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beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

October 1, 2024 at 10:00 am

RecPlex Community Centre, Wasaga Beach



SPEAKER: Jason George

TOPIC: Wildlife Photographer

President's Corner

Fall brings changing colours across our forests, freshly picked apples and an excuse to head in doors as the weather becomes cooler. So, if you are looking for things to do inside I highly recommend looking around your own town. Retirement is the ideal time to broaden your horizons and try new things.



Our Probus Club offers a wide range of activities and outings so start by checking out the opportunities available on our website or at the general meeting in October. As a club we listen to our members ideas for new activities or outings. If you have any ideas that you want to help organize, bring it to our executive members attention and we can support your efforts. Suggestions for 2025 include a kayaking group, a hiking group, and a SNOWBIRDS Sips and Appetizers operating from April to September only. Now we just need a few members to be the organizer for these ideas. We are also looking for good Speaker ideas for 2025. Please let us know if you are interested so we can help make it happen.

As winter approaches, I would also encourage you to consider visiting the local library, its website or the town website to keep up to date on special speakers, seasonal and or special events, or healthy living or learning opportunities offered at free or a minimal cost. Also check out the free local Beach Booster newspaper that is full of local events. They say learning one new thing every day keeps you young. So let's give it a try together.

If you missed our September General Meeting, we announced the Executive agreed to go ahead with your many requests to have a Membership Contact List for social purposes. A decision has been made to make contact information available on the Members only password protected section of our website. It will only be available to our members using their password to access this list and see the contacts. Contacts may not be used for soliciting business, political purposes, religious or discriminatory or unlawful purposes. It may not be sold or distributed to non-members. Any use seen as outside the spirit of the purposes of the Club Members best interest will be responded to by the Executive. We hope this allows you to reach out to each other to build friendships. See you all for the next great events!

Sincerely,
Patricia Copeland
Beachcombers Probus Club President

"NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE"

WHY DO MEXICANS CALL AMERICANS "GRINGOS???"

Some say that during the Mexican - American war at the end of the nineteenth century, locals heard the invaders singing "Green Grow the Lilacs" and simply picked up "gringo" from "green grow". Others say that because the American uniforms were green, the expression came from a rallying cry: "Green, go!" But, in fact, gringo is a Spanish word on its own and is a slang insult for anyone who is fair-skinned and looks foreign.

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 **10500 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 a parasailer in a beautiful sunset by Steve Copeland

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.

SEPTEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 GENERAL MEETING



President with membership swag bags for new members, Guest Speaker Walter Wrechers, table decoration, Social signup table.

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/September



50/50 Draw: Cash winnings of \$47.50 each to Elizabeth & Peter



SEPTEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

SEPTEMBER 2024 EUCHRE GET TOGETHER



Photos by Anne Marie Laporte

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OCTOBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Tuesday October 1, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS: GENERAL MEETING



SPEAKER: Jason George

TOPIC: Wildlife Photography

Jason George, wildlife photographer, will take you on a trip around the world to see your favourite animals that he has photographed in the wild. Lions, squirrels, cheetahs, foxes, moose and even snow leopards plus a bunch more. There will be an interactive session and a q&a for those in attendance to the presentation. You will laugh, and be shocked by the pictures and the stories that Jason shares.

Jason George is a wildlife photographer, presenter, and writer that recently relocated to the settings of Wasaga Beach to get closer to nature when he retired from teaching full-time his passion for wildlife. He loves to see wild animals in their natural habitat and state, so travels around Canada (missing only Newfoundland and Nunavut) and the world (missing Antarctica). Getting to see an animal in its habitat is special, being able to photograph it is awesome. Luckily, he has seen more than 70% of the animals you could see in the zoo, in wild. He now explores ways to share his love and passion with those not able to have these experiences.

