



The [MEN'S] PROBUS CLUB of WASAGA BEACH



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

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<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 Chair - vacant

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 bereave-
ment situation affecting a member, please
contact:

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com

*In Flanders fields the pop-
pies blow Between the
crosses, row on row, That
mark our place; and in the
sky The larks, still bravely
singing, fly Scarce heard
amid the guns below.*

... John McCrae

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 9, 2023 @ 10:00 am
(RecPlex)

Guest Speaker: **Brian Salmon**

*Bio: Licensed pilot since age of 17; former Air
Force; 4 yrs in Germany; resident of Stayner,
Ont.; Married almost 40 yrs with 2 children and
granddaughter.*

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

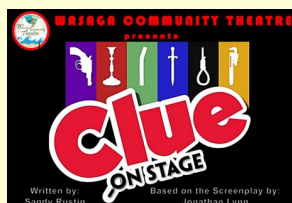


Bring your
mug!



SOCIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER



Wasaga Community
Theatre

Presents

CLUE

Sun. Nov. 19

@ 2 p.m.

RecPlex

DECEMBER



Catered by Nica

Full turkey luncheon
Dec. 19 @ 12:30

RecPlex

Members/spouses/
guests

\$35 each

JANUARY

No event
planned at
this time due
to weather
unpredictabil-
ity



The Presidents' Corner




Presidents' Message November 2023

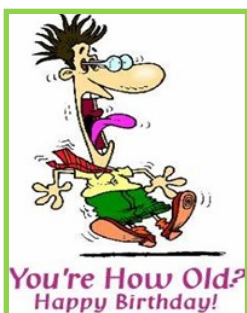
I don't know about you, but November is probably my least favourite month. Maybe it's the thought of the long winter ahead. Maybe it's the darkness when you get up. Maybe it's the work of cleaning up the yard and garden, the packing up of the warm weather stuff. So, November is a good time to seek entertainment to distract from the ho hum. That's why I'm relishing the four "farewell to Christine" soccer matches that the Canadian Women's Soccer team is playing on home soil, to close out the year, and the career of Canadian icon, Christine Sinclair. That's why I am looking forward to November's performance of "Clue", by the Wasaga Community Theatre on November 19. Tickets are still available.

Our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for the 19th of December. So far, I'm concerned that the signup for this has been lukewarm. Perhaps it was a mistake to pick a date so close to Christmas. Maybe some people think \$35 is too much to pay for a full Christmas dinner with dessert and door prizes. Be that as it may, please, if you are available, consider signing up. The room will feel quite empty with only 15 diners. You may bring additional guests in addition to your spouse. The more the merrier.

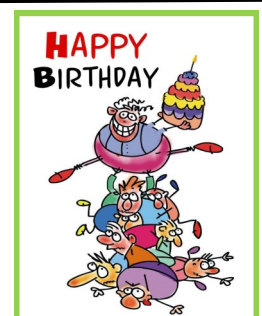
So long for now. See you at the next general meeting. Be well.

Rick Badowski

	Last Month's General Meeting		
September 30, 2023 Funds available: \$ 4,553.40 (For more recent data see page four.)	Membership: 61 Attendance: 32 % of total: 52 Life Members: 2 <u>Guests</u> <u>Sponsor</u> David Clayton Rick Ed Barton Rick About 10 spouses	 0 members badgeless	Share the Wealth draw 1st prize (\$50) Brian Kirkwood 2nd prize (\$15) George Howie



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS - 4
ROD ARNOLD, ALAN GLUCK
BRIAN KIRKWOOD
TOM MACPHERSON
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS



NOVEMBER
Remembrance Day program
Brian Salmon, former Air Force

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

JANUARY / FEBRUARY
To be determined

MARCH
Sara Beasley, Communications
Lead, Ontario Pumped Storage

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING



Gene Stephenson introduced guest speaker **John Ota**, an architect and author of "The Kitchen".

Before John and his wife started working

on their kitchen, he decided to do some research into the perfect kitchen. His research ended with the publishing of his book "The Kitchen". He is very enthusiastic for this, his passion.

In his presentation he took members and guests on a trip through history. He started with the earliest form of cooking; over an open fire in a pit or on the dirt floor of a cave. The use of primitive spits made from pieces of wood to metal swing arms holding copper or iron pots. His enthusiasm made the subject interesting and relatable.

Kitchens developed, along with the cooking methods and appliances. The earliest kitchens being a section of a one room (cave) home with a dirt floor to a special room set apart from the rest of the home and away from the family. They were located in parts of a home that only the servants would enter and only interacted with the family during dinner service and cleaning. Over time the kitchen moved from an out building to a basement with secret entrance for the servants to the centre of most modern homes where family and guests gather. The main reason for the kitchen being apart from the rest of the home was because cooking was done over a fire that was smoky and, without windows for ventilation, it was very hard to breathe.

John took us to many famous homes in Canada and the U.S. and a few in Europe. These were used to show the changes that occurred with every improvement to homes and, of course, with the advent of gas and electrical appliances.

The kitchen moved from being the centre of the home to being as separate as possible to being again the centre of the home and its activities.

Some famous people, like Julia Child, did not have ultra-modern facilities but used basic appliances available to everyone at the time.

The kitchen went from being a dull, poorly vented room to being very colourful with windows, appliances and mechanical ventilation.

Time and invention have proved to be beneficial in the evolution of the kitchen.

Gene Stephenson



South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Program Coordinator, Lauren Jeffrey

Lauren took some time to educate the Club on the services offered by the Community Health Centre. The programs are primarily funded by the Ministry of Health and donations from the public. It is governed by a Board of Directors of which our Peter Willmott is a member. The catchment area is most of the Georgian triangle and it is currently located on the second floor of the Medical Building on Ramblewood and 45th St. They currently have approximately 2000 rostered patients and serve mostly marginalized persons. The Centre has fostered partnerships with a number of community groups such as Hospice and My Friends House. The Centre also advocates at all levels of government for community issues. We can assist by volunteering and donating to the centre and, as a charity, tax receipts are available. Community Health and Well-being week is October 15-19.

When asked about the new facility, she was careful not to say anything, as it is not public information as yet.

Gene Stephenson

LUNCH @ PIZZA DEE'S



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

mensprobuswasgabeach@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 Oct. 22 were **\$4,671.39**.

TID BITS

"ROMEO BREAKFAST"

Will be held at **Charlie's Diner** in Stayner on **November 10** at 8:30 a.m. Please contact **Tom Parkes** if you have any questions or/and are interested in attending. Thanks Tom!

HUMOUR

BRITISH HUMOR IS DIFFERENT

These are classified ads, which were actually placed in U.K. Newspapers:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old,
Hateful little bastard.
Bites!

FREE PUPPIES

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.
Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.

Also 1 gay bull for sale.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's..

Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher



Dallas Stinson representing our club at the Flag
-raising ceremony at City Hall.

NEW MEMBER PINNED



New member Harvey McDiarmid receives his
badge and information packet.



Above, Ernie and Roger pose before the show featuring tributes to five American Icons. We had 27 signups for this event. Amazing performers they are.



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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:

mensprobudwasagabeach@gmail.com