



The Wasagan



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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: MICHAEL FAWCETT OF FAWCETT'S FUNERAL HOME

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in a brand new year. If you all feel like me, I can not believe another year has come and gone. I am sure most of you feel that we are glad 2009 is history. Due to the recession and its effects on our family and friends, we all suffered and sweat worrying about our savings and RRSP's.

As we turn the corner into 2010 there seems to be encouraging news that things are turning around. Your Probus Club has a myriad of activities scheduled for 2010 to keep you busy. Read your monthly copy of The Wasagan for all the up coming events, and remember to sign up for those activities that you wish to participate in.

Remember the Beachcombers Probus Club is your club. We are only as good as you let us be. We have a great management team. We strive for excellence, but if there is anything you see that requires improvement let anyone on your management team know. If there is a better way to do something our ears are always open.

Happy New Year!



Bob Bowyer

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS AND TRAVELLERS:

Probus Canada now offers a Travel Insurance Program to all Probus Club members. This is available through Johnson Inc. For information contact one of their representatives below:

Lisa Hansen – 1-888-412-8822 email lhansen@johnson.ca

Gary Sawatzky – 1-800-661-1973 email gsawatzky@johnson.ca

(Additional information will be available in the future)

DECEMBER'S ENTERTAINMENT

Members attending December's meeting were treated to a wonderful morning of entertainment. Bob playing 'Ed Sullivan' introduced the entertainers. Shirley & Grace Thompson performed as 'Rosemary Clooney and Vera Ellen' and they sang *Sisters*. Brian Armstrong as 'Louis Armstrong' sang *What a Wonderful World*. Unfortunately Christina Armstrong could not be with us to give her rendition of 'Patsy Cline'. Members thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

We then had a visit from the 'man of the month' ... Santa Claus! Thank you very much to our resident "Santa" for making our December meeting extra special!

GOODWILL

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of John Harrison. A donation was sent to the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in John's memory.

Get well cards were sent to Christina Armstrong and Dorothy Mitchell who are both recovering from surgery.

Please pass information regarding death of a member, hospital stays or serious illnesses to our Goodwill Convener (Shirley Brett at 429-8907). If you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.

PAST SOCIAL EVENT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009 – Probus Christmas Dinner/Dance

A good time was had by one and all at the annual Christmas party. The diners arrived early wanting to soak up every bit of the Christmas ambiance of the beautifully decorated hall. The bar opened early and no one was left thirsty (as in past years). The Christmas meal, as usual, was wonderful. We played a mystery game before dessert was served which involved singing and everyone seemed to enjoy getting in the spirit. The hall was beautifully decorated thanks to the efforts of a previous group which booked the hall and consented to leave their decorations up. It certainly added to the atmosphere which was festive and Christmassy. A note of thanks was sent to the decorators. Ron Hanson, in the guise of Santa Claus paid his annual visit, complete with kisses and humorous remarks, and added to the festive mood. Thank you, Ron. Thanks once again to Joan Porter for the loan of the reliable home-made red suit. Many spot dance prizes, games for centre-pieces, several lucky draw prizes of cash and several brilliant door prizes were given out during the busy evening. Kudos to Adrien Robitaille, last year's entertainer, and our own Gene Stephenson who DJ'ed and filled the hall with a great variety of music from his excellent sound equipment. Thank you, Gene for your wonderful contribution to the evening. You certainly have earned a full-time job. Keep next December open. People stayed later than usual this year because of the variety of the evening. Next year will be even better. Thanks to Charlie and Betty Baker for once again being door greeters, ticket takers and to Betty Baker, for leading us in Grace. Thanks to all the members of the social committee for being such good shoppers and getting all the poinsettias, door prizes, candy treats, cheese and crackers, spot prizes and filling the Christmas shopping bags with special prizes. On behalf of the social committee, I wish to thank all those people who had such generous comments to make about the evening, how much they enjoyed themselves and how well organized it was. It is a tribute to all the planning and hard work put forward by all the members of the social committee.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010 – GAMES DAY/POT LUCK LUNCH

Like last year we are holding our games day in the Stars Arena. This year we will be asking each member to sign up for a food entrée to bring for the pot luck segment. The price is just \$5 each which will cover the hall rental and beverages. Come at 11:30 AM to set up and eat, then after lunch it is game time. Several kitchen bridge groups have come forward to join us for the afternoon and play their favourite game. Organize your small group and come and join us. Each couple should bring ONE item for the pot luck. There will be a lucky draw and there will also be three exciting door prizes so make sure you bring your tickets with you. For \$5.00, where else can you get food, entertainment and a good chance at winning a door prize not to mention the cash in the lucky draw?



HEADS UP TO FUTURE EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010 – PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Today is the very last opportunity to obtain your ticket for breakfast on February 2. Tickets are free and will only be distributed today for all those who wish to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bacon and fruit. February 2 is the date of our regular monthly meeting but we want you to come earlier to enjoy the breakfast. You must arrive for breakfast at 9:00 AM. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM as usual.



TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPECTACLE

Make no plans for lunch on this day as food continues to be the theme and we will provide a traditional light Irish meal accompanied by some Irish entertainment. We hope to have Irish dancers perform for us. Come and enjoy the music of the Clancy Brothers and other notable Irish entertainers and sing the many familiar Irish tunes we all know and love. Mark your calendars and, if you enjoy food, music, dance and a chance at winning a prize, keep it open to have a delicious and fun-filled afternoon. Tickets are on sale today and are only \$10.00 each.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010 – AN EVENING AT THE RACES

Do you feel lucky (and hungry)? Enjoy a fine dinner (alcoholic drinks are extra), and then look over the racing program and pick your winners at Georgian Downs. If you feel you may have better luck in the casino, just step downstairs. The cost this year is \$23 each which leaves more money to bet on the races. The dinner alone is a nice treat and well worth the cost, especially the desserts. Tickets are on sale at today's meeting.



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MAY, 2010 – MAGICAL MYSTERY CAR TOUR – The actual date is still to be selected but do join us as we take a Magical Mystery Car Tour of the local area. Teams will be provided with some information to guide you on your way and then it's up to you. Four persons per car are encouraged. The tour will explore some places in our local area which may be magical. Then we will all wind up at someplace for a meal, and that is the mystery.

JUNE, 2010 – TALENT NIGHT

Actual date TBA - Legion Hall in Collingwood – Near the end of June we will be having a dinner and talent night. This is an early notice so all of you Snow Birds have something else to do while you are down south enjoying yourselves. Try to keep your act to 5-7 minutes long. There may be judges too.

PLEASE BRING COINS TO BUY YOUR LUCKY DRAW TICKETS

DECEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$59.00 – Jim Sommerville
2nd prize of \$37.00 – Lyn Rice
3rd prize of \$30.00 – Bob Harasowky
4th prize of \$22.00 – Bob Keyes
Gift Certificate (\$40.00 value) to Blue Ridge Meats – Evelyn Aherne

Cookie Raffle Winners: Gerald Aherne, Tom Donohue, Mary Fraser, Lorraine Doidge, Luci Worch, Joan Muir, Evelyn Aherne, Rita Matthews, Olga Yates, Kathy Zack, Marie Jacques, Heide Heissler, Ruth Dobson, Sheila Ewing.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrated in January.

"MEET YOUR MEMBER" – WE NEED YOU! Please consider presenting your profile.

Please contact Betty Keyes at (705) 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles. If you are not comfortable speaking in front of groups, Betty will be pleased to help you compose and read your profile at a specified monthly meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Happy Bookers

We met at Mary Ranta's for our annual Christmas gathering. The selection this month was a Christmas book of our choice. There were many and the books varied from *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham to

short stories by Truman Capote to *Scarpetta's Winter Table* by Patricia Cornwell. After many lively remarks and much laughter, the members parted with good cheer for the holidays.

Book Worms Book Club - There are currently two openings

The book discussed this month was *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory. A historical fiction set in Tudor England, the story is narrated in the first person by Mary Boleyn who at the naive age of fourteen becomes mistress to Henry VIII. She is also a sister to Anne Boleyn soon to be the Queen of England. The book is filled with intrigue and irony. It is a long book but the author's knowledge of the time period combined with her focus on detail makes it an easy read. While we were discussing the book, we were surprised by a white long haired, bearded gentleman wearing a red suit. He brought a bag of gifts along with 15 cm of snow. He handed out gifts to all the bad, I mean **good** girls, and wished us all a Merry Christmas. He was last seen heading back into the snowstorm singing **HO, HO, HO!**

First Edition Book Club

For our December meeting we met at the home of Marilyn Evans for a potluck lunch and a wonderful time of friendship and discussion. Instead of an assigned reading, each person gave a special reading or a Christmas memory of their choice that was important to them. It was a delightful afternoon and a nice way to celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

Kitchen Bridge

Eight enthusiastic members meet at each other's homes the 2nd Wednesday of the month for an afternoon of fun bridge. If you love the game and don't mind the 'kitchen' variety, have no great expectations of tournament calibre play, perhaps you would like to put your name down as a spare. We would welcome you.

Congratulations to:

High score winner for November: Bob Keyes

High Score winner for December: Marilyn Ruse

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship and a good breakfast. We rotate between 5 or 6 local restaurants. Our first breakfast for 2010 will be held at Georgian Circle Family Restaurant on Wednesday, January 27 at 9 AM. We have capped our group at 25. To get on the list as an alternate please call Bob Bowyer at 429-0579.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2009-2010.

President	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Membership	Heide & Guenter Haessler	422-0288
Vice-President	Don Caron	429-0308	Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Secretary	Mary Barnes	429-2142	Lucky Draw	Michael James	429-7207
				Linda Vanderknokke	429-6846
Treasurer	Kathy Zack	429-0033	New Members	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
Past President	Betty Baker	422-1909	Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Monica Kristan	429-9635	Newsletter	Vincy Stephenson	422-0201
	Mary Barnes	429-2142			
Social	Tom Donohue	429-0644			

NEXT MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2010

WASAGA STARS ARENA

We will be having our Pancake Breakfast at our February meeting so please arrive at 9 AM.
Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tags.

