



The Wasagan



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APRIL'S GENERAL MEETING

Today's Speaker: We welcome Jamie Lewis, Historical Interpreter at the Simcoe County Museum.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Wow, was that March or was it June??

If this is because of global warming, I personally like it. But seriously, April has two occasions that bring out all sorts of emotions. One is a celebration of Christian faith, Easter. The other is the Income Tax deadline. One is traditionally a time for a new 'bonnet' and families going to religious services. The other can lead to heartburn, ulcers and a visit from the Canada Revenue Agency.

Putting all that aside, April is a time to welcome back our fellow members returning from the sunny south. It is a time for the snowbirds to catch up on the happenings at the Beach and to laud their warm life style. Maybe they should have stayed home this year since we have had the best winter ever.

However or whatever you celebrate this month do it with the knowledge that with the rebirth of nature around us, we celebrate our health, friendships and memories to come.

Gene Stephenson

THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR MARCH MEETING, **Linda and Dave Marshall**. If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

CLICK!



BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS PHOTO CONTEST – ARE YOU READY?

March's Speaker

Rickey Lemire introduced the morning's guest speaker Taryn Burchell. Taryn is a sales representative with Prudential Ronan Realty Brokerage here in Wasaga Beach. Formerly she ran a business which offered her clients interior decorating, painting, home staging and colour consultation services. She has now channeled her passion for transforming homes into selling homes. Taryn led us through a checklist on preparing your home for sale including: get in the right frame of mind; staging your home; choosing your agent and what to do when your house is on the market. **Rickey** thanked Taryn and presented her with a token of our appreciation.

The deadline is quickly approaching. It is next month. Judges have been lined up to shortlist the finalists in this competition, if needed. Members wishing to compete must submit their photos in a 5 by 7 format (name & category printed clearly on the back) to any member of the management team no later than May 15. The categories again are: people, travel, children, animals, landscapes and black and white. So start snapping and picking out your favorite(s) for submission. No enhanced or "photo shopped" pictures, please. Final judging in each category will take place at the June general meeting by all members attending the meeting. Our judges will select an overall winner of the show. There are prizes in each category to be won so focus. You could be a winner.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

The mini golf which was the planned event for this month was to take place after the publication of the newsletter but we have learned that it had to be cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Look for information about the following events at the social tables today.

<p align="center">Mini golf at Putting Edge Wednesday, March 28 at 11:00 AM This event has been cancelled due to lack of interest.</p>	<p align="center">On sale today Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament Wednesday, April 19, 2012 The bus leaves the RecPlex at 4:30 PM and the trip is open to all members, friends and family. and is limited to the <u>first 46 people</u>. \$75.00 per person</p>
<p align="center">On sale today A Night at the Races Georgian Downs 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 Includes dinner, coffee, etc, gratuities, taxes. \$37.00 per person</p>	<p align="center">Tickets on sale today for Miss Midland Thursday, June 21st, 4:30-7:00 PM Enjoy a cruise on the first day of summer. It features a buffet dinner (chicken, beef, veggies and desert) as well as music. \$55.00 per person</p>

MARCH LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$40.00 ---- **Bonnie Brookes-Ayre**
 2nd prize of \$25.00 --- **Sylvia Vandale**
 3rd prize of \$20.00 ---- **Joanne Sutman**
 4th prize of \$15.00 ---- **Joan Fraser**
 Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for Swiss Chalet was won by **Vincy Stephenson**

**NOTICE ABOUT LUCKY DRAW
TICKET SALES**

Please be sure to get your tickets upon arriving. They will NOT be sold at the break.

**PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE
LUCKY DRAW TABLE**



Our thanks go out to **Ron Hanson**, who volunteered to take over the secretary position and has done a great job for these last couple of months in the absence of **Betty Keyes**, who had been on vacation in a warmer place and will be joining us in our next meeting.



Goodwill Cards were sent to members **Margaret Lawless** and **Jon Sutman**.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES Best wishes to all those who celebrate in April.

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 have 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!

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.

AND if you are interested in joining any of the special interest groups below, or 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 monthly meeting: **newslettertom@rogers.com**



ROMEO stands for “Real Old Men Eating Out”

ROMEO - Men’s Breakfast Group

The **ROMEO** (Men's) Breakfast group meets on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. We will be meeting at **MOSLEY STREET GRILL** on **WEDNESDAY APRIL 25, 2012 at 9:00AM**. We have 27 in our group. If you wish to join us anytime call **Bob Bowyer** at 705-429-0579. We checked out the **EURO-LEX BISTRO & DELI** again for April, and it does not appear to be satisfactory for our group. No luck with **FUD GRILL** so far. If there are any other suggestions for a breakfast place please let **Bob Bowyer** know



Read any good books lately?

