



# The Wasagan



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## JANUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

Today: Marianne Ford – Nordic Pole Walking (demonstration at the end of the meeting).

### President's Message

Now that the holidays are behind us, it is time to relax a bit and perhaps curl up with a good book. The book we all should consider is called "THE BOOK OF 2014".



President Ron Hanson

Here is a quick preview....

- We will open the new book
- It's pages are blank
- We are going to put words on them ourselves
- The Book is called "OPPORTUNITY"
- The first chapter is New Years Eve

This is our opportunity to all become famous authors.....I wish you luck, happiness, and health in completion of your 2014 novel.

### Happy New Year to All

Ron Hanson

### OUR GREETERS

**THANK YOU** to our greeters last month **Carolyn** and **Don Twigger**. If you wish to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



## DECEMBER'S MEETING



As there was no speaker, this little article will serve as a review of some of the highlights. Many presents and much food were brought in by members for distribution by the Food Bank. President **Ron Hanson** thanked many members for their contributions: the decorations (**Joan Smith**), the coffee (**Brian and Sue Passmore**), the archivist (**Everett Rivait**) and **Tom Donohue** for the karaoke. Our singing of

Christmas carols was truly inspirational... well, it was fun anyway. President **Ron Hanson** (under the guise of Santa) was his same jolly old self and thanks was offered by **Betty Baker** to **Betty Keyes** and her helpers for organizing and distributing all the nice treats which everyone brought in and which we all enjoyed. Everyone agreed we had fun.



Table décor by **Joan Smith**

# SOCIAL

## PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

The Christmas dinner/dance was a huge success. We have booked the same hall for



Friday December 5, 2014 so circle that date on your calendar. We have also booked the same DJ - Lenny.

**Penny and Everett Rivait** enjoying themselves



**Do you see anybody you recognize?**



Betty and Charlie Bakers' smiles greeted everyone and Ev took snaps of prizewinners.

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

### Pot Luck/Games Afternoon



This popular event takes place on Feb. 4th after our General Meeting. If you have not signed up and paid your \$5.00 per person, please do so at our January meeting. We would also like your choice as to what you would like to bring for your pot luck dish. This is very important: social reminds you to bring your own cutlery, and dishes to avoid kitchen

cleanup after lunch. Members will also enjoy door prizes and a 50/50 along with great food, and games with laughter.



### Five Pin Bowling - 10:30, February 19



We will bowl 3 games of 5 pin at Collingwood Bowl and have lunch at Kelsey's in Collingwood afterwards. Cost is \$17.00 per person which includes your shoes. Lunch will be at your expense. Please sign up and remember to bring your cheque book. We need 20-24 players. No experience necessary and the alley has been booked.





## Ripley's Aquarium

A sign up sheet will also be out early for our May 23rd, Ripley's Aquarium outing, transportation by coach to downtown Toronto.

Cheques may be postdated to May 1st. We will need

56 members to fill a bus and the event has been booked. Please take the time to Google [www.ripleysaquariumofcanada.com](http://www.ripleysaquariumofcanada.com) for more information. It is highly recommended for all ages. Cost is \$50.00 per person which is a group rate, and includes admission and the coach fee which has washrooms on board.

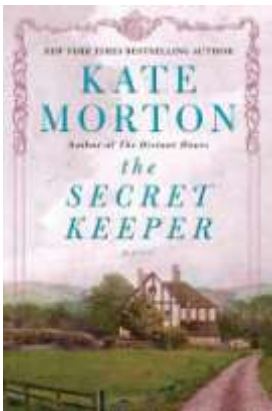


**Probus Snowbirds** should contact **Penny Rivait** via email at [evpenrivait@rogers.com](mailto:evpenrivait@rogers.com) if they wish to sign up to go. We need to start sign up early to ensure we have a full bus.

Lots more to come in 2014, so make sure you read your newsletters. **Probus Snowbirds** stay in touch so you do not miss up and coming events for spring and summer.

