



The Wasagan



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FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

Today's Speaker: Susan Staples of Home for Life

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Valentine's Day, a lovely day, is right around the corner. Loving someone is such a big part of life be it a wife, a husband, a son, a daughter, a sister, a brother, a Mom, a Dad grandchildren, great grandchildren - or just a darn good friend who means so much to you. There is nothing

nicer than a hug and a kiss - and there are a lot of those given out in our Probud Club not just in our Valentines month but all year long. Thank heavens for that. Now in regard to the picture you see of your president this month this was a loving adventure in the Yukon with Charlie's brother and sister-in-law and he thought I should learn (much to my chagrin) how to shoot a rifle. He positioned an empty beer can across an inlet of water and after two hours I finally got the beer can. I cannot say I loved doing this but Charlie's brother was very proud of me.

Happy Valentine's Day to one and all.



President Betty Baker

JANUARY'S SPEAKER

Irene Donohue introduced today's guest speaker, Bob Morgan, owner of Cruise Holidays. Bob spoke to our group about travel, particularly cruising. He gave a very informative talk using the power point about what to look for (or look out for) when considering a cruise vacation. If you wish to contact Bob you can go to his website www.gocruising.ca or e-mail him at bob@gocruising.ca or phone him at 905-709-4055 or 1-888-695-7245.

Irene thanked Bob and presented him with a token of our appreciation. Bob graciously offered prizes for our lucky draws this morning.

Irene also thanked **Jim Ewing** for suggesting today's guest speaker. If you have any suggestions contact Irene or Marilyn Ruse.



OUR GREETERS



Thanks to our Greeters for December **Ron and Sandra Hanson** and for January **Penny Ann and Everett Rivait**. If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

HUMOUR

Young people have theirs, now Seniors have their own texting codes:

- * **ATD**- At the Doctor's
- * **BFF** - Best Friends Funeral
- * **BTW**- Bring the Wheelchair
- * **BYOT** - Bring Your Own Teeth
- * **CBM**- Covered by Medicare
- * **CUATSC**- See You at the Senior Center
- * **DWI**- Driving While Incontinent
- * **FWIW** - Forgot Where I Was
- * **GGPBL**- Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low

- * **GHA** - Got Heartburn Again
 - * **HGBM** - Had Good Bowel Movement
 - * **LMDO**- Laughing My Dentures Out
 - * **LOL**- Living on Lipitor
 - * **OMSG** - Oh My! Sorry, Gas
 - * **TOT**- Texting on Toilet
 - * **WAITT** - Who Am I Talking To?
- Hope these help. GGLKI (Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking in!)**

SOCIAL

2013 POT LUCK LUNCH Tuesday February 5th

Luncheon and Games will take place in the afternoon, following the General Meeting at the Arena.

Hopefully we all remember to bring the food and a game.



BOWLING

1:30 PM Wednesday March 20th 2013

Georgian Bowl in Collingwood

\$16.00 per person

Arrive by 1:15. Tickets are on sale at today's meeting.

NOTE: After bowling, arrangements have been made for dinner at the Crystal Buffet in Collingwood at 4.30pm for \$17.99 per person. (if you are over 65, cost discounted to \$16.00)

NIGHT AT THE RACES Tuesday April 16th 2013

At the Georgian Downs. Once the Liberal Government has made a decision about the race tracks, we will be able to tell you what is happening.

This may happen perhaps by the March meeting.



KEEWATIN BOAT TOUR Thursday May 16th.

This is a tour of the "Keewatin" ship docked at Port McNicoll.

More details to follow.



The 105-year-old S.S. Keewatin, the last Canadian Pacific Railway Great Lakes steamship.

THE HAPPY BOOKERS CLUB

January book Review



Island of Wings is a historical novel written by Karin Altenberg, a Swedish archaeologist. The story is based on journals written in 1830 by the Reverend Neil Mackenzie and his wife Lizzie about their 7 year mission to St. Kilda, one of the Scottish Outer Hebrides. The islanders, who speak Gaelic, live a very hard existence on this exposed, isolated place where their main means of sustenance is the plentiful birds. The Reverend feels it is his mission to bring the islanders into modern life, but eventually his spirituality and his relationships with the islanders, his God and his wife, Lizzie, prove to be wanting. After Lizzie loses 3 children, she can empathize with the women on the island who suffer an infant mortality rate of about 60%, probably as a result of poor hygiene. Lizzie also reassesses her feelings for her husband, realizing that she pities him rather than loving and respecting him. This book benefitted from a second read as there was much to think about and discuss. We rated it as a 3.6 and many would recommend it.

Somewhere on the Outer Hebrides

JANUARY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

The happy winners with Bob Morgan – second from left.



