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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: April 3rd, 2018
Wasaga Stars Arena
Speaker: Diane Freitas-Organ Donor

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, March 2018

Spring has finally arrived after an old Canadian Winter in the beginning and a Climate Change winter in the end. I don't think any of us would mind a mild winter and early Spring.

I am glad to hear that all our members suffering from health problems are on the road to mending and we look forward to seeing them all back at our meetings and events.

The balance of our year is filled with terrific speakers for our meetings and wonderful outside events. Make sure you look into the planned events and sign up for the ones you enjoy. There is something for everybody.

June is our 15th anniversary and we are planning some special events to celebrate. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Anne Laporte.

We have reserved the Klondike Park picnic grounds for our annual BBQ in July and need some great suggestions of activities to make the day a load of fun. If you have some ideas, please let the Social Committee know about them.

I am sure you all enjoyed St. Patty's day in your own way but I'm pleased to say our next meeting will miss April Fool's day by two days so we won't need any volunteers. Thank you anyway.

This is the first issue of our newsletter written by Jayne Edwards and I'm sure you will enjoy having Jayne's flavour added to it.

I wish everyone a Happy Spring.

Regards

Dennis Moise - VP - Acting President

MARCH MEETING:

Thank you to our greeters for March, Linda and David Trigg.



If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table

Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for the St. Patrick's table décor and **Sheila Dobson & John Norwood** for providing our refreshments.



Thanks were also given to all those Volunteers who work so hard to make our club a success.

NEW MEMBERS And GUESTS:

Dennis welcomed guests Els Meyer Scott and Wayne Scott. There were no new members.

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS:

1st PRIZE: \$40.00	Tony Svirphlys
2nd PRIZE: \$26.00	George Rice
3rd PRIZE: \$22.00	Violet Svirphlys

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

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

Sandra Hanson - 422-0227

First Edition

Vincy Stephenson-705-422-0201

Happy Bookers

Jan Bivall - 429-7584

The Bookies

Tom Donohue - 429-0644

Kitchen Bridge

Betty Keyes - 429-6064

Euchre Night

Jayne Edwards - 422-0793

Book Exchange

Rita Bencquista - 705-429-1911

Dinner & a Movie

Ron Hanson - 705-422-0227

Dinner at our Place

Rickey Lemire 422-1738

MARCH SPEAKER:

Joanne Mille introduced Andrew McNeil, the Director of Economic Development and Tourism for Wasaga Beach along with Lorraine Gruzak who is a member of the High School for Wasaga Beach Committee.



They explained the difficulties they have experienced dealing with the Simcoe County School Board in trying to get approvals for a high school in Wasaga Beach, even though the Premier and provincial government support Wasaga's request. 760 high school students are being bused out of town now. Presently we send \$150 million to the Simcoe County School Board. A high school would have a positive impact on the community and Andrew urged all present to make their voices heard "Loud and Angry" in order to support this endeavor.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SPEAKERS:

April	Diane Freitas - Organ Donor
May	Mathew Fells - Simcoe County Archivist
June	To be announced

BUSINESS REPORT:

Dennis announced that Colin Throop will act as 2nd VP and Jayne Edwards will take over as Newsletter Editor.

Updated By-Laws: Members voted on accepting the updated by-laws and Betty Baker and Gene Stephenson tabulated the results. 77 votes were cast, 69-yes, 7-no, 1-abstain. The updated by-laws were passed. Gene Stephenson has made the following motion to amend the new bylaws, seconded by John Dunnet.

-In Title remove "Suggested By-Laws For Local Clubs (August 2013)

Note: These By-Laws are recommendations only, and may be changed by the Club to meet its needs. See By-Law No 8

- In Management By-Law No. 3, Clause 1: Change the By-law to read;
positions as the Club deems necessary, in lieu of persons.
- In Management By-Law No. 3, Clause 5: add the following sentence to the Clause;
Monthly financial statements will be made available to members on a request only basis.
- In General Meetings By-Law No. 5, Clause 2. Add;
Any changes to meeting locations shall be subject to a motion put forward for a vote by the membership in accordance with By-Law No. 5. Clause 4, in lieu of a motion 60 days notice shall be given.
- Remove Last Sentence: "Respectfully submitted for your consideration by the By-Law Committee."

The official vote will take place at the May 8th meeting.

SILENT AUCTION IN MAY:

Betty Baker has volunteered to organize a Silent Auction at the May meeting in order to raise funds to pay for the luncheon and celebration of our 15th Anniversary to be held in June. For the May meeting, please bring "things that people would be interested in buying, no junk please!" Betty will discuss this in more detail at the April meeting.

SOCIAL REPORT:

**REMINDER - Please bring your cheque book to the meetings!!
NO CHEQUE.....NO SIGN-UP!**

You can no longer sign-up for an event without paying by cheque the full amount owing for the event, at the time of sign-up. If you have signed up for an event and have not yet paid, your name will be taken off the list. Only the people that have paid for events will be considered signed-up.

FEBRUARY 2018



The tours of the Honda plant on February 27th were enjoyed by all who went. We learned a lot about the assembly line at plant-1. Thanks Ron for speaking about this tour and thanks to Wayne for suggesting it! It was a lot of fun.



Discovering the Symposium Restaurant in Alliston was a treat for all the members who came to have a wonderful brunch and enjoy the camaraderie and great friendships.





MARCH 2018 - Pot Luck Lunch and Games!

Did you ever miss a good time!

Thoroughly enjoyed by those who stayed after the meeting

On Thursday March 22nd some people met at the Georgian Hills Vineyards

The snowshoeing was cancelled due to lack of snow but those who went enjoyed the camaraderie, wine tasting and cheese treats!



