



# The Wasagan



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OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR JUNE 3, 2003 – JUNE 3, 2013

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## DECEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Today's Speaker: We are musically entertained by the Sweet Adeline's



BRING FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK AND A NICE UNWRAPPED GIFT FOR A YOUNG TEENAGER. Also dress Christmasy for the meeting. (Remember to bring 6 treats each.)

### President's Message



President Betty Baker

Good morning and yes it is a good morning. Thoughts are now hovering around the Christmas Season. What shall we buy Lauren - do you think Kaitlin would like that? We sometimes forget the real reason for Christmas as we are just too busy with our lives as we know it. Let's all take time this year to think of all the wonderful joys we have had. Smiles are free - hugs are comforting. There are many people alone at this time of year and we should be grateful for our families and friends that gather around our Christmas trees, sing carols and share all the home baked goodies that we have prepared. But try to remember that December 25<sup>th</sup>, many years ago, a little baby was born and for that I am truly thankful. Merry Christmas to one and all. Peace and Joy in the New Year. Be safe.



**BEST WISHES OF THE SEASON TO ALL**



## NOVEMBER'S SPEAKER

**Marilyn Ruse** introduced Veteran and fellow Probus member **Fraser Muir** who engaged us with his visit to the Bomber Command Memorial this past June. Before he described his trip, Fraser related why it took seven decades to recognize the sacrifices of Bomber Command. The story can be seen in the 4 part video, "Who Betrayed the Bomber Boys" which can be googled and viewed on your computer. Fraser told of being the only remaining member of his crew. His moving and passionate story riveted everyone. Of

the opening of the memorial by the Queen, Fraser was honoured to be there, was treated like royalty and it was an event that he will never forget. Thank you, Fraser, for your contribution to the war effort and for relating your experiences to a grateful audience.



## New Members Introduced

A Warm Welcome!

**Betty Keyes**, left (with a little help from **Betty Baker**, right) introduced three new members at our last meeting: Carol and Jack Lynch (Carol enjoys painting while Jack suffers with the Blue Jays) and Trent Gow, next to Betty Baker (Trent enjoys Dragon Boat Racing). Say hello to them if you get the chance.





## NOVEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$54.00 ---- **Carrie Nesbitt**

2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$33.00 --- **Ray Dimock**

3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$27.00 ---- **Judy Morrison**

4<sup>th</sup> prize of \$20.00 ---- **JoAnn Hamilton**

Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Pizza Dee's was won by **Don Twigger**.

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

Happy winners: Don, JoAnn, Judy, Ray and Carrie

# Social

PAST EVENT



Many of our members joined the curling in Stayner. This was a well-attended and successful event.





# PROBUS CURLING IN STAYNER



Do you recognize anyone in these curling photos?



## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



Visit the social committee tables if you are interested in attending any of the following events.



### **Christmas Dinner/Dance**

Friday, December 7, Collingwood Legion Hall –  
Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30.  
Tickets have been all sold. We all look forward to a great time.  
**SEE YOU THERE!**

### **Potluck Lunch & Games Afternoon**

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 – Stars Arena – following the February general meeting.  
Sign the interest sheet at our December meeting to let us know you're coming and what you're bringing to the potluck lunch. Also let us know what games you want to play and whether you have those games to bring. Remember, this is a **no cost** event, so come on out for some good food and fun games.



## UPCOMING DATES

**Bowling** Wednesday, March 13, 2013; and **Georgian Downs** – Tuesday April 16, 2013 – Remember to mark these dates in your new calendars. We'll give you more details for these events in the new year.



### ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP:

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group meet on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In **NOVEMBER** we gathered at **YAMMAS GRILL** on **WEDNESDAY NOV. 28, 2012 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast.

This was our last breakfast for 2012. We take a break in December for everyone to enjoy the Christmas festivities. We will put a note in the January Wasagan to let everyone know where we will be having breakfast in January 2013. At the time of this writing it is too early to book for January.

We have 25 in our group. 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.

On behalf of the MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

### ARCHIVE BOOK



We have had challenges continuing photo records of club events, like Book Club weekends. As a tenth anniversary initiative, Sandra Hanson has agreed to archive photos for the club. So, take some pictures of your special interest group, committee etc. and give them to Sandra Hanson to be included in the book. At the next meeting, be sure to check what a fabulous job Sandra is doing.



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in December.

### THE DAYTRIPPERS

Not all wineries are located in the Niagara area. Are you aware we have one in our region? Georgian Hills Vineyards is located on the outskirts of Collingwood, in Ravenna. Their motto is: "A Vision in the Making". Five of The Daytrippers journeyed one Saturday afternoon to the winery where we had a tutorial on matching certain wines with foods. The bonus was the colour tour we enjoyed as the fall leaves were at their peak driving along the route to the winery.

Initially, our group gathered in one of the vineyards to learn about the grapes that are used for their 'Ice



Wine'. They were still on the vines awaiting the frost and ideal temperatures necessary to harvest them. We were told this Georgian Bay region has a unique soil component, and their climate influences all the wines they produce with their own unique flavour.



