



# The Wasgan

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

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any one of us just send an email to

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

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**January 9, 2024**

**at the RecPlex at 10 AM**

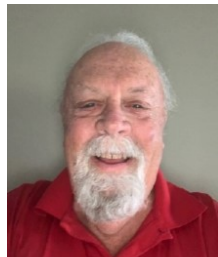


**Speaker:** Andrew McNeill – Town of Wasaga CAO

**Topic:** *Wasaga Beach*

## President's Corner

Hello Beachcombers:



By the time you read this note we will all be looking forward to New Years. I hope every one of you had a great Christmas season with family and friends, I know Kathy and I did!! Way too much turkey and stuffing, dieting is on the horizon in the Currie house!!

But now as we look forward to 2024, lets not ponder and worry about all the that is happening in the world today, that which we have no control over! We need to be thankful we have all that we each have each and every day!

The new year brings with it excitement and hope. I personally look towards 2024 as a year of new adventure and memories!!

Our Beachcomber Probuc Club is moving into 2024 with so much renewed excitement!! Our Membership team has been doing a fantastic job of increasing our membership numbers during the later half of 2023! This growth helps us all to do more and different events, as well to see growth in our special interest groups, But mostly for us all to meet and create new friendships and relationships. Exactly what Probuc is all about!!

A perfect example, would be the success of our Christmas Dinner Dance. We had not held a dinner dance for a number of years, which may have been a mistake!! Over the course of the evening the fellowship I personally saw was incredible. People going from table to table laughing and talking with others. There was times when the dance floor was full to overflowing with couples even on the carpet kicking up their heels!! Having Santa make a stop was truly the icing on the cake!!

I look forward to seeing everyone on **January 9th** (for this month only the second Tuesday). We have a great speaker planned. A meeting not to miss!!!

Happy New Year Beachcombers!! Brian

## "NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE"

### **WHICH CULTURE BEGAN CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR WITH A FEAST OF FOOD AND ALCOHOL???**

The earliest recorded New Year's festival was in ancient Babylon in what is now Iraq. Before the introduction of a calendar year, the celebration took place in spring during the planting season. The Babylonian feast was elaborate, lasting eleven days, and included copious drinking and eating in a tribute to the gods of fertility and agriculture. Celebrating the new year was both a thanksgiving and a plea for a successful new harvest.

AND NOW YOU KNOW!!!

Submitted by Ron Hanson

## YOUR CLUB REPORTS:

**Reminder: Your Web Site** [beachcombersprobus.com](http://beachcombersprobus.com)

Starting this month you will need to set up a password in order to enter our web site. The only reason this is being done is for security and really no other reason. A full page instruction cheat sheet can be seen on page 3. Please visit our web site periodically to get all of the up to the minute information, new photos or new videos. We are over **8400** 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](http://beachcombersprobus.com) to get all the information.

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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](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 Carrol at the Social group table.

## HOW TO SETUP YOUR BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS PASSWORD TO GAIN ACCESS ON OUR SECURE WEB PAGE

### To Sign Up for the First Time:

- ◆ Click on **Log In**
- ◆ **New to This Site? Sign Up**
- ◆ **Enter your first name**
- ◆ **Enter your last name**
- ◆ **Enter your password**
- ◆ Click **Sign up**
- ◆ For a one time event you must check your email address that was given in the sign up page and from that email enter the 6 digit code where it says **“Enter 6 digit code”**
- ◆ **Press confirm and sign up**

You will now be moved to the Beachcombers Probus Web Site Home Page. You may press any tab at the top of the page to gain access to that topic. For example **“Social Events”** or **“Monthly Newsletters”** or **“Monthly General Meetings”**

### To Log Out

- ◆ go to the top right hand corner that displays your name and click on the **down arrow**
- ◆ Click **Log Out**

### **On your second and any other future visit**

- ◆ click on **Log In**
- ◆ Enter your **email address (if not saved)**
- ◆ Enter **Password (if not saved)**
- ◆ Click **Log in**

If you have any questions please contact [newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com)

# DECEMBER

## CLUB EVENTS

Thank you to all the Beachcombers Probus members who donated to Open Heart Wellness who prepare packages of personal necessities items for the forgotten seniors and the homeless in our area Lynn Moore is shown here presenting the items collected to Mary English, one of the coordinators. She was absolutely thrilled that we were able to provide so much and has sent her heartfelt thanks to our members





# DECEMBER

## CLUB EVENTS (con't)

Photo of the toy donations received from the Dinner Dance December 9, 2023



The following photos are from our December Sips And Snacks at Donna and Rick's. And even the bathroom was decorated!



