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PROBUS, Wasaga Beach, Ontario

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beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

November 5, 2024 at 10:00 am

RecPlex Community Centre, Wasaga Beach



SPEAKER: Barbara Dickson

TOPIC: Bomb Girls

President's Corner



Well, the winter tires are on, the leaves have turned and fallen to the ground so we can rake to our hearts content and the cold northwestern air is barrelling down on us. Hibernation might seem like the best option but I have a better idea. Be a social butterfly instead.

Our club activities are going full steam ahead and so are the events. So don't forget to see Lynn Moore or Carrol Lisk at our November General Meeting coffee break to sign up. We have new events in November and a Christmas lunch planned for our December General meeting. The Holiday Dinner Dance is planned for December 8 with draw prizes, a fabulous meal and music to enjoy. Guest are welcome so get your tickets before they are gone. This one always sells out.

In town, I encourage you to attend the Remembrance Day event at the town hall on November 11 and the upcoming Holiday Parade and Tree lighting on November 23 or the Holiday Fair. Go to the Wasaga Beach Town website for all the details or ask at the town information desk located in the main entry of the Wasaga Beach Public Library and twin arena. Make sure you also go to the Wasaga Beach Public Library website to sign up for the free music and speakers series or check out a good book and curl up by the fire.

To keep you socializing together our club members expressed an interest in having access to a club membership list. Our Membership Coordinator Donna has a form to sign for anyone wishing to access a copy of the list. Anyone wishing to be removed from the external list will need to sign a form as well. It has been determined by the club executive that electronic access on our website is not advisable. If you have any questions regarding the list please direct them to me as the President of the club. Our hope at Beachcombers Probud is that you will choose fun over the call of winter hibernation this season. After all, life is short so make it joyful.

CHEERS!

Patricia Copeland, Beachcombers Probud Club President

“NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE”

WHO WAS LITTLE JACK HORNER IN THE NURSERY RHYME?

At a time when Henry VIII was confiscating church property, one monk appeased the king with the gift of a special Christmas pie. Inside the crust were deeds to twelve manor houses secretly offered in exchange for his monastery. The steward who carried the pie to London was Jack Horner, who along the way extracted a plum deed for himself. It was for Mells Manor, where Horner's descendants still live to this day.

AND NOW YOU KNOW!!!

Submitted by Ron Hanson

YOUR CLUB REPORTS:

Reminder: Your Web Site beachcombersprobus.com

I want to thank everyone who, so far has applied a password to their log in at the Beachcombers Probus web site. Please visit our web site periodically to get all of the up to the minute information, new photos or new videos. We have now reach **10900 visits** as of this writing. The Home Page usually has content that is very recent. While the Social Events has photos and information of previous social events. Photos of our past monthly meetings can be seen when you click the tab Monthly General Meetings. Many of our Monthly Newsletters from past years can be seen under the Monthly Newsletters tab. Just pick a year and then a month. If you want to become a member just click on the tab Interested in Becoming a Member. All the information is there for you. Under the More tab is the, SIG (Special Interest Groups) and a place if you want to contact us. We have a **new** photo of the month of Northern Light by Joseph Sileika.

Just go to beachcombersprobus.com to get all the information.

Carrol Lysk will be in charge of keeping SIG sheets current and will advise the coordinators of any additions made at the monthly meetings or determine if a new group is required. Contact her at sig@beachcombersprobus.com for further information.

If there is a new Special Interest Group that has been started, please consider being a coordinator if you are joining it. If you would like more information on what would be involved please speak to Carrol at the Social group table.

OCTOBER

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

OCTOBER 1, 2024 GENERAL MEETING



October was PROBUS month so we had a cake to celebrate, Jason George, our guest speaker brought some interactive displays with him and Rita fell in love.

Photos by Jim Desormeaux

A lot **more photos** can be seen on our web site at www.beachcombersprobud.com at the

Monthly General Meetings/2024/October



50/50 Draw: \$75 split = **\$37.50 to ea.** Violet and Donna Congrats Ladies!



