



# The Wasagan



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: February 6th, 2018**  
**Wasaga Stars Arena**  
**Speaker: David Antebi-Pharmacist & Nutritionist**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, January 2018

I have been asked by Paul Edwards, our President, to write the President's Message on his behalf.

The holiday season this year has been a difficult one for Paul and a number of our members with severe health problems. Our excellent healthcare system has looked after them all successfully and they are on the mend. Unfortunately Paul is unable to continue his duties as President, although he will continue as a member of our club, while he recovers.

As Vice President, I have been asked to stand in for Paul as the Acting President for the balance of the year. I hope I will be able to serve as well as Paul has done.

At our next meeting we will hear from our Bylaw Committee with a presentation of their recommended updating of our Bylaws. If their recommendation is acceptable to the membership, we will ask for a motion to accept them and move forward to a vote at our March meeting. Many long hours have been spent by Doris Willis, Joanne Millie and Colin Throop to improve and expand our bylaws, which under our constitution must be reviewed and updated every three years. I sincerely hope that their recommendations will be acceptable to all the membership. We thank them for this difficult task.

The hard work done by our Speaker's Committee and Social Committee will provide us all with an exciting and fun first half of the New Year.

Sign up, join in and have some fun with our monthly meetings and outside events.

Dennis Moise - VP - Acting President

## JANUARY MEETING:

Thank you to our greeters for December: **Doris and Gary Willis**

If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table

Thanks were given to **Carol Stonehouse** for the Christmas table décor and **Sheila Dobson & John Norwood** for providing our refreshments.



Thanks were also given to all those Volunteers who work so hard to make our club a success.

**NEW MEMBERS:** There were no new members welcomed at this meeting and no guests.

## LUCKY DRAW Winners

<b>1st PRIZE:</b> \$37.00	Tom Donohue
<b>2nd PRIZE:</b> \$25.00	Doug McCullough
<b>3rd PRIZE:</b> \$20.00	David Morrison



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

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the

### **Management Team.**

PM Luncheon Cuisiniers:

**Joan Porter - 429-9260**

Genealogy:

**Sandra Hanson - 422-0227**

First Edition:

**Vincy Stephenson-705-422-0201**

Happy Bookers:

**Jan Bivall - 429-7584**

The Bookies

**Tom Donohue - 429-0644**

Kitchen Bridge:

**Betty Keyes - 429-6064**

Euchre Night

**Jayne Edwards - 422-0793**

Men's Breakfast:

**Vacant**

Book Exchange:

**Rita Bencquista - 705-429-1911**

Dinner & a Movie

**Ron Hanson - 705-422-0227**

Dinner at our Place

**Rickey Lemire 422-1738**

## JANUARY SPEAKER

Joanne Millie came forward and introduced the speakers, Jackie and Ruth who were members of the Wasaga Beach Age Friendly Advisory Committee. They presented a very interesting and informative presentation.



## SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SPEAKERS

February	David Antebi - Pharmacist & Nutritionist
March	Andrew McNeil - High School Task Force
April	Diane Freitas - Organ Donor

## BUSINESS REPORT:

The membership was reminded that "Minutes" of the previous meeting are posted on the bulletin board at the front of the room for everyone to read. A vote is then taken so they may be amended or accepted into our official records.



# SOCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 2018

OUR YEARLY SLEIGH RIDE ... Just hear those sleigh bells ring...



We experienced a beautiful winter wonderland the way it was meant to be seen, on an old-fashioned horse drawn sleigh ride! Cozying up under warm blankets, we sat back, enjoyed each other's company and relaxed as we breathed the cool fragrant air, gazed at the County's wintery panoramas, and cherished our adventure! Leo has beautiful sleighs pulled by teams of Belgian Horses. This year he attached the names of the horses to their noseband. We got to know that Tom seemed to like to nibble at Jake's ear and simply annoy him. The tour took about an hour, as we travelled through a peaceful forest without a house or other building in sight. Comfortable padded seats, warm blankets and the tinkling of bells made this a wonderful and memorable outing for all. This was followed by lunch at Boston Pizza, which never fails to please the crowd!



The two tours of the Napoleon Plant in Barrie take place on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> both at 11:00 a.m. Lunch to follow at the Mandarin.



## FEBRUARY 2018

We are touring the Honda plant in Alliston and there are two tours booked for this event on Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>

- Each tour is limited to 20 people
- Both tours are now full.



Should you wish to put your name on a waiting list, in the event of a cancellation, please do so at the social committee table.

