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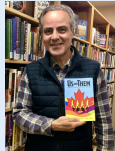
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[beachcombersprobus@gmail.com](mailto:beachcombersprobus@gmail.com)

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

March 5, 2024

**at the RecPlex at 10 AM**



**Speaker:** John Arnone

**Topic:** To discuss "The Beatles - Great Canadian Adventure!"

**Beachcombers are Going Green: save us from purchasing foam/paper cups: Please bring your Probus or personal mugs each meeting! Buying foam cups too expensive now. 1 extra 50/50 ticket per person, to the member who brings their mug! Cup cost is \$1.00; replacement mug is \$10.00.**



## President's Corner

I am excited to be the incoming President for our Beachcombers Probus Club in beautiful Wasaga Beach. I have big shoes to fill as Brian Currie departs this role after years of dedication to it. I know you join me in applauding him for a job well done.

Our club is growing every week with wonderful new members.

I hope you will all get to know them and invite them to join us for the coffee time and even for lunches after the general meeting so we all make new friends. Staying social is the key to happiness.

As your new President I will continue to help our hard working Executive and volunteer team deliver interesting and educational general meetings to enrich our lives. I hope you will all take full advantage of the wonderful events, outings and activities our social committee provides too. This is the best time of our lives so let's enjoy it together.

I want to encourage everyone to offer ideas for new activities and ideas for new guest speakers. Let's all help make this our best year.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Copland

## "NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE"

### WHY DO WE SAY THAT SOMEONE WHO INHERITED WEALTH WAS "BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN THEIR MOUTH???"

If someone is "born with a silver spoon in their mouth," it means that they were born into wealth rather than having had to earn it. The expression comes from an old custom of godparents giving the gift of a spoon to a child at its christening to signify their responsibility for its nourishment and well-being. If they were wealthy, the spoon was usually silver, and if not, it would be pewter or tin.

AND NOW YOU KNOW!!!

Submitted by Ron Hanson

## YOUR CLUB REPORTS:

**Reminder: Your Web Site** [beachcombersprobus.com](http://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 are over 9200 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 past, SIG (Special Interest Groups) and a place if you want to contact us.

Just go to [beachcombersprobus.com](http://beachcombersprobus.com) to get all the information.

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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](mailto: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.

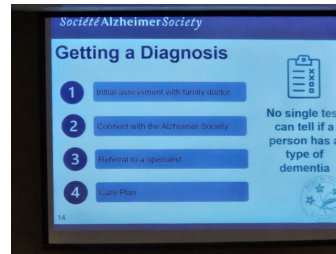
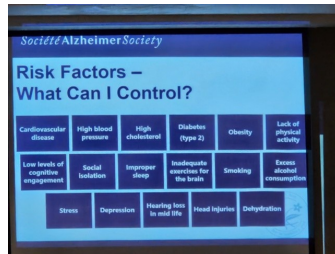
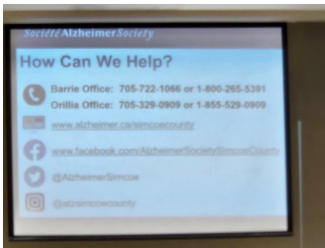
# FEBRUARY

## CLUB EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 6, 2024 GENERAL MEETING



Guest speaker Maryse Raymond, Alzheimer's Society, Simcoe County



Winners of the 50/50 draw



Outgoing and incoming Presidents



**50/50 Draw:** \$41 ea. to Donna Durham and Lynn Moore



For more **photos and videos** please log onto your Web at: Monthly General Meetings/2024/February

# MARCH

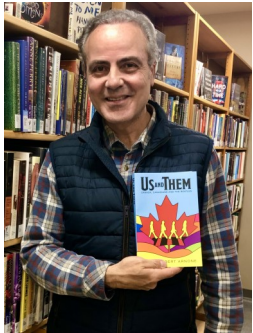
## Club Events

### March 5, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS: **GENERAL MEETING AT THE RECPLEX AT 10AM**

**Speaker:** John Arnone

**Topic:** “The Beatles - Great Canadian Adventure!”



The Beatles and Canada ! author, John takes you on The Beatles Great Canadian Adventure in an eye opening look at the Fab Four’s amazing little known connections to our country and our people.

John Arnone (AR-NO-NAY) is a lifelong Beatles fan. Born in Ontario, he earned a BA in Journalism from Ryerson University. During his career, John worked as a reporter and editor in Saskatchewan and Ontario and in 1987 was awarded the prestigious AJAC Journalist of the Year Award. The following year he launched a three-decade career as a communicator in the automotive and aviation industries in Canada and The United States.

