



The Wasagan



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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKERS: PETER MCDONALD and LLOYD SUMMERVILLE
BLUE MOUNTAINS CLUB, BRUCE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

MAY SPEAKER

Unfortunately, Kent Douglas was unable to join us due to medical commitments, but we had a lively talk from Jim Morrison. Jim started as a kid practising hockey outside on the rinks in Montreal. Sam Pollack was coach of the Junior B Montreal team when Jim played for them. He won the Memorial Cup when he played Junior A in Barrie. He then went to the Boston Bruins and was later traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs. His first time on the ice, he went over the boards and immediately fell flat as he had tape on his skate. He started as a forward but the team later changed him to a defenseman to conform to the rules of keeping players at the NHL level rather than moving them back and forth from the farm team, and Jim played defense after that. In 1966 he won an award for best defenseman. After his playing career, Jim got involved with the Bruins and coached in Kingston in Junior A. His team got to the finals of the O.H.A. and several of his players have gone onto the N.H.L. He was a pro scout for 16 years but said that wasn't a career for a family man as you have to travel the world all winter.

Jim was saying that when the draft started, players were put on lists and the teams owned the players' amateur and professional playing rights. Now the draft goes world-wide; it is universal including college and European players. He also said that today's players are larger, heavier and faster as the equipment is about 50% lighter than it was in his day and it is much more competitive getting into the N.H.L.

It was an interesting look into a world most of us know little about.

MAY 21st PAST SOCIAL EVENT: DANCING WITH THE STARS MURDER/MYSTERY

Forty-two Probust members had a lovely day on Wednesday, May 21st. when we motor coached to the beautiful Old Mill in Toronto for a fabulous buffet lunch and Theatre show aptly named *Dancing with the Stars can be Murder*. Little did we know of the talents of our beloved Frank Tate (the Handyman with a Tool) who was awarded a score of 11 with his beautiful partner (and also the killer) Mary Kate Lohanspears. Frank had such a great time that they could not get him to sit down. And who knew Birdie Hawkins was a drug dealer?? Olga Yates was a music judge, Rod Ranta a Bolshi ballet instructor, Gloria, Kathy, Irene, Mary and Linda were taught a ballet number called the Chicken Ballet by Tatiana Imasonova. Tom and Bob were assumed to be the men in the balcony on the Muppet Show. Joe Baxter was a hair stylist who has just come out of the closet with Bruno (one of the judges) - Judy Hutton was Bruno's mother. Shirley Allan putted along in song with Ryan Seafoam. To explain all of this is really quite impossible -- you had to be there. A nice stop for wine tasting at Magnotta Winery on our way home topped off a great day. Thanks for coming, folks - submitted by Betty Baker

WASAGAN FAREWELL

Ken and I will be leaving this wonderful town soon and so we have turned the job of newsletter editor over to Jan Bivall who will capably carry on until the next election. I hope that whoever takes on the job in August will find it as rewarding and as stimulating as we did.

We are moving to St. Thomas (unfortunately not the St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, but the St. Thomas south of London Ontario). We will be in a small town but close to a big city and all that it has to offer. Less snow there as well! Our main regret is that we are leaving behind all the friends that we have made at the "Beach" and we will certainly miss the wonderful spirit of this little town. We look forward with excitement to our move but we also feel regret at what we will be giving up. Change is always a risk but it is one that we are ready to take. Perhaps we will see some of you in Florida next winter as we will be spending January and February in Panama City Beach.

As Mr. Spock used to say – "Live long and prosper."

Maggie & Ken

PROBUS ELECTIONS for 2008-2009

We thank the people who have agreed to continue in the following positions or have moved into the position:

Past President: Tom Donohue

Membership: Linda Willis

President: Betty Baker

Goodwill Convener: Marilyn Ruse

Treasurer: Kathy Zack

Speaker Conveners: Jan Bivall & Diane Nagel

Secretary: Joanne Scruton

50/50 – Kay Knab

Refreshments: Brian & Susan Passmore

The club needs people to fill the following positions:

Newsletter

Social Chairperson (this is arguably the most important role in the club's executive)

New Member Ambassador

Back-ups for the Secretarial and Refreshment positions for when these people are on holidays

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

JUNE 26th: Variety Night and Dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion in Collingwood. Ticket price is \$25.00 a person and includes a three course chicken dinner and the show. Several performers have already come forward but there is room for more. Rumor has it that an in (famous) "Boy Band" will be performing! Perhaps even a "girl" group as well. We welcome singers, dancers, skits, comedians and musicians to sign up. We guarantee that you will have an appreciative audience. We also welcome you to be a member of the audience – everyone cannot be a performer. Come and see your fellow Beachcombers like you have never seen them before. Today is the last day to buy tickets.

JULY 22nd – Annual Picnic at Heritage Park in Elmvale. Burger Bob will be catering again this year and he promises that the corn will be cooked this time!

AUGUST – Annual Golf Tournament. Date to be announced.

DECEMBER 5th – Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance. Mark your calendars.

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.

