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Wasaga Stars Arena

GENERAL MEETING - November 3rd.

Speaker: Major Rick Kurtzer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

Our speaker last month Chris Rich of Blue Ridge Meats in Wasaga Beach and Collingwood was most enlightening and he fielded many good questions from our membership. It is interesting to note that a butcher such as Chris with his depth of knowledge puts years of experience into practice here in our (New or Old) HOMETOWN Wasaga Beach.

GO JAYS GO. It is interesting to note that even those who do not follow baseball are now at least aware that the Jays beat the Texas Rangers and are in the playoffs. Sports finals often bring out the best in people. I think that we as a society need these positive bonding scenarios to just break the ice with our fellow man other than to discuss the weather (as if we would ever discuss that subject).

Your Executive had an interesting meeting yesterday. One of the discussion points was the need for a Suggestion Box. While one of the long-time members said that it was tried before and was not a success, we have decided to give it another go. Two caveats – Positive Suggestion & Be Signed. In that way, the Executive, after discussion at their monthly meeting, can get back to you with their decision and the rationale behind that decision. Trying new things is important to keep our Club moving forward, as the old expression goes "if you always do what you have always done, you always get what you always got". **The Suggestion Box will appear at the November 3rd meeting.**

President's Public Service Message that I mentioned at the end of the last meeting is to make the membership aware of up-coming events in our community. I will make the announcements. There will not be any ticket or product sales at our meetings related to these fundraiser or non-fundraiser events. **Public Service Message Criteria:**

**Fundraiser - Beachcombers PROBUS member must be affiliated with the fund raising organization – charity, non-profit, not for profit

**Non-fundraiser – Public / Social interest - a dance, county fair event,
Remembrance Day Service

**Required information ... who, what, why, when, where,

**Email me <u>beach5@rogers.com</u> – minimum 5 days prior to the General Meeting

Look forward to seeing you at the November 3rd meeting. Take Care and enjoy our beautiful autumn colours. Warmest Regards

John Dunnett - President

REMINDER: Starting on the October 6th General Meeting, the fine for forgetting your **Name Badge** is increased to \$1.00 and will be levied when you sign in

PLEASE don't forget your PROBUS coffee mug, it's recyclable. We are trying to reduce the use of Styrofoam cups. Replacement Club cups may be ordered for \$8.00

OCTOBER MEETING

Thank you to our greeters for October, George and Carol Paylor.

If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table.



Thanks were given to Carol Stonehouse for her table décor and to George and Lyn Rice for providing our refreshments.

A "Thank You" was also given to all those members who brought donations of food for the Wasaga Food Bank.



NEW MEMBERS

Sheila Ewing introduced new members Molly
Gorman and Lucille Mancer, a returning
Beachcomber.

New members in October: Paul & Jayne Edwards and Derek & Cindy Wilson will be introduced at the November meeting.

We also welcomed 10 Guests to our October General Meeting.

LUCKY DRAW Winners:

1st PRIZE: \$71.00 - Anne Hochkirchen

2nd PRIZE: \$48.00 - Mary Searle 3rd PRIZE: \$40.00 - Jan Bivall

Speakers' Fund: \$53.00

PLEASE BRING COINS TO THE LUCKY
DRAW TABLE AND BUY TICKETS BEFORE
THE MEETING STARTS.





GUEST SPEAKERS

Doug McCulloough (left) thanks speaker **Chris Rich** who owns and operates Blue Ridge Meats on River Road West in Wasaga Beach

REMINDER:

As a courtesy to our speakers, please remain seated until the speaker has completely finished their presentation and the call for coffee has been given.

Schedule of future speakers:

December 1st Sylvia McLeod Singers

January 5th Gary Cerantola - Wasaga Beach Film Festival February 2nd Andera Abbott-Kokosn - Breaking Down Barriers

March 1st Gabriela Roman - Simcoe County Recycling

April 5th Shiely Boxem - Food & Water

May 3rd Matt French - Johnston's Cranberry Marsh & Winery (Bog to Bottle)

June 7th Forrest Patenaude - Simcoe County Museum

SOCIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 28th EVENT Cross Country Car Rally







A great time was had by the large group of participants in our Car Rally. Visits to Hogg's Falls, Eugenia Falls and Walter's Falls along with beautiful scenery along the way was all part of the event.

OCTOBER 16TH EVENT

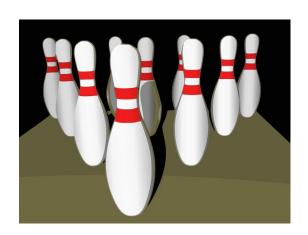
Bala Cranberry Festival

Unfortunately, the Cranberry Festival Excursion was cancelled do to lack of ticket sales. The required number of 50 people fell considerable short and the cost of the bus could not be covered.

NOVEMBER 12th EVENT

Bowling in Collingwood from 4-6pm \$10.75 for two games including Shoe Rental \$20.00 Dinner at PIE in Collingwood We have 25 paid.

Please sign up at the next meeting if you wish to go.



December 4th EVENT

Christmas Dinner/Dance at the Collingwood Legion is all reserved for a great time just like last year.

Sit down dinner, Cash Bar, Music, Dancing, Door Prizes, Spot Dance Prizes, Lucky Draws and a 50/50 draw.

