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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

January 5, 2021 via ZOOM WEBINAR

Speaker and Topic: David Cubitt, President
Wasaga Beach Brewing Company

Social: Drayton Entertainment: *We'll Meet Again* - The Sounds of Soul



President's Corner



Hello fellow club members.....I hope that this issue of our newsletter finds you safe and sane. I am going to bounce around a lot with this message as we have a number of issues to cover.

Firstly.....on behalf of our executive team, we wish to extend to you and your family, the absolute best wishes for holiday season. A season unlike any other that we have experienced. Although we may have to cut back on celebrations with family and friends, we do so with the hope that Christmas for next year will be back to normal. The recent announcements from both Phiser and Moderna concerning the 95% effective rate of their vaccine's has given us all a sorely needed boost. There is a light at the end of this tunnel.

We are proceeding with our plans to initiate a ZOOM general meeting in January 2021. Jim Desormeaux is our resident guru when it comes to Zoom, and he will cover more in detail as to what our next steps are. I want to encourage all of our members to embrace the virtual meeting platform....do not be apprehensive about participating....we will if necessary provide guidance and support to those who need it in advance of our January meeting.

Special thanks go out to Doug McCullough and the social committee team for organizing the Kings Wharf virtual shows over the last month. I hope that you were able to participate in some in not all of the shows. (Stay tuned for the future virtual social events.....we will be looking into perhaps organizing a trivia team contest...)

Over the past month we had requested confirmation from our membership concerning continued participation in our club. Prior to the pandemic, our membership numbers were around 150 people. The membership did decrease slightly (now 139), due to some members moving to other locations. Your Executive Team has decided that the membership fees for 2020-21 (which I had previously suggested may be \$10.00 per member), will not be collected until such time as we are able to physically get together again for our General Meetings. When we know when that will be a membership fee will be decided upon at that time. It may very likely be \$0.00.

In closing I want to once again wish all of you the very very best possible, for the holidays

STAY SAFE / STAY SANE / STAY CONNECTED

YOUR CLUB REPORTS

Treasurer: Kathy Zack

As of October 30, 2020, Beachcombers Probus has a balance of \$5,665.852 in the bank. This amount reflects 2 refund cheques for Goodwill and Treasurer Expenses of \$39.95

FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS

We will not be commencing our general meetings indoors or outdoors in December.

The current upsurge in COVID cases and the rollback in people gathering by the Prov. Govt. rules out the possibility of our group meeting. We are looking at offering ZOOM webinar video meetings in January to once again offer general meetings to our members.

The Beachcombers PROBUS Club has obtained a ZOOM license to broadcast club webinars. We are hoping to offer the first virtual club meeting Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 10:00 am. Further information will be sent to you via email and will also be available on our web site <https://www.beachcombersprobus.com/>

January Speaker

Our first ZOOM speaker will be David Cubitt. David Cubitt has been in the music and marketing business for now over 30 years from a recording artist, performer and producer to being the founder and President of Canada's largest and most successful CD retail warehouse outlet chain called CD PLUS.

CD PLUS was founded in the house basement in 1988 and in just 5 short years had grown to 8 warehouse outlets doing over 12 million dollars a year in sales. Being in the competitive retail business, gaining customer loyalty and marketing new customers is an ongoing process. Realizing that in order to gain both, while being competitive and working on small margins, there is a need for different types of value added products and services. CD PLUS had grown to 10 outlets doing over 15 million in sales, then sold the company in 1999 in a deal that could not be resisted".

Today, David has embarked on the popular Microbrewery business, as Founder - President and CEO of Wasaga Beach Brewing Company. Beach One Cerveza launched in Spring, 2016
The Company introduced their clothing line alongside their Retro Custom RV, while simultaneously launching their Facebook Page, and today have more than 6,000 followers.
WBBC has developed their own recipe for their first beer, named Beach One Cerveza - sells in the LCBO, Beer Stores and local grocery stores, as well as flowing in the local Restaurants & Bars. Beach One now sells on almost 700 shelves across Ontario...and growing!
Wasaga Beach Brewing Company, feel that it is important for us to contribute to the Town. "Our ultimate goal is to build and grow our Town, as we build and grow our Town's Beer Company" says Cubitt.

Be prepared for a very interesting guest speaker in January.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the **Management Team**.

[PM Luncheon Cuisiners](#)

Joan Porter - 429-9260

[Genealogy](#)

Barb Christie - 429-1749

[First Edition](#)

Sharon Wood - 429-4691

[Happy Bookers](#)

Jan Bivall - 429-7584

[The Bookies](#)

Judy Morrison - 705-429-6611

[Kitchen Bridge](#) [Vacant](#)

[Euchre Night](#)

Jayne Edwards - 422-0793
Doug McCullough - 429-7075

[Book Exchange](#) [Vacant](#)

[Dinner & a Movie](#) [Vacant](#)

Our SOCIAL MEETING:



We miss live theatre and we know you do too. Although we cannot yet gather for live performances, Artistic Director **Alex Mustakas** has been working on something really special, which will be exclusively available online to Drayton Entertainment supporters like you **for free** ... and it's coming soon!

