



The Wasagan



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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

TODAY'S SPEAKER: ANN STUTTAFORD - EXPERIENCES IN WORLD WAR 11

TODAY'S MEMBER PROFILER: LUCILLE MANCER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well I think that we, who are not going South this year, had better settle down by our fireplaces and think and hope and pray that it will not be a long cold snowy winter. But I also wish those that are going south to have wonderful weather, good golf games and many happy days. I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We really do have a lot to be thankful for don't we? Our Probuc Club is progressing along with many activities coming up. I hope you can join us for the fun. Welcome to all who have just joined us as new members. I am sure you will be enjoying yourselves.

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Our very interesting speaker in October was Norine Baron who was representing the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Norine has lived in Beaver Valley near Heathcote since 1979 but grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan and London, Ontario. She has two grown daughters and one 3 year old grandson. She has worked in Collingwood and area (including Wasaga Beach) for 9 years. Norine loves the outdoors and all related activities.

Norine recently traveled to Africa with the SLF to view their projects. She made a commitment to give presentations for a year as a follow-up to her experiences with the grandmothers in Africa.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation funds grassroots organizations working to ease the pain and suffering of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Since 2003, the foundation has raised \$30 million to date. It has supported more than 250 projects in 15 African countries that provide care to women who are ill and struggling to survive. The foundation assists orphans and other AIDS-affected children, supports grandmothers caring for orphaned grandchildren, and sustains networks of people living with HIV and AIDS.

One of the foundations most recent projects is called 'Grandmothers helping Grandmothers'. As AIDS is the leading cause of death among people in sub-Saharan Africa aged 15-49, it is often the grandmothers that are left raising the children of Africa. Some 13 million children have been orphaned by AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa and the number is expected to grow to 18 million or more by 2010. The SLF volunteer's goals were to encourage awareness, build solidarity between 100 African and Canadian grannies, and actively ensure financial accountability and opportunities. Norine's trip included Africa, Uganda, South Africa and Swaziland. She met with many grandmothers (or Gogos as they are locally known) in these areas. Most of them were specially chosen to tell their stories of their way of life, how they are dealing with HIV/AIDS, and the various hardships they encounter raising the children left as orphans by their parent's deaths from AIDS. The grandmothers, who rarely see white women, sang and danced for Norine and the SLF volunteers. Donations were given to ROTOM (Reach One Touch One Ministries) to buy gifts for the Kahama grandmothers in Uganda. They were thrilled to receive 100 mattresses, an item none of them owned.

Norine met with a multi-faith Hillcrest Aids Organization in South Africa, the valley of 1000 hills. Tuberculosis, as well as AIDS is a problem in this area. In some cases 15 people can live in a 5 room house.

In Swaziland, Norine attended an International Women's Day rally where several hundred grandmothers gathered in order to learn about women's rights. They also sang and danced and told their stories regarding HIV/AIDS.

To find out more information or to get involved with the 'Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers' campaign you can visit the website campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org or phone 1-888-203-9990 ext.230. Thanks to Norine for a most interesting and informative presentation.

PAST SOCIAL EVENT: Credit Valley Explorer

On Saturday, October 11, 2008, 40 members rode the rails from Orangeville to North Brampton aboard the Credit Valley Explorer. It was a beautiful day and the sun shone brightly on the picturesque scenery. Service was like that on an airplane as several young women were seen going up and down the aisle with various food and drinks. The company was delightful, the ride very pleasant, the lunch delicious and all who went greatly enjoyed the day.

