



# The Wasagan



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## NOVEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: Capt. Fabiano Micoli, Pilot

### President's Message

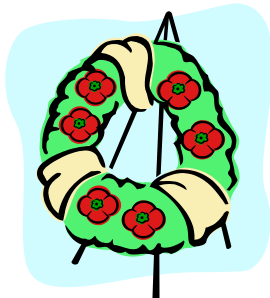
November is upon us once again, and with that comes the thought of "Remembrance." As Canadians, we live in one of the most respected nations around the world. But that respect has been earned through the hard work and dedication of the Canadian military personnel, many who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their own lives to fight for freedom, but many more that have served their country and then returned to live and work proudly in a place where freedom and peace is a way of life.



On Remembrance Day, we can stand proudly as Canadians, grateful for the lifestyle we are able to enjoy and grateful for the sacrifices and efforts of those who have given us this opportunity



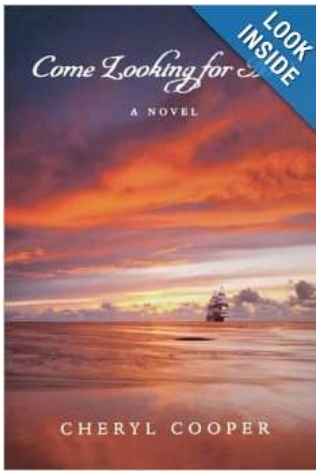
Ron Hanson



**THANK YOU** to our greeters last month **Jack and Kathy Benedet** (Sorry about the fuzzy photo). If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.



## OCTOBER'S SPEAKERS



**Jan Bivall** introduced our first speaker Sheryl Cooper who drove down from Bracebridge to join us this morning. Sheryl gave us a brief history of the War of 1812 and introduced the novel she wrote about those times called, "Come Looking for Me." It is set on the high seas and is told through the eyes of various crew members. Inspiration for her novel came from the movie "Master and

Commander." A quiz followed her interesting talk. She sold copies of her book at the meeting and early reports are that it's an enjoyable read. Jan Bivall thanked Sheryl and made a gift presentation to show our appreciation.



**Jan and Sheryl**



Sebrina and **Marilyn**

After the break, **Marilyn Ruse** introduced our second speaker, Sebrina Westbrooke, Program Supervisor at the South Georgian Bay Campus. Sebrina presented via power point available courses which would be of interest to seniors. Booklets and leaflets were also available. **Marilyn** thanked Sebrina and made a gift presentation in appreciation.

## **WELCOME**

New member **Lenore Burton** (centre) is welcomed by New Member Ambassador **Betty Montgomery** and President **Ron Hanson**



# SOCIAL

## PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

### Car Rally, October 17



The Social Committee was pleased to see more members sign up at our October meeting. The Car Rally had about 40 people and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. The photos below (thanks to mainly Sandra Hanson with a few by Tom Donohue) reflect some of the beautiful scenes participants enjoyed and probably do not do it all justice. The coffee stop at The Pretty River Valley Inn was a joyful treat and more picturesque beauty. Dinner at The Beacon was well enjoyed but a few latecomers seemed to have slim pickings as far as the food was concerned. Organizers **Craig Willis**, **Joe Baxter** assisted by **Tom Donohue** (photo at left taken at Pretty River Valley Country Inn) are to be congratulated and thanked for their efforts. On an “official” note the winners of the rally were the group of Ron Hanson, Sandy Hanson and Kathy Zack. On a less official (and peace-keeping) note the wives of the organizers, driving together, tied for first place.





These are the happy faces of the “official” winning team of Ron and Sandy Hanson framing Kathy Zack.

Enjoying dinner at The Beacon after the car tour

**October 26 Collingwood Theatre Outing at The Gaiety** – The group who attended enjoyed the night immensely. In The Sweetest Sounds, we were taken back in time to the genius of Rodgers and Hart who dominated the musical world in the 20's through to the 40's when Hammerstein replaced Hart and the dominance of Rodgers and Hammerstein continued. Then Richard Rodgers daughter Mary sustained the family's musical tradition and today her son Adam carries it on. The show was musically zippy and although at first many tunes were less known, the more familiar music of our lives followed. It was well done.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Curling, anyone?



**Curling on Nov. 27th**, So far we have 27 people signed up and we will still need to reach 32. Again, the cost is \$15.00 and \$20.00 for non-members, so bring a friend. Also if you want to attend with someone who is curling, then the cost is \$5.00 for the lunch. No experience necessary.



### CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 Collingwood Legion

**Our Christmas Dance on Friday, December 6th** has reached 106 people although just under half have not paid, so please remember to bring your cheque with you to our November meeting. Our number of attendees has to be submitted by Nov. 12th, so there can be no late payments after that date.



### AND FINALLY, SOCIALLY SPEAKING

2014 will bring bowling and many other fun activities. The Social Committee wants to take this opportunity to thank those who are participating in our events, and we are still looking for a full membership to join in a lot of the functions in the New Year. We are sure there is one event that you can enjoy.

**THANK YOU TO JOAN SMITH FOR MAKING THE MEETING ROOM SO WELCOMING!**



## MEN'S BREAKFAST



The ROMEO MEN'S Breakfast group meets on the last Wednesday of the month for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In October, about 19 of us met at SUNSET GRILL on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 9:00 AM for breakfast.

