



The Wasagan



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FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING

Today's Speaker: Michael McWilliam, Fire Chief of Wasaga Beach

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's February and by the time you read this Vincy and I will be cruising in the Caribbean, enjoying the warm rays of the sun and hospitality that is *Princess Cruises*.

February is heart month and we are reminded to ensure that we make heart healthy choices with regards to food and exercise. However, much too often we forget to take care of our emotional heart; the one that can be lost in love, broken in grief and damaged by reckless words.

The heart is the only part of us that does its job without error (mostly) for our whole lives from before birth to our very last breath. We should exercise it as much as we can. As with every muscle it only gets stronger when exercised. Physical and emotional exercise is what keeps this muscle healthy.

So, let's love long, often and with abandon, for love is the one emotion the heart thrives on. It may be broken or damaged but it always finds a way to heal itself and keep us strong.

To all of you, my friends and fellow members, don't just say you love someone, show them every day of the year. Happy Valentine's Day! Happy February!



Gene Stephenson

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS?

We will soon be sending The Wasagan to you via email. Please send your correct email address to Tom at newslettertom@rogers.com Thanks.

THANK YOU TO THE GREETERS FOR OUR JANUARY MEETING, **Kathy and Jack Benedet**. If you would like to be a greeter, please speak to **Betty Baker**.

We Were Recognized

Our Probud club was recognized and thanked in The Wasaga Sun for making toy contributions this Christmas.

BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS PHOTO CONTEST

Our Probud club will be hosting a Photo contest at a date to be announced later. This is the first announcement. There are six categories: people, travel, children, animals, landscapes and black and white (any subject). Photos are to be 4 by 6 in size and should be submitted in a clearly identified envelope. In an ideal world, the photos should be available in digital form so they could easily be inserted in the online version of our newsletter (that is, if you win) We have a couple of photo experts in mind to judge the photos and establish a short list which will then be judged all members at a meeting later in the year, probably when all the snowbirds have returned. More details will be made available each month as we close in on the due date so sharpen up your photography skills.

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

January 18 was Bowling at Georgian Bowl and then pizza at Pizza Dee's. The winning team was comprised of **Brian Aherne, Stan Scruton, Mary Barnes, Sheila Ewing**. Twenty – seven played and enjoyed themselves.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

The following tickets are on sale at the social tables today.

<p>Games Day Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1:00 to 5:00 PM Wasaga Stars Arena Friendly banter, snacks and fun You bring the games. \$5.00 per person</p> <p>TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE</p>	<p>ON SALE TODAY! Wednesday, March 28 at 11:00 AM Mini golf at the Putting Edge (34 Commerce Park Drive, Barrie) to be followed by a light lunch of pizza, cold drinks and dessert at the Putting Edge – a popular indoor spot. \$15.50 per person</p>
<p>Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament Wednesday, April 19, 2012 Enjoy a lovely meal. The bus gets you there for 7:00 PM. This trip is limited to the first 46 people. \$75.00 per person</p>	<p>On sale today A Night at the Races Georgian Downs Tuesday, May 15, 2012 Includes dinner, coffee, etc, gratuities, taxes. \$37.00 per person</p>

DECEMBER LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

1st prize of \$33.00 ---- **Jeanne Boem**
2nd prize of \$21.00 --- **Joan Bowyer**
3rd prize of \$17.00 ---- **Linda Squires (again)**

4th prize of \$13.00 ---- **Ernie Bartlik**
Gift Certificate for \$40.00 for the Georgian Circle Restaurant was won by **Bob Bowyer**.

NOTICE ABOUT LUCKY DRAW TICKET SALES

"Please be sure to get your tickets upon arriving. Due to low sales, this will be the LAST month that 50/50 tickets will be available during the break. THANK YOU!"

PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE

Thanks, Ron

Our thanks go out to **Ron Hanson**, who volunteered to take over the secretary position for the next couple of months in the absence of Betty Keyes, who is on vacation in a warmer place.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to all those who celebrate in February.

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!

Goodwill Cards were sent to members **Marjorie Stanworth, Norm Trimble and Betty Baker** and we were sorry to hear of the passing of **Vincy Stephenson's father** last month.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you are considering organizing any type of interest group, please approach the Executive Committee. Special interest groups are open to Beachcombers Probus members only.

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 have some interesting information regarding your group entered in the monthly newsletter, 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

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	Lorraine 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.

For January the Happy Bookers discussed, *Left Neglected* written by Lisa Genova. Career-driven, Sarah Nickerson has it all; a supermom she juggles work, two houses, a husband and three children until one day on her way to work and on her cell phone, the inevitable happens. She sustains a brain injury that erases the left side of her world. Her life forever changed Sarah must learn a new way of living and what follows is a fascinating account of the left neglected. Most members enjoyed the book and gave it an average rating of 3.4 with recommendation.

First Edition Book Club

In January, the First Edition Book club read *The Testament* by John Grisham. Troy Phelan, an eccentric elderly billionaire, commits suicide minutes after leaving his vast fortune to an illegitimate daughter, Rachel Lane, instead of his six children by three marriages. His reason is revulsion over years of fighting with, and embarrassment from his family, as well as their greed. Nate O'Riley, a high-powered litigation lawyer and now recovering alcoholic, is sent to Brazil, where Rachel, the heiress, is believed to be living as a missionary. The journey into the Pantanal of South America is treacherous and nearly kills Nate but he finally locates Rachel who wants nothing to do with the legacy. Nate conducts a series of litigation court proceedings with Troy Phelan's family and a settlement is reached for all concerned. When Nate returns to the jungle to get Rachel to sign off on the settlement, a surprise ending ensues. The book was rated 4 out of 5.

Daytrippers' February Excursion

Earlier this month, the **Daytrippers** went on a theatre outing to **Stage West**. The group was bussed on a deluxe Canadian Motor Coach to Mississauga where they feasted on a marvelous buffet luncheon. This was followed by a wonderful performance of "**MOTOWN GOLD**", delivering the heart and soul of pop music from its origins in the 1960's and 70's. Motown music was influenced by the jazz horns, the Rhythm and Blues piano and the Gospel voices of the times. Among the artists produced by this movement in music were: the Marvelettes, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, Diana Ross, The Supremes, The Jackson 5, Gladys Knight and the Pips, The Commodores and many more. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

ROMEO - Men's Breakfast Group

The ROMEO (Men's) Breakfast group meet on the **last Wednesday of the month** for fellowship, and a good breakfast. In **FEBRUARY** we will be meeting at **GEORGIAN FAMILY CIRCLE RESTAURANT** on **WEDNESDAY FEB. 29, 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 had 10 people attend the January breakfast. We generally lose a few snow birds during Jan., Feb, and March. We all enjoyed our breakfast and stimulating conversation. Quite a few world problems usually get solved during our breakfasts.

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.)

MANAGEMENT TEAM for 2011-2012

President	Gene Stephenson	422-0201		Membership	Vincy and Gene Stephenson	422-0201
Vice-President	TBA			Refreshments	Susan & Brian Passmore	422-1956
Past President	Don Caron	429-0308		Lucky Draw	Rickey Lemire & Sandra Hanson	422-1738 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	TBA					

DEADLINE for submissions for March's newsletter is Monday, February 27. Anything submitted after this date will be placed in the April newsletter.

Final Thought: If the object of parenting is to enable the child to get along without the parent, what is the object of grandparenting?

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 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.