



The Wasagan



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DECEMBER'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: Christmas activities: treats, Santa and the best singers ever.

President's Message



Ron Hanson

As I sit here composing this message for the newsletter, it is snowing / blowing / and basically being winter: a sure sign that the Holiday Season is upon us.

With Christmas Day being only approximately 3 weeks away, I am reminded, as I hope you are, of how blessed we are. Blessed with family and friends to share the events of the season with, and create new memories for the seasons still yet to come.

On behalf of Sandy and myself, I wish to extend to you all a very merry / healthy / and happy Christmas.

A special mention to the snowbirds in the club: have a safe trip to the land of the sun. For those of us who are staying to brave the snow and cold, all we ask is that upon your return, you bring back some of the good weather.

Happy Holidays to All!

REMINDERS FOR THIS TUESDAY'S MEETING:

All are asked to: bring non-perishable food and an unwrapped toy, wear something **red**, bring six homemade squares/cookies each and get ready for what we hope to be a special celebratory meeting.

To all who make our Probud Club very special (which is **ALL** of you), we wish you a ...



OUR GREETERS

THANK YOU to our greeters last month **Bob and Joan Bowyer**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.



NOVEMBER'S SPEAKER



Jan Bivall introduced Captain Fabiano Micoli, Canadian Air Force pilot who came to us from Base Borden.



Captain Micoli summarized the history of Camp Borden and then shared videos of the Canadian Forces in various theatres of action: training military police in Afghanistan, dropping supplies in Mali, Maritime security operations, and anti-terrorism in the Middle East. He related the story of a colleague and the danger he faced in the Congo. He concluded with a message from Peter MacKay, who is now former Minister of Defense and a music video featuring respect for veterans.

“All gave some, some gave all”

Jan thanked Captain Micoli on behalf of our members and presented him with a token of our appreciation.

SOCIAL

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS



Curling on November 27th

A great time was had by all, even by the inexperienced curlers, who had a lesson first, then joined up with a team. Timbits, beverages, and pizza were enjoyed, along with a lot of laughs. Thank you to everyone who participated in the success of this event.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Christmas Dinner/Dance

Our Christmas Dinner/Dance on Friday, December 6th is fast approaching.

We have 110 members attending and are looking forward to a great evening. Next year we hope to have our full membership join us. You will be able to see photos in our album and in our newsletter in January. Hope you picked out your pie...



Cocktails: 5:30
Dinner at 6:00
Dancing from 8:00 to 11:00



Pot Luck and Games Afternoon

Tuesday, February 4, 2014



A signup sheet will be at our social table at our December meeting for our Games afternoon and pot luck lunch which will take place Feb. 4th **after our General Meeting**. This has always been a winter favourite and all are welcome to sign up for the game and food they will bring.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Social Committee wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we hope to continue to bring you exciting events in 2014.

NICE JOB!

Thank you to **Joan Smith** for making the meeting room always look so welcoming.

HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK CLUB

We reviewed 2 short stories this month:

The Lottery by Shirley Jackson published in The New Yorker in 1948 and Brokeback Mountain by Annie Proulx.



The Lottery is ranked today as one of the most famous short stories in the history of American literature. Response in 1948 was negative, with readers cancelling subscriptions and sending hate mail. Since then it has been accepted as a classic

American short story, subject to critical interpretations and media adaptations. It has been taught in schools for decades. It questions the collective mentality and blind belief in ritual according with tradition. It is a short story that is long lived.

Brokeback Mountain was also originally published in The New Yorker in 1997 and won the O. Henry prize in 1998. In 2005 it was adapted to an Oscar-winning film by Ang Lee. It is a beautifully written but sad love story of two gay men who are also homophobic because of their circumstances.

A most enjoyable book club afternoon: both stories caused good discussions with varied viewpoints. The Lottery rated 3.3 and Brokeback Mountain 3.5 (out of 5) by The Happy Bookers.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In November we met at Mosley Street Grill on **Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.** for breakfast.

For December we do not schedule a breakfast meeting, as it would fall on Christmas Day. We are sure most of us will have something else going on. We will start up the breakfasts again in

January. Please check the Jan. Wasagan for details.

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.

On behalf of all **ROMEOS'**, we wish all a very **Merry Christmas**, and a Happy New Year.

NOVEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

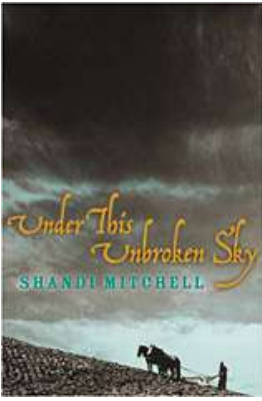
1st prize of \$50.00 ---- **Shirley Brett**
2nd prize of \$40.00 --- **Al Fraser**
3rd prize of \$36.00 ---- **Fred Worch**
\$50.00 to Treasurer.

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



Congratulations to Prizewinners Fred, Shirley and Al

FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB



In November the First Edition Book Club read Under This Unbroken Sky by Shandi Mitchell. This is a very well written story of the Ukrainian immigrants that came to the Canadian prairies before the Second World War. “It is a novel about family, struggle, survival, and the resiliency of the human spirit.” The reader is totally engrossed and becomes a part of the characters’ lives. We felt the full gambit of emotions: love, hate, sympathy, empathy, embarrassment and understanding. This is a part of Canadian history that is rarely discussed and is very upsetting to those of us in warm houses with three meals a day. This is a must read and

we rated it 4.5 out of 5.



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in December.

Goodwill



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.

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 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 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/13wasbcrn.pdf (Please contact the *The Wasagan* Editor if you do 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, 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 GROUPS

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	Carrie Nesbitt	322-2217	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?		

HELP WANTED



The Restaurant Dinner Group used to meet at a fairly local eating establishment for a night out once every month or so. It was a fun social night which many looked forward to. We are still seeking a member (or 2 or 3) to step into the breach to organize this popular Club or to modify how it is run. Please consider stepping

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

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2012-2013

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

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR JANUARY'S NEWSLETTER BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013



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 Tuesday's meeting at the identity lineup. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor. Go ahead! Last month we featured **Sandra Hanson**.



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

JANUARY: Marianne Ford – Nordic Pole Walking

FEBRUARY: Jane Cooper-Wilson – Black History Month

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**.

DON'T FORGET ALL THE REMINDERS ON PAGE ONE!

**SEE YOU THIS COMING TUESDAY,
December 3, 2013**

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

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014
WASAGA STARS ARENA**