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Also if you want to communicate with
any one of us just send an email to

beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

NEXT GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING:

September 3, 2024 at 10:00 am

RecPlex Community Centre, Wasaga Beach



SPEAKER: Walter Weekers

TOPIC: HMCS Nancy/War of 1812

President's Corner

The fall is approaching and days on the largest freshwater beach in the world are changing from jumping in the waves to walking on the boardwalk at sunset. Grandkids are packing suitcases to go home and begin school again. The winding down of one seasons activities just means it's time to get out your calendars and plan to join us at the upcoming Beachcombers Probus Club social activities and events. September is also the time to renew your membership so you can enjoy all our great fun. So if you have not done so, please ensure you pay your \$40 to take part in another great year either by e-transfer or in person by cash or cheque at our general meeting.



Making the fall a time to learn new things, make new friends and enjoy life is the key to being happy. Perhaps you are interested in assisting with planning or organizing events or activities? Remember to see the events and activities posted on our website so you can think about what looks good to you. You can sign up for the events or activities using the website emails listed for events or activities or simply sign up at our General meeting in September. If you are not sure and need to chat then talk to Lynn or Carroll at the front tables at our September meeting. But sign up and enjoy life.

Enjoying life at Probus is easy when dedicated members step up to give us their time and talent. Past President Brian Currie and I had the honor to spend an afternoon with one such person. Our long time club member Betty Baker is a past President and a great example of a person who jumped in to help build the fabulous club we enjoy today. Betty has been our dedicated Wellness Co-ordinator for a very long time and will now enjoy her retirement in her new seniors home here in Wasaga Beach. She has earned this time to kick back and relax. I know you join me in extending our thanks for all her club efforts and everlasting wonderful sense of humour. Thanks Betty!

Included into todays newsletter email is the Beachcombers Probus Constitution and Bylaws. Please take a look.

Sincerely,
Patricia Copland
Beachcombers Probus Club President

"NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE"

WHY IS A NEWCOMER CALLED A "ROOKIE???"

A rookie is anyone new to an organization requiring teamwork and whose lack of experience may cause errors. The word originated in the American military during the Civil War when massive numbers of young and untrained soldiers were rushed into battle, causing major problems with discipline. The veterans called the incompetents "reckies" an abbreviation of recruits, which through time became "rookies".

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 a new **milestone of 10200 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. We have a **new** photo of the month by XXXXXXX.

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.

AUGUST

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

AUGUST 6, 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



“Secrets Game” Faye, Wesley, Julian, Peter, and Steve

Photos by Jim Desormeaux

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

Monthly General Meetings/2024/August



50/50 Draw: Cash winnings of \$47.00 each to Donna Durham and Rickey Lemire.



AUGUST

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)



The 2024-2025 Beachcombers PROBUS Executive and Management Committee

Executive (not in order)

Kathy Zack, Richard Durham, Dona Durham, Jim Desormeaux, Lynn Moore, Tony Svirplys, Peter Zammit, Patrica Copeland and Linda Cunningham

Management Committee (not in order)

Cindy and Andy Payne, Donna, and Bill Aitken , Lynn & Barry Moore, Judy Grondin, Suzanne Smith, Ann Marie Laport and Carrol Lisk

AUGUST

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

AUGUST 22, 2024 CORN ROAST MEET-



Photos by Jim Desormeaux

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

Social Events/2024 August Corn Roast

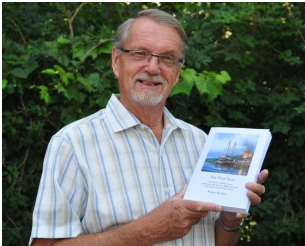


SEPTEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Tuesday September 3, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS: GENERAL MEETING



SPEAKER: Walter Weckers

TOPIC: HMCS Nancy/War of 1812

Author Walter Weckers has always had an interest in history, the conflicts and events – intentional and unintentional – that shaped the world, especially Europe and North America. After a career as a business executive, Walter now resides in Wasaga Beach, near where the Nancy was scuttled in the Nottawasaga River, and Nancy Island was formed. Walter is a member of the Friends of Nancy Island, and of both the Wasaga Beach and Collingwood Writers Clubs. Walter says “the reason I chose to write this book was simply a convergence of my interest in history, the fact that a significant local event drew my attention, and that, once I started to write, the framework of the story permitted me to develop a fictional account that was true to known historic events.”