## MARCH 2018



TUESDAY MARCH 6<sup>th</sup> - after the probus meeting

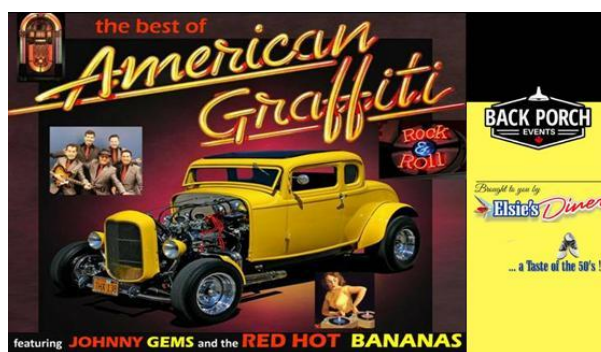
**Games Day and Pot luck lunch-sign up**

FRIDAY MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

### **American Graffiti Tribute**

Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound  
Johnny Gems and the Red Hot

Bananas bring back to life every major hit, from every major artist, from the Rock 'n' Roll era of the 50s and 60s. They are a 5 piece band with an array of concerts behind them collectively performing for 30 years on the theater stage For those interested - Dinner prior at Elsie's Dinner



**THURSDAY MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup> - Snowshoeing and Wine Tasting**  
**Georgian Hills Vineyards - 1:00 p.m.**



**This is a Self-Guided Snowshoe Tour in the Vineyard**  
A choice of 0.5km, 1km & 2km trails. Snowshoe around the vineyards and enjoy the beauty in the winter! Learn about cool climate viticulture and wine making while you taste the wine!

**Snowshoe & Wine Tasting ~\$15 (includes snowshoe rental)**

Feel free to bring your own snowshoes, and enjoy the trails at no charge!

Cozy up by the fireplace while savoring local wines and artisanal cheeses for a quintessential Canadian Vineyard experience.

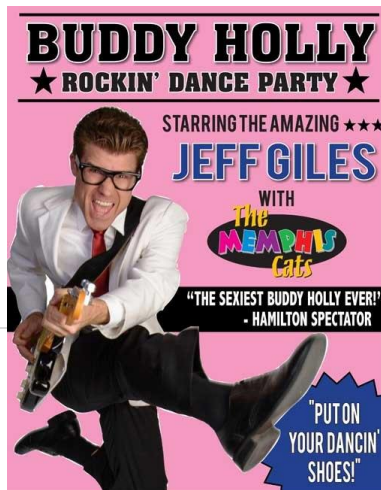
**APRIL 2018**

**THURSDAY APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> - Play - TALES OF AN URBAN INDIAN**

**Tales of an Urban Indian is the story of Simon Douglas, a contemporary First Nations male, born in the 70s and raised both on the reserve in British Columbia and in Vancouver. A very unique and personal performance presented totally ON A MOVING TOWN BUS!**

Bus leaves from the Gayety Theatre Collingwood  
Matinee at 2:00 p.m. Cost \$40.00 per ticket per person

For those interested - Dinner to follow



**MAY 2018**

**Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> - Tribute night - Buddy Holly**  
**Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound**  
**7:30 p.m. performance**

Buddy Holly: The "Rockin Dance Party" is a fun filled audience interactive theatrical presentation starring international tribute artist Jeff Giles. ... Backed by the amazing Memphis Cats band, you'll hear all of Buddy's biggest hits including, "Peggy Sue", "That'll Be the Day" "Rave On" "It's So Easy" "Oh Boy" and "True Love ...

## Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> - COMEDY - the Birds & the Bees

This raucously funny new comedy tackles love, sex, science, family and the artificial insemination of turkeys!

Gayety Theatre Collingwood  
Matinee at 2:00 p.m. - Cost \$44.00 per ticket

For those interested - Dinner to follow



WATCH FOR THESE! Other considerations we are planning

- Quality Homes Tour
- Agnora Glass tour - booked for April 2019
- Georgian Downs
- Drayton Plays
- Golf tournament

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**APRIL 18th - ATTENTION ALL BASEBALL FANS!**

**This is an invitation from the Collingwood Probus Club**



## **Attention Probus Club Members**

*Wasaga Beach & Collingwood*

### **SUBJECT ~ 'SPRING' BUS TRIP TO ROGERS CENTRE ~Toronto.**

*~Toronto Blue Jays versus Kansas City Royals ~*

**\* Scheduled Game @ 4.07pm – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**FULL COST: \$75.00 per person**

**The Probus Club of Collingwood is hosting our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Blue Jay baseball trip to the Rogers Centre. Extra tickets will be available to other area clubs on a first come basis for a late afternoon baseball game between the Kansas City Royals and the Toronto Blue Jays.**

**PLEASE USE E-MAIL TO REGISTER: <joanalfrazer.rogers.com>**

**Trip details:** 11.00 AM departure from WalMart parking lot.

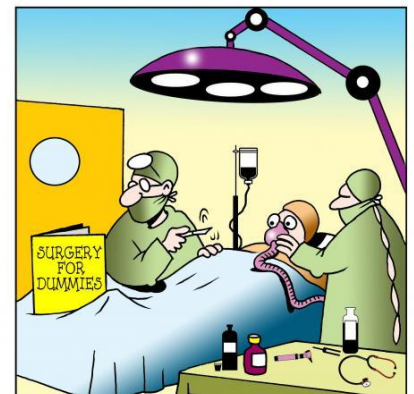
- 3 hrs of free time between arrival and game time.
- Paid parking for bus at Rogers Centre.
- Seats on 200 level near 3<sup>rd</sup> base line (or 1<sup>st</sup> base line).
- Actual ticket, are only released near departure date by Rogers.

