



The [MEN'S] PROBUS CLUB of WASAGA BEACH



DECEMBER 2023

Official Newsletter of The [Men's] PROBUS Club of Wasaga Beach

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International Web Site:

<http://www.probusworld.com/>

National Web Site:

www.probuscanada.ca

Our Website:

<http://mensprobuswasaga.org>

President - Rick Badowski

Vice President - vacant

Secretary - vacant

Treasurer - Dallas Stinson

Past President - Gene Stephenson

Social Committee - Rick Badowski, Lee Huish, Bob Jackson, Tom MacPherson

Speakers Chair - Michael Jacobs

Membership Chair - Rick Badowski

Newsletter/Web Site - Rick Badowski

Member-at-large - Lee Huish

Ph. / Visitation Chair - Ken Hayes

Coffee guys - Bruce Bowles, Alan Gluck, Ken Hayes, Lin Wolfe

Share the Wealth - Hamilton Gibson

Fine-master - vacant

To advise the Club of any illness or bereavement situation affecting a member, please contact:

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com

"I know less now than I ever did about how life is supposed to go. It's relaxing."

- Leslie Feist, singer-songwriter

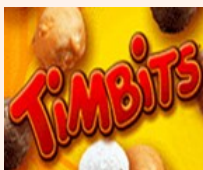


NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am (RecPlex)

Guest Speaker: **Dean Hollin**, singer, entertainer, director, radio host, podcaster

Arrive at 9:30 a.m., bring a guest and enjoy coffee with friends.



Bring your mug!



SOCIAL EVENTS

DECEMBER



Catered by Nica Hammill

Full turkey luncheon
Dec. 19 @ 12:30

RecPlex

Members/spouses/
guests
\$35 each

JANUARY

No event
planned at
this time due
to weather
unpredict-
ability

FEBRUARY

St. Valentine's
Day Luncheon
(details to
follow)



The Presidents' Corner

Presidents' Message December 2023

Well, here we are, approaching Christmas and the end of another year. There will be a lot of looking back over the year that was and looking forwards to the year that will be. 2023 was a year of fires, heat and war in the world. 2024 will probably bring more historical diversity. Will the war in the Ukraine end; will Trump continue to create havoc in the USA; will we have a general election in Canada. Time will tell.




Our last general meeting had 40 members in attendance, the highest for any November since before COVID hit. The guest speaker was one of the most entertaining in some time. December's "speaker", Dean Hollin is an entertainer by trade, so hopefully, we will have another good turnout.

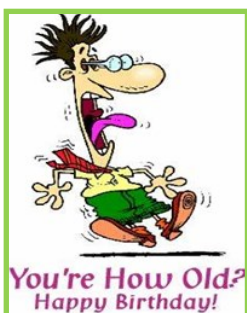
Hopefully we will also have a few more people sign up for our holiday turkey luncheon scheduled for the 19th of December; we have 21 people on the list. Again, I remind you that you may bring additional guests in addition to your spouse. Call me or email me to get added to the list.

As a final word, let us keep fellow member Lloyd Johnstone, who lost his wife Flora Marie, in our thoughts. Losing a spouse is always difficult, I'm sure, but to do so, so close to Christmas must make it doubly difficult.

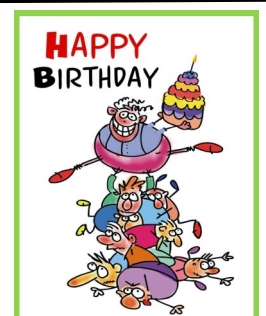
So long for now. See you at the next general meeting on December 14. Be well.

Rick

	Last Month's General Meeting		
October 31, 2023 Funds available: \$ 4,671.39 (For more recent data see page four.)	Membership: 60 (David Clayton joined) Attendance: 40 % of total: 67 Life Members: 2 <u>Guests</u> <u>Sponsor</u> Gary Copeland walk-in	2 members badgeless	Share the Wealth draw 1st prize (\$50) Rick Badowski 2nd prize (\$28) Bruce Bowles 2 tickets to "Clue" Hamilton Gibson



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 4
 HAMILTON GIBSON, JAN GILIAN
 JIM MARKWART
 TOM PARKES
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS



DECEMBER

Dean Hollin, singer, entertainer,
director, radio host, podcaster

JANUARY

James Skarnik, Musician from
"James Old-Time Radio Show"

FEBRUARY

Shelby Verkindt on "The Collingwood
Grains Terminal Revitalization"

MARCH

Sara Beasley, Communications Lead,
Ontario Pumped Storage

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



Gene Stephenson introduced guest speaker **Brian Salmon**. Brian was born and raised in St. Catharines, Ontario and graduated from Brock University. He got his pilot's licence at the age of 17 and as his university was paid for by the RCAF. He had to give back to the air force at least 4 years. He ended up giving 27 years to the force. He retired and then moved on to Air Canada and Sky

Regional as a Training Captain.

Brian was one of the most interesting speakers. He spoke of his teenage years and how and why he joined the Air Force. His family has had a long history of service to the country, mostly in Artillery. He was told by his uncle that Army walked everywhere but Artillery rode. In that vein he decided to join the Air Force as they fly.

He recounted his early years with the force and how difficult it was at the beginning to fit in. Once he had some flying hours under his belt, he began to feel more comfortable. His stories were exciting and showed the human side of the pilots and how they became a family. Through all his stories, that was the theme. No matter where or what they did when they were together, it was family.

He could have told more stories, but time did not allow. So, his message was simple; we are all part of a family, whether in the armed forces or a club such as ours. Family is what makes life worthwhile.

Gene Stephenson



Above, our own **Ray Swan**, former Navy, who read a poignant poem as part of the Remembrance program. Below, our wreath, as placed at Town Hall at their Remembrance program.



CLUE



20 tickets were sold from our club for the Wasaga Community Theatre's performance of "Clue:". There was some very impressive acting displayed, particularly by the butler. One of our members was one ticket off from winning the "50-50" draw.

We have **vacancies** in the following areas...

**Social Chair / Vice President / Secretary /
Speakers Chair assistant / Fine-master**

If you need further information or would like to get more involved please speak to a mgmt. team member or email us at

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Reports are prepared by **Dallas Stinson**. The month-end report will be posted on the bulletin board at the next General Meeting where it will be subject to approval by Club membership. Funds available to the club as at Nov. 21 were **\$4,548.77**.

TID BITS

"ROMEO BREAKFAST"

Will be held at **Charlie's Diner** in Stayner on **December 15** at 8:30 a.m. Please contact **Tom Parkes** if you have any questions or/and are interested in attending. Thanks Tom!

HUMOUR

The importance of Walking

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7000 per month.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing...

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, she looks good, doesn't she.'

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.



NEW MEMBERS PINNED



Above, new member Bob Jackson receives his badge.



New member Derek Wilson was presented with his badge and information packet at his home



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On our web site has some interesting information.

There are newsletters going back to 2010. And remember, if you want to get in touch with your club just send an email to:

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