



The Wasagan



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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING
TODAY'S SPEAKER: NORINE BARON REPRESENTING THE STEPHEN LEWIS
FOUNDATION

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker in September was Constable Mark Kinney of the Huronia Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police. Mark joined the OPP in 1987 and was posted at the Kanata Detachment outside of Ottawa. He returned to Wasaga Beach as its Community Service Officer in 1994. He spent a two year stint at Regional Headquarters between 1999 and 2001 as the Regional Youth Intervention Officer. He came back to Wasaga Beach as acting NCO in 2001 to 2002 and came back into Community Service in 2004. Mark is currently a member of the Wasaga Beach Community Policing Committee. Mark lives in Wasaga Beach and is married with two teenage children.

Mark spoke of traffic awareness concerns such as slowing down at school zones and watching out for school buses. Seat belts must be worn at all times. Wasaga Beach has the least amount of collisions compared to other communities in the area. There are approximately 1200 accidents per year and service calls are currently down 80%.

Legislation has been passed to apprehend people for not paying attention to red lights or not using emergency signals. The police can charge people if they don't pull over when emergency vehicles go by. In 2007 a law against racing was passed. If you are caught speeding you can lose your licence and vehicle for 7 days.

Regarding motor vehicle safety, Mark reminded us that our vehicles should be in good condition at all times. Know your mental state and health concerns and don't drink and drive. Be aware of traffic flow, use your lights, always stop at stop signs, and be courteous to other motorists.

Mark fielded the following questions from the audience.

- Q) Should motorized scooters be riding on the road? A) Only if the person has a licence. It is illegal for these vehicles **without a licence** to ride on the road but they can be used on private trails.
- Q) Which side of the road do you use for bicycling? A) Bicycles should always be ridden on the same side of the road as the traffic.
- Q) Can the pavement beside the road be used for passing? A) No, it is never used for passing. It is for emergencies.
- Q) What can be done about speeding on Golf Course Road? A) Contact police for all traffic related issues.

Thanks to Mark for his interesting discussion regarding traffic concerns, legislation and motor vehicle safety that will benefit all of us. Please use this website www.wasagabeachcommunitypolicing.ca. for more information regarding community policing.

SEPTEMBER PROFILER : BOB BOWYER

Bob Bowyer, the new Vice President of the Beachcombers Mixed Probus Club, gave us an amusing profile. He was born in York Township in 1938. During the war years he lived with his grandparents in the Oakwood and Eglinton area. After the war years he went back to live on a farm with his parents and younger brother in Ardtrea, 5 miles north of Orillia. He attended a one room school house through to grade 8. He attended high school in Orillia and came to know a young fellow in some of his classes named Gord Lightfoot, who later became a well known singer.

Although Bob had aspirations of joining the army, he went back to Toronto and got a job as a stock room clerk with a major manufacturer of electric motor control products. He became a lead hand and was responsible for training new employees. He applied and got the position of junior buyer. He took night courses at Ryerson College and received his professional buyers certificate. In time he became the Senior Buyer. When the company decided to start selling

their products through their own sales force across Canada, Bob was offered the position of Inside Sales Representative. He was responsible for processing all orders handled by the Toronto Sales Staff.

Bob soon became the Product Specialist in the Marketing and Engineering Department where he worked with Electrical Engineers, consulting firms, bidding on large projects, and attending trade shows. Bob believes the last two ships built by Collingwood shipyards were projects on which he quoted the electric motor control.

Bob moved to Barrie and the last 4 years of his career was spent working at the Westinghouse Sales and Engineering office in Burlington as a Product Specialist. Westinghouse was bought out by Cutler-Hammer and Bob went on early retirement at 54 years of age after almost 40 years of continuous employment.

Bob and his wife Joan, who is part of the 50/50 team, currently live in Wasaga Beach. Joan has a son which they both raised. They now have two wonderful grandchildren, a granddaughter going on 26, and a grandson going on 23.