OCTOBER

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

OCTOBER 16, 2024 NOTTAWASAGA MODEL RAILROAD



Photos by Jim Desormeaux

A lot more photos can be seen on our web site at www.beachcombersprobus.com at the tab Social Events/2024 October Nottawasaga Model Railroad

OCTOBER 7, 2024 PROBUS MONTH FLAG



Photos by Jim Desormeaux

A lot more photos can be seen on our web site at www.beachcombersprobus.com at the tab Social Events/2024 October PROBUS Month Flag Raising

NOVEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Tuesday November 5, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS: GENERAL MEETING



SPEAKER: Barbara Dickson

TOPIC: Bomb Girls

Most Canadians are unaware that an extensive long-abandoned tunnel system runs under the streets of Toronto, Ontario. Over eighty years ago, the Canadian government built a top-secret munitions factory in the rural community of Scarborough just seven miles from Toronto's downtown. The plant, called GECO—General Engineering Company (Canada) Limited—comprised 346 acres, 172 buildings, and over four kilometers of underground passageways.

Barbara Dickson's book, *Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo* is a comprehensive, historical record of Canada's biggest WWII munitions plant, GECO, which employed over 21,000 citizens, predominantly women, courageously working with high explosives around the clock during the Second World War.

In her presentation, Barbara delivers a dramatic, personal, and detailed review of GECO and shares with audiences the incredible contribution made by so many women so long ago. What was it really like to work in a munitions factory? Did anyone die? What were working conditions like? How closely did bomb girls resemble "Rosie the Riveter?" Barbara draws from over 20 years of research to answer these questions.

About Barbara

Barbara Dickson is a sought-after award-winning best-selling author, historian, public speaker, and documentary film producer who has entertained, educated, and enlightened audiences for twenty-five years.

Vision

Barbara strives to educate Canadians about the phenomenal work carried out by women across the nation whose invaluable contribution helped win the Second World War. Her legacy project is to establish a museum on the old GECO site where the public can come learn, appreciate, and remember the critical sacrifice women made for their country so long ago.

NOVEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Saturday November 16, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS: SOCIAL

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST

presented by the Wasaga Beach Theater

November 16th 7:30 PM performance

At the Rec Plex, Wasaga Beach

COST \$20.00 PER PERSON

(if more than 10 tickets sold)

The Importance of Being Earnest

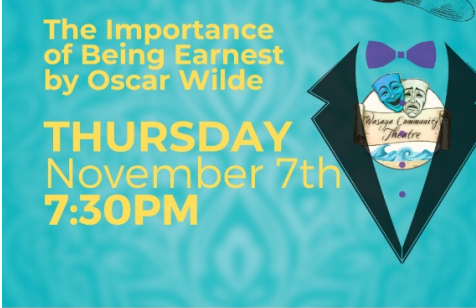
Directed by Conrad Boyce

The Importance of Being Earnest is a comedic play by Oscar Wilde.

Set in Victorian England, it revolves around two young men, Jack Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff, who both use the alias "Ernest" to escape social obligations and pursue romantic interests.

The play is renowned for its witty dialogue, satirical take on Victorian society, and humorous examination of identity, love, and marriage.

Through a series of misunderstandings and comedic situations, Wilde explores the absurdities of maintaining a double life and the importance of being earnest—in both senses of the word.



The Importance of Being Earnest
by Oscar Wilde

THURSDAY
November 7th
7:30PM

The Importance of Being Earnest (November 7th 2024
at 7:30pm)

CAD\$25.00

We are looking forward to seeing you at our fall production.

The show will begin at 7:30pm
Seating will open at 7pm
Registration will begin at 6:30pm

Snacks will be available at intermission.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are signed up for anything and unable to attend the meeting you may contact me at socialcommittee@beachcombersprobus.com or Carrol Lisk at sig@beachcombersprobus.com and also etransfer payment to that email address as well.

NOVEMBER

Club Events

November 5, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **HAND FOOT & ELBOW COUPLES**

They meet the first Tuesday of the month at Pizza Dees

Co-Ordinator: Kathy Zack or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

November 6, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **EUCHRE**

For the new Euchre season we will be playing on the First and Third Wednesday of each month between 1 and 4ish at various member's houses. We enjoy lots of laughs and don't take the game too seriously. We also have a list of spares who are called on when needed.

interested in joining us, please contact us. Jayne Edward or Doug McCullough or information or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

November 11, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS : **REMEMBRANCE DAY LAYING OF THE WREATH**

The ceremony is at town hall with a legion parade coming from the OPP station before the ceremony. If you plan to attend at town hall come by 10:15 because parking is an issue. Carpools are a good idea.