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.	SPECIAL INTEREST	CONTACT NAME	PHONE NO.
Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiners	Joan Maloney	422-0573	Happy Bookers Club	Mary Barnes	429-2142
Bid Euchre	Paul Turner	352-0747	Kitchen Bridge	Betty Keyes	429-6064
Genealogy Group	Sandra Hanson	422-0227	Regular Euchre	Loraine Doidge	422-0622
Daytrippers	Betty Keyes	429-6064	Restaurant Dinner Club	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Dinner at our Place	Steve and Jan Bivall	429-7584	ROMEO - Men’s Breakfast	Bob Bowyer	429-0579
First Edition Book Club	Betty Montgomery	429-6854	GOLF	We Need You	

The Happy Bookers Club is at maximum membership.

The Happy Bookers Club reviewed Lake of Dreams, by Kim Edwards. Set in modern times, it is a story about Lucy, a young woman returning to her hometown after many years away and still haunted by the unresolved death of her father. She discovers a collection of curiosities which tempt her to unearth discoveries, from another century, about her family's past and its powerful and progressive women. By novel's end, Lucy's discoveries will change her life forever. This is the second novel by the author of The Memory Keepers Daughter. Although still quite a good read, we all decided that her first attempt was much better.

First Edition Book Club

(Last month's review is included here. It was too late to submit in the March issue)

In February, the First Edition Book Club read Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson. The book blends science and history to tell the amazing story of the massive hurricane that slammed into Galveston, Texas on September 8, 1900. By the time the water and winds subsided, entire streets had disappeared and as many as 10,000 were dead – making this the worst natural disaster in America's history. Eric Larson describes the storm in horrific detail and follows individuals throughout the fateful day and the storm's aftermath. Some members found the story difficult to get into but for those who persevered, it was well worth the effort. The book was rated 4 out of 5.

In March, the First Edition Book Club read Shanghai Girls by Lisa See. The novel is a fresh, fascinating adventure about two sisters, two cultures, and the struggle to find a new life in America while bound to the old life in China. May and Pearl, two sisters living in Shanghai in the mid-1930s, are beautiful, sophisticated, and spoiled but their family is on the verge of bankruptcy. Hoping to improve their social standing, the parents arrange for their daughters to marry two brothers "Gold Mountain Men", who have come from Los Angeles to find brides. When the sisters decide to revolt, the Japanese invasion of Shanghai puts an end to any of their plans. The sisters leave China and arrive at Angel's Island where they are detained, interrogated, and humiliated for months. When Pearl and May finally meet their spouses in LA, they will still have many trials to overcome. The sister's love for one another is very strong and they make a pact that no one can ever know. The book was rated 4 out of 5.

Very Short Review Book Club – send your similar very short book reviews to the editor



Just started reading The Chubby Checker Story. No spoilers please, apparently there's a twist.

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!
- 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.
- Our New Member Ambassador, **Betty Baker**, 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**. When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of *The Wasagan* at **www.probus.org/12wasbcnrn.pdf** (Please contact the *The Wasagan* Editor if you do not have a computer.



To you and your family

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2011-2012

President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201		Membership	Vincy and Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Vice-President	Betty Baker	422-1909		Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Don Caron	429-0308		Lucky Draw	Sandra Hanson	422-0227
Secretary	Betty Keyes	429-6064		Goodwill	Shirley Brett	429-8907
Treasurer	Dan Squires	429-4765		Newsletter	Tom Donohue	429-0644
New Members	Betty Baker	422-1909		Social	Diane Nagel	428-3209
Speaker and Profiles Chair	Rickey Lemire	422-1738				

DEADLINE for submissions for May's newsletter is Thursday, April 26th. Anything submitted after this date will be placed in the June's newsletter.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

I couldn't tell you the names of any operas, but a tenor could aid my memory.
 My memory is not as good as it used to be. Also, my memory is not as good as it used to be.
 Quick gag for all you Telepaths out there.....
 There's no future for Exit signs, they're on the way out.

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012
THE WASAGA STARS ARENA

Arrive early to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
 Remember to bring your "Probus" mug and wear your name tag.