



# Merry Christmas

## The Wasgan

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AMBASSADORE:**  
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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: December 7, 2021 11 am**



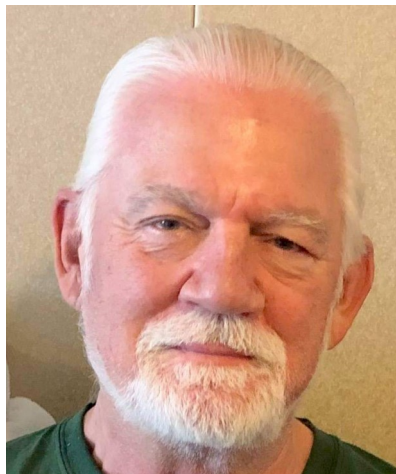
**At the Recplex**

**Guest Speaker / Topic:**

Santa Claus / Ho Ho Ho

**NOTE:** please bring a Food Bank donation

**President's Corner**



Another year is ending. It has been a roller coaster ride with Covid, lock downs, rules and we also had a federal election.

I hope the coming year will bring us some normalcy and allow safe travels to warmer climates. The pandemic is far from over as many countries' populations refuse inoculations and we can see the devastation that it is causing. Fortunately, Canadians are not just nice people but very wise and

the majority have had their shots.

The annual period of caring and sharing is upon us. **Please consider bringing a donation for the FOOD BANK and/or a toy drive item when you attend our December 7th luncheon.**

Thanks go out to the Fab 5: Rita, Peter, Al, Doug, and Brian for organizing our Christmas Luncheon. Doors open at the Rec Plex at 11 A.M. Lunch will be served at Noon. A total of 96 guests will be attending which is a great turnout under the circumstances. Refer to your e-mail from Brian for details.

For those of you who are brave Snowbirds, God speed and we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Finally, I along with the entire management committee want to wish all of you the very, very best for the holidays.

Tony Svirplys, President Beachcombers Probus

## “NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE”

### **HOW MUCH WOULD ALL THE GIFTS COST IN “THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”?**

Because the golden rings are pheasants, not jewellery, the most expensive item in “The Twelve Days of Christmas” is seven swans a swimming, at a cost of \$7,000 usd, followed by ten lords a leaping and nine ladies dancing. The current price for a partridge in a pear tree is \$34, which is the hourly rate for 8 maids a milking. So when everything is added up the cost is \$15,944.20.

*Submitted by Ron Hanson*

*{PS...The gift you want to buy me for Christmas doesn't have to be that expensive but close would be good.}*

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## YOUR CLUB REPORTS:

### MEMBERS NEEDED

- Audio/Visual
- Speaker

### November 2, 2021 METING:

- 79 members attended including 8 guests and 1 speaker
- Betty Baker advised the membership of the passing of Nancy Lauzon.
- Susan Mogelin addressed the members advising them of the need to complete the next of kin form to be handed in
- Dennis Moise provided us with laughter by his special brand of humor.
- Christine Mendes and Cndy Payne won the 50/50 draw.
- Dennis Moise came forward to take over the position of Vice-President, and Cindy Payne will assume the role of Secretary.

Please consider taking on a position and send an

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

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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With more ease on covid-19 restrictions, the Special Interest Groups are starting to reform. If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group please contact



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

### Genealogy


The Genealogy Group is now able to accept a few new members. If you are interested in discovering your family history please join our group. Whether you are a long time researcher or just beginning your search, this group is a fun way to share ideas. For more information Contact :**Barb Christie**

 **705-429-1749**


### Euchre Night—Dec1, 2021

Euchre has now resumed and gets together every 2 weeks. For further information contact either

**Jayne Edwards**

 705-422-0793

**Doug McCullough**

 705-429-7075

# **CLUB REPORTS:**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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

### **Member Contact Information:**

We will not be publishing membership lists on our web site as the site is available to the public and is not password protected.

Whenever you wish to get in touch with a fellow member, all you need to do is send your request to:

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

We will simply ask permission to share and get back to you right away! This covers privacy and helps keep information accurate as phone and email lists are constantly changing.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their Beachcombers Probus membership for this next year. In spite of COVID lockdowns and restrictions we are pleased to report that approximately 79% of our previous members have renewed! In addition, we welcome ten new members who have been introduced since September.

On the suggestion from Probus Canada, we have introduced an Emergency Contact Form. Many members have already completed this form. We have it on file should we ever need to access that information in the event of an emergency. If you have not yet completed this form, you will find a PDF copy on the web site [Resources | Beachcombersprobus](#) and all you need to do is print it and bring the completed form to the next gathering. If you do not have a printer available, no matter, we will always have blank copies at the registration desk.

