



The Wasagan



Official Newsletter of Beachcombers Probus – Wasaga Beach, Ontario
 International Website: www.probus.org Newsletter Site: www.probus.org/5wasabcr
 May 3, 2005 Volume 2, Issue 10

Newsletter Editors: Crystal & Glenn Martin.....429-0307 E-mail: g_c.martin@sympatico.ca

MAY GENERAL MEETING
COMMUNITY MOMENT: Arbor Day, May 7

SPEAKER: Norm Snoddon
OPP Forensics Identification Unit

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

As we had no profiler for this meeting we as interim editors have decided to introduce ourselves to you as fill in editors for "The Wasagan". We are Margie and Lindsay Brannen, originally Bluenosers and as the cod fisheries depleted we set sail for the trout waters of Georgian Bay in 1968. Lindsay spent 32 years with LOF Glass (now Pilkington) in Collingwood in various positions up to Plant Manager in his final years. Margie was a teacher in Collingwood and Stayner starting off as an Elementary teacher and retiring as school librarian.

Our family consists of a son, daughter, daughter-in-law, grandson and granddaughter. Our son and his family live in Grimsby and our daughter lives in Canmore, Alberta.

Doing volunteer work for various groups has been a big part of our lives- Cancer Society, Library work and helping a family with triplets for Margie- United Way, coaching hockey and softball and the Anglers Association for Lindsay.

Our leisure hours have been taken up with tennis, curling, skiing, snowshoeing, golf and fishing.

We have been residents of Wasaga Beach for 11 years after spending 25 years in Collingwood and being avid boaters we are thoroughly enjoying our home on Georgian Bay.

Speakers

Luanne Dorian of the Wasaga Beach Cancer Society spoke to us regarding April as cancer month and the need for volunteer canvassers. Money from last years canvass reached \$18,000.00. 49% of the money raised goes to research, 33% goes to community services, 6% to administration and 12% to fund raising. Anyone interested in helping the Cancer Society could call Luanne.

Our Featured Speaker this month was **Anita Miles**, manager of the Collingwood Museum. Anita is a native of Collinwood, born in a shipbuilding family. She attended York University on Scholarship and later Algonquin College in the Applied Museum Studies Programme. After graduation she worked for several years on a history site in Kemptville and in 1999

she returned to Collingwood to work as an exhibit designer. In 2001 Anita became the manager of the Collingwood Museum where she has had her hand in a few exhibits and loves dabbling in the history of our past. A major accomplishment is the development of a book of stories and images from Collingwood's past for the museum's Centennial.

Anita's presentation was of the early years of Collingwood featuring early buildings on the main street.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

Last Kiss - Mystery dinner

A roundup of the "usual suspects" at this year's Mystery Dinner Theatre played to an appreciative audience. Thanks to Joanne Scruton's deft direction (her debut), the show was a resounding success. A round of applause to those that organized and helped with rehearsals set decorations, costumes and lighting. A special thanks to "Bob and Gloria Harasowski" who made the room look as though we had stepped back in time. Seventeen people guessed the murderer of Runaround Sue. Fred Worch deserves a hand for videotaping the event. Various prizes were awarded throughout the evening and the hula-hoop contest at intermission brought cheers from the crowd. - Mary Barnes

WHAT A SHOW! - Comments sent in:

"I had a wonderful time - I haven't laughed like that for ages...the company was enjoyable, as was the food".... Lucille Mancer

"What a terrific fun evening we all had last night at your "50's" mystery dinner production. We just wanted to congratulate the cast, decorating and props people who make this a success each year. All who attend appreciate your dedication, hard work and endless hours to make this adventure a winner for our members. I envy both Joanne and Joan for your ideas, creativity and leadership, we all benefit from your tireless effort on our behalf and thank you and your social committee for these wonderful social evenings..." Betty & Bob Keyes

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

CASINO/DINNER " FUN NIGHT" is planned for

FRIDAY, MAY 27th at 6:00 pm at the Collingwood Legion.

Each person will be given \$100,000 fun money upon arrival.

We will start with a "Cold plate dinner ", move on to the games such as Crown & Anchor, Black Jack, Dice Roll, Bean Bag Toss, Mini Putt, 7 over 7, Lucky Draw etc., for about one and a half-hours, ending with an auction and many gifts to be won . An outline of the games will be at each dinner table. We have sold 36 tickets to date, and have planned for 100 tickets to be sold. Cost is \$20.00. Our committee has met to start planning this event, which should prove to be a fun filled evening.

