



The Wasagan

February 2024 Volume 20 Issue 6



Official Newsletter of Beachcombers
PROBUS, Wasaga Beach, Ontario

International Website:

<https://www.probuscanada.ca>

Beachcombers Probus web Site: □

<https://www.beachcombersprobus.com/>

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT:
Pending

PAST PRESIDENT:
Tony Svirplys

VICE PRESIDENT
Patrica Copland

TREASURER:
Kathy Zack

SECRETARY:
Linda Cunningham

MEMBERSHIP:
Donna Durham

SPEAKERS:
Richard Durham

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:
Lynn Moore
Al Grondin/Carol Lisk
Jim Lisk/Chuck Christie/Colin Throop
Rudy Hochkirchen /Doug McCullough

NEWSLETTER/WEB SITE :
Jim Desormeaux

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

SIG
Carrol Lisk

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS:
Cindy and Andy Payne, Donna, and Bill
Aitken

LUCKY DRAW:
Lynn & Barry Moore

DECORATIONS:
Judy Grondin/Suzanne Buchner

GOODWILL CONVENOR:
Betty Baker

ARCHIVIST and HUMORIST:
Vacant

AUDIO VISUAL: Tony Svirplys

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

beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

February 6, 2024

at the RecPlex at 10 AM



Speaker: MARYSE RAYMOND, Education Coordinator of Alzheimer's Society of Simcoe County

Topic: To discuss Dementia and Communication

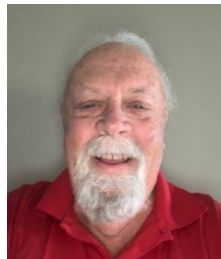
Beachcombers are **Going Green**: save us from purchasing foam/paper cups: **BRING MUGS!**

Members forgetting to bring a mug for coffee / tea- must **buy** a foam/paper cup, cost= **\$1.00**

Or buy new mug? cost = **\$10.00**

Members forgetting their nametags - fee = **\$1.00**

President's Corner



Hello Beachcombers:

This will be my last "President's Message" as it time to pass the wand over to Patricia. I want to **Thank** each and every one for your support and encouragement during my term. It has been my absolute pleasure to stand at the front of the room during our meetings. I hope that all of you have had as much fun as I have had, it has been a blast!! I know Patricia will be a fabulous president as our club continues to grow and prosper!!

As I write this note, towards the end of January, the weather outside so dull and damp!! Not a typical winter day at all, but it seems this has been the norm this year so far!! Alas, do not be discouraged, only 12 weeks till spring!!! Let's bring on the sunshine!!

I went and joined in on the Open House of our new Wasaga Stars Arena and Town Library this past weekend. WOW, what a facility!! It is beautiful but very functional. The arena ice surfaces themselves are huge. However, sitting in the stands it was warm and pleasant, so much so, I think you could have been out there in shirt sleeves. Now, with a Junior "A" team coming to town, residents will be able to watch good hockey at an affordable price! The Library is state of the art. I will not give everything away as our Social Committee has us all a private tour coming up shortly!! Read all of this in the newsletter to get the details!!

Typically this time of year is when we visit with family and friends in a more relaxed fun filled atmosphere! Getting together for an afternoon of tea/coffee with cookies or card games or simply a nice visit. Beachcombers Probus is all about that, fellowship, friendship and fun!! Lynn and her Social Committee continue to bring us lots of events and outings to enjoy. Please if you are available and able come out and support their efforts.. They have so much fun stuff coming for us in the future, don't miss out. I know, enough about the social group!!

This is enough of my writing for today also!! Look forward to seeing everyone out at our next meeting, February 6th!! In the meantime; Stay well and stay safe.

Brian

"NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE"

WHY DO WE CALL SOMEONE WHO CONTINUALLY TAKES THE FALL FOR SOMEONE ELSE A "WHIPPING BOY"???

In the mid-seventeenth century, young princes and aristocrats were sent off to school with a young servant who would attend classes and receive an education while also attending to his master's needs. If the master found himself in trouble, the servant would take the punishment for him, even if it were a whipping. He was his master's "whipping boy".

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 are over 8900 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.

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.

JANUARY

CLUB EVENTS

JANUARY 9, 2024 GENERAL MEETING



Guest speaker Andrew MacNeill –
Town of WB - CEO

Grand Opening of new Arena/Library-
scheduled for Feb. 10-18th/2024.
Check online -



Winners of the 50/50 draw and a cake



Game Day after the
meeting

For more photos log on to the Web site and the Monthly General Meetings/January 2024 and Social Events/
New Library and Twin Pad Arena



50/50 Draw: Steve Copeland and *Guest-* Ron Adams

Cake won by Ron Hansen

For more photos log in to Web site and the Monthly General Meetings/2024/
January



FEBRUARY

Club Events

February 6, 2024

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

They meet the 1st Tuesday of the month after Probus and lunch at Pizza Dees. Co-Ordinator: Kathy Zacks or treasurer@beachcombersprobus.com

February 6, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS: **GENERAL MEETING AT THE RECPLEX AT 10AM**



Speaker: MARYSE RAYMOND, Education Coordinator of Alzheimer's Society of Simcoe County

Topic: To discuss Dementia and Communication

A Dementia Friendly Community is a place where people living with dementia are understood, respected, and supported.