## Welcome to 2014.

### HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK CLUB



Our book this month was 'The Secret Keeper' by Kate Morgan. As her mother, Dorothy, approaches the end of her life, her daughter, Laurel, tries to solve the reason behind a shocking crime she spied her mother enacting many years before. The unraveling of this mystery leads Laurel and the reader through many twists and turns of events of Dorothy's life during WW2 in London. It is not until the last 50 pages that the truth is finally revealed. If the reader makes it to the end, the story is worth the effort, but we all felt the story could have been told in fewer pages. Those who had read other books by this author felt this was not her best effort. The book received a 3.25 rating, but while several enjoyed it, most felt we wouldn't recommend it wholeheartedly to others.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **ROMEO MEN'S** Breakfast group meets on the last Wednesday of the month for fellowship, and a good breakfast. We met at Mosley St. Grill on **WED. Nov. 27, 2013 at 9:00 AM** for breakfast. Most of us agreed that we enjoyed the breakfast, and to add them to our list again.

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. Our next breakfast is scheduled for **9:00 AM on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at Georgian Circle Family Restaurant.**

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 hope that all had a very merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.



## DECEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



Santa with prizewinners Joan, Betty and Rita

First prize \$50.00 **Joan Porter**  
Second prize \$40.00 **Charlie Baker**  
Third prize \$33.00 **Rita Premich**

\$50.00 to Treasurer.



Lucky winners of Christmas treats

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

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in January.



## Probus Ski Legends



**Attention Skiers!** Probus Ski Legends is made up of members (and partners) of all Probus Clubs, who enjoy skiing and socializing. Each Probus Club has a volunteer representative on the LEGENDS executive, currently 18 strong. The executive negotiates special rates from service providers, arranges ski days (various locations), ski trips and social festivities. The group has their base at the Toronto Ski Club (TSC) at Blue's North End (Collingwood). TSC offers a starting point, a good place to have lunch and a great bar and deck. The Ski Legend members meet for coffee around 10:30 a.m. at Blue's Central Base Lodge, beside the Silver Bullet Chair. The group welcome others to join and ski with them – don't ski alone! There is a \$20.00 application fee to join the group and an additional fee to use the TSC facilities.

For additional information contact: **Sheila Ewing** [sheila.ewing@rogers.com](mailto:sheila.ewing@rogers.com)

## GOODWILL

Cards were sent to **Don Belgum** and **Kathy Dunnnett** 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.





## 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 up to help out.

## 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).



**FEBRUARY: David Robbins** (new member) retired OPP will give a talk re lie detectors  
**MARCH: Collin Dobell**

## 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!

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](http://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/14wasbcrn.pdf](http://www.probus.org/14wasbcrn.pdf) (Please contact *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!**

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED AT JANUARY'S MEETING

Round two: At this morning's meeting new members **Jim** and **Judy Desmoreaux** and **Ann** and **Dave Robbins** will be introduced. We welcome them all as we officially "tag" them and "mug" them today. They were unable to attend last month's meeting.

## Special Interest Group Report - Dinner at our Place Celebrates



On December 12, the 'Dinner at our Place' dinner club held their annual Christmas event. Forty-six members enjoyed an evening of appetizers, desserts, singing, laughter and companionship at Robin and Diane Nagel's house.



The dinner club is always happy to welcome new members. Join us. We eat well and enjoy each other's company!! Check out the photos at the archives.



### 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	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?		

**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](mailto: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

**NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY'S NEWSLETTER BY MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014**

## DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MEMBER?



This little girl is one of our Probus members and is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? All will be revealed at January's meeting. Think about secretly submitting a photo of your youth to the editor. Go ahead! Last month we featured **Everett Rivait**.

### That's All Folks!

I regret to say that this may be the final article in this category unless some new members forward their photos as youngsters. Are there too many shy people? Watch this space...

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**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** at [evpenrivait@rogers.com](mailto:evpenrivait@rogers.com)

# SEE YOU THIS COMING TUESDAY, January 7, 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, FEBRUARY 4, 2014  
WASAGA STARS ARENA**