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PROBUS, Wasaga Beach, Ontario

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

December 3, 2024 at 10:00 am

RecPlex Community Centre, Wasaga Beach

Our December 3rd meeting will be a little different as we will be celebrating the Christmas season with friends that are not attending the dinner/dance the following Saturday.

We will be ending the meeting earlier than usual and skipping the break to have a social gathering with sandwiches (supplied) and cookies with our coffee and tea.

We are asking each of our ladies to bring 6 cookies to share with everyone please!

We are hoping to have some Christmas music playing to cheer us all on going into this wonderful time of year!

Just a reminder to members to bring new unwrapped toys and food donations for the food bank to our Dec 3 meeting or the Christmas party on Dec 7.



President's Corner

The holiday season is here and once you have trimmed the house with decorations and enjoyed some festivities with family and friends please take a moment to reflect on all the positive things in your life. Even if it's something small like enjoying a good cup of coffee each morning or the banter between friends that brings you laughter then celebrate it in your heart.

This season we are asking our club members to help bring some joy to others. If you can donate new toys for the Kinette's Toy drive or a variety of food for the food bank this season we will be collecting it at our regular meeting Dec. 3, 2024, and at the Dinner Dance on December 7th.

Even the smallest donation will bring a smile to the face of someone in need. After all, the holiday season is about caring and giving.

I look forward to being together to share our holiday tales over lunch at the regular meeting or over a holiday dinner with all the trimmings on Dec. 7th, so pull out your fancy clothes and get ready to eat and be merry everyone!

Count your blessings this season knowing that your friends and the executive volunteers at Probud, wish you all a very joyful holiday season and the best for a wonderful New Year.

See you in January 2025.

Happy Holidays to one and all!

Patricia Copland, Beachcombers Probud Club President

“NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE”

WHY DO WE CALL A BAD ACTOR A "HAM" AND SILLY COMEDY "SLAPSTICK?"

In the late nineteenth century, second-rate actors couldn't afford cold cream to remove their stage makeup, so they used ham fat and were called hamfatters until early in the twentieth century when these bad actors were simply called "hams." Physical comedy became known as "slapstick" because of its regular use of crude sound effects: two sticks were slapped together off-stage to accentuate a comic's onstage pratfall (prat being an Old English term for buttocks).

AND NOW YOU KNOW!!!

Submitted by Ron Hanson

YOUR CLUB REPORTS:

Your Web Site: beachcombersprobus.com

Don't forget that if you are new to the club you must submit a password to 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 **11300 visits** as of this writing. The Home Page usually has content that is very recent. Click on the photos from our Social events to see the latest photos. Click on the photos from our monthly meetings to see the latest photos. Many of our Monthly Newsletters from past years can be seen under the Monthly Newsletters tab. Just pick a year and then a month. For photos and information regarding the SIG (Special Interest Groups) click on the MORE tab/SIG and if you want to contact us, click on MORE/Contact. On the top right side tab click MORE/Calendar of Events for all our upcoming club events. Just click on the Dark gray heading and all the information will appear. For the month of November we had over 40 visitors to that page. Its there for you, our members, so please use it.

We have a **new** photo of the month from Jim Desormeaux

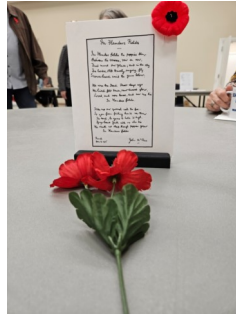
Carrol Lisk will be in charge of keeping SIG sheets current and will advise the coordinators of any additions made at the monthly meetings or determine if a new group is required. Contact her at sig@beachcombersprobus.com for further information.

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.

NOVEMBER

CLUB EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL MEETING



Barbara Dickson, our guest speaker discussed the background of the term “Bomb Girls”

Photos by Jim Desormeaux

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

Tab Monthly General Meetings/2024/November



50/50 Draw: \$37.00 ea. TO THE WINNERS – Linda C. & Tom S. Congrats!



NOVEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

At our November General Meeting, Rick Durham introduced Novelist **Barbara Dickson**, Author of 'Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo'



Most Canadians are unaware that an extensive, long-abandoned tunnel system runs under the streets of the eastern GTA, Ontario. Over 80 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's presentation was 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. Barbara delivered a dramatic, personal, and detailed review of GECO and shared with us 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.



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CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

NOVEMBER 16, 2024 SOCIAL EVENT, THE PLAY “THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNEST” presented by the Wasaga Beach Theater

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.



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DECEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Tuesday December 3 2024 **Beachcombers PROBUS: GENERAL MEETING**



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Club Events

Tuesday December 3, 2024

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

They meet the first Tuesday of the month at Pizza Dees

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

Wednesday December 4, 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 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

Saturday December 7, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS Social: **CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE**

Just a reminder to bring a new unwrapped toys or food donations for the food bank.

Tuesday December 10, 2024 (DATE MOVED for DECEMBER)

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **Dominos Mexican Train #2**

They meet the third Tuesday of the month at various locations.

We have moved to the 2nd tuesday for December because of Xmas schedules

Co-Ordinator: Peter Z or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

Wednesday December 11, 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.

Wednesday December 11, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **ROMEO GROUP**

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

Tuesday December 17, 2024

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

They meet the third Tuesday of the month at Pizza Dees

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

DECEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Tuesday December 17, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **Dinner & Movie**

They meet the third Tuesday of the month at Various Locations at 5pm

Co-Ordinator: Ron and Sandy H. or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

Wednesday December 18, 2024

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Tuesday December 24, 2024 (CHANGED DATE for DECEMBER)

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **BID EUCHRE**

They meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at various locations.

Bid Euchre is cancelled for both December 2024 and January 2025

Co-Ordinator: Gertrud Bartlik or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

Wednesday December 25, 2024 (CANCELLED for DECEMBER)

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 P. or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

Tuesday December 31, 2024 (CANCELLED for DECEMBER)

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

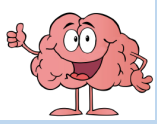
They meet the last Tuesday of the month at 1 pm at various member's houses

Co-Ordinator is Joyce F. or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

No meeting in December

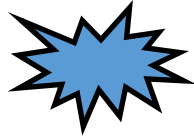
DECEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (con't)



BRAIN TEASER

WINNER



No One



Last Month's Question and Answer

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

This Month's Question

QUESTION:

- With joy and laughter, they scamper around, your love for them is so profound. 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

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



Why don't they put more money in ATM's! This is the fifth ATM I've been to in the last week that had "insufficient funds"!!!

Dad's Babysitting Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-CEHukMweE>

Smiles by Linda C.

Note: Submissions for the January Newsletter should be sent to

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

DECEMBER

CLUB NON-EVENTS (con't)

Georgian PROBUS Travel Group

Gloria Thompson gloria thompson email gloriat00007@gmail.com

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.