November 13, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **SIPS AND SNACKS CLUB**

November 19, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **DOMINOS MEXICAN TRAIN #1**

They meet the third Tuesday of the month at Pizza Dees

Co-Ordinator: Donna Aitken or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

November 20, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **ROMEO GROUP**

They meet the third Wednesday of the month at 9am at various locations. Co-Ordinator: Rudy Hochkirchen or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

NOVEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

November 20, 2024

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November 26, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **BID EUCHRE**

They meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at various locations. Co-Ordinator: Gertrud Bartlik or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

November 26, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **BEACHCOMBERS LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP**

They meet the last Tuesday of the month at various locations. Co-Ordinator: Joyce Frost or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

November 27, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **HAND FOOT & ELBOW**

They meet the last Wednesday of the month at 1 pm at various member's houses
Co-Ordinator: Cindy Payne or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

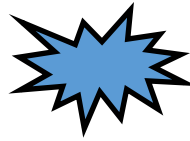
NOVEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)



BRAIN TEASER

WINNER



Anne Marie Laporte



Last Month's Question and Answer

QUESTION: Marking chapters of life complete, I'm a phase with much leisure to greet.

What am I?

- Retirement

This Month's Question

QUESTION: What am I, clicking numbers, playing games, a favorite activity that calls your names?

If you think you have the answer please email it to

newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com

And the **first** person to send in the correct answer will be crowned "THE WINNER"

SMILE OF THE DAY

BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!
I RECENTLY CALLED AN OLD ENGINEERING BUDDY OF MINE AND ASKED WHAT HE WAS WORKING ON THESE DAYS.
HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON "AQUA-THERMAL TREATMENT OF CERAMICS, ALUMINUM AND STEEL UNDER A CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT."
I WAS IMPRESSED UNTIL, UPON FURTHER INQUIRY, I LEARNED THAT HE WAS WASHING DISHES WITH HOT WATER UNDER HIS WIFE'S SUPERVISION.

**"Your call is very important to us...
Please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo"**



Note: Submissions for the NovemberNewsletter should be sent to

newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com **by December 20, 2024**

NOVEMBER

CLUB NON-EVENTS (con't)

Georgian PROBUS Travel Group

Gloria Thompson

Portugal Madeira Adventure

April 24 2025 to May 10 2025

A “comprehensive” escorted tour of Madeira and Portugal



Join your fellow Probus members from the Georgian Bay Region on a fabulous adventure in Beautiful Madeira. Travel the exotic river country around Porto and other less travelled areas of lovely Portugal on a 16 day adventure.

The Twin rate is \$5425 Cdn and the single rate is \$7235 Cdn which includes air. Airport taxes are an extra \$ 850.

The initial deposit required is \$1200 and a second deposit of \$600 is required by Jan. 10th 2025. We require a minimum of 20 people to secure this space. Final payment is

due Feb 24 2025.

For further information and booking please contact Gloria at 705 429 9455 or Brenda at Marlin Travel at 705 444 1161. TICO reg.



COMPREHENSIVE ESCORTED TOUR OF MADEIRA AND PORTUGAL

16 days Thurs 24 Apr to 10 May, 2025

Open to all Probus members, friends and family.

April– 24 Transat direct flight to Lisbon, overnight.

April 25- Mid day flight Lisbon to Funchal, Madeira

Apr 25-29 4 nights hotel with breakfast, at NEXT Hotel

Apr 26 Full day tour incl. Porto Moniz with lunch

Apr 27-free day

Apr 28- Food and culture tour for 4 hours

Apr 29th Flight from Funchal to Porto

Apr 29th Hotel da Bolsa for 4 nights with breakfast

Apr 30 - half day city tour with wine tasting

May 01- free day

May 02- full day tour of the Douro Valley with lunch

May 03- bus to Lisbon, staying at MY STORY Hotel 4 nights with breakfast

May 04- full day tour incl. Sintra, Cascais and Estoril with lunch

May 05- half day city tour

May 06- full day tour incl. Fatima, Obidos, Nazare, Batalha with lunch

May 07, bus to the Algarve, staying in Albufiera at the Vila Gale Cerro Alagoa, with breakfast.

- There are optional tours or you can explore villages, beaches for 2 days.
- May 10-direct Transat flight Faro to Toronto 1:25 pm arrive 4:45pm.