



The Wasagan

Official Newsletter of Beachcombers Probus - Wasaga Beach, Ontario

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SPEAKER: Cal Patterson, Mayor
Wasaga Beach

Member Profile: Doris Willis

General Meeting - June 1st, 2004

SPEAKER: T/B/A

Member Profile: Stan Scruton

THE REVIEWS ARE IN...The Good, the Bad and the Guilty

We really enjoyed the dinner and play Joan Porter and her committee arranged on April 23rd - we realize how much work goes into making it a fun night. It was a night to remember - a nice dinner, a fun mystery to solve and prizes to boot. Thanks again!

Betty & Bob Keyes

Emceed by our resident dominatrix, Diane Nagel, the Mystery Dinner Theatre was a tremendous success. 89 people enjoyed a delicious dinner and were entertained by Director Ray Porter and his hard-working team of actors. Many thanks to all who made this evening possible from the actors, prop people, the music man and Larry Brennen who videotaped the entire event. Nine people guessed "who done it" and won a bottle of wine. There were also 12 door prizes, gift certificates from Rona, M&M, Tim Horton's and Zehr's.

Niagara on the Lake Wine Tour with Picnic Lunch - Wednesday, May 26th, 2004

The Wine Tour is basically **SOLD OUT**. Only two people who haven't paid for their tickets!

Orillia Jazz Cruise - Thursday, July 8th

Set sail at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and a two-hour cruise while enjoying vocal entertainment by a jazz group made up of several talented teachers. **22 tickets left** - sign up to-day for a memorable evening of good food, company and music. Cost \$40.00.

Drayton Theatre/St. Jacobs - Wednesday, July 21st

ONLY THREE TICKETS LEFT FOR THIS EVENT - DON'T MISS OUT! Cost \$25.00.

First Anniversary BBQ - Heritage Park, Elmvale - Wednesday, August 18th

Mark your calendars for this First Anniversary BBQ - sign up to help us celebrate.

AND DOWN THE ROAD.....

September, 2004 promises to be an eventful month:

Early September - Golf Tournament

Late September - Car Rally - Looking for a team of 4 people to come forward.

Message from the President:

At our July meeting, we will be holding our First Annual Election for officers of the Beachcombers Probus and members of our various club committees. I hope each member will seriously consider putting their name forward for one or more of the vacant positions.

A successful club, and thus far we certainly have one, is only as good as the willingness of its members to get involved and offer their talents and time. And it's not all work! I think all current committee members would say that they have had an enjoyable year. It's a great way to get to know some great people, laugh and have fun, as well as get club work done.

So, put your name forward - you won't regret it and the Beachcombers will continue its successful beginnings.

Diane Nagel

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Officers:**
- Vice-President** - Attends and participates at Management Committee Meetings
- Assumes responsibility in President's absence
- Generally assists to ensure success of Club
 - Secretary** - Attends and participates at Management Committee Meetings
- Records and posts/distributes minutes of meetings
- Maintains club records and files, attends to club correspondence
 - Treasurer** - Attends and participates at Management Committee Meetings
- Deposits funds, pays outstanding bills, reimburses members for approved expenses
- Prepares annual financial statement
 - Newsletter** - Attends and participates at Management Committee Meetings
- Collects information and produces/distributes monthly "Wasagan"

Committees: (N.B. - the membership of each committee selects his own chair. Committee chairs are members of the Management Committee)

- Membership Committee** - Maintain membership records
- produce/distribute membership lists, new members folders
- Co-ordinate ordering of PROBUS merchandise
- Social Committee** - Organizes club special events and activities
- Arranges for assistance from members when required
- Speakers Committee** - Arranges for and presents guest speakers
- Recruits members to provide member profile
- Goodwill Committee** - Call club members to remind of upcoming meetings, etc.
- Sends club best wishes/condolences in event of illness/death
- Coffee Committee** - Prepare coffee and other refreshments at general meetings
- Purchase and maintain supplies
- 50/50 Committee** - Sell tickets and manage 50/50 draw at each general meeting

SPEAKER: ALAN MORRIS, Financial Planner

Alan Morris, a Financial Planner from Kingsgate Securities, was born in South Africa and emigrated to Canada in 1983. He is a Professional Engineer and for the last twelve years, a Financial Planner with an interest in vintage motorcycles.

Alan spoke on the “Six Expensive Mistakes Canadians Make in Planning for Retirement”, which are as follows:

1. **Failing to Develop a Formal Investment Plan.**
2. **Investment Strategies Based on “Home Runs”.**
3. **Not Maximizing After Tax Income**
4. **Not Deriving Maximum Risk Free Cash Flow**
5. **Making Canada Revenue the Prime Beneficiary of Your Estate.**
6. **No Consideration Given to Sophisticated Solutions.**

A brief outline was provided on each on the points above, as well as several handouts of material.