Harken back to a simpler time when families gathered around the television set on Sunday nights to watch the hottest acts of the day perform on popular variety shows like *The Ed Sullivan Show* or *Johnny Carson*. We're bringing entertainment home to you with a variety show of our own. Brimming with warmth, wit, and wonderful music, *We'll Meet Again* is an online variety series featuring an exciting blend of popular songs, lots of laughter, and plenty of nostalgia. Enjoy amazing performances from some of your favourite Drayton Entertainment performers, hilarious comedy, fun moments for kids, visits to local tourism attractions, and more ... right from the comfort of your living room!

Mark your calendar and tune in every Sunday night from October 25 to December 20 (plus a special holiday episode on Thursday, December 24) at 7:00 p.m. to stream each episode online. There is no cost to view this series; we'll send you the link and instructions to view each episode on the day that it airs.

From country hits and soul tunes to British Invasion classics, Broadway sensations, and more, each weekly episode has a theme and features incredible talent singing songs you love. Don't miss this special online series available for a limited time. Although nothing can replace the magic of live theatre, we hope this series will lift your spirits and warm your heart ... and know that when the time is right, "We WILL Meet Again!"



Photo credit: Host **Alex Mustakas**



Photo credit: **Berry Vrbanovic**, Mayor of Kitchener, **Neil Aitchison**, and **Dave Jaworsky**, Mayor Waterloo at KW



Photo credit: **Jesse Grandmont**, **Devan Ballagh**, **Paige Ballagh**, **Leah Grandmont**.

Episode 7: The Sounds of Soul (airing Sunday, **December 6**)

Episode 8: The British Invasion (airing Sunday, **December 13**)

Episode 9: The East Coast Kitchen Party (airing Sunday, **December 20**)

Episode 10: The Holiday Special (airing Thursday, **December 24**)

How To Watch

Instructions

- Please note that each episode will be available for viewing on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting October 25 (and also on Thursday, December 24 for The Holiday Special)
- On the day each episode airs, you will be sent a link by email that takes you to the Vimeo website. You will also be sent a password to access the website.

- You will need the password **showtime07** The password is case sensitive, so please ensure the letters are all lowercase.

- Click this link <https://vimeo.com/471172214>

- Once you are on the Vimeo site, enter the password and click the play button.

- When the video has started playing, you can click the icon with four arrows  on the bottom right of the video to expand to full screen if you choose.

- Enjoy the show!

THIS IS YOUR "NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE" FOR DECEMBER

Expression Origins:

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig.' Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board..'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt . . . Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

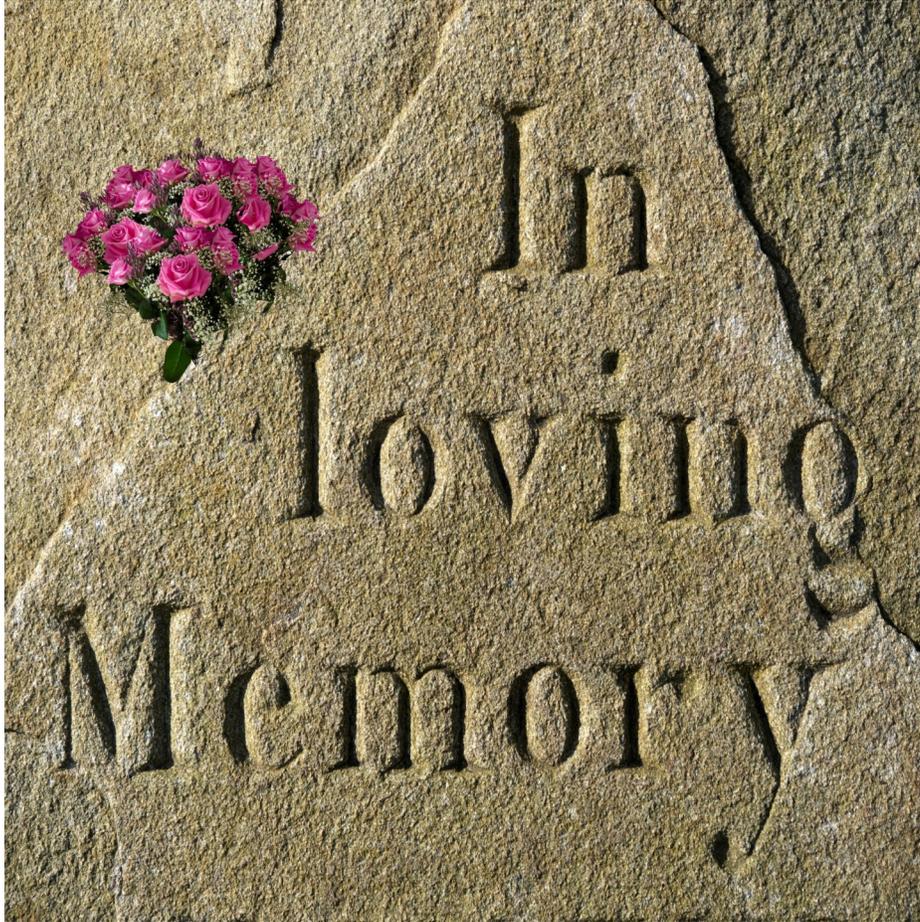
Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced'. . Wore a tightly tied lace.

