



The Wasagan



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MAY'S GENERAL MEETING

Today's Speaker: We welcome Laurel Finney who will discuss Nancy Island

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Mother's Day and Victoria Day, both celebrated this month. Is there a connection between a Queen's birthday and a day set aside for the celebration of mothers? Are not all mothers Queens in their children's eyes?

We may not have all been as close to our mothers as we may have wanted to be, but they are never far from our thoughts. We can celebrate this day for the first woman in our lives with flowers, candy, a lovely dinner out or just a quiet visit. However, as we know, all most mothers really want is their families around them.

Welcome home to all the 'snowbirds'. I hope you had a warm and relaxing winter. It is time to get back into the swing of things.

Gene Stephenson

THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR APRIL MEETING,
Judy Morrison and **Marilyn Ruse**. If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.



Rickey Lemire introduced the morning's guest speaker Jamie Lewis who talked about the Simcoe County Museum and the many wonderful programmes which are offered. An interesting slide show accompanied her talk. The importance of

volunteers was noted and many members asked questions after the very enjoyable presentation. It was apparent that many members have visited the museum. **Rickey** thanked Jamie and offered a token of our appreciation. Incidentally, feedback from Jamie indicated that she had received calls from our members about summer activities for grandchildren and information about the volunteer programme.

Birdwatching Presentation

Also, in April's meeting, **Robin** and **Sharon Wood** presented their slides from an Asian bird watching trip they made in 2010. The various slides were spectacular viewing. The informative talk, given by **Sharon**, was almost national geographic in nature. From the attention and reactions of the audience, it was all very well presented and enjoyed. Thanks to **Sharon** and **Robin** for sharing their passion with us.

It's here!

BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS PHOTO CONTEST LAST CHANCE TO ENTER IS THIS MONTH



The deadline is this month - **May 15**. You **MUST** have your entry photo(s) in by the

deadline date. Please bring them to the next meeting on May 1, if you can. Judges have been lined up to shortlist the finalists in this competition, if needed. Members must submit their photos in a 5 by 7 format (name and category printed clearly on the back) to any member of the management team **no later than May 15**. The categories again are: people, travel, children, animals, landscapes and black and white. So start snapping and picking out your favorite(s) for submission. No enhanced or "photo shopped" pictures, please. Final judging in each category will take place at the June general meeting by all members attending the meeting. There will be no speaker at this meeting. Our judges will select an overall winner of the show. There are prizes in each category to be won so focus. You could win if you are the only entrant.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

The Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament which was the planned event for April 19 had to be cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

Refunds will be given to those members who paid.

In the photo are the social Committee members from left: Ernie, Judy, Diane, Joanne and Joan.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Look for information about the following events at the social tables today.

<p>May be sold out! A Night at the Races Georgian Downs 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 Includes dinner, coffee, etc, gratuities, taxes. \$37.00 per person</p>	<p>Tickets on sale today for Miss Midland Thursday, June 21st, 4:30-7:00 PM Enjoy a cruise on the first day of summer. It features a buffet dinner (chicken, beef, veggies and desert) as well as music. \$55.00 per person</p>
<p>TICKETS ON SALE today for the Annual Summer Picnic: Tuesday, July 17th Catered at Wasaga Sports Park On Klondike Park Road \$15.00 per person Suggestions for new activities needed.</p>	<p>Upcoming Event Mark Your Calendars 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 16th "Blue Suede Shoes" at Kings Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene</p>



APRIL LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

In the photo at left are ticket sellers Sandy and Joan.

1st prize of \$42.00 ---- **Judy Hutton**
2nd prize of \$26.25 --- **Tom Donohue**
3rd prize of \$21.00 ---- **Betty Keyes**
4th prize of \$15.75 ---- **Larry Ruse**
Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Ritchie's Garden Centre was won by **Marilyn Ruse**.

NOTICE ABOUT LUCKY DRAW TICKET SALES

Please be sure to get your tickets upon arriving. They will NOT be sold at the break.

PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES Best wishes to all those who celebrate in May.

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 **Jon Sutman, Judith Harrison and Heide Haessler.**

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.

AND 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 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 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	

The Happy Bookers Club is at maximum membership.

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand is a World War II story of survival, resilience and redemption. It is an inspiring and extraordinarily moving true story about Louie Zamperini, a rebellious juvenile who became an Olympic athlete, and a gifted runner. He joined the Army Air Corps and trained as an air bombardier. During a search and rescue mission, his plane crashed into the Pacific. He survived 47 days on a



disintegrating life raft in shark-infested waters only to spend the rest of the war in a Japanese P.O.W. camp where he was tortured. A recommended read.

First Edition Book Club is at maximum membership.

In April, the First Edition Book Club read **The Glass Castle** by Jeannette Walls. This is a true story of a dysfunctional family who lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns and camping out in the mountains. They eventually moved to a dismal West Virginia mining town called Welch. The father, Rex, was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when

sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary, the mother, painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. Jeannette and her siblings had to fend for themselves and finally found the resources and will to leave home. In spite of adversity and the parents' betrayals, Jeannette still had deep affection for her parents. She had the intelligence and tenacity to get out and carve a successful life on her own terms. The book was enjoyed by all and was rated 4.5 out of 5



Dickens

This was not the Charles Dickens classic we are familiar with, but an adapted version where the audience is transported 150 years. It focuses on the great events in British history, starting with Victoria becoming Queen of England, on through the decades to the most recent

'Occupy London' protest movement held in 2011. The story remains the same with 'Pip' the main character, who finds out that wealth can help or corrupt, learns about good versus evil, and the meaning of friendship and love. Pip also comes to realize that acceptance of consequences comes down to one's choices in life.

The set decorations throughout this play were stark no matter what era. All were performed with a series of various sized cubes. It was a very clever use of bare bones staging. In addition, there were also a few musical numbers in this production which were performed by the four actors who all execute dual roles with ease. Our members gave it a 'thumbs up' for its innovative format and clever adaptation of a classic.

The Daytrippers

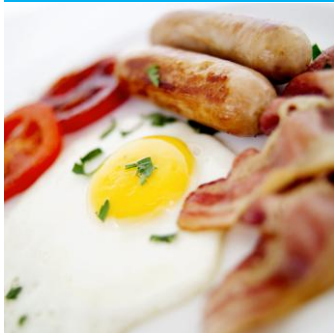
The Daytrippers most recent journey was to see an updated production of the classic Great



Expectations at The Mady Centre for the Performing Arts. This play was produced by a theatre company called 'TIFT' (Talk is Free Theatre). Their

various plays are showcased at this small intimate theatre which is located in downtown Barrie at 'The Five Points'.

ROMEO - Men's Breakfast Group



The **ROMEO** Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. This month we will be meeting at **GEORGIAN CIRCLE FAMILY RESTAURANT** on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM**. We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call **Bob Bowyer** at 705-429-0579.

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.)



Thanks to Joe and Olga for taking care of the coffee and cookies while Susan and Brian were away.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2011-2012

President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201		Membership	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
Vice-President	Betty Baker	422-1909		Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Don Caron	429-0308		Lucky Draw	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Secretary	Betty Keyes	429-6064		Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765		Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909		Social	Diane Nagel	428-3209
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Rickey Lemire	422-1738				

DEADLINE for submissions for June's newsletter is **Thursday, May 24th**. Anything submitted after this date will be placed in the July's newsletter.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS – dedicated to Mothers everywhere

My mother taught me LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me GENETICS. "You're just like your father."

My mother taught me IRONY. "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You're going to get it when you get home!"

My mother taught me about CHOICE. "Do you want me to stop this car?" (Or was that Dad?)



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 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.