Gene Stephenson will again be providing the music.

Sign

up now while there is still space for us all.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: December 1st General Meeting is also a Food Bank Donation date and an unwrapped toy for the Kinettes.

January Event

A theatre outing is planned for January with details to come shortly.



February Event

Mid-Winter is a great time for a Potluck & Games Afternoon at the Wasaga Stars Arena following our regular meeting.

Games, Food, Pop/Water, Snacks and loads of Fun. Sign-up for your choice of salad, main dish or dessert. Bring own plates and cutlery.



***Information regarding future events will be made available as we confirm them.

EVENT SUGGESTIONS:

The Social Committee is always interested in suggestions from the members for new events. If you have any suggestions please offer them to Russ White or any member of the social committee.

GOODWILL CONVENOR

The following cards were sent with Thinking of You & Get Well Wishes -- Bonnie Ayres and Sam Ritchie.

If any member knows someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence, please advise Irene Sunderland <u>irenesunderland@sympatico.ca</u> or Linda Vanderknokke linvan@rogers.com.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 206 members on the roster but 32 have yet to renew for 2015/16. The new edition of the directory will be going to print shortly after the November meeting as the committee wishes to ensure that all email addresses are updated (where possible).

Thank you to Rick Roettger, Barb Roettger, Margaret McFadyen, and Joan Smith

*Members were asked to initial their e-mail addresses on the members list at the side in order to comply with the Privacy Act.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.





ROMEO (MEN'S) BREAKFAST GROUP

The **ROMEO** MEN'S Breakfast group gather on the **last Wednesday of each month** for fellowship, and breakfast at various local restaurants. In October our group met for breakfast, and conversation at YAMMAS GRILL.

The **ROMEO'S** group has now grown to 30 who enjoy breakfast and stimulating conversation when ever they can attend. We average about 18 for breakfast. If you wish to join us for the first time contact Bob Bowyer at 705-429-0579. We will add you to the list for the monthly reminders.

We send out a reminder a few days ahead to find out how many can make it. We try to give the restaurant an approximate count a few days before as to how many will be attending.

Our next breakfast will be on Wednesday NOVEMBER 25, 2015, 9:00AM at YAMMAS GRILL, 1288 Mosley St.

FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB

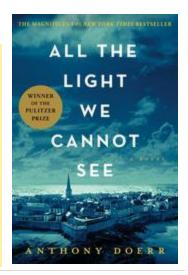
No report from the First Edition Book Club this Month

HAPPY BOOKERS

Our Book this Month of October was All The Light We Cannot See,,,author Anthony Doerr who won a Pulitzer Prize in 2015 for Fiction

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, a stunningly ambitious and beautiful novel about a blind girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Joan Porter



THE ARCHIVES

<u>Tom Donohue</u>, our Archivist, would love to see your photos. If you take a good photo at a PROBUS event, perhaps you can share it by email with <u>Tom Thomas.donohue@rogers.com</u> for the Archives.

Dinner & a Movie Night

30 members have signed up for The Dinner/Movie night and to date we have enjoyed two outings with a group of 9 in September, and 11 in October. We have dined at Boston Pizza, and Swiss Chalet and for the November 16th, night we will be going to the "Pie Restaurant" Collingwood, for dinner, which specializes in all kinds of fired pizzas, and also appetizers, salads, and sandwiches. There will not be a movie night in December. I will be contacting everyone who has signed up to ask whether a Monday or Tuesday night is preferred before I continue on in the New Year. A sign up sheet will be out again at our November Probus meeting. Look for me at the table with the smiling face. Also you can contact Penny Rivait, evpenrivait@rogers.com, or 705-422-1573 if you wish to join us.

'Appy' Hour

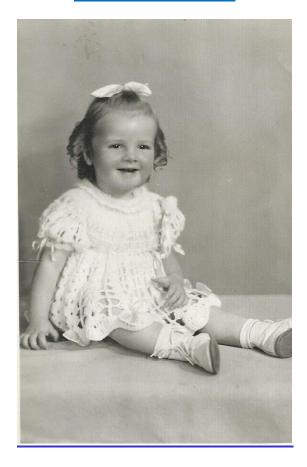
The first 'Appy Hour' was held at **Diane & Robin Nagel's** with 20 guests attending. It was a great success with lots to eat and a pleasant two hours was spent drinking, chatting and eating. It was really great to have a chance to get to know new members of the Probus family and catch up with long-time friends.

November's 'Appy Hour' will be held on <u>Friday</u>, <u>November 20th</u> from 4 - 6 p.m. at the home of **Stan & Joanne Scruton**. They will also be hosting 20 guests. So, check the date and come to the meeting prepared to sign up for another pleasant evening.





MYSTERY MEMBER?



Our charmer this month is a member of PROBUS but is a little older now. Anyone recognize her? You will find out who our "MYSTERY MEMBER" is at the November 3rd meeting. Think about that Old-Young picture of yourself or your spouse and email it to dennis.moise@gmail.com. Remember it is a SECRET and will be Lots of Fun.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, November 3, 2015

At the Wasaga Stars Arena

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship.

NOTE: Submissions for inclusion in November's Newsletter should be sent to our <u>newsletter editor</u>

<u>dennis.moise@gmail.com</u>

by November 21, 2015