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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: *HENRI LINDE FROM VALLEY FARM*



President's Message

We are now in the month of January. What does it mean?

The Name given to the month of 'January' is derived from the ancient Roman name 'Janus' who presided over the gate to the New Year. He was revered as the 'God of Gateways' and 'of the journey', later known as 'St. Januarius'. Janus protected the Gate of Heaven, known as the 'Lord of Beginnings'. Janus is associated with the 'Goddess Juno-Janus' and often symbolized by an image of a face that looks forward and backwards at the same time. This symbolism can easily be associated with the month known, as for many, the start of a new year. It bodes opportunity, casting out the old and in with the new. It is the time when many reflect on events of the previous year and often resolve to redress or improve some aspect of daily life or personal philosophy. So let us make an effort to make 2011 an improvement over 2010.



Don Caron

DECEMBER'S ENTERTAINMENT

Bob Bowyer introduced Don Belgum and his wife, Mary, who are the Pearly King & Queen of Wasaga Beach. They, accompanied by Irene Walker on the keyboard, led the club in a Christmas singsong. We sang *Away in a Manger, Silent Night, Good King Wenceslas, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Little Drummer Boy, Winter Wonderland, Jingle Bells, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, and Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer*. They then treated us to a beautiful carol called *Little Donkey* which most of us had never heard before. We thoroughly enjoyed it and the sing-a-long. Afterwards, Bob thanked the Belgums and Irene and presented them with gifts of appreciation.

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone for bringing in such scrumptious goodies to share. A special thank you goes to Betty Keyes and her helpers for their indefatigable work in arriving early, arranging the goodies and delivering them to each table. The only complaint that I heard was that there was not enough Rumballs! I know I did not get one.

Thanks to all members for donating to the Food Bank and the Kinettes' Toy Drive. Most of the remaining goodies were also donated to the Food Bank.

Don Caron led us in singing '*Here Comes Santa Claus*' and who should arrive but Santa with good cheer, hugs and 'kisses' to give out. A big thank you and hugs go to Ron Hanson for being such a wonderful Santa!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members Don and Carolyn Twigger.

THANK YOU TO DECEMBER'S GREETERS, *JANET AND LANCE WRIGHT*.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A GREETER PLEASE SEE BETTY BAKER.

GOODWILL

Get well cards were sent to Carrie Nesbitt, Linda Willis and Larry Ruse.

PAST EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2010 – CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

At the beginning of December more than 100 members gathered at the Collingwood Legion to celebrate the season at our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance. From the moment we entered the beautifully decorated hall until the end of the evening, our members enjoyed a festive dinner, music, dancing, some lovely prizes and the companionship of good friends. And let's not forget the complimentary drink! Congratulations to the social committee for making this year's event such an enjoyable occasion!



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011 – CURLING AND LUNCH

Just a reminder for those who have purchased tickets – our curling and lunch event will start at 9 AM with tea, coffee, muffins and biscuits. Glenn Hutton will be our instructor to assist those who have not played before. There will be a demonstration and then, let the games begin! A chili lunch will follow at 11:30. For those who are coming for lunch only, please feel free to come early and watch your friends on the ice.

For those who do not have curling equipment, make sure you bring **clean** running shoes with good grip, a helmet, and wear stretchy pants. Dress warmly.

For our experienced curlers – bring your own equipment and any extra equipment that you may have for sharing with others.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011 - BOWLING

Tickets will be available for our February event at today's meeting – bowling on Wednesday, February 23, 1 pm at Georgian Bowl in Collingwood and optional dinner out (location to be announced). Tickets are \$15.00 each. Calling all bowlers for an enjoyable afternoon!

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011 – A NIGHT AT THE RACES

On March 29, we will be at Georgian Downs once again for a buffet dinner and an evening of horse racing and, perhaps, a little time in the casino. Tickets are available today for \$24.00 per person which includes the buffet, coffee/tea, racing program, taxes, and gratuities. This has always been a popular event so come out and enjoy the fun!

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011 – CAMELOT AT STRATFORD

The Stratford Probus Club is once again sponsoring a theatre event. This year the play is **Camelot**. The cost of \$90 includes your ticket to the play and lunch. All seats are A+ (the best) on the main floor. Confirmation is required by March 15, 2011. Carpooling is encouraged. More details are available at the Social Table.





DECEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS
PLEASE BRING COINS TO BUY YOUR LUCKY DRAW TICKETS



1st prize of \$46.00 – Lyn Rice
 2nd prize of \$29.00 – Ray Porter
 3rd prize of \$23.00 – Velvet Van Ravenstein
 4th prize of \$17.00 – Pat Caron
 \$40.00 Gift Certificate for LCBO – Mary Barnes
 Goodies from baking – Helen Hutton and Raymond Dimock

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrate in January.

“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.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED	YOU!!
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Genealogy	Sandra Hanson	422-0227			

First Edition Book Club

In November we read the book *Relative Happiness* by Lesley Creive, an author from Montreal. This was the story of Lexie, the oldest of 4 daughters. One is clever, one is beautiful, one is gay and then there is frumpy Lexie. Her sisters, her parents, even strangers lean on Lexie and she is always helping someone in some way. But who takes care of the caregiver? It is a funny, happy, sad story but we all enjoyed it and rated it 4 out of 5.

We did not read a book for the month of December, but we did get together for a great pot-luck lunch at the home of one of the members. We ate a lot, laughed a lot, drank a little and ended our year claiming a book club is the best invention – join one if you can! We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2011.

(The Editor would like to apologize to the members of the First Edition Book Club (again) for missing their November submission.)

Daytrippers

Hundreds of candles lit the road leading to Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, where we attended **First Light 2010**. Inside the settlement, we were transported into the 17th century. There were opportunities to write with a quill, make candles and wooden ornaments; we tasted the drink and food of this era. We saw people and militia dressed in period costumes and listened to Christmas carols sung by a guitarist, and later by a children's choir. The highlight was in a longhouse where native drummers sang traditional chants and at one point had us joining them in chanting. This would be a memorable event to attend next year, particularly, if you have grandchildren.

Happy Bookers Club (is at maximum membership)

At the annual Christmas gathering of the Happy Bookers, members enjoyed good food prepared by our gracious hostess followed by stimulating conversation which included the discussion of books. This month we reported on the books received in a gift exchange at the September retreat. Since there were several different selections (*The Story of Edgar Sawatelle*, *Secret Daughter*, *Morning Noon & Night*, *The Echo Maker*, *The 11th Hour*, *Forgotten Garden*, *Paths of Glory*, *Bluebird*, *The Postmistress*, *The Sisters Mortland*) opinions varied from disappointment to high praise.

Book Worms Club

We began our December Book Club meeting with a delicious pot luck lunch, around a very festively decorated table and enjoyed plenty of conversation about the fast approaching Christmas Event. Our chosen book was the *Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd – a vividly imagined novel about the passions of the spirit and the ecstasies of the body. It all starts when 42 yr old Jessie is called home to cope with her mother's startling and enigmatic act of violence. We found the book an intriguing read that greatly appealed to our female senses.

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 **BEECH'S AT THE BAY FAMILY RESTAURANT, 140 MAIN STREET, WASAGA BEACH on Wednesday JANUARY 26, 2011. TIME 9:00AM.** We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.

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 Member Ambassador is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011:

President	Don Caron	429-0308	Membership	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
Vice-President	Michael James	429-7207	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	429-9635			
	Mary Barnes	429-2142			

NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 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.

