



The Wasagan



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AUGUST GENERAL MEETING



TODAY'S EVENT: JENNIE EMSLIE FROM FREE SPIRIT TOURS



MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE

(If you have not already done so, please give your cheque to the Membership Convenor)

President's Message

This will be my last President's Message, as by this time next month our Vice President, Monica Kristen will replace me.

For me, I give up the Presidency with mixed feelings as I have certainly enjoyed the opportunity to serve this great club in this capacity.

As always we have had an excellent Management Team to work with. This has made all of our Management Meetings productive and enjoyable-with a lot of fun. I would like to thank each Member of the Team for their Professionalism and the manner in which they participated in all of the meetings they attended.

I have especially enjoyed our General Meetings. We have acquired an abundance of knowledge and information from the many excellent speakers and member presenters throughout the year.

We have enjoyed valuable fellowship with one another over coffee and goodies prepared by our Coffee Committee.

I thank all of our Committee Chairs and their Committee Members for their hard work and input into the General Meetings.

I thank the Membership for their attendance at the Meetings and putting up with me no matter what I say or do.

Most of all I would like to thank all Members who helped or encouraged me in any way during this past year.

What makes it easier to give up as President of this Great Club, is that I strongly believe that new blood is necessary in order for our Club to continue to be among the best in the Country.

I wish all the success and enjoyment to all members of the Beachcombers Probus for the 2011-2012 Probus year.

*God Bless
President Don*



SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, ADIEU!

This will be my last newsletter. I have enjoyed keeping you informed for the last two years. It has given me the opportunity to get to know many of you and for that I am very grateful. I now pass the reins to Tom Donohue whom I know will do a wonderful job. **THANK YOU Tom!**
Vincy Stephenson

EXTRA, EXTRA!! THE BEACHCOMBERS ARE GOING GREEN!

We will no longer be providing Styrofoam cups to members who forget their mugs. Unless you wish to go without a hot beverage ... **REMEMBER YOUR MUG!!**



JULY'S SPEAKER

Well Probud members, you were asked to participate in a *Mad Hatter's Tea Party* and you could not have conducted yourselves any less had it been an order from Her Majesty's Garden Party.



Out came the outrageous hats, both men and women; on silver platters came the abundance of domestic baking Julia Childs would have been hard to compete with. We were led into our fantasy world with the melodious sounds of songs that peaked your memories of the brilliance of Lewis Carroll's imagination, expertly compiled by none other than our own Gene Stephenson. Whilst sipping on Iced Tea labeled "*Drink Me*" and eating goodies labeled "*Eat Me*" the answers to the *Mad Hatter's Tea Party Quiz* were being sought by the animated groups. Prizes for the table with the most correct answers were given – naturally a Red Plant in keeping with the *Red Queen's* love of Red Roses. Also garden prizes were awarded for the fanciest hat for both Male (Brian Armstrong) and Female (Doris Willis).

The *Red Queen* and *Mad Hatter* were assisted greatly by members of the social committee in all the facets of the catering, therefore, not once did *The Queen* have to order the dreaded "*Off With Their Heads!*". The *Mad Hatter* entertained his various animal friends to tea watched over by Absolem the Caterpillar, White Rabbit, Dormouse and Hedgehog to name a few!

Monica Kristen

GOODWILL

A *Thinking-of-You* card was sent to Christina Armstrong and Frank Beill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

**THANK YOU TO JUNE'S GREETERS, BILL AND PAT TRAVIS.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER PLEASE SEE BETTY BAKER.**

PAST EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011 – BEACHCOMBERS ANNUAL PICNIC

More than 90 Beachcombers made their way to the Elmvale Park in the sweltering heat for this year's picnic. Although we all moved a little more slowly than usual, members played games like 'pass the English cucumber', balloon and egg toss, ladder golf, putting and washers. We also played 'opposites'. There were prizes for game winners, a number of door prizes and a 50/50 draw. The afternoon ended with a delicious dinner of roast beef and chicken prepared by *Burger Bob*. Then everyone headed home for air conditioning and a shower!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011, 2:00 PM – GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held at Marlwood Golf Club this year. This is the last meeting to buy tickets. The price of \$60 includes 9 holes of golf, riding cart, steak dinner and a chance to win prizes. If you do not golf and want to try it out, just let us know and we'll make arrangements for you. If you want to join us for dinner only, the price is \$25. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of golf and fun.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011, 2:00 PM – KING'S WHARF THEATRE



This event is sold out. Ticket holders should arrive at the theatre by 1:30. Joanne Scruton will be in front of the theatre with your tickets at that time. The performance starts at 2:00 pm. You might like to make arrangements with some of your Probud friends for lunch or dinner at a local restaurant in Midland or Penetanguishene.

