



The Wasagan



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2012.

It is my hope that you all have had a most enjoyable Christmas and that you are now ready to tackle the new year with renewed gusto.

If you have made any New Years' resolutions I hope that you will be successful and relish the exhilaration of that success.

With every new year, we get the opportunity to renew our efforts to be better people, lose weight, stop smoking or whatever improvement we feel needs to be achieved. Very few of these resolutions come to fruition, but there is one that we can all make that can be achieved. Let's resolve to enrich our lives by being open to meeting new people and making new friends.

Gene Stephenson

MEETING ETIQUETTE

Awkward moment! Does this bother you? At the risk of sounding negative, how would you feel if someone made you feel unwelcome when you went to sit at "their" table? The management team is sad to learn that this does happen. No names, just info. We try to make all members feel welcome by having smiling and hugging greeters at the door. Let us resolve to make members feel welcome wherever they are in the room and especially if they decide to be friendly and sit with you.

THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING, **Olga Yates and Joe Baxter**.
If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

The Wasagan Online – Interested?

Tom Donohue, our newsletter editor, is wondering how many members would rather receive their issue of The Wasagan via email rather than pick it up at the meeting. As you can read elsewhere in this newsletter, you already have access to your newsletter online but not via email. If all the pieces fall into place, we may be having an online issue available in the next few months which will come to your inbox. But, you cannot have it both ways so you decide which way you would rather read it – online or hard copy. There are pros and cons. Pros: 1) we go green: we save the paper and save the printing costs even though they are small; 2) colour could be used and as well we could include photos of pertinent items and members; 3) you receive it before the meeting, read it in the privacy of your home and come prepared for social events and whatever else is happening at the meeting; 4) Tom has your email address and you will always receive a copy of the current issue before the meeting; 5) each special interest group can include photos (Are the groups paying attention?) to include with their reports making it much more interesting for all; 6) the social committee may include photos in their reports as well; 7) you will receive it even when you go to the sunny south for a break from winter; 8) we would not be restricted to only four pages but would

be able to have more pages due to larger fonts and photos(as well as more space instead of the cramming we often have); 9) there may be other benefits which may be undiscovered until we start. As for cons: 1) you have no reading material for the meeting; 2) Tom has your email address and this scares you.

Seriously, it is such a big deal, Tom may need an assistant or two to help out but the whole idea may not happen unless there is a great enthusiasm for it. We need big numbers to agree to go forward with it. So if you see a signup sheet, asking for your email address (we have most, I believe), sign up to receive the email version. Incidentally, there are people who do not have access to a computer and/or are unable to participate. They will continue to receive their hard copy in the regular way. If you are lucky enough to have a choice, sign up. We are still studying the proposal but will discontinue if there is not enough interest shown. Be patient if we chose to go with it. It may take a few months.

This is all predicated on Tom's computer staying healthy. It crashed recently and all his past Probus files were lost. This issue was done on a new computer. The lesson learned – backup all files.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

The Beachcombers **Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance** was held at the Collingwood Legion on Friday, December 3. 106 members attended and enjoyed a traditional Christmas turkey dinner and an evening of dancing and friendship. The hall was beautifully decorated and our DJ, Gene Stephenson, provided just the right music to keep the dance floor full for much of the evening. A very pleasant way to get the holiday season into full swing!!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

The following tickets are on sale at the social tables today.

<p style="text-align: center;">Bowling January 18th At Georgian Bowl Followed by dinner at Pizza Dee's</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Games Day Wednesday, Feb. 18 1:00 to 5:00 \$5.00 Wasaga Stars Arena</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ON SALE TODAY! Wednesday, March 28 at 11:00 AM</p> <p>Mini golf at the Putting Edge (34 Commerce Park Drive Barrie) to be followed by a light lunch of pizza, cold drinks and dessert at the Putting Edge. Cost is \$15.50 per person.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The social committee will have a survey for you to fill in today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENJOY</p>

DECEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$52.00 ---- **Pat Caron**

2nd prize of \$33.00 --- **Kathy Zack**

3rd prize of \$26.00 ---- **Linda Squires**

4th prize of \$20.00 ---- **Vincy Stephenson**

Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for LCBO was won by **Barbara Christie**

PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in January.

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 have 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!

Goodwill Cards were sent to members **Wayne Dobson** and **Marjorie Stanworth**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

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 have some interesting information regarding your group entered in the monthly newsletter, please contact the newsletter editor **Tom Donohue** by email at this special address at least a week before the next monthly meeting: **newslettertom@rogers.com**

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Restaurant Dinner Club	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	GOLF	We Need You	

Happy Bookers Club (at maximum membership)

For December the Happy Bookers discussed the books they selected at the September retreat: healer by Carol Cassella., Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel, Her Father's House by Belva Plain, Colony by Anne Rivers Siddon, State of Wonder by Ann Patchett, Ai Pedrito by L. Ron Hubbard, Escape by Barbara Delinsky, Losing It by Alan Cumyn, and The White Mary by Kira Salek. There were various opinions and different ratings. A good time was had with plenty of refreshments, stories and laughter.

Daytrippers

The Daytrippers stayed close to home for our last outing as we enjoyed the Wasaga Beach Theatre's production of 'The Mousetrap' All agreed, it was one of their best plays in recent memory with good casting and a ending that surprised many in the audience. Prior to the play the members feasted on Chinese food at The Bamboo Terrace. We are all looking forward to planning our future adventures, discovering other interesting places to visit in the New Year.

First Edition Book Club

For the month of December, the First Edition Book Club, celebrated the Christmas season with a pot-luck luncheon at the home of one of the members. The food was delicious, the conversations delightful, the wine and punch so smooth and we all had a joyous get together. During the luncheon some of us recounted memories of past Christmas seasons, read stories they had previously written or just proudly talked of their grandchildren's accomplishments. We all look forward to another year of friendship and interesting books to be read and discussed. Best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy new year.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion

Book Worms Club has ended their affiliation with Beachcombers.

ROMEO - Men's Breakfast Group

The ROMEO (Men's) Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In January we will be meeting at **GEORGIAN FAMILY CIRCLE RESTAURANT** on **WEDNESDAY JAN. 25, 2012 at 9:00AM**. We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579.

On behalf of the ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP we wish all a Happy New Year as we enter 2012.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math destruction.

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 Baker**, 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. When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of *The Wasagan* at www.probus.org/12wasbcnrn.pdf (Please contact the *The Wasagan* Editor if you do not have a computer.)

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2010-2011

President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201	Membership	Vincy and Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Vice-President	TBA		Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Don Caron	429-0308	Lucky Draw	Rickey Lemire & Sandra Hanson	422-1738 422-0227
Secretary	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social	Diane Nagel	428-3209
Speaker and Profiles Chair	TBA				

DEADLINE for submissions for February's newsletter is **January 31**. Anything submitted after this date will be placed in the **March** newsletter.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

THE WASAGA STARS ARENA

Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tag.