APRIL 2018

Thursday April 12, 2018 - 8:00 p.m. Meaford Town Hall

Tickets will be on sale at the April meeting. Price \$84.75 per ticket.

NOTE- this price will be discounted if 20 or more people sign up for this performance!
Dinner prior if interested - 5:30 p.m. at Sizzlin in Meaford



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THURSDAY APRIL 19TH - Play - TALES OF AN URBAN INDIAN

For those who have signed up, the bus leaves from the Gayety Theatre Collingwood-Matinee at 2:00 p.m. Dinner to follow.

MAY 2018 -

Thursday May 10th - Tribute night - Buddy Holly -\$ 39.00 per ticket



Buddy Holly: The "Rockin Dance Party" is a fun filled audience interactive theatrical presentation starring international tribute artist Jeff Giles. ... Backed by the amazing Memphis Cats band, you'll hear all of Buddy's biggest hits including, "Peggy Sue", "That'll Be the Day" "Rave On" "It's So Easy" "Oh Boy" and "True Love ...

**Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound - 7:30 p.m. performance
Dinner at Norma Jean's Bistro in Owen Sound 4:30 p.m.**

Tickets are still available through the box office

Thursday May 24th - COMEDY - the Birds & the Bees

Matinee at 2:00 p.m. - Cost \$40.00 per ticket
Gayety Theatre Collingwood

For those interested - Dinner to follow

This raucously funny new comedy tackles love, sex, science, family and the artificial insemination of turkeys!



BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS
is celebrating its 15th YEAR on June 5th
at the Probus meeting

Planning is underway for the 15th Anniversary celebration of Beachcombers Probus. If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills for this event and sharing your memories of its founding and history over the years, please contact the social committee. We welcome everyone's ideas!

JUNE 2018

SATURDAY - JUNE 23rd

HORSE RACING & BUFFET DINNER

Georgian Downs is a leading provider of Standardbred racing, pari-mutuel wagering, slots and entertainment in central Ontario.



Georgian Downs is located off Highway 400 at Innisfil Beach Road (Exit 85)

A \$10.00 cash deposit per person is required at the time of sign-up.



We will give it back to you when you show up to gamble!

BUFFET is \$30.00 per person

July 2018

**King's Wharf Theatre
TUESDAY JULY 31st**

Play at 2:00 p.m.



Tickets are \$42.00 each - Dinner to follow for those interested.

Grab your poodle skirt, pull on your bobby socks, and get ready for fun with a rock 'n' roll musical celebration featuring classic hits of the Baby Boomer era!

Chuck, the owner of a struggling diner must grapple with the possibility of selling his beloved haunt. As he relives the moments and music of a simpler time, from the early rockin' sounds of Bill Haley to the beautiful ballads of Brenda Lee, the voice of an entire generation is revealed.

Entertaining and energetic, this joyous jive down memory lane will tickle your funny bone and touch your heart with its classic tunes and retro style.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Several Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized



GOODWILL CONVENER:

Cards with well wishes were sent out to: Bill Frost and Carolyn Paylor and Stan Scruton.

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise **Betty Baker: betty.b@rogers.com**



MEMBERSHIP:

At the March meeting we had 66 members sign in and 2 guests in attendance. There were no new members, so the membership remains at 166.

First Edition Book Club:



The First Edition Book Club read the murder mystery *No Safe House* by Linwood Barclay. Terry and Cynthia Archer and their fourteen year old daughter, Grace, are caught up in a web of criminal offences and murders while Terry struggles to keep his family safe. Cynthia chooses to live apart from her husband and daughter, whilst Grace, the daughter, and her delinquent boyfriend, breaks into a strange home. This starts a series of events which involve terror and ruthless murders. Terry, caught between family loyalty and betrayal, must find a way to protect his loved ones. The book has a multi-twisted plot line that draws the reader into the fast paced story.

It is recommended that the novel *No Time for Good-bye* should be read first since previous characters and events will enable the reader to understand the current happenings.

The novel was rated 3 out of 5.

Violet Svirplys

THE BOOKIES:

In March we read Carson McCuller's "*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter.*" It is a story of moral isolation set in a small Georgia (United States) mill town in the 1930's. The group was divided in their enjoyment of the story (although a movie was made of the book) and gave it a score of 3 out of 5.

Tom Donohue

HAPPY BOOKERS:

Loss of Innocence by Richard North Paterson

A family drama of secrets and individual awakenings is set during the summer of 1968 in Martha's Vineyard. Whitney lives a life of privilege under the seemingly benevolent patriarchy Of her powerful Father. At the family summer home in Martha's Vineyard political violence and Ante-war protests seem far away. But in the course of the season cracks open in her closest relationships exposing links to larger issues of race, chaos and corruption.

Most would recommend it. Rated it as a 3.5

Joanne Scruton

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

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT:

Contact Ron or Sandy at: rhanson99@rogers.com
Or 705-422-0227



DINNER AT OUR PLACE:

March saw eight of us enjoy a great dinner and wonderful company. Our next Dinner/s will be planned for May and newcomers are welcome. Each Dinner consists of 8 people. Each couple provides their own drinks and one course for the dinner, which consists of appetizers, soup or salad and dessert. The hosts provide the main course. Please sign up at the Activities desk at the next meeting or contact me if you would like to be included. Cost is \$22.00 per couple

Rickey Lemire

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](tel:705-429-1911)



WHAT'S MY LINE?

Carolyn Cassells invited Ron Hanson to the stage.
After 15 questions the audience guessed that he had worked in Sudbury at the Nickel Plant in the silver ingot section.

To volunteer for What's My Line, contact:
Carolyn Cassells bigbirds@rogers.com



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday April 3rd, 2018

At the Wasaga Stars Arena

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.

NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in the April Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter editor, jpedwards@live.ca by April 21st, 2018