



The Wasagan



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APRIL'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: Milan Sombarac DDS "Your Mouth. Your Health"

President's Message



President Ron Hanson

My message this month is a bit of a "mixed bag" of topics. (I must be having a senior's moment!) Firstly I wanted to welcome the arrival of spring. It certainly has been a long time coming. I wish I could guarantee no more cold weather or blizzards, but sadly I can't. So let's all keep our fingers crossed.

We will be celebrating Easter this month and I wish you all a *HAPPY EASTER* and hope that your celebration includes not only Good Friday, but a Good Saturday / a Good Sunday / and a Good Monday as well.

I also wanted to make note of the fact that your Executive Committee is two thirds of the way into this term year (Sept – Aug).

With only 4 months remaining, I wanted to ensure that I took this opportunity to thank each and everyone one of the committee members for their diligent work to date. I hope that you agree with me in that so far this term we have had exceptional social functions / great guest speakers / top notch newsletters / membership has increased. And there is more to come in the remaining months. Their hard work certainly has made my term as President very enjoyable. Lastly but not least I want to congratulate all of you for "SURVIVING THE WINTER OF 2013 / 14. And in recognition of this we want you to join us at our May General Meeting for a "Survivors Continental Breakfast". Our plan at this point is to hold the breakfast from 9:00 am – 9:45 am, then continue with the May meeting at 10:00am. I ask that you save the date (May 6th), and sincerely hope that you will attend. We will provide further updates as the meeting date gets closer.

Best Regards! Happy Easter!

Ron Hanson

OUR GREETERS

THANK YOU to our greeters last month **Charlie and Betty Keyes**.

If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.



NOTE: Please bring a food item to April's meeting for the food bank.



COMING THIS MAY

“I Survived the Winter 2013/2014”

FREE Continental Breakfast for all members.
Eat a tiny breakfast at home and get the rest at the regular May meeting at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 6.
Come early. (Fingers crossed there will be no snow.)



MARCH'S MEETING



Marilyn Ruse and Colin Dobell

Marilyn Ruse introduced Colin Dobell re “Stop the Drop Campaign”. Colin Dobell is Founder and executive Director of the Water Level Alliance, the non-profit behind “THE STOP THE DROP CAMPAIGN.” Collin gave us a power point presentation on the declining levels of the great lakes. He gave us three scenarios about the causes and effects of the declining levels. These were possibly global warming, lack of precipitation, and maybe drainage downstream. Colin demonstrated that Lakes Huron, Michigan, and Georgian Bay are 36CM below long term averages. The main point that Colin is trying get across is that all levels of government cannot agree what the mean cause is, and how to fix it. This campaign started off with 0 concerned citizens, and has grown to approx. 21,300. They are trying to recruit as many citizens as they can, and have a common voice in getting the message out to all levels of government. To sum up they encourage the Great Lakes Public to engage in lake-oriented issues.

Make “Public Opinion” visible to our leaders. More information can be found at the website “stopthedrop.ca.” **Marilyn** thanked Colin with our usual token of appreciation.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED



Also at the meeting **Betty Montgomery** welcomed new members (L to R) **Bryan & Susan Dawson, Nancy & Frank Lauzon, Don & Margret McFadyen,** and **Lynn & Doug McCullough** and They were dutifully "mugged" and "pinned." We all look forward to getting to know them.

The Winning Table



These members were sitting together and were winners of a pot of gold (covered chocolate) at the St. Patrick's Day Quiz in March's meeting. All of the members are of strong Irish descent. Wait, are they? Congratulations to Violet, Tony, Gene, Vincy, Robin (where's Diane?), Fred, Luci, Lynn and George.

SOCIAL

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

None was planned for March

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

. Members who have already paid are asked to pick up tickets for the following sold out events:

"Legends of Rock and Roll and Country Music Tribute" on Saturday, April 12th, 8 pm at the Meaford Arts Centre.

AND

The Ripley's Aquarium trip – May 23, 2014 - departure 10:00 am RecPlex - lunch provided - please advise if cancelling, as we have a waiting list. More info will come in May.

PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS IN APRIL FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO VERY POPULAR EVENTS.



Murder Mystery Show - June 25th

(Produced by our famous member players) with lunch - Collingwood Legion,

\$20 per member; \$25 per non-member

Beachcombers Summer BBQ - July 22nd
Wasaga (Klondike) Sports Park - catered, games, and prizes.

