



# The Wasagan



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**AUGUST GENERAL MEETING**  
**TODAY'S SPEAKER: PAM HILLIER-211 COMMUNITY CONNECTION**  
**TODAY'S PROFILER: MARILYN RUSE**

**Deadline for membership renewals is at today's meeting. It will be assumed that members who do not pay have quit their membership. Please submit your check to Deborah Ferris at the "sign in" table.**

## **JULY SPEAKER**

Our speaker was Ron Emo from the Georgian Triangle Hospice. The hospice provides supportive care for individuals and families coping with terminal illness and bereavement. There is no charge for services and the hospice office is located in Collingwood. Trained volunteers offer comfort, emotional support and assistance with daily activities and also respite care so that family members can rest, run errands or rejuvenate. Bereavement support is also offered. For more information please call 705-444-2555

## **JULY PROFILER**

Frank Tate kept us entertained with stories and anecdotes of his life. There's not enough room in this newsletter for Frank's stories, but go ask him about them, he'll be happy to reminisce! In a nutshell here is a history of Frank's colorful past.

Frank was raised and schooled in north Toronto. In 1943 the Navy lured him into enlisting where he stayed for 2 ½ years. After being released from the Navy Frank returned to school and completed his grade 13. He went on to Teachers College and taught outside Parry Sound and then in Guelph where, in 1943, he met and married Eileen who was also a teacher. A year later they moved to Burks Falls where Frank was principal and Eileen taught in the primary school. From Burks Falls they moved to Napanee and then Etobicoke. For a while Frank was a school inspector for a huge area of northern Ontario. The traveling became too much so Frank took a job in Hastings amalgamating the small rural schools. He was forced to close many of the schools during the amalgamation. Retirement finally came in 1981 and Frank and Eileen spent many wonderful years traveling in Europe, Florida and Arizona and enjoying what life had to offer. After 53 years together, Eileen passed away and a year later in 2003 Frank moved to Wasaga Beach where he has made many new friends. Frank and Eileen had 5 children and Frank is now blessed with 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

## **PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BBQ HERITAGE PARK, ELMVALE WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**

As always, the BBQ was an event to be remembered. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time. There were games of bocce ball and horseshoes followed by a delicious lunch of chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, pasta salad and rolls. Various pastries were then served that we washed down with coffee and soft drinks. The hilarious games that came next ensured that everyone had a great time. Try passing a balloon held between your knees to an acquaintance and you won't be able to stop laughing. Playing catch with raw eggs and then with water balloons saw everyone screaming with delight. It was all great fun whether you were a participant or part of the cheering onlookers. Thanks go to Joan Porter and her enthusiastic social team for a terrific job.

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

**GOLF DAY** **MARLWOOD GOLF COURSE** **THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**  
Calling all golfers – GOOD, FAIR & WILLING! **Today is your last chance to purchase tickets!** Cost will be \$45.00 for golf, cart and dinner. Steak dinner only, will be \$20.00. Golf at 2 pm and dinner at 6 pm. There will be prizes for closest to pin for ladies and men and longest drive for ladies and men. A putting contest before dinner will test your capabilities! All golfers will receive a prize! There will also be a door prize and a raffle. **Anyone with a prize to donate for this event, please see Marilyn Ruse, Frank Tate, Gloria Harasowsky or Vivian Sheridan.**

**WINE TOUR** **NIAGARA REGION WINERIES** **THURSDAY, SEPT. 21**  
**Today is the last day to purchase your ticket for this spirited tour,** so get over to the sales table! Cost is \$86.00 per person. We need 7 more persons to sign up to make this tour a success! We'll be stopping at three wineries. First stop will be Herdner Estate Winery where we will sample three wines including their ice wine which will be served with cheese and crackers. Second stop will be Rockway Glen Golf Course & Winery. We'll take a tour of their antique wine museum after which lunch will be served overlooking the golf course with 3 one ounce wine selections offered. Each guest will receive a bottle of Rockway Glen wine to take home with them. Third stop is the family owned Konzelmann Estate Winery where we will sample three of their selections. We expect to return to Wasaga Beach Arena at approximately 7 pm. The tour includes transportation, lunch, taxes, gratuity and bottle of wine. The price is based on a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 50 per bus. This will be based on a first come, first served basis. The tour bus is by Hamilton Tours Ltd who will provide a tour guide. The bus will be air conditioned and have a washroom. Water will be supplied for the bus ride. Don't miss out on this great tour!

**CAR RALLY** **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
Once again Frank Tate and Birdie Hawkins will be sending us on a fun tour of the countryside! Frank's hard work in devising the route pays off in an afternoon of riotous antics and lots of laughs. Everyone has enjoyed the rally in past years and so we will keep you in suspense for the particulars.

**CRAFTERS SALE** **NOVEMBER 7 GENERAL MEETING**  
The November meeting will have our Crafter's sale set up for your benefit. If you are interested in selling your crafts, please see Doris Willis.