Alan also brought to our attention that there is a 1.5% Probate Fee on your total estate over \$50,000 as well as the benefits of Testamentary Trust.

Thanks Alan for a very informative and timely talk on a matter of interest to everyone. I am sure we all came away a little wiser on how to plan for our future.

MEMBER PROFILE: Mike O'Halloran

After an Irish joke by way of introduction, Mike O'Halloran who was born in North Bay in 1938 as one of eight children in an Irish family, began his profile.

He dropped out of high school and went to work in 1957 as a Signal Apprentice at various Ontario locations for the railway systems. He married his high school sweetheart in 1960 and became a temporary signal foreman for an 8-man crew involved in the installation of a centralized traffic control system. Through the early sixties to 1969, he was a signal maintainer in Sudbury, Ontario and then a Electronic Technologist - Signals at the MacMillan Yard Hump Operation in Concord.

In 1969 he became as Assistant and Signal Supervisor supervising staff involved with the signal system and dispatchers control office. During this period there was extensive growth and changes to all systems on account of the GO expansion, and his duties expanded to include providing support to transportation Officers and attending hearings.

From 1984 to 1988, he advanced to General Supervisor Signals and Communications, then Officer Signal and Communications in 1988 to 1994 and after several other positions, retired as Consultant Railway Signal Operations in July, 2002.

After living in Brampton since 1966, Mike and his wife, Sandra, settled on Wasaga Beach as a suitable retirement location and retired here in 2002. They are both active in the Beachcombers as members of the Membership Committee.

Thanks Mike for providing us with a humourous and enlightening profile.

In Honour of Mothers Everywhere...answers given by elementary school children.

Why did God make mothers?

- 1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.***
- 2. Mostly to clean house.***
- 3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.***

How did God make mothers?

- 1. He used dirt, just like the rest of us.***
- 2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.***
- 3. The same as he made me - he just used bigger parts.***

What did your mother need to know about your dad before she married him?

- 1. Is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer? Does he make \$800 a year? Does he do chores?***

MEMBERSHIP

92 members signed in at our April Meeting together with four guests.

LUCKY WINNERS - 50/50 DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 draw:

Myra Peddie \$50.00

Maria Servaas \$21.00

Bottle of Wine: Crystal Martin, Dina and Terry McDonald and Desmond McNabb.

BIRTHDAYS

To all those celebrating birthdays in April, many happy returns.

GET WELL WISHES

Wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Lorraine Doidge, hernia surgery and Margaret Pothier who had a hip replacement.

Our continued get well wishes to Jean Gibson our 50/50 Convenor.

Many thanks to Orlene Fost, our Refreshments Convenor, for the lovely Easter table centerpieces.

Next General Meeting June 1st, 2004 at Wasaga Stars Arena.

Arrive at 9:30 to enjoy coffee or tea with your friends prior to the meeting

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:	Diane Nagel	428-3209	Membership:	Deborah Ferris	429-4977
Social	Joan Porter	429-9260	Treasurer:	Maureen Parkes	361-9295
Vice-President:	Luci Worch	422-0062	Goodwill:	Lynda Trimble	429-3402
Speakers:	Ray Porter	429-9260	Refreshments:	Orlene Fost	429-9479
Secretary:	Doris Willis	429-7835	50/50:	Jean Gibson	429-8309

COMMUNITY

HAPPENINGS

Saturday, May 8th - Arbour Day Tree Sale at the Blueberry Trails Parking Lot.. A varied selection of trees and shrubs at bargain prices.

Saturday, June 5th - "The Spring Sprint for Brain Tumour Awareness" - a 2.5 km walk or a 5 km run beginning at the Wasaga Library at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 14th - "Big Bike for Heart"- hop aboard a 30-seat bicycle for this worthy cause. Seats are \$50.00 (10 sponsors at \$5.00 each) - All the information for this event at I.G.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandparents Programme, an early literacy programme which targets preschoolers is looking for volunteers is looking for volunteers to interact with youngsters on a weekly basis. Contact Laurie Martin for more information.

Gary Adams from the "**Insiders Network**" explained his community access program for information re the activities which are available in the Georgian Triangle.

HELP MAKE THE BEACHCOMBERS EVEN
BETTER!

BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS

1ST ANNUAL ELECTION
FOR
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
WILL BE HELD JULY 6, 2004

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- CLUB OFFICERS
 - VICE PRESIDENT
 - SECRETARY
 - TREASURER

- COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP *
 - SOCIAL
 - NEWSLETTER
 - MEMBERSHIP
 - SPEAKERS
 - COFFEE/REFRESHMENTS
 - GOODWILL
 - 50/50

(*Each committee selects its chair)

**SIGN UP TODAY OR NOMINATE
SOMEONE ELSE (WITH THEIR
PERMISSION)!**

YOU CAN MAKE A UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION

HAVE MORE FUN

IT'S YOUR CLUB -
GET INVOLVED

IMPLEMENT YOUR IDEAS