



The Wasagan



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MAY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKERS: JIM MORRISON & KENT DOUGLAS – RETIRED NHL PLAYERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to this morning's meeting. A special welcome is extended to any late snowbirds and guests. And members, if you did not get your free Probus mug yet, it is available today as you sign in.

It is nice to see our world leafing out and greening up. By the time you read this you will have settled your tax bill with the government (boo), fertilized your lawn (keep it green), had several barbecues, set up the patio furniture and maybe even played a round or two of golf. To think, just a short month ago there was still snow on the ground.

Speaking of "leafing out", hopefully you will enjoy our speakers today – two retired Toronto Maple Leaf hockey players. I remember them well. I remember Jim Morrison (jersey #3) because we had similar hair lines (no helmets then, remember?) and I remember waving at Ken Douglas (jersey #19) at the victory parade on Bay Street. I wonder if he remembers me. By the way, we could have gotten current Maple Leafs but they are too busy improving their golf games.

Finally, it is time to think about getting involved with next year's Probus so practice this response when asked if you would like to keep Beachcombers Probus active, vital and fun. "Yes, I would like to help out. Where do I sign up?" Have a wonderful month. Tom Donohue.

APRIL SPEAKERS

Our first speaker was **Elizabeth Hutchesson**, a chiropractor and co-founder of Active Healthcare Centre, here in Wasaga Beach. Dr. Hutchesson spoke about arthritis, its types and causes and how to minimize arthritis pain through various physical techniques, exercises and nutritional supplements.

Our second speaker was **Peter Foster**, an osteopath who practices out of Collingwood Osteopathy. Peter trained and worked in Australia. He has a bachelor and a master's degree in Osteopathy which is a holistic profession. Osteopathy uses non aggressive techniques in manual therapy and the osteopath must look at the whole body and how the body systems react together in order to trace the pain to its source of origin. There are 63 certified Osteopaths in Ontario.

APRIL 18 PAST SOCIAL EVENT: WHO KILLED ELVIS

62 fellow Probus members attended the performance of Guess Who Killed Elvis.

The curtain went up, the curtain went down, the curtain went up, the curtain went down (numerous times) - we stopped for a refreshing drink. Some of us went back to our seats, some went home - the curtain went up, the curtain went down, the curtain went up, the curtain went down (numerous times). Finally it came down for the last time and we all went home. Charlie was heard commenting to Betty "Another fine fix you got me into kid". What else can I say- we are helping to promote theatre in Wasaga Beach - submitted by Betty Baker

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

MAY 21st: Murder/Mystery, "Dancing With The Stars Is Murder", at the Old Mill in Toronto. Ticket price is \$87.00 per person, which includes bus there and back, a delicious lunch at the Old Mill Restaurant and the show. Pick up time, 9:45 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. This trip is organized through Hamilton Tours, who always do a wonderful job and provide great personal service. Please note: those who have already paid for this trip should pick

up their tickets today. These tickets are not admission tickets; they are just to remind everyone of the date, time and pickup location for this event. We will be holding a 50/50 draw on board the bus.

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. Rumour has it that an infamous "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.

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.

THIS JUST IN!

In order to fill a bus, there are a few spaces left for the following outing with the **SUNBIRDS PROBUS CLUB** on Tuesday June 17. A River Boat /Lunch Cruise on the Grand River priced at \$65.00 per person. We depart the RecPlex at 8:30 a.m. sharp and return at around 7:30 p.m. on Great Canadian Coach Lines.
For further information call Bernice Bayliss- 429.2693

APRIL LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$62.40 was won by Joyanne Loughran
2nd Prize of \$39.00 was won by Helena Aherne
3rd Prize of \$31.20 was won by Mary Richmond
4th Prize of \$23.40 was won by Ron Hanson
Gift certificate for Georgian Circle Family Restaurant was won by Betty Baker

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

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 Cuisiniers	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 April selection was *Atonement* by Ian McEwan. An ambitious effort, the author tells the story of the Tallis family, specifically the sisters, Cecilia and Briony, and their charwoman's son, Robbie Turner. The story opens at the Tallis household in 1935 England on what must be the hottest day of the year. Briony, youngest of the Tallis brood, is a precocious child of 13, a fledgling writer. In her vivid imagination, naïve to adult

passions, she irrevocably changes the course of those around her, especially Cecilia's and Robbie's lives, when she accuses Robbie of a crime he didn't commit.

