



The Wasagan



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JULY'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: **Thomas McCavour: Author (Bloody Diamonds)**



President's Message

I hope that you have been taking advantage of the social activities that have been planned over that last several weeks. I have heard good reports from those who attended the functions. Now that we are officially into summer, don't miss out on our ever popular July barbeque/picnic as this is always well attended by the members. I have it on good authority that it is going to be a weather friendly day.

Now for the commercial message...

At the risk of sounding like a broken record I am asking once again, for you, the membership to step forward and volunteer for the executive positions that need to be filled. Remember.....without the full executive committee in place at this month's meeting, the club cannot continue. So come to the meeting early....ask questions about the positions....we are more than pleased to eliminate your concerns or hesitation.

Ron Hanson

THANK YOU to our greeters last month **Betty and Charlie Baker**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**. Greeters in July will be **Kathy and John Dunnett**.



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JUNE'S MEETING

Keith Hunter: "Mentalist" entertained us with a short history of magic and magicians. He astounded us with his quick mathematical mind by creating a table based on someone's age where the numbers all added up to the person's age in a multitude of directions. It was a very enjoyable show.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

At the last meeting Betty and Ron welcomed new members **Russ White** and **Carol Stonehouse**.
Left to right: Betty, Russ, Carol and Ron



SOCIAL

A VISIT TO MILLER'S DAIRY FARM



Many members enjoyed the visit to Miller's Dairy Farm.

MURDER IN THE ORIENT

Audience and actors alike enjoyed a nice buffet luncheon before the performance.



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Above: the cast presents director Joanne Scruton with a bouquet of flowers.



Social Committee Chair, Left, Penny Rivait presents prizes to lucky winners.

SOME OF THE SUSPECTS IN THE MURDER MYSTERY



Left: The two Rons (L, Ron Searl and Ron Hanson) played the roles of gangsters, looked very guilty just before performing on stage.

Right: Doris Willis, in the role of an arrogant "world famous actress," played a surprising relative to key cast members.

Below: Betty Baker and Tom Donohue played the roles of righteous religious American missionaries as well as a married couple.



Below: Tony Svirplys, left played the detective who solved the case by carefully listening to all the clues.



**ONLY THOSE
WHO
ATTENDED KNOW WHO IS
THE REAL MURDERER**



Brian and Stan performed a sumo “dance” during the intermission.

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ALL MURDER MYSTERY PHOTOS BY EVERETT RIVAIT. Thank you, Everett.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Simcoe County/Flying Monkeys tours is sold out. Will all those attending please meet at Simcoe County Museum by 10 am. July 11th?



Probus BBQ – July 22nd. The **July 8th** meeting will be the **last chance to sign up** as after that the event will be closed. Please bring your own lawn chairs if you desire more comfort as the Gazebo on site seats over 100 people on large benches. If you have a favourite game, please bring it along and our social committee will also be offering bingo, and some other outdoor fun activities.

Island Queen 30,000 island cruise will take place on **Monday, Aug. 18th**. Arrival time at the pier will be 12 PM and departure time is 1:00 pm. Food and beverage are sold on board but you can bring in a soft cooler bag what you would like to eat and drink. No alcohol. **Cost is \$32.00 per person** which is our group rate. Normally the cost would be \$43.00 pp. **SIGN UP SHEET AND PAYMENT will be at our July meeting.** Please check their website for more details.



Please look forward to our **Georgian Hills Vineyard tour and dinner on Sept. 17th**. The sign up and payment will be offered at our August meeting. \$20.00 per person for the tour and wine/cheese tasting and dinner at members expense at the Crystal Palace, Collingwood. Please check their website for more details.

****The Social Committee will need 4 volunteers to run**

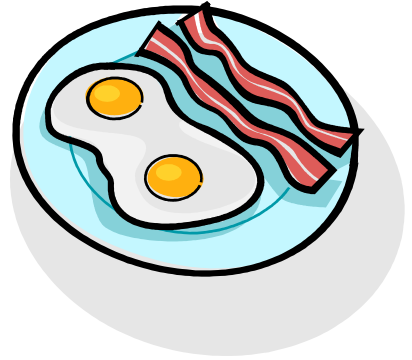
events for the coming term. Bring your new ideas for excursions to our members and enjoy meeting and working with individuals in our community.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday** of the month for fellowship, and breakfast. In June we had 8 for breakfast and conversation at YAMMAS GRILL, and then most of us left for the murder mystery at the Collingwood Legion.

We now have 29 serious **ROMEO'S** on our list, who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We average about 18 for breakfast. 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, JULY 30, 2014** at **Mosley Street Grill**.