MAY LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$64.40 was won by Bill Travis

2nd Prize of \$40.25 was won by Tom Donohue

3rd Prize of \$32.20 was won by Erie Vanderknokke

4th Prize of \$24.15 was won by Kathy Zack

Gift certificate for Hanna Nails was won by Kay Knab

Best wishes to those who celebrated their birthday or anniversary in May!

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 Lucille Mancer	422-0143
* Happy Bookers	Contact Mary Barnes	429-2142
* Dinner at our Place	Contact Betty Keyes	429-6064
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835

“**Dinner at our Place**” is a group of 40 members who enjoy socializing in our homes once a month for a wonderful evening of dining, good conversation and much laughter. There are 5 houses with 8 people at each house enjoying these evenings. Everyone participates as we rotate the responsibilities and dinner guests each month. At Christmas we choose to have a group social, serving delicious appetizers and desserts. In August the members join together at a group barbecue with everyone bringing an array of wonderful dishes for all to enjoy throughout the evening.

If you would like to join our group on the “Substitute” roster when others are on vacation, please give me a call. We welcome your participation with this super group of members.

Betty Keyes - 429-6064, keyes1@sympatico.ca

The **Happy Bookers Club** is at maximum membership.

Our May selection was *Talk to the Hand* by Lynne Truss, a British author. The book is a rant about society’s increasing rudeness which, she says, makes her want to ‘stay home and bolt the door.’ The six elements of rudeness that she focuses on are: 1. people no longer saying ‘please and thank-you’ in return for courteous behaviours shown to them and here she includes discourteous drivers 2. businesses requiring us to do their work through automated telephone systems, internet research for information and having to notify credit card companies of your travel plans 3. people interfering with your privacy through cell-phone calls that you overhear, littering and graffiti in public places 4. what she calls the ‘Eff-off Reflex’ where rather than taking responsibility for actions, people respond aggressively 5. showing no respect for others and 6. expecting others to take responsibility for your actions. We weren’t convinced things were really as bad as Truss seems to think, but she offered no solutions other than to restate that manners should be based on a voluntary charity, a system of mutual, civil respect that benefits the giver and the receiver. There were some interesting ideas but little consistency so no members recommended the book and the few that gave it a rating, gave it only a 1. For once the membership was unanimous in saying this was a loser book.

The **First Edition** Book Club We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month and at this time have reached our maximum of 10 members.

For the month of May it was decided that each member would present literature which they found particularly interesting. In the poetry selections we enjoyed “IF” by Rudyard Kipling, a humorous reading of “When I am an old woman I shall wear purple”, and another chose quotes and thoughts honouring mothers. “Look at it this Way” was a fascinating look at the way we think. Novels included old favorites: *The Shell Seekers* and *Tara Road*. One member chose a book of short stories about Native American Healing, and another read a hilarious take on the trip to Bethlehem, with a twist, as it was from the viewpoint of the donkey! We have a writer in our group and she read a chapter from her latest work in progress. One of the most interesting and personal profiles was a member’s published family history in a leather bound book, dating from Ireland in 1797 and progressing to Canada, up to the year 1987.

Everyone agreed this unusual format resulted in a very entertaining afternoon. Submitted by: Betty Keyes

The **Fair Weather Walkers**, as the name implies, walk when the weather cooperates. However we have been caught in downpours and blizzards but have always managed to complete the course. The route begins at the Powerline Road Skidoo trail and except for two small hills, is easy to walk. Our pace is unhurried yet steady and gives us plenty of time (about an hour) to observe the ever changing world around us. We have been known to see deer, a variety of birds, the occasional porcupine and even a black bear. (But he was too far away to cause us too much worry!) Please join our friendly group any Friday at 1:30. We enjoy laughter and good conversation which always carries to Tim Horton’s afterwards.

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

MIKE McCLUSKEY – MARATHON MAN

Mike completed the Mississauga Marathon of 42.2 km in 3 hours, 48 minutes. He was fifth in his age category (we didn't ask what that was) in a field of 400 runners. Mike raised \$1000.15 for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign and has qualified to run in the next Boston Marathon. Congratulations!

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 Probus 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, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached @ 429-6064.

PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probud Clubs. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm

NEXT MEETING

JULY 8, 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!

*** Please note that the July 1 meeting date has been changed to July 8 and it will be held at the All Stars Arena.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your Beachcombers Probud membership is coming up for Renewal. The Renewal fee is \$25.00 per person and Linda Willis will be happy to take your cheque, post dated to August 1, 2008 at either the June or July meeting. The cheque should be made payable to 'Beachcombers Probud - Wasaga Beach'.

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/8wasbcern.pdf (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer). Please note that the number 7 in the website address has changed to number 8 to reflect the new year of 2008.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Vice-President:	Betty Baker	422-1909	Membership:	Linda Willis	429-0467
Treasurer:	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Social:	Irene Donohue	429-0644
Secretary:	Joanne Scruton	422-0976	60/40 Draw:	Kay Knab	429-5547
Past President:	Christina Armstrong	429-7805	New Members:	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Speakers:	Jan Bivall	429-7584	Goodwill:	Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
	Diane Nagel	428-3209	Newsletter:	Jan Bivall	429-7584