



# The Wasagan



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**APRIL GENERAL MEETING  
TODAY'S SPEAKERS:  
PETER FOSTER – OSTEOPATH  
ELIZABETH HUTCHESSON - CHIROPRACTOR**

**WELCOME BACK TO OUR SNOW BIRDS!**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE for April 1, 2008**

Welcome to this morning's meeting. Like many of you, Irene and I have only just returned from a trip, except we were in Europe not the sunny south. We traveled to Switzerland, Italy and England and are still a bit jet-lagged. We will show an interesting highlight video of our trip right after the break this morning. It is only about 90 minutes long and I know you will not mind staying well past noon to view it all. We also hoped to see more signs of spring on our return, not gigantic mounds of snow. So far, the signs have only been visible in the print media and on television, both advertising all the wonderful summer things we need. But I am pleased to be reminded that under all that snow is some grass which is only visible in a few places. So let's hear it for the returning sun.

Hopefully this month will bring us April showers (not April snow!) accompanied by many buds and blooms. And here's hoping that for next month, the snow will finally be all gone and we will not need to wear our winter coats. Have a wonderful month.



## **MARCH SPEAKERS**

Our first speaker was **Ian McCleary** who is an agent with State Farm Insurance in Wasaga Beach. Mr. McCleary explained that your money expenditures are very important during retirement. What are you spending your money on when you purchase insurance whether it is auto, house or home based business? The staff at State Farm is more than willing to answer your questions. There is no obligation and you don't even have to give your name. The phone number is 429-9800

Our second speaker was **Stephen Stewart** who is an investment advisor with Nesbitt Burns and writes a column for the Collingwood Connection. Mr. Stewart explained the new tax free savings account that is in the new budget. It will become effective in 2008 and allows everyone over the age of 18 to deposit \$5,000.00 after tax money each year into the account. Unlike an RRSP, which is tax deferred, interest from your money will not be taxed; you can take out and put back your money into the account at any time with no penalty. Your \$5,000.00 per year is cumulative so that if you are unable to contribute for a period of time your quota accumulates and you will be able to put in the missed amount in another year. The tax free savings account will be just as efficient as an RRSP in garnering interest. Mr. Stewart can be reached at telephone number 446-2429.

### **RELAY FOR LIFE – JUNE 20**

Once again relay teams are being formed. The relay is not a Probus approved event but there were people last year who indicated that they would have like to participate if only they had known about it. Each team will consist of 10 or more members and we can form more than one team if there is enough interest. As a team member you will be required to raise a minimum of \$100 in pledges for the Canadian Cancer Society plus pay a \$10 registration fee. The event is on the night of June 20 and ends after closing ceremonies at 7 am on June 21. You will walk around a track in small groups for ½ hour each time and most likely will take 4 to 5 turns. Naps are allowed in your tent or car between your scheduled walks should you feel the need. There will be free entertainment and food available to all participants and it will be a night of fun times and bonding with your fellow team members. If you would like more information or would like to join the team, please see or call Christina Armstrong at 429-7805.

### **PAST SOCIAL EVENT: CASINO RAMA, MARCH 19**

Regretfully we did not have enough interested people to fill the bus and the event had to be cancelled.

### **UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>** Tickets on sale today for the Wasaga Community Theatre production of “Who Killed Elvis?” This is a musical/murder mystery. We will qualify for a group ticket rate of \$12.00 rather than \$15.00 per person if fifteen or more people attend. We are also planning to meet for dinner at the newly renovated Dardenella (the “Dard”) at 5:00 p.m., prior to the performance. Please be sure to let Betty Baker know if you will be joining us for dinner as she needs to inform the restaurant of the approximate number of reservations.

**MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**: Murder/Mystery, “Dancing With The Stars Is Murder”, at the Old Mill in Toronto. Ticket price is \$87.00 per person, which includes bus there and back, a delicious lunch at the Old Mill Restaurant and the show. Pick up time, 9:45 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. This trip is organized through Hamilton Tours, who always do a wonderful job and provide great personal service.

**JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>**: Variety Night and Dinner (back by popular demand) – at the Royal Canadian Legion in Collingwood. The evening will consist of dinner and the show. Several performers have already come forward, but there is room for more. We know there are a lot of talented Beachcombers waiting in the wings. So, come on everyone, flex those musical muscles, dust off those dancing shoes, practice those famous party pieces, skits and jokes, get a group together or go it alone, you can do it! Please sign the interest sheet provided. Linda Willis is still looking for some more people to make up a square dancing group. Linda is willing to teach you all you need to know.

**JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Annual Picnic at Heritage Park in Elmdale. Burger Bob will be catering again this year and he promises that the corn will be cooked this time!