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB



In June, the First Edition Book Club read The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton. The story begins when a young 4 year-old girl is abandoned on a ship headed for Australia in 1913. She arrives completely alone with nothing but a small suitcase containing a few clothes, a hairbrush and a beautiful volume of fairy tales. She is taken by the dock master and his wife and raised as their own. They name her Nell and on her twenty-first birthday they tell her the truth about herself. Nell is devastated and sets out to England to try to trace her real identity. Her quest leads her to Blackhurst Manor on the Cornish coast and the secrets of the Montrachet family. It is not until Nell's granddaughter, Cassandra, takes up the search after Nell's death that all the pieces of the puzzle are assembled. At Cliff Cottage, Cassandra discovers the forgotten garden and is able to unlock the secrets of the book of fairy tales. The story is filled with unforgettable characters that play an intricate part in the spellbinding plot. The book had mixed reviews and was rated 3.75

out of 5 by our book club members.



Thanks from
All The
PROBUS Members
Betty !!! xoxo

All the BEST and Enjoy
your new Adventure...



Right:
This is a
special
luncheon
for
members
of the
First
Edition
Book
Club
wishing

all the best to Betty.

HALE AND FAREWELL: the following two articles outline changes in members' lives for different reasons.

GOOD LUCK BETTY and THANKS

Betty Montgomery has resigned from her post and is leaving Wasaga Beach. We thank her for work as our **PROBUS** New Member Ambassador and wish her much happiness in her new location. Betty Baker will fulfill the responsibilities for the next month or two. We will be looking for a new person to take on the role in the next management team.

GOODWILL AND TELEPHONE COMMITTEE: THANKS SHIRLEY

Shirley Brett, our Goodwill Ambassador and **Keith Brett** are currently in Blue Mountain Manor in Stayner, and it is doubtful that **Shirley** will be able to continue in her role. We thank her for her work in **PROBUS** and wish her and Keith hale and farewell. **Betty Baker, who is completing the term,** advises that cards were sent out to the following: **Joan Bowyer, Shirley & Keith Brett, Betty Keyes, Keith & Margorie Stanworth and David & Linda Marshall.**

Upcoming Speakers



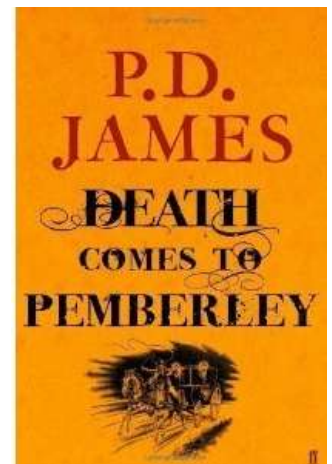
It has been decided to give you advance notice of who the speakers are and their areas of expertise so you can prepare for the meeting and perhaps even send questions in ahead of the meeting to assist the speaker with specific areas of interest. If there is a specific topic of interest you would like to cover please contact **Marilyn Ruse** (422-0271) and/or **Jan Bivall** (429-7584).

JULY: Thomas McCavour: Author (Bloody Diamonds)

AUGUST: Marion Ford (Nordix Pole Walking)

The Happy Bookers

Another Book Club year closed with a good meeting at Chris'. The book we read was Death Comes to Pemberley by P.D. James. It is a pretend sequel to Pride and Prejudice. We decided that while the book certainly picks up a lot of the threads of Pride and Prejudice, James' writing does not compare with Jane Austen's. Many people found the book dragged in places and was tough reading. Apparently if you are a P.D. James' fan, there are better books of hers to read. We gave it a 3.25 rating.



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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in July.

JUNE LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

First prize \$50.00
Second prize \$42.00
Third prize \$28.00
\$40 Gift Certificate

Carole Stonehouse
Jim Smith
Bob Bowyer
Vallerie Willock



Happy Lucky Draw winners, Left to Right: Valerie, Jim, Carol and Bob

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

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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our New Member Ambassador, now **Betty Baker**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities

MEMBERSHIP

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.

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/14wasbcn.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	Betty Baker	422-1909
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765		Archives	Everett Rivait	422-1573
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909		Social	Penny Rivait	422-1573
Speakers and Profiles Chair	Marilyn Ruse Jan Bivall	422-0271 429-7584		Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644

Editor's Thanks: To Harry Durrant for importing the newsletter to his website and sending us the link. Great support, Harry. Thanks.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR AUGUST'S NEWSLETTER BY MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014 and use the email address: t.donohue@rocketmail.com

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**.

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 today's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor.

LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY MEMBER



Last month it was **Tony Svirplys**. **Has he changed much?** Thanks to all volunteers who joined the lineup.

WHO NEEDS YOU?
YOUR BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS CLUB
NEEDS YOU.

NO SPECIAL SKILLS REQUIRED

YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON THE MANAGEMENT TEAM IF:

YOU HAVE A SPARE 2 OR 3 HOURS A MONTH;

AND

YOU ENJOY LAUGHING AND BEING WITH OTHER LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE.

**SEE YOU THIS TUESDAY,
9:30 am, July 8, 2014
At the RecPlex**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014
at the RECPLEX**