



# The Wasagan

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

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

## January 7, 2025 at 10:00 am

### RecPlex Community Centre, Wasaga Beach



**GUEST SPEAKER:** Tom CHEEL - The  
Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, Senior  
Support Unit Volunteer

**TOPIC:** Fraud Awareness



### President's Corner

It seems incredible that another year has passed and 2025 is upon us. When we see each other again on January 7<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting we will all be saying time fly's when you are having fun, so bring on the fun, we will folks.

Our Speaker line up, upcoming events and of course the return of our Special Interest Groups are looking amazing. We plan to release tickets for our annual Christmas dinner dance

in September 2025 so you can invite friends before they get busy for the holiday season. The more the merrier!

We are also preparing to send out a club survey for your feedback on what you enjoy and ideas you may have to bring more fun to our lives. This will be sent out by email so please watch for it and please ensure we have a current email. The results will be shared on our website and the Executive will consider all good ideas as we work for a vibrant club on your behalf.

We are also interested in knowing when you started as members of the club. Our Membership Executive member Donna has begun a list but is looking for your help. Please see her at the meeting at the sign in desk. We are hoping to provide club pins to long term members in 2025. We want to make sure we don't miss anyone.

Probus Canada made Constitutional and Bylaw changes for 2025. While this may not be fun, it is an important way to ensure all the chartered clubs are operating the same way.

Our executive will review these changes and work to ensure we abide by the rules to protect our Charter. You will hear more about this in the next newsletter. You can also go to the Probus Canada website and read the latest changes on your own. You can direct any questions to me using my club email or talk to me at our meetings during coffee break.

It will be a busy year ahead in 2025! Let's make fun and friendship the priority together.

Happy Holidays to one and all!

**Patricia Copland, Beachcombers Probus Club President**

## “NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE”

### **WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS???**

In medieval times, during the last feast of the Christmas week, knights of the realm were required to place their hands on a peacock and vow to continue living up to their pledge of chivalry. This was known as the knight's "peacock vow." The New Year's custom of resolving to live a better life originated with the Babylonians, who promised the gods that they would return all borrowed farm and cooking tools and pay off personal loans.

**AND NOW YOU KNOW!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Submitted by Ron Hanson

## YOUR CLUB REPORTS:

**Your Web Site:** [beachcombersprobus.com](http://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 **11800 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 100 visitors to that page. Its there for you, our members, so please use it.

We also have a **new** photo of the month from Steve Copeland

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**The Special Interest Group is looking for a new co-ordinator.** Contact 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 any Management Team at the Social group table.

# DECEMBER

## CLUB EVENTS

### DECEMBER 3, 2024 GENERAL MEETING



Celebrating a very festive time

Photos by Jim Desormeaux

A lot **more photos** can be seen on our web site at <https://www.beachcombersprobud.com/monthlygeneralmeetings>



AI Dancing at Christmas P{arty}.MOV

(Click on to watch the video)



**50/50 DRAW:** \$45.00 ea. TO THE WINNERS – Rob C. & Jo-Ann H.

**Cookie tray Draw:** 1. Elaine M., 2. Len W., 3. Gertrude B., 4. Rob C.



Congrats to everyone!

# DECEMBER

CLUB EVENTS (cont'd)

## DECEMBER 7, 2024 SOCIAL EVENT BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE



Photos by Tony Svirplys

# JANUARY

## CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and looking forward to a Happy New Year from your Social Team! We welcome Carol and Ken Thurston and Elizabeth Zammit (OK Maybe she says!!) to the team along with Carrol and Jim Lisk and me!

We are working on putting together another terrific year! We have not planned anything for January as I think everyone needed a bit of down time after the busy year we had and this busy time of year as well.

**FEBRUARY** - We are working on a Trivia afternoon with a date, cost and location to be announced hopefully at the January meeting.

**MARCH** - a dinner outing at a local restaurant

**APRIL** - Lunch and a Euchre tournament possibly held at Pizza Dees

**MAY** - a Spring Wine and Cheese gathering and a tour/ information about THE BARN STUDIO AND THE FOUNDRY, cost will be 15.00 pp - in Collingwood

It was discussed about having a Pig and Corn Roast in August this year instead of a picnic in July. If so we will look into having a Dinner Cruise in July.

We are also looking into the Gaiety Theater in Collingwood as well as our own Wasaga Theater, Orillia and Kings Wharf to see what they are presenting further into the year. Also another mystery dinner tour too!

If you have any suggestions please bring them to any one in the social group. We appreciate all the ideas.

Thank you to Doug and Lynn McCullough for their involvement this past year and to all our members for supporting our plans and ideas!

Mark your calendars now for next Christmas, December 6th, 2025! We had a great time this year and hope to see more members, and guest too, next year!

Keep watching the weekly bulletins that Jim sends out for your Social updates!!

Happy Holidays!!

Your social Team!

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*Lynn Moore*

# JANUARY

## CLUB EVENTS (con't)

**Tuesday January 7, 2025**

### **Beachcombers PROBUS: GENERAL MEETING**

**Tom CHEEL - The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, Senior Support Unit Volunteer**

## Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre



Tom joined the Toronto Police Service in 1972 as a uniform member of the Service. In 1983 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant/Detective and reassigned to one of the busiest Police Division in Toronto. In 1995 he was to the Financial Crime Unit where he retired from in 2000.

After retiring from the Toronto Police, He was hired by Kroll, a Forensic Accounting firm located in downtown Toronto. Here he managed his own security cases and assisted the principles of the company with investigations, most involved financial crime.

In 2002, Tom, moved to the Bank of Nova Scotia. Here he was involved with mortgage fraud and credit cards scams.

In 2004 he was hired by ICICI Bank Canada as their Manager of Corporate Security. Here he was involved in the hiring and training of the security team, and directed and/or assisted with many of the financial crimes perpetrated against ICICI Bank Canada.

While at ICICI Bank Canada, he assisted in the creation of the following policies;

- The Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing Policy (Fintrac).
- The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act Procedure
- The Bank's anti-fraud policy and procedures.

In 2017 Tom retired for a second time and joined the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre in their volunteer senior support unit.

1. The most recent scams currently taking place.
2. Romance Scam.
3. Extortion Scam (CRA).
4. Emergency Scam ( Grandparents).
5. Prize and Lottery Scams.
6. Service Calls ( text, email and phone).
7. Bank Investigators Scam.  
Identity Theft (if time permits).

# JANUARY

## Club Events (con't)

### **Wednesday January 1, 2025 (Cancelled)**

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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **Wednesday January 7, 2025**

Beachcombers **PROBUS GENERAL MEETING**

They meet the first Tuesday of the month **Time: 10:00 to 12:00** at the RecPleex

### **Tuesday January 7, 2025**

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

They meet the first Tuesday of the month at various member's houses

Co-Ordinator: Kathy Z or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **Wednesday January 8, 2025**

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 January 15, 2025**

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **ROMEO GROUP**

They meet the Third Wednesday of the month at 9am at various locations. Co-Ordinator: Rudy H or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **Wednesday January 15, 2025**

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.

### **Tuesday January 21, 2025**

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

They meet the third Tuesday of the month at various locations

Co-Ordinator: Donna A or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

# JANUARY

## CLUB EVENTS (con't)

### **Tuesday January 21, 2025**

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

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

Co-Ordinator: Peter Z or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **Tuesday January 21, 2025**

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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **Tuesday January 28, 2025 (CANCELLED)**

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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **Tuesday January 28, 2025**

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 TBA or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **Wednesday January 29, 2025**

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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)



# JANUARY

## CLUB EVENTS (con't)



**BRAIN TEASER**

**WINNER**



*Layne E.*



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

- **QUESTION:** With joy and laughter, they scamper around, your love for them is so profound. What am I?
- **ANSWER:** Grandchildren

### *This Month's Question*

**QUESTION:** I am the very start of life, the key to diversity in strife. Encased within a membrane's might, I am the basic unit of life. What am I?

If you think you have the answer please email it to

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

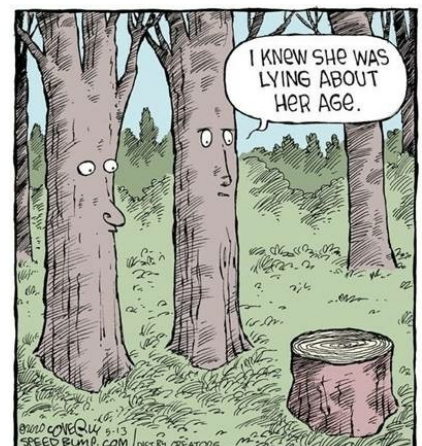
And the **first** person to send in the correct answer will be crowned **"THE WINNER"**

## **SMILE OF THE DAY**

Did you hear about  
the restaurant  
on the moon?

Great food,  
no atmosphere.

Smiles by Linda C.



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

[newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com) by **January 20, 2024**

# JANUARY

## CLUB NON-EVENTS (con't)

### Georgian PROBUS Travel Group

Gloria Thompson gloria thompson email [gloriat00007@gmail.com](mailto: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.