



The Wasagan



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MAY'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: Keith Hunter: "Mentalist"

President's Message



Ron Hanson

Now that we are into the month of June, this causes me to reflect on the fact that there are only two months remaining until my term as President will end, and perhaps the term of other executive members will also end. This being the case, ***my message to you this month will focus on encouraging you, the membership, to step forward to fill the positions on the executive.***

The positions for your consideration are...Vice President / Secretary / Treasurer / Social Convenor / Membership Convenor / Newsletter Convenor / Speakers & Profiles / New Member Ambassador / Lucky

Draw Convenor / Archivist Photographer / Decorator Convenor / Goodwill Convenor.

Perhaps some of the current executive will nominate themselves to continue on in their current positions; however, that does not eliminate you from also "throwing your hat into the ring".

Now is not the time to step back....***it is time to step forward.*** The enjoyment level you get from Beachcombers PROBUS is in direct relation to the level of your involvement.

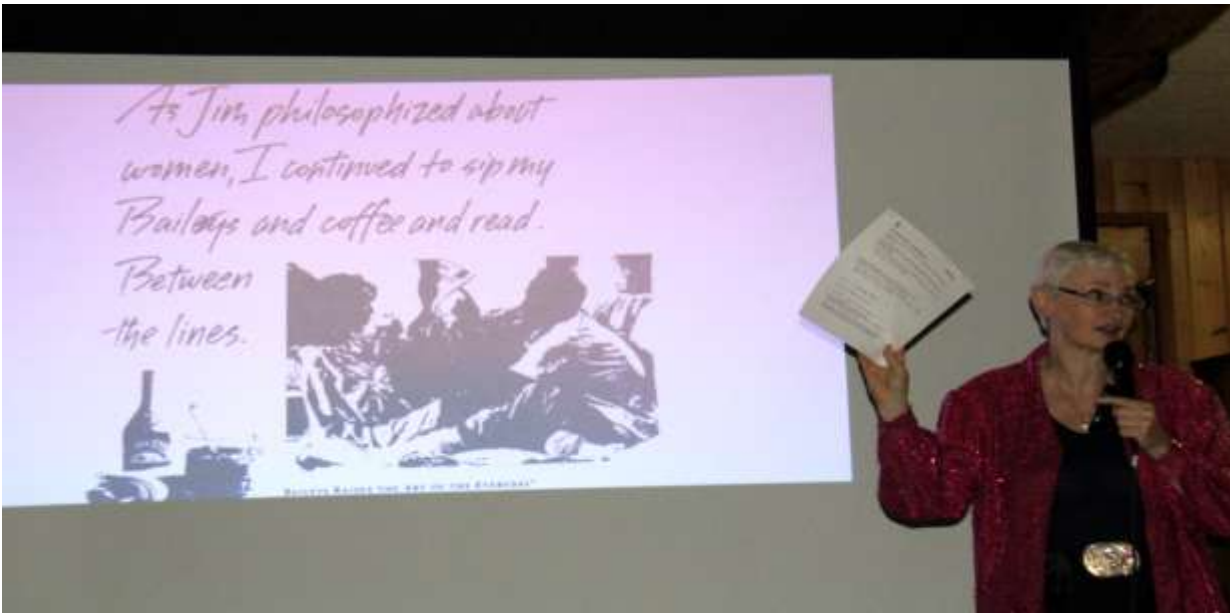
Ron Hanson

THANK YOU to our greeters last month **Gene and Vincy Stephenson**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

MAY'S MEETING

Jan Bivall introduced our guest speaker Elaine Charal who spoke about graphology - hand writing. Elaine gave a very entertaining, humorous talk about the fine details of hand writing and what secrets are indicated by it. One's personality can be betrayed by the slant in your writing or even the space between letters. Members were particularly amused by one of the three zones your handwriting favours. The





zones are upper (head), middle (torso) and lower zone of our body. Several members had their handwriting analyzed and were surprised to find their writing favoured their lower zones which amused all of us. Jan thanked Elaine for her fun and interesting talk. Next we met Brian Rea who gave a brief talk of the role of music and the many benefits of music. Brian spent his career teaching music at St. Michael's Choir School. The following new PROBUS members were welcomed, pinned and mugged: Jim and Judy Desormeaux, Steve and Lucy Bell, Herb Moore, Carole and Tom Ridout and Al and Judy Grondin.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED



From the left New Member Chair Betty welcomes Judy and Jim Desormeaux, Lucy and Steve Bell, Herb Moore, Carol and Tom Ridout, Judy and Al Grondin. President Ron Hanson adds his smile to the photo. Congratulations to all new members and here's to forming some happy memories with Beachcombers PROBUS.

SOCIAL



Members waiting to have their rock and roll fix.

PAST SOCIAL EVENT

(Editor's note) The Aquarium trip on May 23rd was a first class outing worth every bit of the cost, from the nice bus (with a toilet at the back), the fine catered lunch on the bus (Thanks to Taste of Paradise), the bingo games and the many prizes. Then there's the beautiful fish and close by – Steam Whistle. Congratulations and thanks to Penny Rivait and the members of her fine social committee for a job really well done. On another note the rock and roll show in Meaford was enjoyed by all who attended.