**SILENT AUCTION** **ALL STARS ARENA** **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
This year we will be holding the ever popular auction and lunch on a separate date from the monthly meeting. The auction holds plenty of fun and laughs. Come away with a new found treasure to mark the day! The auction will take place in the morning with lunch to follow.  
There is a sign up sheet at today's meeting for volunteers to bake squares and to prepare sandwiches. We would also like to see some men volunteer to be food servers at the event. Start searching through your cache of treasures for items valued between \$10 and \$20 to donate to the auction. We will be accepting the auction items at the September and October meetings. Cost will be \$7.50 per person and tickets will go on sale at the September meeting.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE POT LUCK** **DECEMBER 5 GENERAL MEETING**  
Get out your favorite recipe for this event. Everyone will be asked to bring a ½ dozen cookies to the meeting. We are asking our **MEN** to serve the cookies at the coffee break, so ladies, if you need to give your loved one a little coaxing, start now! Our entertainment is still being planned; we hope to give you a surprise!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
Mark your calendar for this one! The Christmas party promises to be a blast so dust off those dancing shoes and get ready to party! You have a few months to practice your steps and get in the mood.

## JULY'S LUCKY 60/40 DRAW WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$79.00 was won by Bob Harasowsky

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of \$33.00 was won by Judy Plowright

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of \$20.00 was won by Don McDonald

Gift certificate for Wasaga Casuals was won by Catherine Tait

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Dinner at our Place	Contact Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact Maggie Higgins	422-1338
*	Golfing Around	Contact Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835
*	YOYO's	Contact Shirley Hoskin	429-4378

**Dinner at our Place:** If you were part of our dinner group you would be looking forward to a great group social at our annual barbecue in August. The "Planning Committee" put together a menu that was varied with "something for everyone" to enjoy. We have appetizers that include meatballs, sausage rolls, a vegetable platter and dips, plus crackers with spreads. The chosen main courses will be: barbecued ribs, roast beef, and marinated chicken. Along with the above are: roasted mini-potatoes, green salad, coleslaw, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers with assorted baguettes. To end this feast our members will be enjoying wonderful berry and custard cakes for dessert with coffee & tea. If you would like to join a great group of people for a lovely evening of good conversation, much laughter and good food, please call me. We will be resuming our dinner club in September and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Come dine with us, we would love to have you join our group. Call Betty Keyes @ 429-6064

**The Happy Bookers Club's** membership is now full. If you wish to join your name will now be placed on a waiting list. We meet every 3rd Monday of the month. We are now on hiatus until Sept. when we will review "The Constant Gardener" at Clyffe House, a resort we are taking over for 3 days!!! Stay tuned to the Oct. Wasagan for all (or not all) of the next book review from our "first" Happy Bookers holiday. Call Joanne Scruton @ 422-0976 if you wish to be on the waiting list.

**The Fair Weather Walkers:** The walks always take place at Powerline Road. We will have the choice of either walking along the skidoo trail as we did during the winter, or we can use the forest trails. Also, the walking is never cancelled. We enjoy each other's company no matter who happens to show up. We have walked in blizzards, in downpours and while fending off Canada's other national bird (The mosquito!) So come along any Friday that you are able and be rewarded with a cup of Timmy's coffee afterwards. Call Gary Willis @ 429-7835 for more information.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Members take turns hosting the lunch, which is organized pot luck. It is a time of good food, laughter and gossip. We have a maximum membership limit of 12 ladies. Call Maggie Higgins @ 422-1338

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 Diane Nagel @ 428-3209 if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

The **YOYO's (You're On Your Own)** are a group of individuals looking for good fellowship and diverting outings to theatres, restaurants, bowling, etc. Call Shirley Hoskin @ 429-4378 for more information.

The **Golfing Around** group plays monthly from May to October at a different golf course each time. July and August games have been cancelled and play will resume in September. See or call Bill Travis @ 422-1148.

**“WANTED” OR “FOR SALE” ITEMS**

Check to see “What’s New”. If you would like to use this means of buying or selling give Betty Baker a call at 422-1909. A list is posted monthly on the bulletin board.

**JUST FOR LAUGHS!**

Bubba, a furniture dealer from Arkansas, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find. After arriving in Paris he met with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home in Arkansas.

To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine. As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house. Before long a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French (which he did not understand) and motioned toward the chair. He invited her to sit down. He tried to speak to her in English but she did not speak his language so, after a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded and he ordered a glass of wine for her. After sitting at the table for a while, he took another napkin and drew a picture of a plate with food on it and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet café that featured a small group playing romantic music. They ordered dinner after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded and they got up to dance. They danced until the café closed and the band was packing up. Back at the table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four poster bed. To this day, Bubba has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

**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 (Deborah Ferris) of any changes to your address, phone no., etc. We realize this is a continuing reminder, but it is very important!
- Wear your name tag to all Probus meetings and events.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402). If you don’t tell us, we may miss sending out a card. Get-well Wishes, Best Wishes, and Condolences to anyone we may have missed.
- Our New Members Ambassador, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached at 429-6064.

**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:**

Best wishes to those who celebrated in July!

**NEXT MEETING:**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2006**

**ALL STARS ARENA**

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00.

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at [www.probus.org/6wasbcrn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/6wasbcrn.pdf) (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer)

**MANAGEMENT TEAM**

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