Bob's hobbies include softball, curling, golf, big game hunting (Joan also accompanied him on these trips) and fishing. He also lifted weights for almost 30 years. Bob and Joan took many Florida vacations and bought a travel trailer which eventually was replaced with a park model that they used for about 10 years. Bob and Joan are active within their church and he is affectionately referred to as Pastor Bob.

It has come to Bob's knowledge that his current father is actually his step father. He has asked us if we have lived in York Township, are around his age, or have siblings that look like him, to let him know as he is still looking for his father.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe that summer is over? It has been a short one hasn't it? Let's hope that the Fall will bring some lovely sunny days before the cold weather really sets in. A busy Probus season is ahead of us and lots of things are planned socially. Everyone come and enjoy the activities that are planned. Good health to all of you.

PAST SOCIAL EVENT: DINNER CRUISE ABOARD THE SERENDIPITY PRINCESS

On Wednesday, September 10, 2008, the sun shone down on a warm late summer evening as the Serendipity Princess left the Barrie dock with 50 Probus members, as well as 4 American (from southern California) visitors and a Mom and her little girl, Emma. There was also a singer on board – Adrien, who inspired several people to dance to his well-chosen repertoire. The bar was open and the dinner of roast beef and chicken was delicious. The warmth of the evening, the smooth waters, the friendly camaraderie, the many stately homes on the shore and the many small (some not so small) craft on the lake kept our interest. Everyone bought 50/50 tickets and when little Emma was asked to draw the first ticket, she picked out Betty Baker's name. As luck would have it, Betty then returned the favour and chose Emma's ticket for the second prize. By the time we docked at dusk around 7:30, many felt the need for a windbreaker or sweater but the whole experience was a delightful hit with everyone.

'MEET YOUR MEMBER' – Please contact Betty Keyes at (705) 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008 – ALL ABOARD FOR THE CREDIT VALLEY EXPLORER.

Sorry, the tickets are all sold out for this event.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008 – Do you enjoy encountering surprises and adventures, meeting challenges and using all your thinking skills? Then join us on our **GREAT DISCOVERY TOUR**. Because of the higher price of gas, we have taken the lengthy car tour of the past, shortened it and put some unique twists to it. Each car must have four occupants. All your senses will be involved as you do small but surprisingly interesting things in and around the beach. The challenges are very different from those of the past. It is not just based on observations. This is something that you may never do again but will be glad you did it this time as you discover and see our town like you never discovered it before. It is a test of your digital camera skills, as well as all your navigational and planning skills. Everyone starts at exactly 1:00 PM so come early. Although it is not a race, teamwork and execution are the keys as everyone finishes at exactly the same time and place. How do we do that? Come and see. A wonderful, yet very familiar, refreshment stop along the way and a mystery meal at the end, caps off a perfect stress-free (maybe) afternoon. And we promise, you will be home by 6:00 PM. You get all of this for the low cost of only \$10.

Note: Today is your final opportunity to buy your tickets.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008 – Tickets for the **Putting Edge Glow in the Dark** experience will be on sale at this meeting. We have all enjoyed mini putt in the past and it continues to be a simple but fun challenge. Cost is \$10.00 per person for the mini putt only. For those who wish to join the group for lunch, we will be going to Cara's which is close by. The menu is not too expensive for a special food experience.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008 – Christmas dinner/dance – tickets on sale today. There will be more information on the actual event next month.

MONTHLY GOLF OUTING

If you are interested in joining the monthly golf excursion to different clubs in the area, call Bill Travis @ 422-1148 or give him your name.

SEPTEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$71.60 was won by Betty Baker
2nd Prize of \$44.75 was won by Linda Trimble
Gift certificate for Fiona's Bake Shop was won by Charlie Baker
1 ticket for the 'Jamie Warren in Concert' was won by Raymond Dimock and 2nd ticket won by Bob Jackson.

