



The Wasagan



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FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING Today: David Robbins and lie detectors

President's Message



President Ron Hanson

February is upon us once again.....and with it, I hope there are no repeats of the "polar vortexes" that we experienced last month. I think we all would appreciate more sun and higher temperatures. This month includes the celebration of Valentine's Day on February 14th. As we all have matured in our lives (or gotten older), perhaps this celebration has meant less and less to us over the years. I can remember in my elementary school days being very excited and anxious about Valentine's Day. It was a great feeling to get these cards from your classmates. Hopefully you all shared similar memories, and in an attempt to recapture these memories, here is my Valentine's Wish to You.

*On Valentine's Day we think of those
Who make our lives worthwhile,
Those gracious, friendly people who
We think of with a smile.
I am fortunate to know you,
That's why I want to say,
To very special people:
Happy Valentine's Day*



Ron Hanson

OUR GREETERS

THANK YOU to our greeters last month **Gail & Ross Dawe**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.



Ross and Gail

JANUARY'S MEETING



Marilyn and Bill

As the original meeting date was cancelled due to the weather, we were unable to keep our scheduled speaker. But Speaker Chair **Marilyn Ruse** coaxed member **Bill Stockwell** to speak to us about something political as he is a self-proclaimed political junkie. **Bill** serves as Chair of the local Salvation Army Kettle Drive and he announced that we reached the total of \$37,000 in donations over the Christmas season. Then he proceeded to tell us a little about himself, his involvement in politics and then reviewed some of the past governments, decisions made and his concern about government by fiat. He told stories about the Toronto Islands, challenges with local Casinos and his days as General Manager of the Canadian National Exhibition (the C.N.E.). His best memory involved misspeaking during a speech at the Ex where he was introducing a children's play area. When he thanked the sponsor which was "Kentucky Fried Chicken", he renamed it "Kentucky Fried Children." We all enjoyed that one. **Marilyn** thanked **Bill** for stepping in on such short notice.

SOCIAL



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Pot Luck/Games Afternoon - TODAY



This popular event takes place today after our General Meeting. Many of us are looking forward to having fun.

Five Pin Bowling

10:30am, Wednesday, February 19

We will bowl 3 games of 5 pin at Collingwood Bowl and have lunch afterwards at Kelsey's in Collingwood. Cost is \$17.00 per person which includes your shoes. Lunch will be at your expense.

NOTE: We are looking for 1 - 4 more players to sign up, and payment is due at today's meeting.



This just in: A New Social Event

"Legends of Rock and Roll and Country Music Tribute"

Saturday, April 12th, 8 pm.

Meaford Arts Centre.

\$34.00 per person

(a group savings of \$6.00 pp)

Hurry for this one! Payment is due when signing up, as we buy the block of tickets at time of booking. Check out information at

<http://www.meafordhall.ca/>. We are hoping to have at least 25 members. Travel time is one

hour from Wasaga and car pooling is highly

recommended. For those interested, we can meet for dinner in Meaford before the show. This is a popular event with 80 costume changes, with 15 superstars highlighted, and with a spectacular sound and light show. It is selling out fast so get your tickets today.



Ripley's Aquarium Friday, May 23, 2014

The cost is \$50.00 per person which includes lunch and transportation by coach to downtown Toronto. Cheques are due now for those who have signed up (to confirm your place on the bus) and may be postdated to May 1st. We have a waiting list as we are at capacity for the coach.

For more information please Google www.ripleysaquariumofcanada.com.

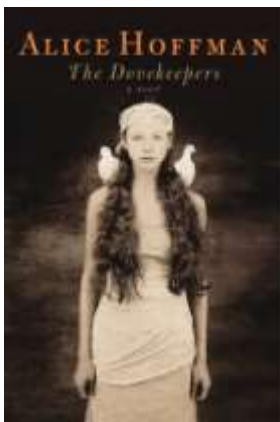
It is highly recommended for all ages. .



Probus Snowbirds should contact **Penny Rivait** via email at evpenrivait@rogers.com if they wish to sign up to go on any excursion.

Lots more to come in 2014, so make sure you read your newsletters. **Probus Snowbirds** stay in touch so you do not miss up and coming events for spring and summer.

[First Edition Book Club](#)



Our group read [The Dovekeepers](#) by Alice Hoffman. The novel, a historical fiction, is divided into four principal parts, each narrated by four main female characters who have found refuge at Masada and depict the lives and beliefs of women in 70 C.E. The main characters are: **Yael**, an assassin's daughter whose father cannot forgive her for her birth, which killed her mother; **Revka**, a woman whose happy life as a baker's wife is shattered by the destruction of her village; **Aziza**, who was raised as a boy by a warrior stepfather; and **Shirah**, whose

practice of magic is both sought after and feared. The perspective of each woman depicts the fears, the determination and resilience of these women as they navigate through a life rife with danger. The setting takes place during ancient Roman times and is based on the true story of the Roman war against the Jewish stronghold that claimed the lives of 900 rebels and their families.