Jason recently released a solo book series "Going Deeper with Jason George" – Red Foxes, Moose, Cheetah, Penguin, Owls, Leopards & Snow Leopards, and Lions with personal stories, lots of photos, and even colouring pages of select images in the book, which link videos on his YouTube channel. He has a different book series Jay and Kay about their experiences with learning disabilities and just released a 3-game educational app to learn visit www.jayandkay.ca Don't forget about the 1st wildlife series "The World with Jason George" – Canada (French & English) and Africa.

Jason seems to have a magical connection with animals which helps him capture these amazing natural pictures (both ethically and humanely). He gets the best pictures of the animals without hurting or baiting them.

Check out his work www.jasongeorgephotography.com we are sure you'll find a photo or story there that will make you smile or join him on an adventure on his YouTube

Channel www.youtube.com/c/JasonGeorgePhotography

OCTOBER

Club Events

October 1, 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

October 2, 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

October 9, 2024

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

They meet the second Wednesday of the month **Time: 5:00 to 7:00** at various member's houses. contact Donna Durham or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

October 15, 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

October 16, 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

OCTOBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Wednesday October 16, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS: SOCIAL

We have had a new addition to this day for the ladies as well! We will be meeting at the Rec Plex at 1PM

◆ For the MEN (and any ladies who wish to attend as well).

Take a tour of The Nottawasaga Model Railway Club. at 2PM

Its in a converted pig sty at the edge of town, there's a (mostly) working model of the CN railway from Barrie to Meaford – the ongoing work of a group of guys known as the Nottawasaga Model Railway Club.

The club is located at Bygone Days Farm at 6th st. just west of 10th line .

Easiest way to get there from the beach is take Beachwood or Hwy. 26 to Poplar side road west , go past Hwy. 124 to roundabout at High St. , take first exit , north on High St ., go about 1 mile to 6th St. stop light (Home Hardware is on far left corner) , turn left heading west on 6th St. About 1 mile stop sign at 10th line . Go past 10th line , Bygone Farms is just past the soccer fields on right, club is located just in front of barn on left side.

For the ladies we have a tour of The Barn Studio in Collingwood at 2PM.

Cheryl Sheridan has been creating handwoven pieces for a little over sixteen years. She and her husband, Terry, live just outside of Collingwood on a lovely country farm with an 1860's barn studio. Cheryl boasts a collection of more than 20 looms,

A recent addition to The Barn Studio is Circular Sock Knitting! A collection of vintage sock knitting machines ranging from 1860's - 1924, as well as a reproduction model dated 2013.

Her address is

GPS: 2968 Concession 10N Nottawasaga Rd. Collingwood

2968 Concession 10N, Nottawasaga Rd
also known as County Road 32
Collingwood

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.

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October 29, 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

October 30, 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

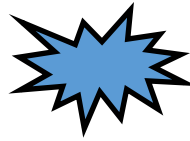
SEPTEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)



BRAIN TEASER

WINNER



Anne Marie Laporte



Last Month's Question and Answer

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

ANSWER: Magnifying Glass (Anne Marie you had the closest answer with eye glasses)

This Month's Question

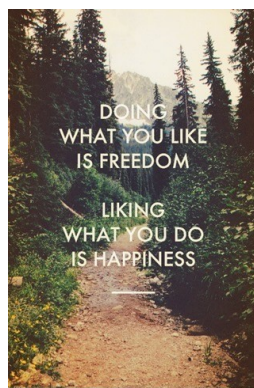
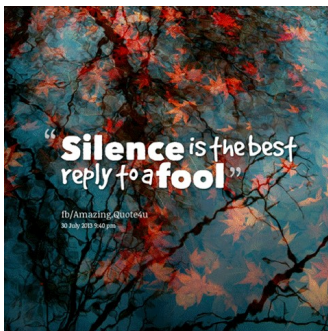
QUESTION: Marking chapters of life complete, I'm a phase with much leisure to greet.
What am I?

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



Submitted by Jim Cunningham

Note: Submissions for the November Newsletter should be sent to

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

OCTOBER

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.