



# The Wasagan



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**OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR JUNE 3, 1993 – JUNE 3, 2013**



## NOVEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Today's Speaker: Fraser Muir and the Bomber Command Memorial .



### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Where is the time going? Here it is the somber month of November when we remember once again those that we have lost to world wars and take time to reflect on the women and men who are still serving the country in various parts of the world. It would be so nice if we could have complete peace, but it seems that it will never be. Rejoice in the country we live in and for all the things it has to offer us. Never forget what has been done for us and those that are still serving for us.

President Betty Baker



**Please wear your poppy to the meeting  
Vets can wear their blazer.**



The "Real" Betty Baker

**THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING: Joan Maloney and Kenn Burchell.** If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker.**



**NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

  
*We Remember*



## OCTOBER'S SPEAKER

**Irene Donohue** introduced Ross Kentner, General Manager of Bayshore Broadcasting, who, via power point, gave us a visual tour of the broadcasting studio and personnel of 97.7 The Beach. There was also some background given into the recent decision to award new broadcasting rights to a classical radio station, a repeater station based in Newmarket, which will have no local studio and will hire no local people. As a result local stations are asking for the ability to increase their signal so the playing field will be level. It was an informative presentation and Irene thanked Ross with a token of our appreciation.

## **New Members Introduced**

### **A Warm Welcome!**

**Betty Keyes** (with a little help from **Betty Baker**) introduced two new members **Kathy** and **Terry Cantin**. Say hello to them if you get the chance.



## OCTOBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$48.00 ---- **Carolyn Paylor**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$30.00 --- **Dina McDonald**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$24.00 ---- **Maria Servaas**
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$20.00 ---- **Linda Marshall**

Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Home Hardware was won by **Dina McDonald**.

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



**Carolyn Paylor** holds onto her first prize envelope presented by **Joan Porter**



# Social

## PAST EVENT

Halloween Party – All in attendance at the Prime Time Club on October 25 agreed that it was a marvelous night with great entertainment by Terry Connolly. Best costume honours went to Diane and Robin Nagel in their inflatable sumo wrestler suits. They were a hit (with those suits on, they couldn't help but bump into virtually everyone at least once) both on and off the dance floor. See the photos below.

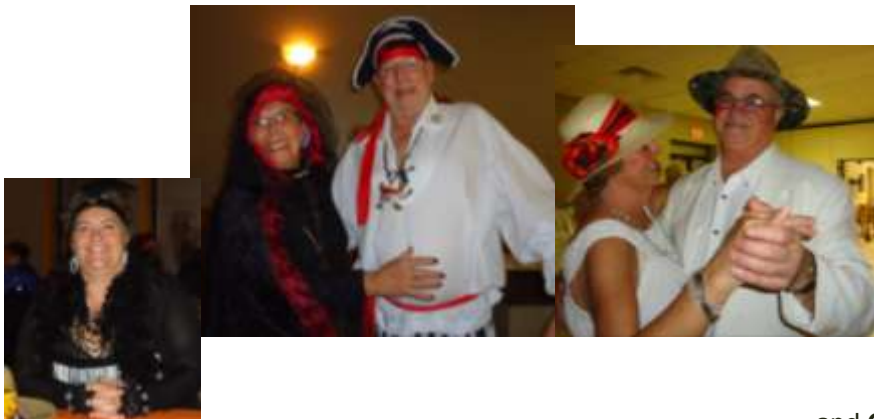


Above are the costumes voted best at the party: Sumo wrestlers (Robin and Diane Nagel), Mr. and Mrs. Blackbeard (Bob and Gloria Harasowsky, and Clown Betty Baker and Sheik Charlie Baker. Congratulations.

# HALLOWEEN PARTY



Does anyone recognize these other party goers?



Musician Terry Connolly did a great job. Social committee members **Bryan Stephenson** and **Gertrude Bartlik** (above right) announce winners.

# UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Visit the social committee tables if you are interested in attending any of the following events.

**CURLING:** Wednesday, November 14, 11 am, Stayner Curling Club – This event is sold out



## Christmas Dinner/Dance

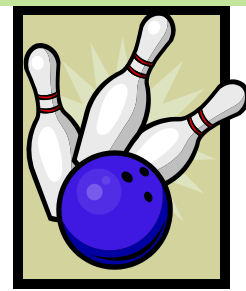
Friday, December 7, Collingwood Legion Hall – Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30 – \$25 per person

Today, November 6 is our last meeting at which to buy your tickets for our annual Christmas dinner/dance. Almost 80 tickets have already been sold so don't be disappointed – get your tickets now. Remember, you can choose your table mates ahead of time, or wait until you get there to see who you'll be sitting with.

## Potluck Lunch & Games Afternoon

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 – Wasaga Stars Arena – following the February general meeting  
Sign the interest sheet at our November meeting and indicate what you would like to bring to the potluck lunch. Also let us know what games you would like to play and whether you have those games that you could bring. This is a **no cost** (well, after all we're asking you to bring the food and entertainment!) event so sign up now for a fun day next year.

**Bowling** – Wednesday, March 13, 2013; and **Georgian Downs** – Tuesday April 16, 2013 – We'll let you know the details for these events in due course and in plenty of time. For now, though, mark your calendars so you won't get stuck being committed to some other silly things on these dates.



## ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP:

The **ROMEO** (Men's) Breakfast group meet on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In **NOVEMBER** we will be meeting at **YAMMAS GRILL** on **WEDNESDAY NOV. 28, 2012 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast.

We have 25 in our group. If you wish to join us for the first time call Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579. We try to give them an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.

This will be our last breakfast for this year. We take a break in December for everyone to enjoy the Christmas festivities. Check this space in the December Wasagan to find out where we will be having breakfast in January 2013.



## ARCHIVE BOOK

We have had challenges continuing photo records of club events, like Book Club weekends. As a tenth anniversary initiative, Sandra Hanson has agreed to archive photos for the club. So, take some pictures of your special interest group, committee etc. and give them to Sandra Hanson to be included in the book.



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in November.

### THE DAYTRIPPERS



Are there any 'crafters' in Beachcombers? If you are one of them you might want to pencil in a reminder for mid-September next year to attend the Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair. It is held annually at The Simcoe County Museum.

There were on-going demonstrations and hands-on activities throughout the building on spinning, weaving, sewing, rug hooking, embroidery, knitting, quilting and stitchery with many raffle draws throughout the exhibition. The rugs and wall hangings were beautifully designed with wonderful colours and everyone was given the chance to vote for their overall favourite. This seemed more difficult with each quilt you passed.

A fascinating demonstration we encountered was one on lace making. There were two ladies demonstrating, one was from Stayner and the other from Wasaga Beach. It is such a delicate process with their various weights of threads being passed over and under on long spangled bobbins ready to be 'pinned' in one of the holes for the pattern. We were told their creations were not for sale as the cost would be prohibitive as it a very slow process to complete 1 inch of pattern. Another unique craft one doesn't usually see was a man demonstrating the art of carding wool before it reaches the spinning stage. Many of the supplies needed in making these creations could be purchased from people participating in a section called 'Merchants Mall' and there were other rooms with wonderful articles for sale to suit every budget.

When you had finished enjoying the various exhibits you could enjoy the beautiful day on picnic tables outside where there was entertainment and homemade pies of every description to tempt the visitor along with a tea or coffee.

There are so many things and places to see around our communities, especially during the fall season. Take in one of these events. You won't be sorry you did.