Married to Tamara, they have an amazing daughter Terra-Ann. John likes languages, guitar, paddle boarding and hockey.

### March 5, 2024

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

They meet the 1st Tuesday of the month after Probus and lunch at Pizza Dees. Co-Ordinator: Kathy Zacks or [treasurer@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:treasurer@beachcombersprobus.com)

### March 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 4rsh. If we can get a few more players we will have 3 tables of no more than 12 players plus a few spares for each group. 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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

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## Club Events (cont'd)

### **March 11, 2024**

Beachcombers PROBUS: **SOCIAL**

Dinner at the United Church on Zoo Park Rd., 5pm. Tickets \$20 pp to be purchased by March meeting

### **March 13, 2024**

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

They meet the second Wednesday of the month **Time: 5:00 to 7:00** contact Donna Durham or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **March 13, 2024**

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **ROMEO GROUP**

They meet the second Wednesday of the month at various locations. Co-Ordinator: Rudy Hochkirchen or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **March 20, 2024**

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **EUCHRE**

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### **March 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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)



# MARCH

## CLUB EVENTS (con't)

### March 27, 2024

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

They meet the last Wednesday of the month at member's houses

Co-Ordinator: Cindy Payne or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

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## PROBUS CANADA

### PROBUS SKI LEGENDS

PROBUS Ski Legends is based out of the Blue Mountains and surrounding area. Those interested in joining can do so if they are already members of an Ontario PROBUS Club. Each local PROBUS club is represented by a volunteer on the Legends Executive Committee. The club currently numbers about 200 strong and is derived from a base of 14 PROBUS clubs. Our Legends Membership is offered at a cost of \$40 per season and allows you to take part in our entire program. Those interested in joining should review the [Legends Code of Conduct](#).



The group is focused on a “mix and meet” philosophy to skiing and socializing and ensuring that members do not ski alone. Are you a downhill skier or snowboarder? Have all your ski buddies packed it in, and are you tired of skiing alone? Do you want to make good use of your 5x7? Do you want to take advantage of great ski trips and social events? Then you should

join Probus Ski Legends – where our motto is “Never ski alone!” Check us out here: <https://probusskilegends.ca/> Unlike most Probus activities, which are organized by and for members of individual clubs, Legends is one large organization for all Probus members in any club who are interested in meeting up with others for skiing, snowboarding and social activities. To join, go to the Legend website and download the membership form: <http://probusskilegends.ca/membership/>

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Probus people/friends who would like to travel with local people and create new friendships, GPTG, your travel group is proceeding with the following 2 trips

#### GEORGIAN PROBUS TRAVEL GROUP

1. CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND June 16-27th, 2024. For those who love learning experiences, small ship travel, and unique experiences. We still have space with no single supplement and a group discount. For further info please call Brenda Chapman at 705-444-1161

2. NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE, from Bergen to Trondheim. 17-27 Sept 2024. We also still have group pricing and space. Contact Gloria for more info. 705 429 9455. Most of the members booked on this trip are going early to experience the fabulous train program from Oslo to Bergen. Then train Trondheim to Oslo.

Check out the new website,.....[gptg.probuscanada.ca](http://gptg.probuscanada.ca)

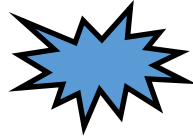
Thank you, Liliane Vidicek  
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# MARCH

## CLUB EVENTS (con't)



### BRAIN TEASERS



*No One*



### **LAST MONTHS WINNER:**

#### *Last Month's Question and Answer*

**QUESTION:** I can't be bought, but I can be stolen with a glance. I'm worthless to one, but priceless to two. What am I?

**ANSWER:** *Love (It was Valentine's)*

#### *This Month's Question*

**QUESTION:** There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word, a great woman. What is the word?

If you think you have the answer please email it to

[newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com)

### SMILE OF THE DAY

A German woman married a American gentleman born in Virginia and they lived happily ever after in his home town.

The poor lady didn't speak English but was able to communicate with her husband.

The real problem arose

whenever she had to shop for groceries.

One day, she went to the butcher counter and wanted to buy chicken legs. She didn't know how to put forward her request so, in desperation, she clucked like a chicken and lifted up her skirt to show her thighs. Her butcher got the message and gave her the chicken legs.

Next day she needed to get chicken breasts, again she didn't know how to say it, so she clucked like a chicken and unbuttoned her blouse to show the butcher her breasts. The butcher understood again and gave her some chicken breasts.

On the 3rd day, the poor lady needed to buy sausages. Unable to find a way to communicate this, she brought her husband to the store.....

**Her husband speaks English....**

**Note: Submissions for the March Newsletter should be sent to**

[newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com) by **March20, 2024**