Thanks to Lynn Moore for the photos

# DECEMBER

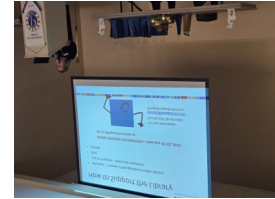
## CLUB EVENTS (con't)

### DECEMBER 5, 2023 GENERAL MEETING



Rick introduced our guest speaker Pam Pal – CEO & Director of Library Services for Wasaga Beach's NEW Library Hospital Foundation

Grand Opening- scheduled for Feb. 10-18<sup>th</sup>/2024. Check online - [www.50yearsofsunshine.ca](http://www.50yearsofsunshine.ca)



Patricia introduced: Elliot & Catherine Young, Ken & Carol Thurston, Jo Anne & Julien Brosseau, Mary & Rick MacDonald. Each couple did a short Bio. Rick Durham presented each member with a Beachcombers Probus 'gift' bag.

For more photos log in to Web site and the Monthly General Meetings/2023/Dec



**50/50 Draw:** Cash winnings of \$38.00 each to Randy Bird and Jo Anne Hatherly. Draw winners of remaining cookies: Rick MacDonald, Joyce Frost, Al Grondin, Maureen Allen, Betty Baker, and Donna Durham.

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# JANUARY

## Club Events

### January 2, 2024 (cancelled)

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](mailto:treasurer@beachcombersprobus.com)

### January 3, 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](mailto: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.

### NOTE: January 9, 2024



Beachcombers PROBUS: **GENERAL MEETING AT THE REC PLEX AT 10AM**

**SPEAKER:** Andrew McNeill – Town of Wasaga CAO

**TOPIC TITLE :** Town of Wasaga Beach

For more than 25 years, McNeill has worked tirelessly in the fields of land use planning, transportation planning, environmental planning, economic development and real estate development to build vibrant and complete communities in both Canada and the United States.

McNeill has held numerous leadership roles in the municipal sector in Ontario, leading cross-disciplinary teams and overseeing capital and operating budgets, including his most recent role as director of city planning and design for the City of Brampton.

# JANUARY

## Club Events (cont'd)

### **January 10, 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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **January 10, 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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

### **January 17, 2024**

Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **EUCHRE**

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### **January 18, 2024**

Beachcombers PROBUS: **SOCIAL**

Games afternoon and munchie pot luck. We are hoping you will join us at the Oakview Room at the Rec Plex and bring some finger food or munchies. We will be meeting from 1 - 4. Please let me know if you have a game you would like to bring at [social@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:social@beachcombersprobus.com). Mexican Train ( Dominoes), cards, Rummoli Board ( bring your nickels), and corn hole toss, are being brought. Lets make this a fun afternoon to liven up January!!

### **January 30, 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](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)



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## CLUB EVENTS (con't)

### January 30, 2024

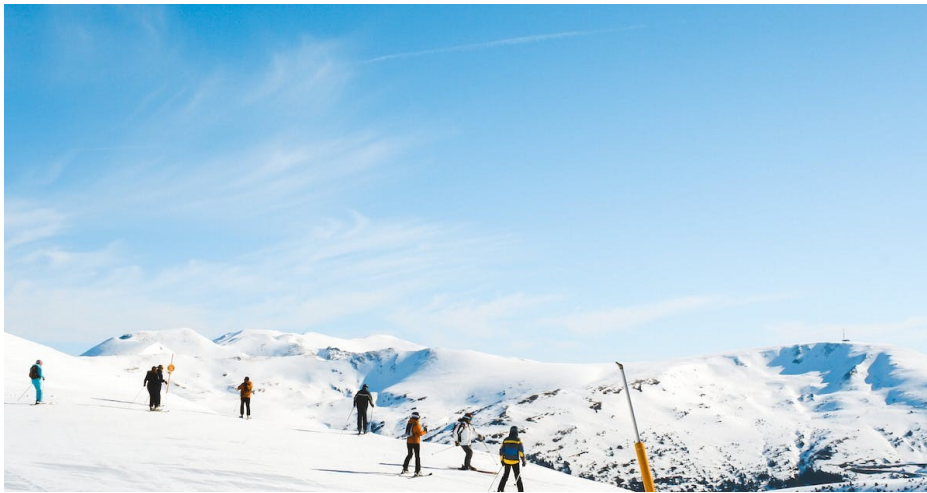
Beachcombers PROBUS SIG: **HAND FOOT & ELBOW LADIES**

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

Co-Ordinator: Cindy Payne or [sig@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:sig@beachcombersprobus.com)

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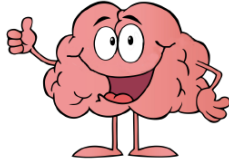
### PROBUS SKI LEGENDS



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/>



## BRAIN TEASERS:

**LAST MONTHS WINNER:**



*No One*



*Last Month's Question and Answer*

**QUESTION:** I help you from your head to your toe. The more I work, the smaller I grow. What am I?

**ANSWER:** A bar of soap

*This Month's Question*

**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?

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



"You've been with us for 20 years, George. In a few week's time we won't remember your name and wonder if you ever worked here."



"I wish he'd been that lively when he was working."

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

[newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com) **by January 20, 2023**