



The Wasagan



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**FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING
TODAY'S SPEAKERS ARE:
JOHN HARTLEY, TREASURER OF GEORGIAN BAY CHAPTER OF C.A.R.P.
AND
STEPHEN STEWART, INVESTMENT ADVISOR**

WE HAVE A NEW EDITOR

Jan Bivall has generously volunteered to edit and prepare the newsletter effective after the April meeting. Maggie & Ken wish to thank Jan for taking over the May to August issues!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to this morning's meeting. By now you are about to or will have enjoyed a catered pancake breakfast complete with sausages and fruit. This morning each member attending the meeting also received a new mug. Similar to your name tags, it is hoped that this special Probuc mug will be brought to every meeting in our efforts to reduce waste and go green. Note that you are to pick up and sign for only your mug. Snowbirds (and other members not at today's meeting) will receive their mug when they return. Soon, there will be no need to supply any of our members with Styrofoam cups. There is a small issue about the mugs. They hold more coffee than the Styrofoam cups. We will carefully monitor this situation in future meetings.

You may have noticed that the practice of member profiles has been missing for some time now. Betty Keyes, in her role as membership ambassador, has been giving small profiles of new members. The team wondered if there was ever a time when, if there are no new members to profile, Betty could profile regular club members in a manner similar to how she profiles the new members, except the club member will not be asked to come on stage (unless they want to). As Probuc is a social club, it provides us with another way to socialize and get to "Meet our Members." Of course, you can refuse. I will take a survey on this idea at today's meeting also.

With all this food and information under our belts, you should be prepared for this morning's talk on pension splitting and security. We welcome our speakers and thank all who helped prepare for this meeting. In addition, we give a big THANK YOU to Jan Bivall for assuming the editorial duties for the rest of the year at The Wasagan after the departure of Maggie and Ken.

JANUARY SPEAKER

Our speaker was Dr. Dennis Smith who in 2006 was appointed to the Order of Canada. Dr. Smith is one of the top biomaterials experts in the world in the field of dental and hip implants and was responsible for developing acrylic bone cement which is used throughout the world to lock implants into bone. His research changed the course of practice for dental and joint replacements. In 1989 Dr. Smith received transplants in both hips thus personally benefiting from his own research.

Born in Lincoln England in 1928, Dr. Smith became the head of dentistry at the University of Manchester after receiving his PhD. In 1989 he was recruited to Canada to work at the University of Toronto to become professor and head of biomaterials in the Faculty of Dentistry and he developed the program into one of the few truly international programs in biomaterials in the world. Dr. Smith has traveled and lectured extensively throughout the world. He has published over 200 scientific papers and has authored or contributed chapters to at least 13 books.

Dr. Smith retired to Collingwood with his wife in 1999. He brags of 6 children and 13 grandchildren.

We all enjoyed Dr. Smith's many stories relating to the highlights of his life. Think of him with confidence should you ever need a joint replacement!

PAST SOCIAL EVENT: BOWLING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

Many thanks to the 40 Probus members who joined us for lots of laughs and good food. There was a lot of yelling and Oh's going on as members were bowling. Let's not forget the hecklers who were trying to throw our last team off their score! Names need not be mentioned but it was all done with a lot of laughs from everyone. The winning team consisting of Ron Searle, Brian Currie, Marilyn Ruse, Sandra Hanson and Brian Aherne were from Lane Six with a successful score of 2072. Our high man bowler was Brian Aherne and our high woman bowler was Christina Armstrong. Gifts were given to all winners for their outstanding efforts.

Our 50/50 brought in \$120. and instead of buying door prizes, it was decided to give 100% back to the members. Winners were Joan Porter \$45.00, Jack Benedet \$30.00, Brian Currie \$25.00 and Robin Whittamore \$20.00.

Dinner followed the bowling at Kelsey's in Collingwood. Everyone raved about the food and the desserts elicited lots of oohs and regret from those who had decided to forgo dessert. The helpful staff contributed to the enjoyable dinner.

Thank you to everyone who participated and make the event such a success.

Contributed by Gloria Harasowsky.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 21st, 2008 – MINI PUTT

Today is your last opportunity to purchase tickets for this event at the Putting Edge Glow in the Dark Mini-Putt in Barrie. The ticket price of \$9.00 per person is for the mini-putt only. We hope everyone will be able to join us for lunch at the Market Restaurant in Barrie following this event.

MARCH 26th CASINO RAMA – We will be collecting \$5.00 per person for this event. The price includes the bus trip and a buffet lunch. Forty or more people attending and the trip will be free (your \$5.00 deposit will be refunded). We will not be selling tickets for this event. A record of your \$5.00 deposit will be recorded on a list of attendees. Pick-up time for this event will be at approximately 9:30 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m.

APRIL 18th WASAGA COMMUNITY THEATRE production of "Who Killed Elvis?" This is a musical/murder mystery with audience participation. We will qualify for a group ticket rate of \$12.00 rather than \$15.00 per person if fifteen or more people attend. We are also planning to meet for dinner (for those who wish to go) prior to the performance, possibly at the newly renovated Dardenella (the "Dard").

EXACT DATES FOR OUR MAY, JUNE AND AUGUST EVENTS TO BE DETERMINED.

MAY – Theatre trip – Stratford or Niagara-on-the-Lake.

JUNE - Variety Night and Dinner (back by popular demand) – location to be determined. We know there are a lot of talented Beachcombers waiting in the wings. So, come on everyone, flex those musical muscles, dust off those dancing shoes, practice those famous party pieces, skits and jokes, get a group together or go it alone, you can do it! Please sign the interest sheet provided.