Tickets will be on sale again at our May meeting. Don't forget to bring your tickets for the "lucky draw".

FUTURE EVENTS....

BOAT CRUISE & DINNER

June

Our **BOAT CRUISE - "Miss Midland" (had the most votes) for June 21st**. The boat will leave at 1:45 PM sharp, so everyone should be there no later than 1:15PM so we can all board the boat together (2 1/2 hours). Directions: Take 92 to Elmvale, left on #27, then left again on #93, right on Hwy#12 and left on King Street which takes you directly to the docks in Midland. Cost for the Boat Cruise is \$16.00, then we will be going to dinner at MOM's (booked for 5PM) (Your expense)(you can order breakfast, lunch or dinner) at very reasonable prices. (Left on Bay shore Drive, as you leave the dock, which turns into William Street heading back to Hwy #12 near Philsbury Drive on your left (you can't miss it). Team up with another couple for this event!!!

Mark Wednesday July 20th on your calendar for our 2nd Annual BBQ to be held again a "Heritage Park" Elmvale. This was one of the most successful events held last year and I'm sure we'll have an even bigger crew this year. This event will be subsidized by Probus again, more on this later.

Lucky Draw Winners from March Meeting –

1st Prize of \$50.00 was won by Fred Chambers
2nd Prize of \$28.50 was won by Gloria Harasowski

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

*	Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Dinner at our Place Club	Contact	Betty Keyes	429-6064
*	Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact	Joanne Scruton	422-0976
*	Golfing Around	Contact	Bill Travis	422-1148
*	Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact	Diane Nagel	428-3209
*	Fair Weather Walkers	Contact	Gary Willis	429-7835

The Dinner at our Place now has 31 members, and DO NEED occasional substitute people to attend dinners when others are absent. A waiting list will be created for those who wish to join our group and, when we get the required numbers I will start the 5th house rotation. We have four categories - 1) Hors D'oeuvres. 2) 1st course (soup, salad or, any other suitable starter. 3) The main entree which is prepared by the hosts. 4) Dessert. This is a great way to get to know each other better. Call Betty Keyes at 429-6064 for more information if you are interested.

The "Happy Bookers" reading selections for the future are:

May: The Women of the Silk, Author - Gail Tsukyama

June: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night- time, Author - Mark Haddon

July and August.... summer break

September: Choose a mystery of your own choice

If you are interested in being a part of this "scholarly" group, contact Joanne Scruton, the Coordinator.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** meet every Friday at 1:30 pm at the Blueberry Trail. The walk lasts about an hour and the coffee break after the walk is worth the effort. **Show up any Friday!**

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers** are still working towards expanding their group so more members can have the opportunity of meeting socially while enjoying good food and conversation. They meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 11:30 am. Each person takes a turn hosting the lunches which are run as an organized pot luck. They are hoping to expand to two manageable groups of 10 people each, with the idea of interchange of people from time to time. Why don't you give Joanne Scruton a call at 422-0976 to get more information?

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. They sometimes go as a large group. On other occasions they divide into groups of 12-14 so that they don't overwhelm the restaurants. **Call Diane Nagel at 428-3209** if you are interested in joining the group or can recommend a good restaurant in the area.

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 for your information. Please read them! Check it for details of other activities taking place in the community as well.
- Please pass the information on sickness, hospital stays, or deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Lynda Trimble - 429-3402). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card. Get-well Wishes, Best Wishes, Condolences to anyone we may have missed.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

To those who celebrated in April, we wish you many happy returns.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is now at our cap of 200. We already have a number of interested persons who are on our waiting list and they can become members in August if all current members do not wish to renew their membership.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Your Newsletter Editors are taking some time off for a vacation and visiting family. In our absence, **Margie & Lindsay Brannen** have volunteered to handle the duties of Editors. Pass your information and news items to them at **429-7756** or e-mail them at **mbrannen@rogers.com** We expect to be back at our post for the June meeting.

Congratuations to John Adams for being elected as new Director for Probus Clubs for District 5.

Next General Meeting June 7, 2005 at the Wasaga Stars Arena

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee or tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00

Management Team

President:	Luci Worch	422-0062	Goodwill:	Lynda Trimble	429-3402
Vice-President:	Ray Porter	429-9260	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
Treasurer:	Maureen Parkes	422-0077	Social:	Joan Porter	429-9260
Secretary:	Doris Willis	429-7835	Refreshments:	Orlene & John Fost	429-9479
Past President:	Diane Nagel	428-3209	Speakers:	Diane Nagel	428-3209
			50/50:	Jean Gibson	429-8039