Multilayered, psychological, this novel has many stories within its pages; the story of Briony, Cecilia and Robbie is set against the English class system, the 2nd World War and all the ramifications of Dunkirk—the evacuation which must have looked like defeat but strangely boosted morale for Britain.

The author also suggests that a lively imagination can be a dangerous thing. Struggling for reconciliation, Briony enters the nursing profession but whether she reaches atonement or reconciliation for her error is for the reader to determine.

Our discussion of *Atonement* was stimulating as always. The novel was not an easy read but for those who persevered, the story was rewarding. Members gave the book a 3.4 rating out of 5 and recommended it.

Submitted by Mary Barnes

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.

Our members reviewed "Eat, Pray, Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert in April. It is a memoir of the author's one year journey in foreign lands, reflecting upon her wrong choices and her apparent inability to face and acknowledge disastrous relationships. This book is an emotional and intimate journal; and as the reader travels from one country to another, the various people we meet along the way are interesting and well profiled. Our members had a wide diversity of opinions about this best seller. Some thought it was too self-indulgent while others felt it was a humorous, candid, self revelation. Our ratings ranged from 2 to 4.5 out of 5.

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.

The RELAY FOR LIFE team, the "Wasaga Knockouts", is holding a GIANT garage sale on May 31 and June 1 at 44 Silver Birch Avenue starting at 8 a.m. Help knock out cancer and show your support by attending!

MIKE McCLUSKEY – MARATHON MAN

Mike writes: Mary and I retired to Wasaga Beach 5 years ago and have come to love this community and the lifestyle it offers for all age groups. We enjoy our involvement in several of the seniors groups in the area and were particularly pleased when the YMCA opened its doors to complement social interests with outstanding physical activities and programs of which Mary and I have made significant use: so much so that I have recommitted to my previous passion of marathon running.

I have decided that I would like to help the YMCA in their Strong Kids Campaign which provides YMCA membership to families through a membership assistance program. In addition to making a personal donation, I plan to assist the Strong Kids Campaign by generating more support and donations by running in the May 11, 2008 Mississauga Marathon of which the YMCA is one of the target charities. My goal is to raise \$100.00 per kilometer of the 42 kilometer run so I will need the support of as many persons possible to reach my \$4,200.00 target.

You can read more about the YMCA and Strong Kids program at my YMCA web page:

http://ymcastrongkids.ca/story/?storyteller_id=397

See me at today's meeting with any questions that you may have.

At this writing I am 418 km into my training for this event...only 330 km to go before the race! Thank you, Mike

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 RENDEZVOUS 2008

This year the Probus rendezvous will be held in Saint John, New Brunswick on September 25-27. Registration is \$100.00 per person and includes opening ceremonies and the Maritime Kitchen Party. All special excursions and meals are at an extra charge. Registration forms must be received by August 24th.

The following is information from Hamilton Tours who have put together a Maritime tour to coincide with the Probus Rendezvous 2008 Saint John, New Brunswick. Registration fee, \$100.00 - registration forms available through Tom Donohue and must be submitted by August 24th. Conference attendance is optional. Thursday, September 25 to Friday, October 3, 2008 - Maritime Autumn Tour including Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (Fly/Drive programme). Cost per person: Twin \$1,890.00 (which includes \$578.00 air fare portion and \$1,312.00 scenic tour and airport shuttle portion). Single \$2,195.00 (which includes \$578.00 air fare portion and \$1,617.00 scenic tour and airport shuttle portion). Tour includes: transfer by motor coach to Pearson International Airport and return, return flights, motor coach transportation with tour director, 6 nights tour hotel accommodation, baggage handling for 1 large suitcase each, hotel taxes, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 evening dinners, attractions and guided tours as listed in the itinerary and GST. The price of the tour is based on 35 attending. This is a quote and air fares have not been locked in and are subject to fluctuation. Please call 905-775-9006 or 1-800-584-4941 for further information regarding the full itinerary (which is too extensive to print here). You are advised to book as soon as possible. **PLEASE NOTE: This excursion is entirely organized and handled by Hamilton Tours and NOT through Beachcombers Probus Social Committee.** Thank you. Regards, Irene Donohue.

PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD

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

NEXT MEETING

JUNE 3, 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.

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/8wasbern.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.

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