In November we will be meeting for breakfast at the Mosley Street Grill on November 27, 2013 at 9:00AM.

We now have 25 serious **ROMEOS** on our list who enjoy breakfast and very stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for the breakfasts. If you wish to join us for the first time, contact **Bob Bowyer** at 705-429-0579 to get on the list. We send out a reminder a few days ahead to find out how many can make it. We try to give the restaurant an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending

## OCTOBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$45.00 ---- **Everett Rivait**  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$35.00 --- **Joan Maloney**  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$25.00 ---- **Harry Durant**  
\$50.00 to Treasurer.

Three additional draws were made:  
2 tickets to Rocky Horror Show – **Ernie Bartlik**

1 pot of mums and pumpkin – **Betty Baker**

1 pot of mums and pumpkin – **Bob Bowyer**

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

Congratulations to Prizewinners Harry, Everett, Bob, Betty, Ernie and Joan

## FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB



In October, the First Edition Book Club read The Paris Wife by Paula McLain. This novel is a story of ambition and betrayal. It captures a remarkable period of time in the early 1920s and is a love affair between two unforgettable people; Ernest Hemingway and his first wife Hadley. Following a whirlwind courtship and wedding, Ernest and Hadley set sail for Paris, where they become the golden couple in a lively and volatile group that includes Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. The Hemingway's are ill prepared for the hard-drinking and fast-living life of Jazz Age Paris. Ernest struggles to find the voice that will earn him a place in history. He eventually writes a novel about his life that will become The Sun Also Rises. Life with Ernest becomes very challenging for Hadley despite their extraordinary bond. The Paris Wife is a portrayal of love and torn loyalty that is intriguing to read. Our book club members gave it 3.5 out of 5.



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in November.

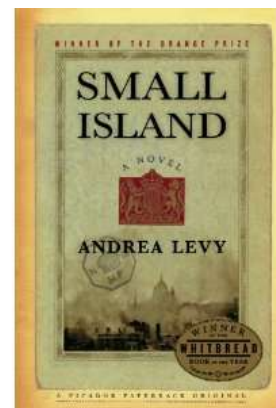
### Goodwill



A card was sent out to Joan Bowyer. Sorry if we missed you and, if you are feeling poorly, get well soon. 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.

### HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK CLUB

The group read Small Island by Andrea Levy. The story begins in 1948 after WW11 is over. The first group of Caribbean immigrants arrived in England with the hope of a better life. The story revolves around four different people: Queenie a working-class Englishwomen: her husband Bernard a working class soldier committed to his ideals: Gilbert, a Jamaican who served in the R.A.F in Britain during the war and returns to England hoping to belong to the Mother Country he fought for: and Hortense, who married Gilbert not for love but for a better life and her attempts to adjust to a new life and to each other. The novels greatest achievement is to convey how English racism was all the more heartbreaking for its colonial victims because it involved crushing their ideals.



And at our annual getaway in September, we read The Unusual Pilgrimage of Harold Fry and watched the movie "The Way" about the pilgrimage in Spain. In keeping with the pilgrimage theme, at the end of our October meeting we invited Diane's sister, Jill Linkert, to share with us her experiences of her 300 kilometer hike on the Camino De Santiago in Spain. We really enjoyed hearing about her unique journey, the highlights of the local culture and inspirational sights.

### 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** New Member Ambassador, **Betty Montgomery**, 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/13wasbcn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/13wasbcn.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 bring 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.

## 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	Diane Nagel	422-6835	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU NOW	
First Edition Book Club	Bette Montgomery	429-6854	New group, anyone?		

### NOTICE

We are still looking for a member(s) to step forward to organize the popular Restaurant Dinner Club or to modify how it is run.

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).

DECEMBER: Christmas themed

JANUARY: Marianne Ford – Nordix Pole Walking



### MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2012-2013

President	Ron Hanson	422-0227		Membership	Judy Morrison	429-6611
Vice-President	Ross Dawe	429-8894		Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Betty Baker	422-1909		Lucky Draw	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
Secretary	Bob Bowyer	429-0579		Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765		Archives	Everett Rivait	422-1573
New Members	Betty Montgomery	429-6894		Social	Penny Rivait	422-1573
Speaker/Profiles Chair and Decorations	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271		Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

**NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

### Our Archivist

Everett Rivait loves Probus photos. If you take a good photo at a Probus event, perhaps you can share it with **Everett**.





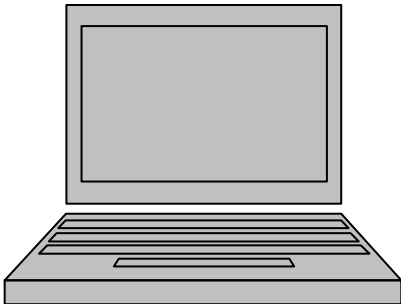
## DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little girl is one of our Probus members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? All will be revealed at today's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor. Go ahead! Last month we featured **Betty Baker**.

Arrive early for the meeting on the first Tuesday of the month to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 2013  
WASAGA STARS ARENA**

## PLEASE BRING FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS



### \*NOTE\*

The Management Team has decided that starting in December, your monthly newsletter will be sent via a link which will enable you to also enter the Archives and see all past hard copy issues of The Wasagan. If you are concerned about this, please let someone on the Management Team know.

**SEE YOU THIS COMING TUESDAY,  
November 5, 2013**