



# The Wasagan



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## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: Rev. Ian Stewart – Reserve Officer, Branch Chaplain, Collingwood Legion**



## LEST WE FORGET

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

November is a strange month; it is not sure if it should be winter or fall. It could snow then again it could be balmy. The month and its dilemma reflects our thoughts and feelings also. We are not sure if we should escape while we are not snowed in or bask in the last warm rays of sunshine. One thing is for certain, when November comes we are all brought to the realization that another year is slipping by and we reminisce about the warm days of Summer, the flowers of Spring and the colours of Fall. It also causes us to reflect on the losses we may have had in our lives. Loved ones and friends may have moved on to a better life, but they will never be forgotten.

We mourn also for those lost in the great wars, the various world conflicts, our many troops who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve and nurture the freedom we have.

We should remember these fallen souls all year, when we bask in the sunshine, enjoy the flowers of Spring, the fantasy of colour that is Fall and the breathtaking beauty that Winter brings. Remembering, it has come at a great cost.

**Gene Stephenson**

### SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker last month was Christina Armstrong who spoke about the Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank. She began her talk by saying that there is an interview process for those seeking the Food Bank's assistance. The members were told of the various circumstances individuals approach the Food Bank and we were reminded how quickly and drastically lives can change. The Ministerial Food Bank consists of volunteers from various church denominations within our community. Currently, they are servicing 1000 individuals. In addition to the various organizations and business community contributors, the residents of Wasaga Beach are generous supporters. Christina thanked the membership for the food items that were donated at the October meeting.

**THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING, Jan and Steve Bivall.** If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**. **Betty Baker** will introduce new member **Brenda Wood** at this morning's meeting.


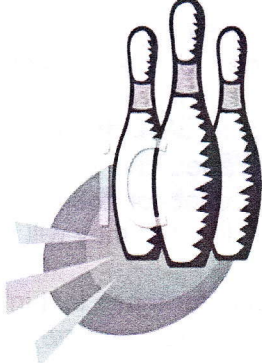


## PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

The **Frank Tate** memorial car tour on October 13<sup>th</sup> was a nostalgic trip down memory lane; more than 56 members participated. Kudos to **Tom and Irene Donohue** for doing such a fabulous job of updating one of Frank's original tours. The weather co-operated, the sun actually shone, and nature showed it's finest display of fall colors. Everyone enjoyed locating the points of interest and answering the skill testing questions. The trip ended at the Swiss Chalet in Wasaga Beach where we all enjoyed our favorite comfort food. A good time was had by all!

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

The following tickets are on sale at the social tables today.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS</b>  <b>Square Dancing at Wasaga Stars Arena</b>  <b>7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2011</b>  <b>\$11.00 Per Member</b></p> <p>A fun evening which includes a dance caller and light refreshments afterwards. Wear your dancing shoes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Today is your last chance to get a ticket for this event.</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE</b>  <b>Friday, December 2, 2011</b>  <b>At the Collingwood Legion</b>  <b>Cocktails at 6:00</b>  <b>Dinner at 6:30</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$25.00 PER MEMBER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Today is also your absolute last chance to purchase tickets for this event</u></b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Ideas Needed</b></p> <p>The social committee will accept alternate plans for next summer's picnic. The afternoon at the park at Elmvale may have run its course and fresh ideas and proposals are needed – something new and summery. Your input is welcome. Speak to the social committee or put your idea on paper and submit. Thanks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bowling in January</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Look for the bowling tickets to be on sale next month</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

### OCTOBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$63.00 ---- **Bob Harasowsky**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$39.00 --- **Mary Quesnelle**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$31.00 ---- **Heide Haessler**

4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$23.00 ---- **Marie Jany**  
 The Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Foodland was won by **Ruth Clarke**

**PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE**

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in November.

**MEET YOUR MEMBER** – We always have difficulty getting people to do a 'profile' and having done one I can understand this. If you have had a life full of change it is hard to compress it into an interesting talk in 20 minutes and if your life has been more controlled and planned it is easy to think that you have nothing interesting to say; you almost certainly have but perhaps the formal profile is the wrong vehicle. We would like to try a new way of '**Getting to know YOU**' - which is what the profile is all about. We will ask people to volunteer to be interviewed by a member of the committee using a list of questions which will be given to them a week in advance. They will be free to tell the interviewer, 'I don't like question 7' - for example, and they will not be asked that question. We are still working on the list of questions as we want them to provide some insight into you as a person without embarrassing you in any way.



Whichever method you prefer we welcome you to do so and we hope we will have someone to do this soon. Please contact **Don** or **Marion Belgum** at 705 812-1668 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. They will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting. Today we look forward to hearing **Betty Keyes** in her profile interview.

**MEMBERS WHO PRESENT THEIR PROFILE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW FOR A FREE BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS MEMBERSHIP!**

**NOTE:** IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE GIVING YOUR PROFILE PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING A STORY, MEMORIES OF A SPECIAL VACATION (WITH OR WITHOUT A SLIDE SHOW), A FAVOURITE HOBBY OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST. LET OUR SPEAKER CONVENORS KNOW AND THEY WILL SCHEDULE YOU IN!

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.**

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 have some interesting information regarding your group entered in the monthly newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor **Tom Donohue** by email at this special address at least a week before the next monthly meeting: **newslettertom@rogers.com**

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Book Worms Club	Kathy Dunnett	352-0100	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Restaurant Dinner Club	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	GOLF	We Need You	
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	YOUR SPECIAL INTEREST HERE	Your name here	

**Goodwill** Cards were sent to members **Elizabeth Munoz** and **Crystal Martin**.

**Happy Bookers Club** (at maximum membership)

For October, the Happy Bookers read **Sarah's Key**, written by Tatiana de Rosnay. It is a story about France's role in the Vel' d'Hiv Roundup of French citizens during the Second World War. There is also a contemporary story of Julie Jarmond who discovers startling evidence when she is asked to write an article on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the roundup. Everyone enjoyed the writing and gave the book an average of 4.18 with a strong recommendation.

**Book Worms Club** is still on hiatus.

**First Edition Book Club**

In October, the First Edition Book Club read **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** by Stieg Larsson. The book opens with an intriguing mystery. Henrik Vanger, an octogenarian industrialist, hires Mikael Blomkvist, a journalist who has just lost a libel case under murky circumstances, to investigate the disappearance of his great niece, Harriet. Blomkvist takes on the case, despite serious misgivings, after Henrik promises him \$372,000 for a year's work. The girl in the title isn't Harriet but Lisbeth Salander, a 24-year-old intelligent computer hacker with a photographic memory, a violent temper and some serious intimacy issues. After a nasty plot detour involving a lawyer foolish enough to try to take advantage of her, Salander teams with Blomkvist to solve the mystery of Harriet's disappearance. The novel is a thriller with lots of action that will keep you wanting to read to the end. Our Book Club rated it 4.5 out of 5.



**ROMEO - Men's Breakfast Group**

The **ROMEO** group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. We rotate between 2 or 3 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be held at **MOSLEY STREET GRILL** on **Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 9:00 AM**. We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call **Bob Bowyer** at 705-429-0579.

**Restaurant Dinner Club**

October 26<sup>th</sup> was our first restaurant night. We had 16 members having dinner at the Sovereign in Creemore. Everyone there had a great time. Good food, great atmosphere. 21 Members had dinner at the Sirena in Collingwood. It was a very pleasant surprise. The atmosphere was very cozy and the food was great. Staff went out of their way to make sure our dinner was very memorable.

Next Restaurant night will be Wed Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. I will be in touch later regarding this date. *Sandy*

**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 Baker**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

**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/11wasbcrn.pdf** (Please contact the *The Wasagan* Editor if you do not have a computer.)

**MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011**

<b>President</b>	Gene Stephenson	422-0201		<b>Membership</b>	Vincy and Gene Stephenson	422-0201
<b>Vice-President</b>	Monica Kristen	429-9635		<b>Refreshments</b>	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
<b>Past President</b>	Don Caron	429-0308		<b>Lucky Draw</b>	Rickey Lemire	422-1738
<b>Secretary</b>	Betty Keyes	429-6064		<b>Goodwill</b>	Shirley Brett	429-8907
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dan Squires	429-4765		<b>Newsletter</b>	Tom Donohue	429-0644
<b>New Members</b>	Betty Baker	422-1909		<b>Social</b>	Diane Nagel	428-3209
<b>Speaker and Profiles Chair</b>	Don and Marian Belgum	812-1668				

**DEADLINE for submissions for December's newsletter is November 25. Anything submitted after this date will be placed in the January newsletter.**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011  
THE WASAGA STARS ARENA**

**Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tag.**