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some ale' and listen to people's conversations and political concerns.. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the term minding your 'P's and 'Q's

AND NOW YOU KNOW!



It is with sadness that two of our members have suffered losses to family members.

Please join us in expressing our condolences to Ricky and Greg Lemire on the passing of Ricky's sister....and to Lynn and George Rice on the passing of their grandson.

Good thoughts go out to both families from our Beachcombers members.



On November 8th, our club along with other clubs and organizations arranged to lay a wreath in advance of the services.

Our preference of course, would be able to attend these services and personally lay the wreath. however this in no way diminishes our clubs intent to show respect to those who have served, and continue to serve.



ZOOM Webinar General Meeting January 5, 2021 at 10 am

Webinar 101

On January 5, 2021 the Beachcombers PROBUS will attempt to offer our General Meeting **not** at the RecPlex but in the comfort of your own home via ZOOM {bring your own coffee}. ZOOM is a very popular word right now , so lets get started. What is ZOOM?

Zoom is an **online** audio and web conferencing platform. People use it to make phone calls or to participate in video conference meetings.

ZOOM in 2019 and has grown into one of the biggest video conferencing solutions in use today. Currently, research shows that Zoom is the most commonly used conferencing tool ahead of similar solutions like Skype and Google Hangouts.

What Is a Zoom Meeting?

Zoom is one of many web conferencing tools, but it has grown quickly in popularity in part because it offers a lot of capabilities for free, and also is well regarded as a reliable, high quality conferencing tool that works easily and effectively. Most people will encounter Zoom simply through a meeting that has been set up by someone else, but it's available for you to use as needed, at no cost. Though Zoom offers a lot of products and services to enterprise organizations, video webinars, and even phone systems, Zoom's core product and the way most people know the service is Zoom Meetings. Zoom Meetings are the audio and video conferences that allow two or more people to communicate online.

Zoom Meetings happen in the Zoom app, and can be started and shared by anyone; these meetings can even be started for free via the app, if you have it installed, or via the Zoom web site.

You can also use Zoom on your phone or cast it to your television, on your tablet, laptop or desk top.

How Does Zoom Work?

You don't need a paid subscription to start using Zoom. In fact, if someone else sets up the Zoom Meeting and invites you, all you need to do is follow the instructions in the email invitation to start using Zoom. You'll need to click a link to install the Zoom app, and then enter the conference code to sign into the meeting to which you've been invited.

Go to: <https://zoom.us> Click on the top right of the home page **SIGN UP, ITS FREE** and follow the instructions. Once completed, you'll be able to participate in all Beachcombers' PROBUS General meetings for free.

What Is a ZOOM Webinar vs meeting?

Zoom meetings are ideal for hosting more interactive sessions where you'll want to have lots of audience participation or break your session into smaller groups.

Think of **webinars** like a virtual lecture hall or auditorium. Webinars are ideal for large audiences or events that are open to the public. Typically, webinar attendees do not interact with one another. Though Zoom provides options for you to get more social with your attendees, your average webinar has one or a few people speaking to an audience.

A webinar is made up with hosts, guests and participants.

Hosts can show themselves speaking, switch to their computer screens for slideshows or demonstrations, and even invite guests from other locations to co-host the webinar with them. **Participants** are not seen on the screen. Participates can only interact with a webinar by raising their hands icon on the screen, chatting with the host and panelists or participating in Q&A panels.

Please check your email in-box (and maybe your Junk email box) for further information regarding our meeting in January. We will guide you through. See you in January.

BRAIN TEASERS:

Here is the answer to last month's riddle: (The winner that correctly answered this riddle first was **Linda Trigg**)

LAST MONTH:

Thanks to riddles at www.prodigygame.com/ for that.
(read the word's carefully)

Billy's mother had five children. The first was named Lala, the second was named Lele, the third was named Lili, the fourth was named Lolo. What was the fifth child named?
It was....of course BILLY

HERE IS THIS MONTHS

We are having a great response from our members sending in answers so send them in early to be crowned the **winner**.

A farmer has 19 sheep on his land. One day, a big storm hits and all but seven run away. How many sheep does the farmer have left?

If you think you have the answer please email it to beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

SMILES FOR TODAY

Dear Lord,
Please don't let Brussel Sprouts
be a part of the cure of Covid-19 Virus.



ALL GENERAL MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**Note: Submissions for the January Newsletter should be sent to
beachcombersprobus@gmail.com by December 20, 2020**