3rd Prize of \$35.80 was won by Joanne Scruton
4th Prize of \$26.85 was won by Frieda Collins

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

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 Book Club	Contact Betty Montgomery	429-6854
* Happy Bookers Club	Contact Mary Barnes	429-2142
* Dinner at Our Place	Contact Linda Willis	429-0467
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Joyanne Loughran	429-6574
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Luci Worch	422-0062

Note: Lucille Mancer is looking for new members to start up another book club. If you are interested, please contact Lucille at (705) 422-0143.

For **Dinner at Our Place** we have 5 hosts each welcoming 6 guests. Responsibilities are rotated monthly with everyone preparing a portion of the meal. The host picks some dates within any given month and together a date for dinner is set. The hosts are responsible for the main entrée with suitable sides, as well as tea and coffee. As coordinator, Linda Willis assigns one couple to provide appetizers, another soup or salad, and the third dessert. Everyone provides their own beverage, whether it is wine, beer or a soft drink.

We have some people interested in starting a sixth house, but we need a few more to get it going.

If you are interested in learning more about the Dinner at Our Place special interest group, please contact Linda Willis. During a meeting, Linda can be found at the Sign In desk, or call her at 429-0467.

The **Happy Bookers Club** is at maximum membership.

The weather cooperated for the third annual Happy Bookers' retreat at Clyffe House. Jane Austen would have been so proud of us as we watched the movie 'The Jane Austen Book Club' and then discussed the six novels named in the movie. We decided her books are more interesting in movie form than book form as the language is pretty tough going but the stories and characters do stand the test of time. We celebrated by all dressing in costumes of the era (check out the pictures posted) and having a high tea. We also enjoyed our morning walks, eating, swimming, eating and several 'spirited' conversations. Thanks to Mary Barnes, Joanne Scruton, Christina Armstrong, Diane Nagel & Susan Passmore for their contributions to the event. We returned better friends than ever, a bit heavier and ready to repeat the experience next year.

The **First Edition Book Club** has reached its maximum membership of 10 members.

The book club met on October 16th and discussed Michael Ondaatje's "The English Patient". The majority of the members found that the book flipped back and forth and was generally difficult to follow. As a result many were bored and had difficulty in making sense of the writer's intent. The story is one of few that deal with ordinary people who find themselves out of the second world war and at least 3 of them are shell shocked. The English patient is

seriously burned from a plane crash after being shot down toward the end of the war. Each of their stories is told. Participants of the club found some of the descriptive prose fascinating and another found the book difficult to put down. Some members referred to the movie to help them make sense of the story. Ratings were in the mid-range.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** are a friendly bunch who walk in almost any kind of weather. During the fall and winter months we meet at Powerline Road and generally take the skidoo trail, which is relatively flat with only two hills to traverse, or one of the other trails off of Powerline Road. At the end of about 1 ½ hours we reward ourselves with a cup of Timmy's coffee and good conversation. When the bugs come out in the spring, and usually through the summer months, we walk the beach front. Occasionally we take other trails in the Wasaga Beach or Collingwood area. Please join us any Friday at 1:30 pm. For information call Doris Willis 429-7835 or Luci Worch 422-0062.

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.

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 Joyanne Loughran 429-6574 or e-mail her at somatech@rogers.com if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area. Bon Appetit!

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, Lucille Mancer, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Lucille can be reached @ 422- 0143 or lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca

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

NOVEMBER 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/8wasbcnrn.pdf (Please contact the Editor if you do not have a computer.)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

It would be appreciated if contributors could submit their items to Lyn Rice at gl_rice@rogers.com by the end of the third week of the month.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2008-2009

President:	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social:	Tom Donohue	429-0644
Vice-President:	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Membership:	Linda Willis	429-0467
Treasurer:	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Secretary:	Joanne Scruton	422-0976	50/50 Draw:	Kay Knab	429-5547
Past President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	New Members:	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
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