



# The Wasagan



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## **MARCH'S GENERAL MEETING**

**Today's Speaker: Nathan Wukasch, Town of Wasaga Beach Planning Dept.**

Topics Nathan will speak on are: Town's visioning initiatives at Beach Area One and Two over the past several years, including the Strategic Vision for Beach Area 1 and 2, and the Main Street Pedestrian Mall visioning exercise (facilitated by 8-80 Cities).



President Betty O'Baker

## President's Message

Top of the Morning to all of those who are Irish and those who wish they were. I guess everyone is as tired of all this snow as I am. Hopefully by our next meeting in April it will be all gone. It has been a great time for the skiers and snowboarders. Blue Mountain has been busy and so have the tow trucks pulling some of us out of ditches. I am sure our fellow snow birds will bring back some sunshine and warm weather with them when they return.

I can hardly believe that Easter will be over by the next meeting - you have to admit time flies when you are having fun and getting older. Till then.....keep safe.

**WEAR GREEN TO THE MARCH MEETING.**

## FEBRUARY'S SPEAKER



**Marilyn Ruse** introduced February's speaker Marie LaRose from Home for Life. Home for Life is a volunteer-driven program, supported by a collaboration of local health professionals and community organizations. Its services focus on connecting seniors with services that will help them to remain in their own homes as long as possible and stay connected to their world. Sometimes just knowing who to ask makes all the difference. Dial 211 for details or visit their web sites



# SOCIAL



## 2013 POT LUCK LUNCH/GAMES DAY Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>

Games Day in February was a great success. All who went enjoyed the delicious pot luck lunch dishes and the fellowship which followed while playing the games. The satisfied expressions in the photos below say it all.





**BOWLING 1:30 PM Wednesday  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 2013**

At the Georgian Downs. Because we are still in a quandary  
about whether the races are on or off, we will have an  
interest sheet available at the March meeting to record your  
interest and also your contact telephone number.



**KEEWATIN BOAT TOUR  
Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Eric Conroy from the SS Keewatin in Port McNicoll will be speaking at our meeting in April about the  
Boat Tour



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

What do you call an Irishman who keeps bouncing off of walls?  
Rick O' Shea!



## THE HAPPY BOOKERS CLUB

February book Review

Although quite a few of our Book Club Members were away on holiday, we had fun discussing the book Chai Tea Sunday by Heather Clark. It is a story of one woman's courage in the face of personal tragedy at the heart of the novel. Most found it an easy read but lacking in depth. This is Heather's first novel. We gave it a 3 out of 5 and most would recommend it.



## A Special Request to All Members: Anniversary Celebration



As the old song goes, 'Let Me Entertain You.' Could the 'ME' in that oldie but goodie refer to YOU? On June 4th, 2013 the Beachcombers are going to celebrate a milestone. Can you believe on that date our club will be 10 years old? We are planning a party after our meeting on that day to enjoy a look back on that first year and our Founding members. Your Anniversary Committee is putting together a luncheon of 'finger food' and we are looking to our membership for entertainment. We have asked some talented individuals to participate in skits and would like to reach out to others. Do you sing or perhaps play an instrument? Our hope is that you will come forward to perform and celebrate our wonderful club and make this day one

to remember. Please call any member on the committee to assist us with the entertainment.

Committee Members: **Betty Keyes** (chair), **Rickey Lemire**, **Gene Stevenson**, **Marilyn Ruse** and **Tom Donohue**.

## FEBRUARY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



**Joyce, Larry and Sheila** – delighted winners.

1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$50.00 ---- **Joyce Frost**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$30.00 --- **Larry Ruse**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$20.00 ---- **Sheila Ewing**



A Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for the Bamboo Terrace was won by **Marilyn Ruse (which Larry claimed)**.

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

**Humour: In a tunnel**



An Irishman, an Englishman and a beautiful girl are riding together in a train, with the beautiful girl in the middle. The train goes through a tunnel and it gets completely dark. Suddenly there is a kissing sound and then a slap! The train comes out of the tunnel. The woman and the Irishman are sitting there looking perplexed. The Englishman is bent over holding his face which is red from an apparent slap. The Englishman is thinking "Damn it, that Irishman must have tried to kiss the girl, she thought it was me and slapped me." The girl is thinking, "That Englishman must have moved to kiss me, and kissed the Irishman instead and got slapped." The Irishman is thinking, "If this train goes through another tunnel, I could make another kissing sound and slap that Englishman again!!"

**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 February eight of us met at **Goodies Cafe on WEDNESDAY Feb. 27, 2013 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast. We had a small turn out as quite a few are down south.

In March we will be meeting for breakfast at **Georgian Circle on March 27, 2013 at 9:00AM.**

We have 24 in our group, and we average about 18 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)**

**The Alchemist** by Paulo Coelho, first published in 1988 in Portuguese, has been translated into at least 65 languages. It is the story of young Andalusian shepherd boy who sells his flock in order to follow his dream to seek his treasure near the pyramids in Egypt. Ultimately, he finds his treasure not in Egypt but back in Andalusia. The book sparked a lively discussion, with some members finding it an allegorical and spiritual read and others a fairy tale. Some found it a page-turner; others did not. The ratings ranged from 2.75 to 5, with an average of 4.



**DAYTRIPPERS**

The weather has been a factor in keeping our Daytrippers close to home. In February we enjoyed dining at the new Crystal Buffet in Collingwood, a very nice addition to the restaurant scene in the area. The food is fresh, plentiful and nicely presented. We give this a thumbs up and heartily recommend it. Following lunch we went to

see the movie Lincoln. This is well crafted and a fine history lesson, but more about politics than Lincoln himself. The film focuses on the final years of Lincoln's life and is full of gridlock, compromise, and division on how to end the war and the abolishment of slavery at the same time. Although it is a movie which has received many accolades worldwide and certainly well acted by not only Daniel Day-Lewis but the entire cast, it didn't approach the "WOW" factor in our opinion.





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



**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.



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.

**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?		

**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](http://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/13wasbcnrn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/13wasbcnrn.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](mailto: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).

**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**

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

**DEADLINE for submissions for April's newsletter is Friday, March 22nd.**

**How do you confuse an Irishman?  
Put two shovels against a wall, and tell him to take his pick...**

**Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink. Quinn thinks he's very lucky because his own wife makes him walk!!**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 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.**