Vanessa, our Vintner said, with each vintage they aspire to create enjoyable wines that express “where we come from”. The winery takes great pride that all of their grapes come from the vines on the hills overlooking Georgian Bay, none are imported. An assortment of wines and pairings are offered for tasting when visiting their winery. We sampled 'Perfect Pairings' from their selections and were served 5 wines all paired with crackers and assorted cheese varieties, as well as pate, strawberries, apple, and chocolate. It was very interesting to experience the wines before and after the pairings. The foods totally changed the taste of the wine on the palate. At present, due to the space available in the tasting room they prefer to keep groups small, at 8-10 people. You might want to experience this in the summer months as on a sunny, warm day the pairings and talk are usually done outside overlooking the vineyards on a picnic bench. Perhaps this might encourage you to make a trip to with friends to 'The Georgian Hills Vineyards' and enjoy your very own local wine experience. Betty Keyes

ALSO

Three Daytrippers attended the Christmas at the beach tour of homes, tea room + artisans show + sale. We had wonderful weather and we enjoyed the gorgeous homes which were professionally decorated by stores + florists.

A fun day!  
Bernice Sacchetti



## Special Interests Contacts

| Special Interest        | Contact Name         | Phone No. |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| PM Luncheon Cuisiners   | Joan Maloney         | 422-0573  |
| Genealogy               | Sandra Hanson        | 422-0227  |
| Daytrippers             | Betty Keyes          | 429-6064  |
| Dinner at our Place     | Steve and Jan Bivall | 429-7584  |
| First Edition           | Betty Montgomery     | 429-6854  |
| Happy Bookers           | Jan Bivall           | 429-7584  |
| Kitchen Bridge          | Betty Keyes          | 429-6064  |
| Restaurant Dinner Club  | Sandra Hanson        | 422-0227  |
| ROMEO – Men's Breakfast | Bob Bowyer           | 429-0579  |

## First Edition Book Club (at maximum membership)



In November, the First Edition Book Club read Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. The book combines two parallel stories, each in different dates and times. The novel begins by introducing Sarah Stazynski, a ten-year old girl who was arrested by the French police in 1942 during the Vel'd'Hiv roundup, along with the rest of her family except Michel, her younger brother. Figuring that she would be back to rescue him, Sarah locked Michel in their secret cupboard and took the key with her. The story then forwards to the year 2002 with journalist, Julia Jarmond, a wife and mother, who is asked to write about the Vel'd'Hiv



roundup. Through investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah and she begins to question her own marriage and life. The story is a blend of fiction and history about the Holocaust. It is heart-wrenching and a compelling page-turner. The book was rated 3.75 out of 5

**MEET YOUR FELLOW 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, that is 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 least a week before the next monthly meeting. See page 1 for the new address.

### **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.



### **Goodwill**

Cards were sent to Christina Armstrong, Bob Keyes, Robin Wood and Ted Van Ravenstein.



### **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).

**January** Bob Morgan of Cruise Holidays gives us a travel talk. There are a number of topics Bob is willing to present and he will answer some of your travel questions.

**February** Susan Staples – Home for Life

**March** – Tracy Jarratt – Wasaga Beach Planning Dept.

Please submit ideas/questions/concerns to either **Marilyn Ruse** or **Irene Donohue**





### Management Team for 2012 - 2013

|  |                                   |          |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------|
| President                                      | <b>Betty Baker</b>                | 422-1909 |
| Vice-President                                 | <b>Ron Hanson</b>                 | 422-0227 |
| Past President                                 | <b>Gene Stephenson</b>            | 422-0201 |
| Secretary                                      | <b>Vincy Stephenson</b>           | 422-0201 |
| Treasurer                                      | <b>Dan Squires</b>                | 429-4765 |
| New Members                                    | <b>Betty Keyes</b>                | 429-6064 |
| Speakers and Profiles Chair<br>and decorations | <b>Marilyn Ruse</b>               | 422-0271 |
| Membership                                     | <b>Judy Morrison</b>              | 429-6611 |
| Refreshments                                   | <b>Susan &amp; Brian Passmore</b> | 422-1956 |
| Lucky Draw                                     | <b>Joanne Scruton</b>             | 422-0976 |
| Goodwill                                       | <b>Shirley Brett</b>              | 429-8907 |
| Social   | <b>Bryan Stephenson</b>           | 422-0037 |
| Archives                                       | <b>Sandra Hanson</b>              | 422-0227 |
| Newsletter                                     | <b>Tom Donohue</b>                | 429-0644 |

**DEADLINE FOR JANUARY'S NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**Arrive early on Tuesday, December 4 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 A.M.**  
**Remember to bring your Probus mug and to wear your Probus name badge (or you'll be fined, remember!).**

**OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013**  
 (Yes, that is the second Tuesday of January in 2013)  
**The Wasaga Stars Arena.**



**SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY**