



# The Wasagan

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**February 4, 2020 At the **Recplex****

**Meeting starts at 10 am but come at 9:30 to have a coffee and socialize**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Welcome to February; with all the diversions from winter including Ground Hog day, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentines Day, Family Day and here in town Snowman Mania. For those whom have or are about to escape for a week or a couple of months I wish you "Bon Voyage" and look forward to seeing all of you in the spring. Our club of fellowship and social interaction will be looking forward to your travel tales and tan lines.

We thank all of our volunteers for keeping things running smoothly while many are away and almost all of our special interest groups still have quorums for their meetings. While addressing volunteers, I remind all of you that our late spring election process is approaching and I would like you to consider the opportunities that will be available. Our club functions on the basis of volunteer participation; every role is important and every opportunity expands your group of friends and fellow travelers.

Colin Throop, President Beachcombers Probud Club

## **DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

Thanks to Anne Marie and Russ Laporte this month's greeters. If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table.

Thanks were given to Carol Stonehouse for the table décor and to Joyce Throop, and team for providing our refreshments.

Thanks to all Volunteers who work so hard to make our club a success.

## **GUESTS AND MEMBERSHIP:**

Colin welcomed our one guest. Both Kathy Dunnett and Colin Throop welcomed new member, Bev Hay and presented her with her name badge, coffee mug and her copy of the bylaws.

66 members attended the meeting. We presently have 155 paid memberships as of this writing.

## **LUCKY DRAW WINNERS:**

The lucky draw was held and Alex Sunderland and Marilyn Ruse were winners.

**PLEASE BUY TICKETS AT THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS.**

## **GUEST SPEAKER:**

Dan Trafford, principal of Ivy League International Academy, began by pointing out that we do have a high school in Wasaga Beach, it's an international school with 9 students, all from mainland China or Hong Kong.

They reside in our town all year, and are extremely focused on their successful admission to a Canadian university. They face many challenges living in a different culture, on the opposite side of the planet!

Please, if you see them around town, stop, and engage them, you may find yourself in an interesting conversation.

## **FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER:**

Faye Ego as president of the the recently formed Wasaga Beach Ratepayers Association Inc. will speak at our February meeting.

There are hundreds of ratepayer associations across the province and the country. Some represent small neighborhoods and some entire communities in towns, cities and geographic area like counties, districts and townships.

They are intended to dialogue with local or municipal governments. This interaction is actually mandated through legislation.

They can deal with things as minor as requesting a new stop sign installation or be a watchdog over bylaws, taxation or development as well as a myriad of issues. Please come and listen, bring questions or ideas as this is a grass roots group open to suggestions. Bring guests you think would be interested in knowing more about the WBRA.

## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the **Management Team**.

### [PM Luncheon Cuisiners](#)

**Joan Porter - 429-9260**

### [Genealogy](#)

**Barb Christie - 429-1749**

### [First Edition](#)

**Sharon Wood – 429-4691**

### [Happy Bookers](#)

**Jan Bivall - 429-7584**

### [The Bookies](#)

**Judy Morrison - 705-429-6611**

### [Kitchen Bridge](#)

**Betty Keyes - 429-6064**

### [Euchre Night](#)

**Jayne Edwards – 422-0793**  
**Doug McCullough - 429-7075**

### [Book Exchange](#)

**Rita Benacquista – 705-352-0505**

### [Dinner & a Movie Vacant](#)

## BUSINESS REPORT

### **GOODWILL CONVENER:**

If you know of someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence. Please advise Betty Baker. [betty.b@rogers.com](mailto:betty.b@rogers.com)

### **THE ARCHIVES:**

If you have anything worth archiving in our records or would like to look up anything from our past newsletters, please submit them to Dennis Moise our Archivist. [Dennis.moise@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.moise@gmail.com)

### **BOOK EXCHANGE:**

For the Love of Reading Book Exchange Program -Exchange your previously Loved Book for a New Adventure! Contact Rita Benacquista – 705-429-1911

### **THE HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK CLUB** report: Educated by Tara Westover

Educated is a memoir that describes the struggle of a young girl who escapes from a violent and dysfunctional family. It is a conflicting story of fierce family loyalty as well as that of the intense sorrow that arises from the division of one's closest ties. Rated as 3.25 and would recommend it judiciously.

### **THE BOOKIES: No Report**

### **EUCHRE GROUP: No Report**

### **WASAGAN WEB SITE:**

Our club now has a web site that will house all our information regarding up to the minute information on status of meetings, present and past newsletters, social outings, general meetings and resources of documentation regarding our club such as our by-laws. Please visit our site:

<https://www.beachcombersprobus.com/>

Also if you want to communicate with us just send an email to

[beachcombersprobus@gmail.com](mailto:beachcombersprobus@gmail.com)

If you have any comments regarding the web site send us an email to the above address.

## SMILES FOR TODAY

### Lost Far From Home

A police car pulls up in front of grandma Bessie's house, and grandpa Morris gets out. The polite policeman explained that this elderly gentleman said that he was lost in the park... and couldn't find his way home. "Oy Morris," said grandma, "You've been going to that park for over 30 years! So how could you get lost?" Leaning close to grandma, so that the policeman couldn't hear. Morris whispered, "I wasn't lost... I was just too tired to walk home."

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	COST	DETAILS	SIGN-UP
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Games Day after PROBUS meeting  Pizza Dees	\$10.Cash only Refundable Upon arri- val Pay your own lunch	Lunch at venue after PROBUS Meeting Followed by card games	Sign up by Jan 7th
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Games Day after PROBUS meeting  Beacon Eatery	\$10 cash only refund- able upon arrival Pay your lunch	Lunch at venue after PROBUS Meeting followed by card games	Sign up by Feb. 4th
Thursday March 26 <sup>th</sup>  1 pm.	Bowling at Geor- gian Bowl  Collingwood	\$10 cash only refund- able upon arrival pay your own lunch	3 games \$15.80 includes shoe rental and Tax. Payable to Georgian bowl Dinner at Dor- noch Eatery Nottawa approx. 4:30 pm.	Feb.4 <sup>th</sup>  & March 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Thursday April 16 <sup>th</sup>  10 am	Dufferin County Museum  Admisson \$ 4  Pay at Door	\$10 cash Refundable Upon arri- val Pay your own lunch	Lunch at Mrs. Mitchell 12:30 pm	April 7th
Tuesday July 28 <sup>th</sup>  2pm	King's Wharf Theatre  Penetanguishene	Tickets  \$45.20	King's Wharf Theatre  Fiddler on the loose  A roof raising Variety show	February  To June  2 nd

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING Tuesday March 3 2020 At the Recplex**

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship. Note: Submissions for the February Newsletter should be sent to

Jim Desormeaux, jimdesormeaux@hotmail.com by January 20, 2020



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