



# The Wasagan



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## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

### TODAY'S SPECIAL EVENT: CRAFTERS SALE

#### OCTOBER SPEAKER

We were lucky that Gloria Taylor, the Curator of the Simcoe County Museum made it to our meeting. One of her staff had accidentally deleted her calendar from her computer!

The museum was started in 1928 by a Simcoe County women's group in Barrie. It did not move to its present location on Highway 26 until 1962 and expansion happened gradually over the years. Buildings of interest were moved onto the site, one of them is an 1800's barn that was used as a half way house. Another building is the Spearin House which was built in the 1840's and moved to the museum site in 1963. There are 16 buildings in total and one of them, an old school house, was used in the "Anne of Green Gables" movie. The museum's 5-gallery modern building holds many interesting items such as old farm equipment. There are numerous walking trails on site and a gift shop selling local crafts. Ten to twelve thousand children per year go through the museum's educational program! If you would like to visit the museum, the cost is \$4.00 for a visit. December 10 is a free day with caroling and entertainment. There will be hot chestnuts available for sale and the craft gallery will be open. Bring the grandchildren and make an afternoon of it! It is requested that you bring a donation for the food bank.

#### PREVIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS

#### GHOSTS, GOBLINS & WITCHES CAR RALLY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Reported by Nancy Ritchie

A "fun" day was had by all on our 3rd Annual Mystery Car Tour. It was a beautiful sunny fall day as we all convened at the RecPlex to receive our instructions and car placement for the first leg of our tour. Then off we went for a mini tour of Wasaga Beach 6 area. Next we drove to the Collingwood Airport and then down to the beautiful hilly area of Duntroon. From there we made our way over to Pretty River Valley area and what a spectacular show of Mother Nature we did see. The colors were absolutely beautiful! We also had to stop along the way to pickup different leaves so that we could make a colorful bouquet for our dinner table. After about 2 hours on the road we found ourselves at the Creemore Legion where we indulged in light refreshments....we all needed a little something to keep us trekking! Who said navigating on a "mystery tour" was easy??

After our brief relaxation period it was time to pick up the 2nd set of instructions and we were on the road again. This time we headed east past Anten Mills and over to the Horseshoe Valley area. Here again we were greeted with Mother Nature at her best! The colors were a sight to behold! Although not all of us got to enjoy the scenery as we were too busy trying to keep up with the answers to all the questions that Birdie and Frank had devised. The last leg of our tour took us through the Mount St. Louis/Moonstone area. After about 1 1/2 hours it was time to find our final destination, Orr Lake Golf Course where we enjoyed a much needed "libation" while marking our travel log sheets. We had traveled 138.2 kilometers! That definitely deserved an indulgence of roast beef and apple pie. We all talked about what a great tour we had and how lucky we are to live a country with such spectacular scenery. Our thanks again to Birdie and Frank for the wonderful job they have done organizing this tour for the past 3 years.

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

### SILENT AUCTION & LUNCH ALL STARS ARENA TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

This year we will be holding the ever popular auction and lunch on a separate date from the monthly meeting. The auction holds plenty of fun and laughs. Come away with a new found treasure to mark the day! Please arrive at 11:30 to receive your strip of tickets and use them to "bid" on the items you are hoping to win. Lunch starts at 12:00 and the auction (draws) will commence right after lunch. The men will be asked to serve the lunch! Tickets are priced at \$7.50 and today's meeting is your last chance to purchase a ticket.

### CHRISTMAS SWEETS EVENT DECEMBER 5 GENERAL MEETING

Yum, get out your favorite recipe for this event! Everyone will be asked to bring a ½ dozen sweets (and the recipe) to the meeting. We will be asking our **MEN** to serve the treats at the coffee break. A special surprise entertainment is being planned as our featured event! (For your convenience, we will have a bin at the meeting if anyone cares to donate a toy to a needy child in Wasaga Beach. We will also have a bin at the meeting for anyone wanting to donate items of food to the food bank. This is strictly voluntary.)

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY COLLINGWOOD LEGION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mark your calendar for this one! The Christmas party promises to be a blast so dust off those dancing shoes and get ready to party! Today is the final day to purchase your ticket. Cost is \$25.00 and \$30.00 for non-member guests. Cocktails will be at 6 and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 6:30. There will be lots of door prizes and dancing to the beat of the popular DJ, Groove Tube.

### BOWLING AND DINNER JANUARY 10

This event is scheduled for 2 pm on January 10, 2007 at the Georgian Bowl in Collingwood. Tickets are available at today's meeting. Ticket price is \$12.00 which includes cost of bowling shoes rental. Dinner will follow at Rock Dell Steak House in Collingwood at your own cost.

### OCTOBER'S LUCKY 60/40 DRAW WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of \$62.00 was won by Fred Worch

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of \$25.75 was won by Rita Matthews

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of \$15.45 was won by Robert Valkovskis

Gift certificate for Giant Tiger was won by Jim Park

Tickets for the Wasaga Beach production of Brighton Beach Memoirs was won by Bob Harasowsky

### "WANTED" OR "FOR SALE" ITEMS

Check to see "What's New". If you would like to use this means of buying or selling give Betty Baker a call @ 422-1909. A list is posted monthly on the bulletin board.

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to those who celebrated in October!

### A (BELATED) HALLOWEEN TALE

A man was walking home alone late one foggy night, when behind him he hears:

**BUMP---BUMP---BUMP!**

Walking faster, he looks back and through the fog he makes out the image of an upright casket banging its way down the middle of the street toward him.