Despite many aquarium photos, none could do it justice. It was truly wonderful. But there were several interesting photos from Steam Whistle Brewery which many members visited as it was close by. Steam Whistle was very generous with its free samples. Several members showed their appreciation by drinking as many free samples as they could.



UPCOMING EVENTS

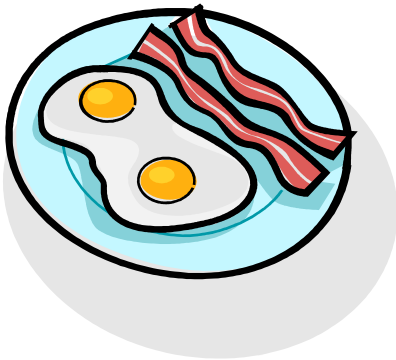
Murder Mystery, June 25th – doors open at 11:30 am at the Collingwood Legion. We have sold out all 144 tickets. We are looking forward to a fun time.

Millers Dairy Farm and lunch, Creemore is sold out. For those members who are joining us, please pick up your flyer with directions at our social table.

Friday, July 11th, full day event – starting at 10 am --**Simcoe County Museum/cabin tour**, lunch at **Donaleighs Irish Pub**, Dunlop St. Barrie, (members expense) followed by **Flying Monkeys Brewery tour**, Dunlop St. Barrie – Tours - \$15.00 per person. **Maximum 30 members.** – **payment due at time of signing up.** Sheet will be at our social table along with our flyer with directions. This is a fun, different kind of outing. Free beer and souvenir glass.

BBQ, Tuesday, July 22nd – \$10.00 per person --arrival time 11:30 am, **Klondike Park – payment is now due** for those who have signed up. Taste of Paradise will be catering our event, and there will be a 50/50 draw, door prizes, and table and outside games. Anyone for Bingo!!!! Remember **this event is being subsidized** by our club, so we are expecting a large turnout. To cover our expenses **the cost would normally be \$15.00.** We hope to see you at our social table.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



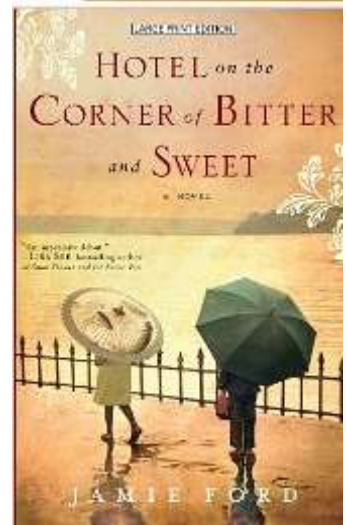
The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and breakfast. In May approximately 9 enjoyed breakfast and conversation at **GEORGIAN FAMILY CIRCLE RESTAURANT.**

We now have 29 serious **ROMEO'S** on our list, who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for breakfast. 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, JUNE 25, 2014 at YAMMAS GRILL.** We realize that the murder mystery dinner and show is also on in the same afternoon. We took a survey, and we are 50/50 for breakfast. The serious **ROMEO'S** who are not in the play are prepared to rush off to **THE MURDER MYSTERY** after breakfast.

The Happy Bookers

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet refers to a hotel situated in Seattle just where the Chinese section met the Japanese section of town. During a renovation of the hotel in the 1980's, many precious belongings were found in the basement that had been stored there for safe-keeping when the Japanese-Americans living in the area were forced into internment camps in 1942. This brings back many bitter memories to the narrator, Henry, a Chinese-American, who had watched these events take away his best friend, Keiko, a thirteen-year-old Japanese-American girl and her family. He never heard from them again. As the only Asians attending an American school, Henry and Keiko stuck together to survive the prejudice they encountered. This is the story of the shameful Japanese internment told from a different point of view and the discovery of the items leads to Henry making many other discoveries about himself and Keiko in the present. This book was unanimously declared a satisfying and enjoyable read and the rating was 4.0, with everyone saying they'd recommend it.



The Happy Bookers has room for 2 more members who enjoy reading and discussing books. We meet the afternoon of the third Monday of the month. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Jan Bivall at 705-429-7584 or email: stevebivall@gmail.com.



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in June.

GOODWILL

Cards were sent to **Keith and Shirley Brett**. 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).



JULY: Thomas McCavour: Author (Bloody Diamonds)

AUGUST: Marion Ford (Nordix Pole Walking)

MAY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

First prize \$50.00
Second prize \$40.00
Third prize \$37.00
\$40 Gift Certificate
Gift Bag with chocolate bar, etc.

Peter Premich
Joan Smith
Velvet Van Ravenstein
Brian Passmore
Russ White

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



Happy Lucky Draw Winners L to R Brian, Joan, Velvet, Peter and Russ.

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

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.

Coming next month: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**. Next month we are hoping to have a link to our photo archives along with this newsletter. Cross your fingers. Note that this is a repeat of last month's message. Things don't always work out, eh?

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?



This little boy is one of our PROBUS members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize him? All will be revealed at today's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor. Last month we featured **Valerie Willock**.

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.

LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY MEMBER



Last month it was**Valerie**. Thanks to all volunteers.

**SEE YOU THIS TUESDAY,
9:30 am, June 3, 2014
At the Wasaga Stars Arena**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014
at the RECPLEX**

And to all you Dads out there...