FUTURE EVENTS

OCTOBER, 2011 – CAR TOUR

73 members signed the interest sheet! So, in October, we will have a fall car tour, followed by dinner at a restaurant along the route. Details and tickets will be available at the September meeting.

“MEET YOUR MEMBER” – WE NEED YOU!

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

Contact Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. Betty will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

NOTE: SOME OF US ARE NOT COMFORTABLE GIVING OUR PROFILE BUT MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A STORY, MEMORIES OF A SPECIAL VACATION, A FAVOURITE HOBBY OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST, LET MONICA KRISTEN KNOW AND SHE WILL SCHEDULE YOU IN!

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrate in August.

JULY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$47.00 – Sandy Hanson

2nd prize of \$29.00 – Marie Jany

3rd prize of \$24.00 – Kathy McKenzie

4th prize of \$18.00 – Marie Jany

\$40.00 Gift Certificate for Barcelos – Jan Bivall

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 these special interest groups below, or want to find out more information regarding the group, please contact the person whose name appears beside the activity.

If you wish to have some interesting information regarding your new group entered in the monthly newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor by email at thomas.donohue@rogers.com.

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Golf	WE NEED	YOU!!
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Book Worms Club	Kathy Dunnett	352-0100	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
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			
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227			

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. We rotate between 4 or 5 local restaurants. Our next breakfast will be held at the **GEORGIAN CIRCLE FAMILY RESTAURANT, on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011 at 9:00AM.** We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.

Happy Bookers Club (is at maximum membership)

The Happy Bookers Club is on hiatus for the summer.

Book Worms Club

The Book Worms Club is on hiatus for the summer.

First Edition Book Club

In July, The First Edition Book Club read *Still Life* by Louise Penny. It is a light-hearted murder mystery that has an interesting cast of characters. A gentle seventy-six year old woman is shot through the heart with an arrow and the townspeople in Three Pines, a small rural village south of Montreal, are all suspects. In charge of the investigation is Chief Inspector of Homicide, Armand Gamache who is a man of integrity with keen powers of observation and an uncanny ability to make people reveal their innermost thoughts. This is a humorous and engrossing study of a network of close-knit friends and relatives who celebrate their successes and mourn their losses together. The book was rated 3.8 out of 5.

The Daytrippers

We followed 'The Yellow Brick Road' to Penetanguishene and The King's Wharf Theatre one sunny day for our latest outing. This is a fun musical with good acting, singing and dancing from all the cast. Not only were the main characters in fine form, the children who were in the chorus and dance scenes put a smile on everyone's face with their enthusiasm, enjoyment and professional skills on stage. The one character who stole our hearts was 'Toto' who was adorable and seemed to be born into this job. There are two dogs who share this role during the run of 'The Wizard of Oz' both of them in debut performances. The main character of Dorothy was played by a seasoned actress, Amy Wallis, who has a fine singing voice, and, among her many credits listed in the programme, she played 4 summers as Anne Shirley in the production of 'Anne of Green Gables' at the Charlottetown Festival. Our group enjoyed this entire day with lunch prior to the performance. We recommend if you have a gift to get for that person who has everything a ticket to one of the plays at King's Wharf may be one of the nicest presents they receive.

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. If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Members Ambassador 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/11wasbcrrn.pdf (Please contact the *The Wasagan* Editor if you do not have a computer.)

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011:

President	Don Caron	429-0308	Membership	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
Vice-President	Monica Kristen	429-9635	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Lucky Draw	Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Secretary	Mary Barnes	429-2142	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Newsletter	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social	Irene Donohue	429-0644
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Monica Kristen Mary Barnes	429-9635 429-2142			

NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

WASAGA STARS ARENA

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



See You in September