Walters interests include writing fiction, short stories, non-fiction essays, composing music, and sailing his sailboat on Georgian Bay. The Final Year is his first novel. After the research for this book, he wonders if, one day, Georgian Bay may again be called Lake Manitoulin, just as Georgia Strait at Vancouver, BC has become the Salish Sea, and the Queen Charlotte Islands have been re-named Haida Gwaii.

The Friends of Nancy Island carry the book in the Treasure Chest gift store at Nancy Island Historic Site. Walter Weckers will be available during the Wasaga Under Siege event on August 18th and 19th to sign copies of *'The Final Year'*. The book is a great read and celebration of some of our little known, yet significant Canadian history.

SEPTEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2024 (New Date)

Beachcombers PROBUS: SOCIAL

We will leave from the **NEW Stars Arena (East Side)** at approx. 10:30 AM for the tour and stop for lunch within a 90 minute radius of Wasaga Beach. We are planning on some surprises. Fingers crossed Mother Nature will give us a great day

Please contact Lynn Moore or email her at socialcommittee@beachcombersprobus.com

Wednesday October 16, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS: SOCIAL

Model Railroad Club Tour in Collingwood. Times and location to follow.

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@gmail.com and also e-transfer payment to that email address as well. If payment for the boat cruise and The Long Weekend play is not received then your tickets will be released.

SEPTEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

NOW is the Time to Renew Your Membership

Who are we?



A volunteer run social group of active retired or semi retired members who are interested in building friendships, learning from speakers, day trips and attending special events and interest groups.

We do not have political, religious or commercial interests and we do not fund raise or do community projects.

Where and when are the meetings?

1st Tuesday of each month at the Recplex in Wasaga Beach from 10:00 to 12:00 (Doors open at 9:30). Coffee & refreshments will be available.

Payment can be made by E-Transfer at beachcombersprobus2020@gmail.com or by cheque or cash at the August or September meeting. Membership is \$40.0 each.

Donna, Membership

Email: membership@beachcombersprobus.com

NOTE: We are considering having your phone number on a list that will be on the Member side (password side) of the Web site. Please think about it and we will vote on September 3, 2024 General Meeting. Of course if you do not want to have your phone number on the list, it will be accommodated. More information at the meeting.

SEPTEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

HOW TO SETUP YOUR BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS PASSWORD TO GAIN ACCESS ON OUR SECURE WEB PAGE

To Sign Up for the First Time:

- ◆ Click on **Log In**
- ◆ **New to This Site? Sign Up**
- ◆ **Enter your first name**
- ◆ **Enter your last name**
- ◆ **Enter your password**
- ◆ Click **Sign up**
- ◆ For a one time event you must check your email address that was given in the sign up page and from that email enter the 6 digit code where it says **“Enter 6 digit code”**
- ◆ **Press confirm and sign up**

You will now be moved to the Beachcombers Probus Web Site Home Page. You may press any tab at the top of the page to gain access to that topic. For example **“Social Events”** or **“Monthly Newsletters”** or **“Monthly General Meetings”**

To Log Out

- ◆ go to the top right hand corner that displays your name and click on the **down arrow**
- ◆ Click **Log Out**

On your second and any other future visit

- ◆ click on **Log In**
- ◆ Enter your **email address (if not saved)**
- ◆ Enter **Password (if not saved)**
- ◆ Click **Log in**

If you have any questions please contact newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com

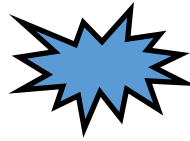
SEPTEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)



BRAIN TEASER

WINNER



Jayne Paul Edwards



Last Month's Question and Answer

QUESTION: Full of old tunes and slow-paced jives, I spin records of your youthful lives. What am I?

ANSWER: Record Player

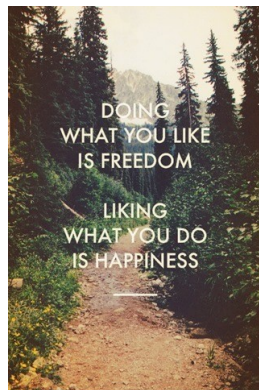
This Month's Question

QUESTION: When eyesight dims, I am a friend, bringing words back into trend. What am I?

If you think you have the answer please email it to

newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com

SMILE OF THE DAY



Submitted by Jim Cunningham

Note: Submissions for the October Newsletter should be sent to

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

SEPTEMBER

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.