



# The Wasagan



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## SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

**TODAY'S SPEAKER: PROV. CONSTABLE MARK KINNEY, HURONIA DETACHMENT, OPP**

### AUGUST SPEAKER

Maureen Potton spoke very informatively to us on behalf of the Front Line Collingwood Foundation (FLCF) which was incorporated to assist breast cancer patients who require short term financial assistance. This registered charitable organization was born out of the hugely successful Titz 'n Glitz 2002 event. The FLCF financially supports women and men in the Georgian Triangle and medical practitioners in that area. The fund works with health care professionals and social workers to identify patients requiring temporary financial assistance while undergoing cancer treatment. The organization is 100% volunteer driven in the Georgian Triangle community. Assistance is provided through home care, child care, transportation costs, therapies, living expenses and personal care. Substantial donations, directed through the FLCF, have been made to Collingwood, Barrie and Owen Sound hospitals for the purchase of medical equipment used in the detection of breast cancer. Maureen spoke briefly of some cancer patients who have benefited from this funding. Assistance is provided quickly, confidentially and with kindness. Their motto is "pink ribbon not red tape". Some fund raising examples include gala events, silent auctions, donations, community events, and creative initiatives. For information and inquiries the phone no. is (705) 443-8539 or 1-866-308-2436. The email address is [www.frontlinecollingwood.ca](http://www.frontlinecollingwood.ca). The next fund raising event will be at the Blue Mountain Inn on October 18<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately tickets have already been sold out. The Beachcombers Probus club gave a small donation to the Front Line Collingwood Foundation. Thanks to Maureen and her assistant Brenda Andrachuck for a very interesting presentation.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well I realize that I am really the President now and by the looks of things we have a great executive committee for the next year. I also hasten to add that we have a wonderful group of people to look after. Our Social Committee has all kinds of events lined up so keep tuned in and be entertained. As summer is drawing to a close lets all look forward to a wonderful autumn full of Sunshine and Good Health.

### PAST SOCIAL EVENT: BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The sixth annual Beachcombers Probus Golf Tournament was held on August 25th at the Wasaga Sands Golf and Country Club. There were 41 golfers who played a Scramble type golf and 19 members joined the group for dinner. The scramble format that was used : Each golfer drove the ball and then the team selected the ball to be played for the next shot. This selection continued until the final putt was made. During the nine holes each golfer had to use at least one drive and one fairway shot. Only one score was kept for the team.

We had a great steak dinner with potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad and dessert.

1st Place Team: Gordon Baird, Sandra Hanson, Bryan Stephenson, Helena Aherne

Longest Drive: Women – Marie Jany Men – Larry Ruse

Closest to the Pin: Women – none, Men – Steve Bivall

Thanks to Marilyn Ruse who did a wonderful job of organizing this successful tournament.

Many thanks for the assistance of the following people who contributed to the success of the tournament:

1. Mary Ranta and Luci Worch who checked everyone in and gave out the water.
2. Mary Ranta, and Joanne Scruton helped to set up the prize table.



3. Larry Ruse and Joanne Scruton ran the putting contest.
4. Luci Worch sold tickets for other prizes.
5. Bill Travis gave out the prizes.

Many thanks to the Probus members who donated prizes and also obtained prizes from the local businesses.

**Business Contributors**

Scotiabank	Orr Lake Golf
Billy Hill Pine Store	Major's Guardian Pharmacy
Pedro's	Ava Alward, Remax
IDA Drugs	Chad Campbell, Caldwell
Royal Lepage	Avon- Audrey Dean
Bateaux Creek Golf and Country Club	Town of Wasaga
Horton's	Accent Tools, Barrie
Catch 22	Rona
Canadian Tire	Michael Ruse-Manulife

**Probus Members who donated gifts**

Frank Tate	Marilyn and Larry Ruse
Marg and Wally Clost	Jack and Catherine Benedet
Joanne and Stan Scruton	Betty and Bob Keyes
Sandra and Ron Hanson	Tom and Irene Donohue
Kay and Gerry Knab	Brian and Christina Armstrong
Diane and Robin Nagel	Linda and Dave Marshall

**'MEET YOUR MEMBER'** – The members profiled for August were Mary and Rod Ranta.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES ARE OVERDUE.** Please make sure your cheque has been submitted to Linda Willis.

**UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008** – Enjoy an evening dinner cruise aboard the Serendipity Princess which leaves from the Barrie dock at 5:00 PM. Be there for 4:30 and enjoy a cruise past some beautiful homes and shoreline to envy while enjoying a nice buffet meal. With smiling friends, water, food and drink, can you think of a better way to spend an early fall evening? Join us. The cost is only \$38.00 each for a memorable outing. **Tickets will be on "sail" today only.**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008 – ALL ABOARD FOR THE CREDIT VALLEY EXPLORER.** This is a unique classic train experience which all will enjoy. Because of the late booking, we could only get the Thanksgiving Saturday. We thought that it was so interesting, we booked a whole car for all 52 of you who indicated at the last meeting that you were interested in coming. You must indicate what you want for lunch as there is a choice. **Because of the lateness in booking, tickets will only be on sale at this meeting.** They must have all food and ticket orders in by September 24. **If you decide to come AFTER today, contact Tom and let him know.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008** – Do you like adventure and a challenge? Well join us on our **GREAT DISCOVERY TOUR.** Because of the higher price of gas, we have taken the car rally of the past and shortened it into a new concept which might be just be a bit shorter and a bit funnier. That is our hope as we create an atmosphere of fun, mystery, learning and inventiveness into this tour. Here's hoping you can join us. A small prize goes to the occupants of the one winning car. Team up with some other willing participants and get ready to have fun. **Tickets are on sale today and also at our October meeting.** Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a surprise meal somewhere along the line.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008** – It's time to slow down from all the hustle of boats, cars and trains. A quiet game of mini-putt is just what the doctor ordered. As in the past, we will book lunch at your expense, for those who wish to join us, at a restaurant close by in Barrie. **Tickets for the Putting Edge Glow in the Dark experience will be on sale at the next meeting.** Cost will be \$10.00 per person for the mini putt only.

**OTHER NON-PROBUS EVENTS** – Some of you may be interested in attending some of these events.

October 18-19 – Bala Cranberry Festival

November 7 to 16 – The Royal Horse Show – at The Royal Winter Fair - an interest sheet will be available and groups of 15 or more are offered generous discounts. Is there a horse lover out there who will take charge of this event if the interest is there?

**MONTHLY GOLF OUTING**

If you are interested in joining the monthly golf excursion to different clubs in the area, call Bill Travis @ 422-1148 or give him your name.

**AUGUST LUCKY DRAW WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$61.60 was won by Linda Marshall

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of \$38.50 was won by Doris Willis

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of \$30.80 was won by Jerry Knab

4<sup>th</sup> Prize of \$23.10 was won by Betty Keyes

Gift certificate for Osborne's Castle Gifts was won by Paul Turner

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrated in August!**

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**(If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee.)**

The special interest groups are open to Probus members only.

* The First Edition	Contact Betty Montgomery	429-6854
* Happy Bookers	Contact Mary Barnes	429-2142
* Dinner at our House	Contact Linda Willis	429-0467
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers	Contact Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Joyanne Loughran	429-6574
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Luci Worch	422-0062

**DINNER AT OUR PLACE – ANNUAL BARBECUE DINNER**

Thirty-nine people enjoyed a wonderful BBQ at Harry & Colette Durrant's home on Thursday August 21<sup>st</sup>. This year the weather co-operated beautifully.

The back yard of our hosts, Harry and Colette, with all of the tables and chairs, umbrellas, serving areas, not to mention the trees and the flowers, made a convivial environment for a great party. Thank you so much for all your hard work. Many wonderful appetizers, salads, sides and main courses were provided by the attendees, and the dessert array was amazing.