**AUGUST** – Annual Golf Tournament. Date to be announced.

**DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance. Mark your calendars.

### **MARCH LUCKY DRAW WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$53.20 was won by Joan Bowyer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of \$33.25 was won by Jack Benedet  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of \$26.55 was won by Jim Somerville  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize of \$20.00 was won by Ruth Dobson  
Gift certificate for Wasaga Flowers was won by Gloria Archibald  
St. Paddy’s box of Pot o’Gold Chocolates was won by Joanne Wood

## **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	Contact Lucille Mancer	422-0143
* Happy Bookers	Contact Mary Barnes	429-2142
* Dinner at our Place	Contact Betty Keyes	429-6064
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact Maggie Higgins	422-1338
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835

We had an unusual **Dinner at our Place** location for quite a few members who were in Panama City Beach, Fla. during the month of February. Betty and Bob Keyes hosted one of the dinners while there and everyone enjoyed getting together on "Foreign soil". A first for our dinner club!

To all members:

We are hoping to enlarge this group of happy diners with another house. We now have 5 houses and 40 people participating. In the meantime, would YOU be interested to join our substitute list when others are on vacation? As a substitute you will NOT be required to host, however, you would be assigned a course to provide for the evening. Two singles are very welcome to join as a couple. Many photographs of our evening have been displayed at the meetings and some of you have talked to our members who enjoy these evenings. Have we tempted you to be a part of this group? If the following fits your description, pick up the 'phone and give me a call.

1. Cooking and preparing favorite dishes are a part of my week.
2. I would enjoy getting to know other members especially over a dinner in their home.
3. I understand there are 8 people at each house for these monthly dinners. Permanent members entertain diners only once every 4 months, "guesting" at other houses for the remaining 3 months.
4. I like the fact I have 3 others couples preparing and bringing courses for my dinner evening.
5. Having an annual GROUP Christmas party in December and a GROUP barbecue in August appeals to me.

We welcome your inquires and your participation with this super group of members.

Betty Keyes, Telephone: 429-6064 Email: [keyes1@sympatico.ca](mailto:keyes1@sympatico.ca)

The **Happy Bookers Club** met at Betty Baker's home on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> and had a very interesting afternoon discussing the book "Away from Her" This is a short story by Alice Munro regarding a husband and wife's relationship before and after the wife is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This story has been made into a movie and it was agreed by some that the movie was excellent but the book lacking in depth and sincerity. It was not recommended as a good read . A few of us do not like short stories and prefer a good solid novel. It is always so interesting to hear the different opinions of different people reading the same story. Submitted by Betty Baker

The **First Edition** Book Club We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and at this time have reached our maximum of 10 members.

The **Fair Weather Walkers**, as the name implies, walk when the weather cooperates. However we have been caught in downpours and blizzards but have always managed to complete the course. The route begins at the Powerline Road Skidoo trail and except for two small hills, is easy to walk. Our pace is unhurried yet steady and gives us plenty of time (about an hour) to observe the ever changing world around us. We have been known to see deer, a variety of birds, the occasional porcupine and even a black bear. (But he was too far away to cause us too much worry!) Please join our friendly group any Friday at 1:30. We enjoy laughter and good conversation which always carries to Tim Horton's afterwards.

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. Call Maggie Higgins @ 422-1338 if you want to be on our "wait" list.

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 Diane Nagel @ 428-3209 if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

## **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

Best wishes to those who celebrated in March!

## **OLDER WOMEN**

After I had been married 30+ years, I took a look at my wife one day and said "Honey, years ago, we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10 inch black and white TV, but I got to sleep every night with a hot 20 year old."

"Now we have a nice house, nice car, big bed and plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 50+ year old woman. It seems to me that you are not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 20 year old, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, and sleeping on a sofa bed.

Aren't older women great? They really know how to solve one's mid-life crisis.

## **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, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached @ 429-6064.

## **PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2008**

This year the Probus rendezvous will be held in Saint John, New Brunswick on September 25-27. Registration is \$100.00 per person and includes opening ceremonies and the Maritime Kitchen Party. All special excursions and meals are at an extra charge. Registration forms must be received by August 24<sup>th</sup>. We are sorry that our club cannot subsidize you for this event. If you are interested in attending please see President Tom for more information.

## **PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD**

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs. The address is [www.probus.org/bulletin.htm](http://www.probus.org/bulletin.htm)

## **NEXT MEETING**

**MAY 6, 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/8wasbcn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/8wasbcn.pdf) (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer). Please note that the number 7 in the website address has changed to number 8 to reflect the new year of 2008.

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
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