\$10 per member; \$15 per non-member



**WATCH FOR MORE EVENTS TO COME LATER ON IN THE
SUMMER**

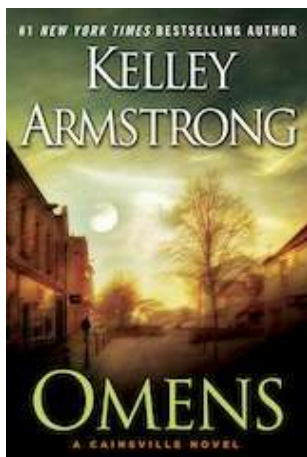
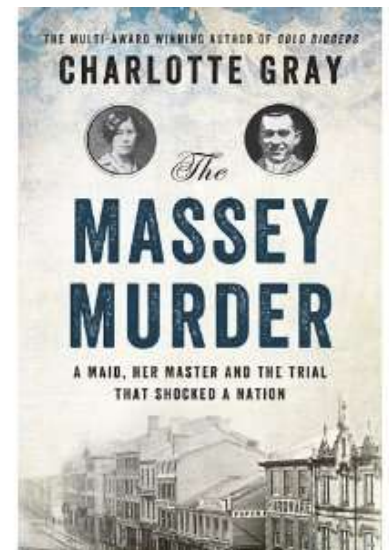
Psst NOTICE ABOUT GUESTS AT SOCIAL EVENTS

Although guests are often welcome at Probus social events, we remind members that guests or non-members are limited to three events. They are always welcome to become members so they are no longer guests. We just want to make sure that ticket purchasing priority goes to our club members.

First Edition Book Club

The Massey Murder: A Maid, Her Master and the Trial that Shocked a Country is a non-fiction work by social historian Charlotte Gray. On February 8, 1915 Charles Albert (Bert) Massey was returning home. As he approached his verandah, the family's maid, eighteen year old Carrie Davies, opened the door and fatally shot him. That Bert was a member of the prominent Massey family (Massey farm machinery) and there was a hint of sexual scandal meant Toronto's newspapers, particularly the Evening Telegram and the Toronto Star, reported widely on the case.

Gray's narrative is rooted in the historical record which is sadly incomplete. No transcript of the trial exists; there are only newspaper accounts. Carrie left no diaries or letters; little is known of her. As a result, some members found the book to be incomplete and Gray's style to be rather choppy. Reaction to the book was varied. Some members found it boring; others stimulating. Some thought there was too much history; others greatly enjoyed Gray's portrait of Toronto at the outset of WWI. Such disparate views contributed to a good discussion. The rating of the book ranged from a low of 2.5 to several fives with an average of 3.9.



The Happy Bookers

Omens is the first instalment in Kelly Armstrong's new Cainesville series. She introduces Olivia Taylor Jones, a twenty four year old from a wealthy family, with an excellent education, and engaged to a CEO of a tech firm. Olivia's world is shattered when she learns that she is adopted and her real

parents are serial killers, serving life sentences.

She runs to the small town called Cainsville which is an old cloistered community whose inhabitants take a particular interest in both Olivia and her efforts to uncover her birth parent's past. Aided by her mother's former lawyer, Gabriel, Olivia focuses on trying to prove her parent's innocence.

There are darker secrets behind her new home, and powers lurking in the shadows that have their own plans for her.

Not everyone enjoyed the book and no one enjoyed the ending. Not recommended unless you read the other book for the ending.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gathers on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and breakfast. In February approximately 17 came to The Sunset Grill. Enough to say it was not "The original award-winning restaurant" as advertised.

Our breakfast group has now grown to 29 serious **ROMEOS'** who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation. We still 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.



Our next breakfast is scheduled for **9:00 AM on Wednesday, April 30, 2014** at **MOSLEY STREET GRILL**.

Happy Easter

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in April.



MARCH LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



The luck of the Irish smiled on winners Helena, Frank, Lynn and Gail. Congratulations

First prize \$40.00 **Gail Dawes**
Second prize \$25.00 **Lynn Rice**
Third prize \$25.00 **Frank Lauzon**
Gift Certificate \$40.00 **Helena Aherne**

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

GOODWILL

Cards were sent to **Betty Keyes** and **Fred Worch**. 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. Finally, our thoughts and prayers go out to **Bob and Joan Bowyer** on the death of Joan's brother, Chuck Cooper.



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).

MAY: Elaine Choral: "Graphologist" (Hand Writing)

JUNE: Keith Hunter: "Mentalist"

JULY: Thomas McCavour: Author (Bloody Diamonds)

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, **Betty Montgomery**, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. At March's meeting, Betty will be introducing and welcoming eight new members. Look for their photo next month

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.

*****Thanks to Heide & Guenter Haessler for filling in for Judy Morrison in March.*****

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/14wasbcnrn.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	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
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.

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR MAY'S NEWSLETTER BY MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014

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** at evpenrivait@rogers.com





DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?

This little girl in the black and white photo is one of our Probus members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? All will be revealed at March's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of you in your youth to the editor. Last month we featured **Violette Svirplys**.

SEE YOU THIS TUESDAY, April 1, 2014

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

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014
For 9:00 am
"I survived the winter 2013/14"
Continental Breakfast
WASAGA STARS ARENA
Think spring thoughts**