PAST SOCIAL EVENT – Great Discovery Tour

After a cold, snowy and miserable Tuesday, Wednesday, October 22 was surprisingly sunny and comfortable. Sixteen vehicles, with four passengers each, spent the afternoon solving the challenges of the combined car scavenger/ discovery tour of Wasaga Beach. It was organized so that everyone, it was hoped, would learn something about Wasaga Beach. All the town facilities around the Beach were very cooperative and wide open as members dropped in for a brief visit. Either a found object, some required pamphlet from a town office or various digital photos were needed as proof of being in each right place. Several members quizzed Mayor Cal Patterson about the town history and/or had their photo taken with him. Even the local radio station broadcast a mystery sentence for our discovery tour and most members heard it. Twenty multiple choice questions about the town's history rounded out a thorough study of the beach. Thanks to Sheila Ewing for putting together these questions. At the conclusion of the tour all the participants, proudly wearing their newly acquired town pins, enjoyed a meal of pizza, cakes and pop/water as they marked each others' scores to see who won. Several car-worthy prizes were given out. We also had a draw to distribute the leftover pizza and cakes. The remaining pop and water were sent to the local Food Bank. Lots of humorous stories were heard and, it seems, everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the social group for their efforts in putting together this fun outing.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS – FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008 – **Tickets for the Putting Edge Glow in the Dark experience will be on sale at this meeting.** We have all enjoyed mini putt in the past and it continues to be a simple but fun challenge. Cost is \$10.00 per person for the mini putt only. We meet in Barrie at the Putting Edge at 11:00 A.M. Members of the winning team will win a nice bottle of wine each. For those putters who wish to join the group for lunch, we will be going to Cara's at 1:00 P.M. The menu is not too expensive for a special food experience.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008 – **Christmas dinner/dance** – This is the final meeting in which you can purchase your tickets. We will be having a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The regular dinner/dance items will be available for your pleasure; such as spot dance prizes, games for centre-pieces, special table prizes, a 50/50 draw and some other surprises. The DJ is Adrien Robitaille who did such a wonderful job entertaining us on the Serendipity Princess cruise line. If you do not always enjoy dancing, you may enjoy listening to his singing. **Give Tom any special musical requests for Adrien.** Good food, good music, good fun and lots of good company (especially if you are there) are guaranteed. Tickets are still a bargain at \$25.00 each for members (\$30.00 for non-members).

JANUARY, 2009 (Date to be Determined) – Games Day

We are planning a games afternoon at the Wasaga Stars Arena upstairs meeting room. **We need your input. What do you want it to look like? At today's meeting several interest sheets are available for you to indicate your preferences.** Euchre, tile rummy, board games like scrabble, the list could go on. If there is a special game which gives you great pleasure, here is the vehicle to spread and share your pleasure. But you have to sign up and indicate your strong interest in participating or in helping to organize the game. Final details will be announced at our December meeting and there may be a \$5.00 cost to defray rental and purchase a few light snacks.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009 – Pancake Breakfast

Just come to our Probus meeting and bring your appetite. Back from a successful experience last year, the free breakfast will be served when you arrive for our regular meeting. **Please come at 9:00 A.M.** If you liked it last year, you will like it this year. More details will be available in January's meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009 – The Beaver Show

Cost is \$80.00 each and it includes a bus ride (Hamilton Tours) to Toronto for lunch at 11:30 at Tucker's Marketplace followed by a 1:30 P.M. performance- an afternoon of music, laughs, and skits presented by the Beaver

Bible Class of Westway United Church of Martingrove Collegiate Institute. Don't let the name fool you. This is Toronto's longest running amateur musical and sketch review (its 71st year). If you think you would have liked the old-fashioned minstrel shows (without the black-face), then you will love this. To ease your budget we may ask for the funds on a lay-away plan. More will be revealed on this later.

OCTOBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st Prize of \$83.20 was won by Kathy Dunnet
2nd Prize of \$52.00 was won by Kay Knab
3rd Prize of \$41.60 was won by Everett Rivait
4th Prize of \$31.20 was won by Luci Worch
A gift certificate of \$40.00 for Boston Pizza was won by Penny Rivait

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: Best wishes to those who celebrated in October!

'MEET YOUR MEMBER' – Please contact Betty Keyes at (705) 429-6064 for information regarding "Meet Your Member" profiles.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

Special interest groups are open to Probus members only.

* The First Edition Book Club	Contact Betty Montgomery	429-6854
* Happy Bookers Club	Contact Mary Barnes	429-2142
* Dinner at Our Place	Contact Linda Willis	429-0467
* Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers	Contact Marilyn Ruse	422-0271
* Restaurant Dinner Club	Contact Joyanne Loughran	429-6574
* Fair Weather Walkers	Contact Luci Worch	422-0062

Note: Lucille Mancer is looking for new members to start up another book club. If you are interested, please contact Lucille at (705) 422-0143.