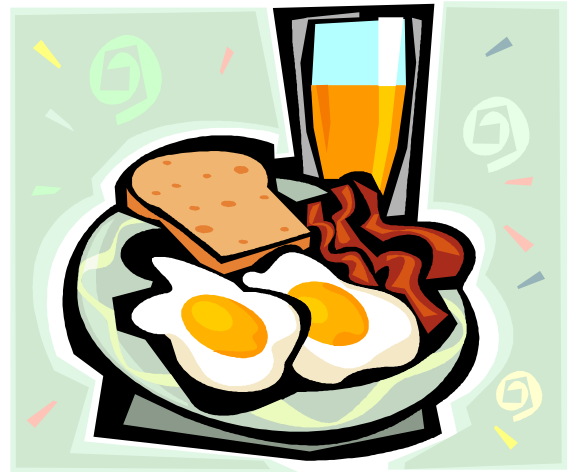
The group rated the novel a 3.5. Several members enjoyed it while others would not recommend it.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. We started the New Year off with approximately 17 enjoying breakfast on Wednesday **January 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM** at Georgian Circle Family Restaurant.

We now have 25 serious **ROMEOS'** on our list who enjoy breakfast and 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.

Our next breakfast is scheduled for **9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at Sunset Grill in the Stonebridge Plaza.** .



Betty, Velvet and Sam celebrate their wins.

JANUARY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

First prize \$40.00	Betty Baker
Second prize \$30.00	Sam Ritchie
Third prize \$26.00	Velvet Van Ravenstein

\$25.00 to Treasurer.

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





BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in February.

GOODWILL

Cards were sent to **Don Belgum** and **Mary Searl**. 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.



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) and/or **Jan Bivall** (429-7584).

MARCH: Collin Dobell - Stop the Drop

APRIL: Milan Sombarac DDS "Your Mouth. Your Health"

MAY: Elaine Choral: "Graphologist" (Hand Writing)

JUNE: Keith Hunter: "Mentalist"

JULY: Thomas McCavour: Author (Bloody Diamonds)



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

New member ambassador **Betty Montgomery** introduced **Dave and Ann Robbins** to our club as President **Ron Hanson** gives his approval.



L to R **Betty, Dave, Ron** (behind) and **Ann**

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!

Our 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 Probud 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/14wasbcnrn.pdf (Please contact *The Wasagan* Editor if your friend does 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, it will be 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	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Porter	429-9260	Happy Bookers Club	Jan Bivall	429-7584
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Daytrippers	June Davidson	422-0960	ROMEO - Men's Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
Dinner at our Place	Diane Nagel	422-0835	Restaurant Dinner Club	WE NEED YOU NOW	
First Edition Book Club	Rickey Lemire	422-1738	New group, anyone?		

AND if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups above or you 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 publication date: t.donohue@rocketmail.com (Note, it may or may not make it into the issue.)

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2013-2014

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
Speakers and Profiles Chair	Marilyn Ruse Jan Bivall	422-0271 429-7584		Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR MARCH'S NEWSLETTER BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The Final Word on One Topic of Last Month's Quiz

Editor's Note: I must confess that hurricanes do **NOT** "touch down." You were all right. Among action words I should have used: they hit, they make landfall, and they strike. Mea culpa. Me paenitet



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little boy is one of our Probus members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize him? All will be revealed at February's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor. Last month we featured **Penny Rivait** (see photo below for **Penny** today)

Thanks Folks!

I am happy to report that several photos were submitted by members which will keep this space going. There may only be enough until the end of winter, that is, if it ever ends. So keep those old black and whites or sepias coming.

THE BABY PHOTO LINEUP



“Is it subject number 1?” Which one of these ladies is our baby featured in last month's issue? It was Penny, third from the left. Many were fooled.

Our Archivist

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

SEE YOU THIS COMING TUESDAY, February 4, 2014



February 2, 2014

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

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014
WASAGA STARS ARENA**

SOME HUMOUR

Valentine's Day Dream

After she woke up, a woman told her husband, "I just dreamed you gave me a diamond necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening the husband came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it--to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

What day is today?

Over breakfast one morning, a woman said to her husband, "I'll bet you don't know what day this is." "Of course I do," he answered as if he was offended, and left for the office.

At 10:00 a.m., the doorbell rang and when the woman opened the door, she was handed a box of a dozen long stemmed red roses. At 1:00 p.m., a foil-wrapped, two-pound box of her favorite chocolates was delivered. Later, a boutique delivered a designer dress.

The woman couldn't wait for her husband to come home.

"First the flowers, then the chocolates and then the dress!" she exclaimed.

"I've never had a more wonderful Groundhog Day in my life!"

It's All in a Name

The English language has some wonderfully anthropomorphic collective nouns for the various groups of animals. We are all familiar with a herd of cows, a flock of chickens, a school of fish, a gaggle of geese, and a pride of lions. However, less widely known are: a murder of crows (as well as their cousins the rooks and ravens), an exaltation of doves and presumably because they look so wise: a congress of owls. Now consider a group of baboons. They are the loudest, most dangerous, most obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and arguably, least intelligent of all primates.....and what is the proper collective noun for a group of baboons? Believe it or not ... it's a parliament.

YEP....A PARLIAMENT OF BABOONS! Hmmmmm...

Who Should Make the Coffee?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here so you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides it says in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that! Show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says, "HEBREWS."