**BUMP---BUMP---BUMP!**

Terrified, the man begins to run toward his home, the casket bouncing quickly behind him.

Faster, faster **BUMP---BUMP---BUMP!**

He runs up to his door, fumbles with his keys, opens the door, rushes in, slams and locks the door behind him. However, the casket crashes through his door, with the lid of the casket clapping

**clappity-BUMP, clappity-BUMP, clappity-BUMP** on his heels

The terrified man runs. Rushing upstairs to the bathroom, the man locks himself in. His heart is pounding; his head is reeling; his breath is coming in sobbing gasps. With a loud **CRASH** the casket breaks down the door. Bumping and clapping toward him! The man screams and reaches for something, anything, but all he can find is a bottle of cough syrup! Desperate, he throws the cough syrup at the casket.....The coffin stops.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

(If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee.)

* Happy Bookers Book Club	Contact Joanne Scruton	422-0976
* Dinner at our Place	Contact Betty Keyes	429-6064
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Contact Maggie Higgins	422-1338
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Diane Nagel	428-3209
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Gary Willis	429-7835
* YOYO's	Contact Joan Maloney	422-0573

**"Dinner at our Place"** has at present 32 regular members who meet once a month for dinner at their homes. **DO NOT PANIC.** You will not have 32 people coming for dinner all at once! We have 4 hosts each welcoming 6 other guests for dinner. Responsibilities are rotated monthly with everyone preparing a portion of the meal. Our dinners begin at 6PM; we do not assign a particular evening to dine, this is left for each group to decide. The hosts are responsible for the main entree and the vegetables to accompany it. In addition, they supply the bread/rolls, tea/coffee milk/cream and sugar. As a host you do have 3 other couples who assist with your meal. I assign one couple to provide the appetizers, another couple the soup or salad course, and the third couple to bring the dessert. Everyone provides their own choice of beverage for the evening whether it is wine, beer or a soft drink. At present we have 4 people who wish to become permanent members, and we need 4 more to join them to have a 5th house operational. Please call me or see me at a meeting if you are interested. We especially want to encourage our single people. Are you willing to host, like to cook and enjoy being with people for an evening of fun, good food and conversation? If this describes **YOU**, please consider getting together with another member & come dine with us. Call Betty Keyes @ 429-6064

**The Happy Bookers** club's membership is now full. If you wish to join your name will now be placed on a waiting list. We meet every 3rd Monday of the month.

Our October reading was "Alligator" by Lisa Moore. We gave this book 3.2 out of 5. Most people would recommend it to certain people. This book was on the Giller Prize Shortlist. Despite an occasional oddness in the book's structure (changing rapidly from one point of view to another and the number of characters which makes it difficult to identify with anyone for long) Moore's rhythmic sentences and descriptions create a strange reality. The major link between the characters is the experience of catastrophic loss. Member's impressions: "It is a dark book with fabulous imagery and an interesting comparison of life.

For the November Reading Material, members will have a choice between a memoir, a biography or a novel about a country. The December Reading Material will be "Time in Between" by David Bergen.

**The Fair Weather Walkers:** The walks always take place at Powerline Road. We will have the choice of either walking along the skidoo trail as we do during the winter, or we can use the forest trails. Also, the walking is never cancelled. We enjoy each other's company no matter who happens to show up. We have walked in blizzards, in downpours and while fending off Canada's other national bird (The mosquito!) So come along any Friday that you are able and reward yourself with a cup of Timmy's coffee afterwards. Call Gary Willis @ 429-7835 for more information.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners** 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 have a maximum membership limit of 12 ladies. Call Maggie Higgins @ 422-1338

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 **YOYO's (You're On Your Own)** are a group of individuals wanting to share good fellowship and diverting outings. Call Joan Maloney @ 422-0573 for more information - **we are currently on the lookout for new members!**

## BABY BOOMER BLUES

Submitted by Bonnie Brooks Ayre

It was fun being a baby boomer ... until now. Some of the artists of the '60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers. They include:

1. Herman's Hermits--- Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker.
2. The Bee Gees--- How Can You Mend a Broken Hip.
3. Bobby Darin--- Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash.
4. Ringo Starr--- I Get By With a Little Help From Depends.
5. Roberta Flack--- The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face.
6. Johnny Nash--- I Can't See Clearly Now.
7. Paul Simon--- Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver
8. The Commodores--- Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom.
9. Marvin Gaye--- Heard It Through the Grape Nuts.
10. Procol Harem--- A Whiter Shade of Hair.
11. Leo Sayer--- You Make Me Feel Like Napping.
12. The Temptations--- Papa's Got a Kidney Stone.
13. Abba--- Denture Queen.
14. Tony Orlando--- Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall.
15. Helen Reddy--- I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore.
16. Leslie Gore--- It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry If I Want To.
17. Willie Nelson--- On the Commode Again

### 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 (Deborah Ferris) of any changes to your address, phone no., 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 deaths of our members to our Goodwill Convener (Kay Knab - 429-5547). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card. Get-well Wishes, Best Wishes, and Condolences to anyone we may have missed.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Betty Keyes, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Betty can be reached at 429-6064.

### NEXT MEETING:

**DECEMBER 5, 2006**

**ALL STARS ARENA**

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00. **Remember to bring ½ dozen sweets per person.** Please deliver your treats (and the recipe) to the kitchen before the meeting.

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at [www.probus.org/6wasbcn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/6wasbcn.pdf) (Please contact the Editors if you do not have a computer)

Please be aware that the address changes in **January** to [www.probus.org/7wasbcn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/7wasbcn.pdf) to reflect the year 2007.

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

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