront their past, and strong enough to let love not bitterness define them. We rated it 3.5 out of 5. Submitted by Joni Porter

## THE ARCHIVES:

If you have anything worth archiving in our records or would like to look up anything from our past newsletters, please submit them to **Dennis Moise** our Archivist. [Dennis.moise@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.moise@gmail.com)

BOOK EXCHANGE: For the Love of Reading Book Exchange Program - Exchange your previously *Loved Book* for a *New Adventure!* Contact Rita Benacquista - 705-429-1911



## KITCHEN BRIDGE: -Looking For Spares

We are a group of 8 in Wasaga Beach who meet once a month in each other's homes on rotation. We have both men and women. as regulars. *The meeting day is the second Wednesday of each month at 1 P.M. We draw names for partners and usually manage to get in 5-6 rounds over the afternoon.* Each member puts a Toonie in the pot; the high score for the day takes the winnings **less 1 Toonie**, which is returned to the person with the low score of the afternoon.

Occasionally, due to appointments and illness we do need a spare. Will you consider joining us when needed? Our bridge is" Social Bridge" casual style. Most of us are trying to recall a game we enjoyed many years ago. Rules have changed and we are constantly learning. Can I entice you by saying we always have great snacks? Also, as a spare you would **not** be required to host. Our group has been very successful operating within Beachcombers since 2010. **Please give me a call Betty Keyes, at 705-429-6064** if this is an activity you would consider.

## CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY:

Hymns of those who speed: @ 135km - Lord, I'm Coming Home @ 155 km - Precious Memories

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 At the Recplex

**Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.** NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in the November Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter convener, Jayne Edwards, [jpedwards@live.ca](mailto:jpedwards@live.ca) by **November 22, 2018**