



The Wasagan



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MAY'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: Elaine Charal: "Graphologist" (hand writing)



Ron Hanson

President's Message

Hopefully you are reading this newsletter before attending the Meeting on May 6th, as I would encourage you all to take part in our "SURVIVORS" breakfast (9:00 – 9:45 am). It appears as though we all made it through this challenging winter which calls for a celebration.

A new month is with us....so here are a few fun facts about the month of MAY.

1. *The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of*

Fertility.

2. *In any given year, no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does.*

3. *The priests of Vulcan in Ancient Rome used to sacrifice a pregnant sow on the first of May.*

4. *In 1644 maypoles were banned in England as a 'heathenish vanity'. Local officials who defiantly put them up could be fined five shillings a week.*

5. *In 1661, a maypole 123 feet tall was put up in the Strand, London for the return of Charles II. Isaac Newton later used it as a support for his telescope.*

6. *"Let no man boast himself that he has got through the perils of winter till at least the seventh of May." (Anthony Trollope).*

7. *According to the roman poet Ovid: "Bad girls wed in May."*

8. *According to old Cornish superstition, it is unlucky to buy a broom during the month of May.*

9. *In response to May 1 being Labour Day, the first World Tramps Congress in Argentina in 1966 named May 2, as International Idleness Day.*

Now wasn't that informative????

Welcome back snowbirds.....see....we don't have any snow either.

(P.S. Happy Mother's Day, Ladies!)

Ron Hanson



THANK YOU to our greeters last month **Diane Nagel** and **Tony Svirplys**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

APRIL'S MEETING



Dr. Milan Sombarac

Jan Bivall introduced our guest speaker Dr. Milan Sombarac DDS who spoke about the evils of sugar as a main part of our diet. In 1918 diabetes was a rare disease while today it is rampant. It is added to everything except Habitant Pea Soup. Check your ingredients carefully. We were advised to watch a lengthy You Tube video called "Sugar – The Bitter Truth." A lively debate followed about tax or no tax on products high in sugar. Jan thanked Dr. Milan with for his thought-provoking talk.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED



Betty welcomes Dennis and Barbara Moise. Barbara obviously was not there.

The Winning Table

There was an April Fool's Day quiz even though Dr. Milan scooped up the quiz papers.



SOCIAL

PAYMENT IS DUE - SPACE IS LIMITED- PLEASE BRING CHEQUE BOOKS

Ripley's Aquarium – May 23rd - all those attending –please meet at the RecPlex parking lot at approx. 9:30 am – Please bring change for 50/50

NEW - Millers Dairy Farm Tour – Creemore - Thurs. June 19th – 10:30 am - **\$5.00 pp**, followed by lunch (members expense) at the Old Mill Pub, Creemore - **maximum 30 members, payment due at time of signing up. Signup sheet will be at the social table.**

Murder Mystery – Wed. June 25th – 12 noon – \$20.00 pp - Collingwood Legion-luncheon followed by our show - payment **now due for those who have signed up. Other Probus groups have been invited so space will be limited. If bringing guests the ticket price is \$25.00**

FUTURE EVENTS:

Friday July 11th – Day outing - Simcoe County Museum/cabins tour – 10 am followed by lunch at members expense at the Donaleighs Irish Pub – downtown Barrie then on to Flying Monkeys Brewery tour downtown Barrie, (beer and souvenir) cost of the two tours **\$15.00 pp. Maximum 30 members with waiting list – payment will be due at time of signing up. Signup sheet will be social table in June.**

Tuesday, July 22nd – BBQ- Klondike Park – arrival 11:30 am – **for those who have signed up, payment is now due.** Catered by Taste of Paradise- **\$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members-**bingo and outdoor games- come and enjoy the fun

Wednesday, August 13th – beautiful 1000 Island Queen Boat tour – Parry Sound 1 – 4 pm – group rate - **\$32.00 pp – payment will be due at time of signing up.** Snack bar on board – members can arrange dinner at their expense – two restaurants are across the street from the dock with outdoor patios **Signup sheet will be at social table in July.**

Wednesday, September 17th – Georgian Vineyard Wine tour/tasting – 2-4 pm - **\$25.00 pp** followed by dinner at members expense at the Crystal Buffet, Collingwood - **maximum 40 members – payment will be due at time of signing up** – sheet will be at social table in August

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the last Wednesday of the month for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In April approximately 18 members enjoyed breakfast and conversation in the Mosley Street Grill.