All of the attendees truly appreciated the organization provided by Betty Keyes and her Planning Committee; Susan Passmore, Joanne Scruton, Gloria Harasowsky, Joan Porter and Colette Durrant.

The Hosts can make the experience as casual or as elegant as they choose. As a regular member, one is hosting the dinner and preparing the main course, two or three times in a year. The guests, regular members and substitutes (as necessary) prepare one of either Appetizers, Soup or Salad, or Dessert. What could be easier!

Diane Nagel will be organizing the December Christmas Party and August BBQ held annually in lieu of "Dinners at Our House" during the holiday and vacation times.

If you are interested in learning more about the Dinner at Our Place special interest group, please contact Linda Willis. During a meeting, Linda can be found at the Sign In desk. You can also reach her at 429-0467, or e-mail her at [clwille708@rogers.com](mailto:clwille708@rogers.com).

The **Happy Bookers Club** is on hiatus and is busy reading a Jane Austen selection for their upcoming getaway in September. The club is at maximum membership.

The **First Edition Book Club** has reached its maximum membership of 10 members. The book club met at the home of Lucille Mancer on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This month's selection was "The Promise Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards. It was a book that was well received by all members and highly recommended by everyone.



The **Fair Weather Walkers** are a friendly bunch who walk in almost any kind of weather. During the fall and winter months we meet at Powerline Road and generally take the skidoo trail, which is relatively flat with only two hills to traverse, or one of the other trails off of Powerline Road. At the end of about 1 ½ hours we reward ourselves with a cup of Timmy's coffee and good conversation. When the bugs come out in the spring, and usually through the summer months, our focus changes as we walk the beach front. Occasionally we take other trails in the Wasaga Beach or Collingwood area. Please join us any Friday at 1:30 pm. You will discover a wonderful group of Probies who have come to call each other friends. There is always room for more. For information call Doris Willis 429-7835 or Luci Worch 422-0062

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Members take turns hosting the lunch, which is an organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, laughter and gossip. We are now at our maximum membership limit of 12 ladies.

The **Restaurant Dinner Club** is a group of some 60 members dedicated to the proposition that retirement is more than cooking. They go to different restaurants in the area every other month. Call Joyanne Loughran 429-6574 or e-mail to [somatech@rogers.com](mailto:somatech@rogers.com) if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area. Bon Appetit!

**DON'T FORGET:**

- The Secretary's Minutes of the last General Meeting and the Treasurer's Summary of the Club's finances are posted on the Bulletin Board. Please read them! These Bulletin Boards often have details of other Community Events and Happenings in the area. We do this as an information service to our members, but we do not promote such things.
- **Please notify the Membership Convener (Linda Willis @ 429-0467) of any changes to your address, phone number, email address, etc.** We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Wear your name tag to all Probis meetings and events.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Marilyn Ruse @ 422-0271) - if you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Lucille Mancer, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Lucille can be reached @ 422- 0143 or [lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca](mailto:lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca)

**PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD**

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs. The address is [www.probus.org/bulletin.htm](http://www.probus.org/bulletin.htm)

**NEXT MEETING**

**OCTOBER 7, 2008**

**ALL STARS ARENA**

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 am. Remember to bring your "Probus" mug!

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at [www.probus.org/8wasbcn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/8wasbcn.pdf) (Please contact the Editor if you do not have a computer.)

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:**

It would be appreciated if contributors could submit their items to Lyn Rice at [gl\\_rice@rogers.com](mailto:gl_rice@rogers.com) by the end of the third week of the month.

**MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2008-2009**

President:	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social:	Tom Donohue	429-0644
Vice-President:	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Membership:	Linda Willis	429-0467
Treasurer:	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Secretary:	Joanne Scruton	422-0976	50/50 Draw:	Kay Knab	429-5547
Past President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	New Members:	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Speakers:	Jan Bivall	429-7584	Goodwill:	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
	Diane Nagel	428-3209	Meet-your-Member:	Betty Keyes	429-6064
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