1st prize of \$54.00 ---- **Kathy Cantin**
2nd prize of \$32.50 --- **Kathy McKenzie**
3rd prize of \$22.50 ---- **Lynn Rice**
4th prize ---- **No 4th prize given**

A Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for the Jewel Box was won by **Sam Ritchie**. Bob Morgan, the speaker for the meeting donated the following gifts:

Two Dr. Seuss Books won by **Betty Keyes** and **Joan Maloney**; a luggage scale won by **Olga Yates**; a red and white French wine set won by **Maria Servaas**.

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

Humour: Protons have mass. I didn't even know they were Catholic.

ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP

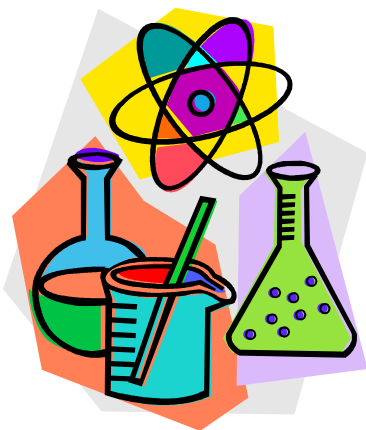
The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In January we met at **MOSLEY STREET GRILL** on **WEDNESDAY JAN. 30, 2013** at **9:00 AM** for breakfast.

In February we will be trying **GOODIES CAFE** on **February 27, 2013 at 9:00AM**. We anticipate that there will be approximately 10 -12 for breakfast, as quite a few snowbirds are away. They should be able to accommodate this size of a group without too many delays.

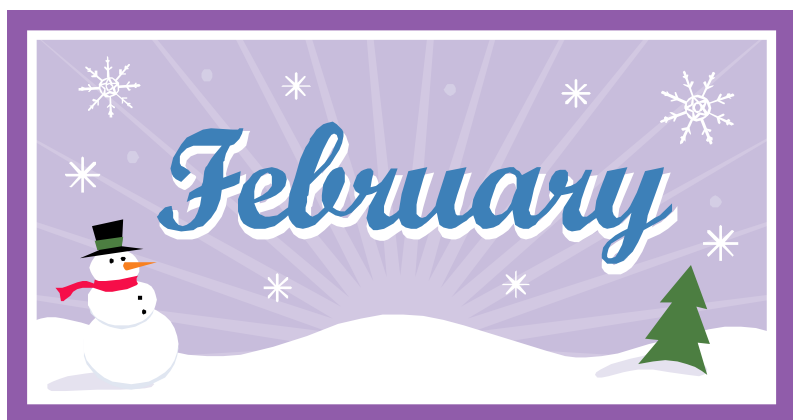
We have 23 in our group, and get approximately 18 out for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time call **Bob Bowyer** at 705-429-0579. We try to give them an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.



First Edition Book Club Review (at maximum membership)



In January, the First Edition Book Club read The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley. The story revolves around a precocious eleven year-old named Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison. She lives in a decaying English mansion (Buckshaw) with her rather estranged family. A series of inexplicable events occur. A dead bird is found on the doorstep with a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its peak and a man is found dying in the cucumber patch. Flavia's father is accused of the murder and while in prison he tells her an astounding story that arms her with enough knowledge to tie all the information together to solve the mystery of the suspicious death. The book had mixed reviews and was rated 3.4 out of 5.



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES Best wishes to all those who celebrate in February.

Humour: When asked for an opinion on punctuality, an applicant for an office job assured me it was extremely important. "I use periods, commas, and question marks all the time," was the reply.



Goodwill

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.

Cards were sent to **Brian Currie, Marjorie Stanworth and Robin Wood**.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Happy Bookers Club	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU NOW	
First Edition Book Club	Bette Montgomery	429-6854	New group, anyone?		

Thank You Sandra

Sandra Hanson has stepped down as convener for the Restaurant Dinner Club. I am sure all who have participated in this fun activity will wish to show appreciation for a job well done. Thanks, Sandra. It is now time for someone else to step up to the plate and Sandra would be more than willing to assist the new convener.

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. 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/13wasbcrn.pdf (Please contact the *The Wasagan* Editor if you do 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 have photos to support your presentation, 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 this special address at least a week before the next monthly meeting: t.donohue@rocketmail.com

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) or Irene Donohue (429-0644).

March – Tracy Jarratt – Wasaga Beach Planning Dept.

April – Eric Conroy (S.S. Keewatin, Port McNicoll)

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2012-2013

President	Betty Baker	422-1909		Membership	Judy Morrison	429-6611
Vice-President	Ron Hanson	422-0227		Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Gene Stephenson	429-0201		Lucky Draw	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
Secretary	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201		Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765		Archives	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
New Members	Betty Keyes	422-6064		Social	Diane Nagel	428-3209
Speaker/Profiles Chair and Decorations	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271		Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

DEADLINE for submissions for March's newsletter is Monday, February 24th.

Humour: What NOT to say on Valentines Day (Or stop at "H")

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her for awhile ... then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks ... "What does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, and Hot".

She smiled happily and said ... "Oh, that's so lovely ... What about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down, and the doctor is fairly optimistic about a speedy recovery.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013

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.