Thank you to everyone for your patience in regard to the slow signing in process at our events and meetings. As you know, we live in a different world now, and we must adhere to the protocols that are now part of our every day lives.

We wish you and your families the the best for this Christmas Season and healthy New Year!

Susan Mogelin/Malcolm Novar

Membership Committee

## **TREASURER**

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

The bank balance for Beachcombers Probus as of November 20, 2021, is \$7214.68.

## **Social Committee Report**

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

All the "i's" are dotted, all the "t's" have been crossed, Our Xmas Luncheon is set to go!!!

Nica and her staff are ready to go. Ken "Big Event" our DJ/entertainer is ready!! Judy and Suzanne have made all the decorations and centerpieces! Even Santa has confirmed he will be there!!!

Your Social Committee is excited, we have 96 Beachcombers coming out for this event!! Sorry but the registration for this luncheon is now closed as we are very close to the maximum allowable persons for the Oakview Room under current Covid restrictions. Also, we must give Nica the number of people to prepare for.

You will be required to show proof of double vaccination at the door, and whenever you are standing or moving about you must wear your mask!! We must be safe and follow the rules!!

## CLUB REPORTS (CONT'D)

### Social Committee Report

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

We have no reserved tables so come early to get your favorite spot!!

The Fab 5 will have sign-up sheets at the back of the hall for upcoming events happening in the New Year!

The doors are opening at **11AM** so you can socialize and visit with other members. The feast will be served starting at 12 noon!!

There will be NO MEETING as such, this is a meet and socialize event only!! With a full Turkey dinner, with all the fixings and fun entertainment!

Remember to mark your calendars - December 7th at the Oakview Room in the Rec Plex!!!

See you all there!!

- There will be no Trivia Night via Zoom for December. However, after the January 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting we will have a trivia afternoon edition.
- January 19 bowling event in Collingwood
- There will be a "**to tell the truth**" event after the February meeting.

The Fab 5

Rita, Peter, Al, Doug and Brian

### DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

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





## Our General Meeting at the RecPlex November 2 2021



Patrice introduced our guest speaker Ted Barris who presented *Rush to Danger: Medics in the Line of Fire*



A big welcome to the new members who were introduced at the November meeting by Jayne Edwards, our New Member Ambassador: Barbara Martin, Karen Washbrook, Cindy and Andy Payne, Lynn and Barrie Moore and Faye and Ron Ego

New members can easily be identified by the smiley sticker on the name badges. Please make a point of welcoming them into our club.



Want to see more. There are plenty of photos from the November 2, 2021 general meeting . Just click

 [2021-11gm | Beachcombersprobud](#) and enjoy. You can save and download any photo you want.

## BRAIN TEASERS:

We had a great response from our members sending in answers (not always correct) so send them in early to be crowned the winner.

### **LAST MONTHS WINNER:**



Unknown

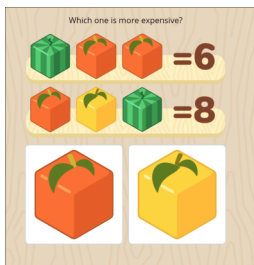


### NOVEMBER QUESTION:

Which box is more expensive?!

I did get one response and it was correct but I somehow lost the email and I don't remember who sent it. But if you were the one that sent in the answer....you are correct. The answer is the YELLOW present

Here is the breakdown:



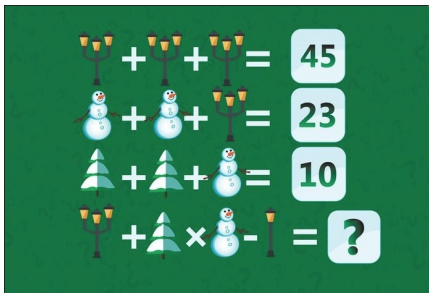
$$4 \quad 1 \quad 1 = 6$$

$$1 \quad 3 \quad 4 = 8$$


Orange =1

Yellow =4

### DECEMBER QUESTION:



Here is a hint: Just look at the above answer

If you think you have the answer please email it to  [newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com)

## SMILES FOR TODAY

(We are doing it a little different this month, thanks to Susan Mogelin

- Between 60 and death. It's time to use the money you saved up. Use it and enjoy it. Don't just keep it for those who may have no notion of the sacrifices you made to get it. Remember there is nothing more dangerous than a son or daughter-in-law with big ideas for your hard-earned capital.
- Stop worrying about the financial situation of your children and grandchildren, and don't feel bad spending your money on yourself. You've taken care of them for many years, and you've taught them what you could. You gave them an education, food, shelter, and support. The responsibility is now theirs to earn their own money.
- Don't stress over the little things. You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down and don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now. Small issues will soon be forgotten.

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

 [newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com) **by December20, 2021**