We now have 29 serious ROMEOS' on our list who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for the breakfasts. 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, May 28, 2014** at the Georgian Family Circle Restaurant.



First Edition Book Club

The Inferno by Dan Brown

Following along the lines of the Da Vinci Code, Dan Brown continues the saga of Harvard University professor Robert Langdon. Because of his profession as a professor of symbology, he has contacts throughout the world and travels to Europe frequently.

Waking up in a hospital with no recollection of the last few days, Professor Langdon finds himself in Florence, Italy. Assisted by Doctor Sienna Brooks, Professor Langdon flees an assassin and begins his journey through Florence, Venice and Istanbul. Upon finding a cylinder with a biohazard sign in his jacket, he contacts the U.S. consulate, who Sienna believes is trying to kill him. Using his skill for solving cryptic riddles, they race through the streets of the above cities, narrowly escaping the police, Carabinieri officers and the Consortium. As in his other books, Dan Brown has Professor Langdon, escape through secret passages known and used by only a select few.

The World Health Organization and a shadowy consulting group called the Consortium are both after the cylinder, which in the wrong hands, could cause a genius scientist, and madman's obsession with Dante's Inferno, to release a virus, solving the world's overpopulation problem.

Mentioning many tourist areas and the architecture familiar to many of us transports us back to our own visits of these unforgettable locations. As usual, Brown's writing takes place over a short, fast paced time period. We rated it 4 out of 5.

The Happy Bookers

'The Dinner ' by Herman Koch was translated from the original Danish and the setting is a fancy restaurant in Denmark where two couples share a meal to discuss something their children had done a couple of weeks before. The two men are brothers, with the elder in a political campaign for Prime Minister, so there is a lot of prestige at stake for the adults, and, as details of the event emerge, we realize the futures of the two cousins are also at stake. The issue becomes what will each couple do ethically, morally and legally to protect their child? Behaviours and situations from the past emerge and, as the dinner courses continue, the reader realizes that nothing is as it seemed at the appetizer stage and by dessert, nothing will ever be the same again.

We rated the book a 3.5 and varied on whether we would recommend it. A very different book.



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in May.

APRIL LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

First prize \$50.00	Janet Wright
Second prize \$30.00	Gail Dawe
Third prize \$20.00	Ron Hanson
\$40 Gift Certificate	Peter Premich

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



Happy Lucky Draw Winners Peter, Gail, Janet and Ron.

GOODWILL

Cards were sent to **Betty Keyes** and **Dave Marshall**. Sorry if we missed you and, if you are feeling poorly, get well soon. 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.



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).

JUNE: Keith Hunter: "Mentalist"

JULY: Thomas McCavour: Author (Bloody Diamonds)

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, **Betty Montgomery**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities

Happy Mother's Day

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.

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/14wasbcnrn.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.)

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	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765		Archives	Everett Rivait	422-1573
New Members	Betty Montgomery	429-6894		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.

**NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR MAY'S NEWSLETTER BY
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014**

Our Archivist

Everett Rivait loves your PROBUS photos. If you take a good photo at a PROBUS event, perhaps you can share it with **Everett** at evpenrivait@rogers.com Hopefully next month we will have up and running the new photo archive site where you can finally access our PROBUS photos. Cross your fingers.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little girl in the black and white photo is one of our Probus members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? All will be revealed at May's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of you in your youth to the editor. Last month we featured **Judy Morrison**.

Arrive early for the meeting on the first Tuesday of the month to enjoy coffee or tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 A.M.



**SEE YOU THIS TUESDAY,
May 6, 2014**

**COME EARLY for the 9:00 am
"I survived the winter 2013/14"
Continental Breakfast**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014
WASAGA STARS ARENA**