A Dementia Friendly Community is a place where people living with dementia and their care partners are welcomed, included and supported. It's an *environment* where they will feel more confident in their abilities to contribute to community life, will be included in conversations, and have a choice and control over their day-to-day lives. It is a *community* that pays attention to the social and physical needs of the person living with dementia.

Beachcombers are **Going Green**: save us from purchasing foam/paper cups: **BRING MUGS!**

Members forgetting to bring a mug for coffee / tea- must **buy** a foam/paper cup, cost= **\$1.00**

Or buy new mug? cost = **\$10.00**

Members forgetting their nametags - fee = **\$1.00**

February 7, 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. If we can get a few more players we will have 3 tables of no more than 12 players plus a few spares for each group. 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

We had our last euchre game for 2023 at Marilyn and Larry's home and enjoyed many laughs, Christmas cheer, goodies and festive beverages. We are looking forward to continuing the fun in 2024.

FEBRUARY

Club Events (cont'd)

February 13, 2024

- Beachcombers PROBUS: **SOCIAL**
- Arrive 12 pm Boston Pizza, (Valentines Day, wear **RED** + outing). Tour of the new Twin Pad and Library
Library at 2:30pm

February 14, 2024

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

They meet the second Wednesday of the month **Time: 5:00 to 7:00** contact Donna Durham or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

February 14, 2024

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **ROMEO GROUP**

They meet the second Wednesday of the month at various locations. Co-Ordinator: Rudy Hochkirchen or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

February 21, 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. If we can get a few more players we will have 3 tables of no more than 12 players plus a few spares for each group. 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

February 27, 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

FEBRUARY

CLUB EVENTS (con't)

February 28, 2024

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

They meet the last Wednesday of the month at member's houses

Co-Ordinator: Cindy Payne or sig@beachcombersprobus.com

PROBUS CANADA

PROBUS SKI LEGENDS

PROBUS Ski Legends is based out of the Blue Mountains and surrounding area. Those interested in joining can do so if they are already members of an Ontario PROBUS Club. Each local PROBUS club is represented by a volunteer on the Legends Executive Committee. The club currently numbers about 200 strong and is derived from a base of 14 PROBUS clubs. Our Legends Membership is offered at a cost of \$40 per season and allows you to take part in our entire program. Those interested in joining should review the [Legends Code of Conduct](#).



The group is focused on a “mix and meet” philosophy to skiing and socializing and ensuring that members do not ski alone. Are you a downhill skier or snowboarder? Have all your ski buddies packed it in, and are you tired of skiing alone? Do you want to make good use of your 5x7? Do you want to take advantage of great ski trips and social events? Then you should

join Probus Ski Legends – where our motto is “Never ski alone!” Check us out here: <https://probusskilegends.ca/> Unlike most Probus activities, which are organized by and for members of individual clubs, Legends is one large organization for all Probus members in any club who are interested in meeting up with others for skiing, snowboarding and social activities. To join, go to the Legend website and download the membership form: <http://probusskilegends.ca/membership/>

Probus people/friends who would like to travel with local people and create new friendships, GPTG, your travel group is proceeding with the following 2 trips

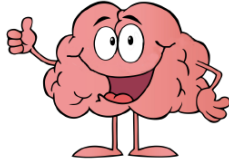
GEORGIAN PROBUS TRAVEL GROUP

1. CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND June 16-27th, 2024. For those who love learning experiences, small ship travel, and unique experiences. We still have space with no single supplement and a group discount. For further info please call Brenda Chapman at 705-444-1161

2. NORWEGIAN COASTAL VOYAGE, from Bergen to Trondheim. 17-27 Sept 2024. We also still have group pricing and space. Contact Gloria for more info. 705 429 9455. Most of the members booked on this trip are going early to experience the fabulous train program from Oslo to Bergen. Then train Trondheim to Oslo.

Check out the new website,.....gptg.probuscanada.ca

Thank you, Liliane Vidicek
416-949-8499
vidicekl@gmail.com



BRAIN TEASERS:

LAST MONTHS WINNER:



Andrea Ferdis



Last Month's Question and Answer

QUESTION: You are in a cabin and it is pitch black. You have one match on you. Which do you light first, the newspaper, the lamp, the candle, or the fire?

ANSWER: you light the match first.

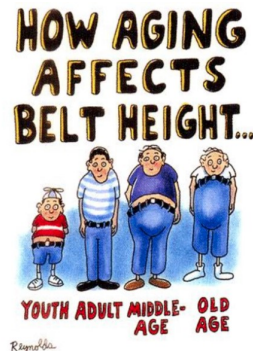
This Month's Question

QUESTION: I can't be bought, but I can be stolen with a glance. I'm worthless to one, but priceless to two. What am I?

If you think you have the answer please email it to

 newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com

SMILE OF THE DAY



- How is the moon like dentures?
Both come out at night. .
- Now that I've gotten older, everything's finally starting to click for me. My knees, my back, my neck ...
- I've decided: Whatever age I am is the new 30!

Note: Submissions for the March Newsletter should be sent to

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