Any questions, contact Al Fraser 705.888.9385

## **GOODWILL CONVENER**

Cards with well wishes were sent out to: Carole Ridout, John Dunnett, Christina Armstrong and Paul Edwards.

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise **Betty Baker:**  
[betty.b@rogers.com](mailto:betty.b@rogers.com)



## **MEMBERSHIP**

At the January meeting we had 74 members sign in and 0 guests in attendance. There were no new members, so the membership remains at 166.





## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Several Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized



### ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP:

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group gather on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast. In January we met at Don Cherry's for breakfast.

The **ROMEO MEN'S** breakfast group was formed in 2008, and has been a success, and has provided the group with laughs, fellowship, and camaraderie. Many friendships have been made. I have served as the convener since inception, and have now decided to step down at the end of January.

I will be happy to provide my list of attendees to the next convener.

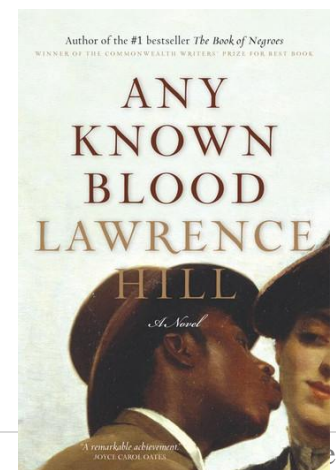
**Bob Bowyer Thanks to all.**

### First Edition Book Club

Happy 2018 from the **FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB!**

Last month we read **ANY KNOWN BLOOD** by **LAWRENCE HILL**, also the author of **THE BOOK OF NEGROS**. This was a good read, based on historical facts about five generations of the Langston Crane family. Langston Crane the 5th wants to know and understand his background, and why he is neither black nor white.

The story gets a bit confusing as all the Cranes are called Langston, numbering one to five, except for one Langston, who named all three of his sons Langston!



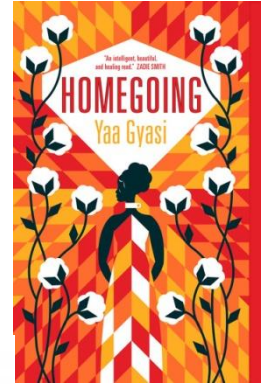
However, it was an interesting read about the history of the Black community in Toronto and Oakville and how the Crane family ended up here. The story is shocking to the reader today, when we learn of the KKK and bigotry in Canada.

We rated it 3/5

## THE BOOKIES

Our group read "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi, a novel which bears similarities to Alex Haley's "Roots." It traces the generations following two sisters from Ghana who are sent on diverse paths. Following the discussion on its merits and pitfalls, it met with mixed reviews from a hearty 4 to a lowly 2 and ended up with a score of 3.1 out of 5.

Tom Donohue



## HAPPY BOOKERS

There is no report from the Happy Bookers this month.



## THE ARCHIVES

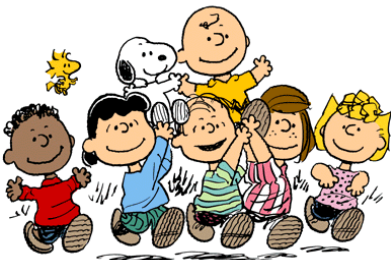
If you have anything worth archiving in our records or would like to look up anything from our past newsletters, please submit them to **Dennis Moise** our Archivist. [Dennis.moise@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.moise@gmail.com)

## DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Contact Ron or Sandy at: [rhanson99@rogers.com](mailto:rhanson99@rogers.com)  
Or 705-422-0227



## DINNER AT OUR PLACE



January saw the members of the Dinner at Our Place enjoy a great evening of fun, food and friendship at our Apres Christmas party. Hosts, Barbra and Chuck Christie welcomed everyone into their home. Our next Dinner/s will be planned for February and newcomers are welcome. Each Dinner consists of 8 people. Each couple provides their own drinks and one course for the dinner, which consists of appetizers, soup or salad and dessert. The hosts provide the main course. Please sign in at the Activities desk at the next meeting or contact me if you would like to be included. Cost is \$22.00 per couple less the cost of your course.

Rickey Lemire - 422-1738

## BOOK EXCHANGE

For the Love of Reading~~Book Exchange Program~~  
Exchange your previously *Loved Book* for a *New Adventure!*  
Contact Rita Benacquista [705-429-1911](tel:705-429-1911)



## WHAT'S MY LINE?

Carolyn Cassells came forward with Kathy Benedet.  
After 20 questions the audience was completely stumped  
at what her Line was.

To volunteer for What's My Line, contact:  
Carolyn Cassells [bigbirds@rogers.com](mailto:bigbirds@rogers.com)



# NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

At the Wasaga Stars Arena

**Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.**

NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in the January Newsletter should be sent to our newsletter editor, [dennis.moise@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.moise@gmail.com) by February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018