Submitted by:  
Betty Keyes

# Special Interests Contacts

Special Interest	Contact Name	Phone No.
PM Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584
First Edition	Betty Montgomery	429-6854
Happy Bookers	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Restaurant Dinner Club	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
ROMEO – Men’s Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579

## First Edition Book Club

The First Edition’s Book Club went on their Book Club Retreat at the end of September. We had wonderful accommodations at Carriage Hills (Horseshoe Valley area), the weather was fabulous and the food was stupendous! On our way home we detoured to Orillia for a shopping trip, what a hoot! We found many items that we could not live without in the many stores we visited. After a delicious lunch at Mariposa Bakery we were on our way home but of course we had to stop at two more stores because we didn’t get enough shopping done in Orillia. 😊 The trunk of the cars were so full you would think that we had gone away for 2 weeks instead of 3 days!! This was the perfect ending to a fantastic trip! Thanks to Rickey Lemire for organizing the accommodations, thanks to Betty Keyes for organizing the food and thanks to all of the ladies for their food contributions. We ate like Queens! The six of us had an amazing time laughing, talking, sharing and eating. The only down side was that the other ladies in our group could not be with us .. we missed you! Hopefully we can all attend next time. Happy reading!



In October, the First Edition Book Club read Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson. Major Ernest Pettigrew, retired widower, one of the inhabitants of the small village of Edgecombe St. Mary, England, just lost his brother and in his grieving process strikes up a friendship with a widowed shopkeeper, Mrs. Jamina Ali, of Pakistani descent. The honorable Major and Mrs. Ali are attracted by a shared love of literature and he is soon drawn out of his regimented world and forced to confront the realities of life in the twenty-first century. Between trying to deal with his brother’s will and the infamous family firearms, the troubles of his estranged son Roger and the village life in all of its glory and tribulations, the 68 year old Major realizes he still has some passion left in him. The book, written with sharp perception and a delightfully dry sense of humor, is a heartwarming love story with a cast of unforgettable characters. Unfortunately, only about half the club members had a chance to read the book. It was rated 3.5 out of 5.



**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 have photos to support your presentation, that is 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.**

**AND** if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups below, or 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 least a week before the next monthly meeting. See page 1 for the new address.

## **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!
- **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!
- 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.
- Our New Member Ambassador, **Betty Keyes**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

## **Goodwill**

Cards were sent to Ray Dimock, Mary Ranta and Linda Willis.



**A SPECIAL THANKS:** The Lighthouse Community Church would like to thank all the Probus Members who donated clothes for the Clothing Give-away in October. Your generosity helped make this event a huge success, giving clothing to over 200 people in the area

**Donations Made in October:** The Management Team made the following donations on your behalf: \$100 to the Wasaga Beach Santa Claus Parade and \$50 to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund.

## **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.

**December** Sweet Adelines entertain us.

**January** Bob Morgan of Cruise Holidays. There are a number of topics Bob is willing to present. If there is a specific topic of interest you would like him to cover please contact Marilyn Ruse(422-0271) or Irene Donohue (429-0644).

Bob has sent along the following ideas for presentation:-

1. Travel trends - what's hot.
2. How to get the most value for your travel budget
3. How to organize a multi-generational trip at sea.
4. River Cruising - what is it and why is it so popular. (Done this one several times)
5. Been there - done that - where to next? Unique travel destinations.
6. Grand Voyages - options for more than a month
7. An overview of any cruise line supplier including a summary of all of the players and who they target.

Please submit ideas/questions/concerns to either **Marilyn Ruse** or **Irene Donohue**

## Management Team for 2012 - 2013

President	Betty Baker	422-1909
Vice-President	Ron Hanson	422-0227
Past President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Secretary	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765
New Members	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Speakers and Profiles Chair	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
Membership	Judy Morrison	429-6611
Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Lucky Draw	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Social	Bryan Stephenson	422-0037
Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

**PLEASE SUBMIT DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER ITEMS BY FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 23**



**Arrive early on Tuesday, November 6 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 A.M.**

**OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012  
The Wasaga Stars Arena.**

**SEE YOU ON TUESDAY**