SURVEY RESULTS FOR "NEW" SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The following activities were suggested on the survey sheets put on the tables at the October General meeting. **Bid Euchre; Regular Euchre; Car Pooling once a month to Toronto; Canadian History; Genealogy; Home Movie Night; Horseshoes; Kitchen Bridge; Social Bridge; Knitting; Military History; Pinochle; Personally written poems; Rumoli; Skating; Slow Pitch Softball; Theatre; Trivia; Woodworking**
There will be sheets at the entrance tables for you to sign up for any activity you may be interested in. Hopefully, there will be enough people interested in a particular activity to start a new interest group. The results will be disclosed at future meetings. Remember that you probably joined the Beachcombers Probus Club to meet new friends and enjoy the fellowship. Here is another opportunity to try another venue.

For **Dinner at Our Place** we have 5 hosts each welcoming 6 guests. Responsibilities are rotated monthly with everyone preparing a portion of the meal. The host picks some dates within any given month and together a date for dinner is set. The hosts are responsible for the main entrée with suitable sides, as well as tea and coffee. As coordinator, Linda Willis assigns one couple to provide appetizers, another soup or salad, and the third dessert. Everyone provides their own beverage, whether it is wine, beer or a soft drink.

We have some people interested in starting a sixth house, but we need a few more to get it going.

If you are interested in learning more about the Dinner at Our Place special interest group, please contact Linda Willis. During a meeting, Linda can be found at the Sign-In desk, or call her at 429-0467.

The **Happy Bookers Club** is at maximum membership.

The Happy Bookers read 10 Days in the Hills by Jane Smiley. It seemed to last for about 100 days and was not well received by any of the Bookers. It was not a recommended read and did not receive enough points to even mention. Hopefully the next book to be read will be well received by the group.

The **First Edition Book Club** has reached its maximum membership of 10 members.

This month instead of having our regular monthly meeting, eight ladies from the "First Edition Book club" enjoyed relaxing 2 days vacation at the beautiful Carriage Hills Resort. We walked, swam, enjoyed gourmet meals, chatted, watched movies, and just had a wonderful time getting to know each other a little better. Everyone agreed the event was a huge success, and we look forward to it becoming an annual event.

The **Fair Weather Walkers** are a friendly bunch who walk in almost any kind of weather. During the fall and winter months we meet at Powerline Road and generally take the skidoo trail, which is relatively flat with only two hills to traverse, or one of the other trails off of Powerline Road. At the end of about 1 ½ hours we reward ourselves with a cup of Timmy's coffee and good conversation. When the bugs come out in the spring, and usually through the summer months, we walk the beach front. Occasionally we take other trails in the Wasaga Beach or Collingwood area. Please join us any Friday at 1:30 pm. For information call Doris Willis 429-7835 or Luci Worch 422-0062.

The **Afternoon Luncheon Cuisiniers** 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 are now at our maximum membership limit of 12 ladies.

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 Joyanne Loughran 429-6574 or e-mail her at somatech@rogers.com if you are interested in joining the group or you can recommend a good restaurant in the area. Bon Appetit!

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 (Linda Willis @ 429-0467) of any changes to your address, phone number, email address, 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 death of a member to our Goodwill Convener (Marilyn Ruse @ 422-0271) - if you don't tell us, we may miss sending out a card.
- Our New Member Ambassador, Lucille Mancer, is always available to give you information about our Club and its activities. Lucille can be reached @ 422- 0143 or lucille.mancer@sympatico.ca

PROBUS CANADA WIDE BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board posting is available to Probus Clubs. The address is www.probus.org/bulletin.htm

NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2008

ALL STARS ARENA

Arrive at 9:30 am to enjoy coffee and tea with your friends prior to the meeting at 10:00 am. Remember to bring your "Probus" mug. **Wear something in a festive color for this meeting.**

When you are unable to attend a meeting, you can access your copy of The Wasagan at www.probus.org/8wasbcn.pdf (Please contact the Editor if you do not have a computer.)

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

It would be appreciated if contributors could submit their items to Lyn Rice at gl_rice@rogers.com by the end of the third week of the month.

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2008-2009

President:	Betty Baker	422-1909	Social:	Tom Donohue	429-0644
Vice-President:	Bob Bowyer	429-0579	Membership:	Linda Willis	429-0467
Treasurer:	Kathy Zack	429-0033	Refreshments:	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
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Past President:	Tom Donohue	429-0644	New Members:	Lucille Mancer	422-0143
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