JULY 22nd – Annual Picnic at Heritage Park in Elmvale. Burger Bob will be catering again this year.

AUGUST – Annual Golf Tournament

DECEMBER 5th – Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance

JANUARY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$58.00 was won by Betty Keyes

2nd Prize of \$37.00 was won by Velvet Van Ravenstein

3rd Prize of \$29.00 was won by Helen Hutton

4th Prize of \$22.00 was won by Brian Passmore

Gift certificate for Rona was won by Christina Armstrong

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

(If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee.)

The special interest groups are open to Probus members only.

* The First Edition	Contact Lucille Mancer	422-0143
* Happy Bookers	Contact Mary Barnes	429-2142
* Dinner at our Place	Contact Betty Keyes	429-6064
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact Maggie Higgins	422-1338
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835

Dinner at Our Place: TO ALL MEMBERS – We now have a 5th house for our monthly dinners. This brings the number of members participating to 40. Since a few couples have moved from our "Substitute" list to the regular rotation, we do need more of you to join us as an occasional guest. (Two singles are welcome to join as a couple). This winter we have many going south for periods of 1-3 months and I will need and welcome YOUR participation to fill in. You have seen our photographs of various social events, you have talked to some who are a part of our group, why don't you join us and give me a call? Does this fit your description?

1. I like to cook and prepare favorites dishes as well as try new recipes.
2. I like to have fun, share a lot of laughs and get to know members over the course of an evening.
3. I enjoy the experience of welcoming people to my home and entertaining.
4. I like the fact that others are responsible for preparing courses which they bring to my home that evening.
5. I like the fact that I will only host once every 4 months.
6. I like the fact the other 3 months I will be a guest in another member's home.
7. Finally, I would love to attend the group socials: the annual Christmas party in December, and the annual barbecue in August each year.

Please inquire about your participation with this super group. Betty Keyes 429-6064 keyes1@sympatico.ca

The Happy Bookers January reading was "The Grandmothers" by Doris Lessing; winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature. Doris Lessing once again proves that she is unrivalled in her ability to capture the truth of the human condition. There are four short novels in this collection: illicit love, social class, a mythic civilization, and in the last story a soldier in WW II experiences a dangerous voyage.

The stories are models of taut, subtle narrative, rich in psychological insight, and they provided us with a great discussion ranging from ardent, profound to funny. The average rating for the book was 3.3 (out of 5) with a strong recommendation. February's reading will be "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards.

The **First Edition Book Club** met at the home of Betty Keyes on Jan 15th. The chosen reading was the classic writing of Susanne Moodie "Roughing It in the Bush" covering her first five years of life in Canada in the early eighteen hundreds. A lively discussion was entered into ranging from "I hated it" to "absolutely fascinating" an interesting and varied reaction from all participants. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and at this time have reached our maximum of 10 members.

The **Fair Weather Walkers**, as the name implies, walk when the weather cooperates. However we have been caught in downpours and blizzards but have always managed to complete the course. The route begins at the Powerline Road Skidoo trail and except for two small hills, is easy to walk. Our pace is unhurried yet steady and gives us plenty of time (about an hour) to observe the ever changing world around us. We have been known to see deer, a variety of birds, the occasional porcupine and even a black bear. (But he was too far away to cause us too much worry!) Please join our friendly group any Friday at 1:30. We enjoy laughter and good conversation which always carries to Tim Horton's afterwards.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Members take turns hosting the lunch, which is an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, laughter and gossip. We are now at our maximum membership limit of 12 ladies. Call Maggie Higgins @ 422-1338 if you want to be on our "wait" list.

The **Restaurant Dinner Club** is a group of some 60 members dedicated to the proposition that retirement is more than cooking. They go to different restaurants in the area every other month. Call Diane Nagel @ 428-3209 if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

MY COMPUTER GUY

I was having trouble with my computer so I called Harold, my computer technician to come over. Harold clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. He gave me a bill for the service call.

He was walking away and I asked him, "So what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error." I didn't want to appear stupid, but I had to ask "An ID ten T error? What's that in case I need to fix it again?" Harold grinned and said "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" I said "No." He said, "Write it down and you'll probably figure it out." So I wrote down ID10T. I don't like Harold anymore!

Submitted by Ross Dawe.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrated in January!

DON'T FORGET:

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted on the Bulletin Board. Please read them! These Bulletin Boards often have details of other Community Events and Happenings in the area. We do this as an information service to our members, but we do not promote such things.
- **Please notify the Membership Convener (Linda Willis @ 429-0467) of any changes to your address, phone number, email address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Wear your name tag to all Probus meetings and events.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Marilyn Ruse @ 422-0271) - 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. Betty can be reached @ 429-6064.

PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2008

This year the Probus rendezvous will be held in Saint John, New Brunswick on September 25-27. Registration is \$100.00 per person and includes opening ceremonies and the Maritime Kitchen Party. All special excursions and meals are at an extra charge. Registration forms must be received by August 24th. We are sorry that our club cannot subsidize you for this event. If you are interested in attending please see President Tom for more information.

PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm

NEXT MEETING:

MARCH 4, 2008

ALL STARS ARENA

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 am. Remember to bring your "Probus" mug!

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/8wasbcern.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer). Please note that the number 7 in the website address has changed to number 8 to reflect the new year of 2008.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
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Past President:	Christina Armstrong	429-7805	New Members:	Betty Keyes	429-6064
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