



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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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 bereave-
ment situation affecting a member, please
contact:

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com

"A person without
regrets is a
nincompoop."

—Mia Farrow

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TERMINALS POINT PROJECT



Thursday, February 8, 2024
@ 10:00 am (RecPlex)

Guest Speaker: Adam Gallant
Topic: *The Collingwood Grains
Terminal Revitalization*

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



Bring your
mug!



SOCIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY

St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

Wed. Feb. 14, 2024
@ noon



311 Main Street
Wasaga Beach



MARCH

Welcome to Spring March Luncheon

Wed. Mar. 20, 2024
@ noon

*Georgian Circle
Family Restaurant*
(Under new manage-
ment)

1441 Mosley St.
Wasaga Beach



APRIL



Tribute to the music
of Burt Bacharach

Wed. Apr. 17, 2024 @2pm

\$40.00

John Sauders Centre
80 Sanford Fleming Dr.
Collingwood



The Presidents' Corner

Presidents' Message February 2024




Almost February, and then the month that brings Spring! Is it just me, or do you also like winter less and less? I suppose if you're a hockey fan or do winter sports, there's that!

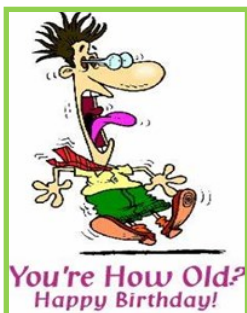
Speaking of spring, our March social event is lunch at the Georgian Circle Restaurant, on the first full day of Spring. I've been there several times for breakfast since it's been under new management [and new kitchen staff] and it has changed quite a bit. It just feels brighter, more upbeat. I hope we get a good turnout.

We have events confirmed for February through April, and also August 17th, a Saturday matinee show at King's Wharf of the musical "The Jersey Boys". I'm surprised at how fast the tickets are selling for that show. We will be charging \$50 for these, inclusive of tax, so you'll be saving over \$15 per ticket when you take taxes into account. We only have 25 tickets so don't wait too long if you wish to attend.

I hope for speedy recoveries for those members who are experiencing health issues; may they be back among our ranks soon.

Hope to see many of you on February 8th, when the speaker will be talking about Collingwood's Terminal Point Revitalization Project. Should be interesting! Til then, be safe; be well!

	Last Month's General Meeting		
<p>December 31, 2023</p> <p>Funds available: \$ 4,404.20</p> <p>(For more recent data see page four.)</p>	<p>Membership: 59</p> <p>Attendance: 26</p> <p>% of total: 44</p> <p>Life Members: 2</p> <p><u>Guests</u> <u>Guest of</u></p> <p>Wally Skomra Rick Badowski</p>	<p>1 member badge-less</p>	<p>Share the Wealth draw</p> <p>1st prize (\$50)</p> <p>Marie Henry</p> <hr/> <p>2nd prize (\$20)</p> <p>Tom Parkes</p> <hr/>

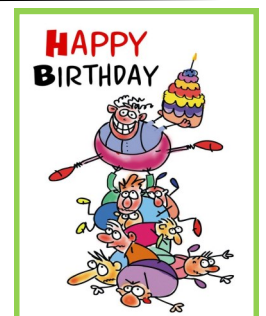


FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - 4

CAPTAIN OTTO BROWN, SANDY MORRISON,

KARL OGGER, ROY SCHOENBERGER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS



FEBRUARY

Adam Gallant on "The Collingwood Grains Terminal Revitalization"

MARCH

Sara Beasley, Communications Lead, Ontario Pumped Storage

APRIL

Details to come

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING



Michael Jacobs introduced our guest.

James Skarnikat is an entertainer that has performed for numerous Probus Clubs, a specialist in the classics, well-suited to our demographic of age. He is also a speaker, educator, author and regular columnist in senior-focused Respect

News. He performs nearly 500 concerts per year in retirement homes of all kinds across Canada. He lives in Hanover and left really early to get here in time. It's has been 73 months since he performed here in Wasaga Beach for one of the ladies' clubs. He did 490 concerts in 2023, all but 9 were for retirement homes.

He's been studying retirement living for 35 years and used to be a nutritional advisor until he realized he was working in a hot kitchen while everyone was having fun and so he changed his future and work life. He has been playing for 15 years for retirees and in 2 weeks he will do his 3000th concert. He has a Facebook page and You tube station and makes various videos to provide entertainment when not performing in person. All of his focus is on the retiree demographic. Home Care Canada, a senior care organization, pays Jimmy to market their services during his concerts. His music tends to concentrate on happy sentiments to uplift his audience. He lost about 1000 concerts due to the pandemic. He sang Happy Birthday and recorded our group singing along for his You tube channel.

Gene Stephenson

SPECIAL GUEST: DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR



Martin Buscher, Manager Ontario District 7, gave us an overview of what **Probus Canada** provides for its member clubs and members.

At the top of the list is member and officer liability insurance that helps keep us safe against legal actions and injury while on Probus business.

Probus Canada has a General Manager that oversees the ordering process for Probus branded items such as pins and apparel. The General Manager also organizes the Board of Directors meetings. Probus brings in, as needed, a financial advisor to ensure the books are in good order. It uses Google for advertising and meeting software. Probus has various providers that supply health, travel, home and auto insurance for units' members, Probus receives payment from these providers for this service.

Probus has developed a reference guide to help newcomers navigate club needs and processes. There are 250 clubs in Canada with 35,000 members.

The Board of Directors meet on a quarterly basis with on-line meetings but once a year they meet somewhere in Ontario as most of the clubs are in Ontario. Some areas have lost clubs and some areas have clubs that are bursting at the seams. The most item affecting a new club is the cost of a meeting location.

Gene Stephenson

25 YEAR PIN AWARDED



Above, **Peter Premich** receives his pin, only the 3rd member to reach this plateau.

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

mensprobuswasgabee@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 Jan. 22 were **\$4,098.47**.

TID BITS

"ROMEO BREAKFAST"

Will be held at **Charlie's Diner** in Stayner on **February 9** at 8:30 a.m. Please contact **Tom Parkes** if you have any questions or/and are interested in attending. Thanks Tom!

HUMOUR

Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court ... it was a brief case.

Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King but he made a great ruler.

I want to tell you about a girl who only eats plants You probably have not heard of herbivore.

Six cows were smoking joints and playing poker. That's right. The steaks were pretty high.

I've started investing in stocks: beef, vegetable, chicken. One day I hope to be a bouillianaire.

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes. I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" The leader replied, "That's not just any old lizard ... he's a stand-up chameleon."

My friend said she wouldn't eat cow's tongue because it came out of a cow's mouth. I gave her an egg.

Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinzsight.

I was struggling to understand how lightning works and then it struck me.

**FRUIT FARMERS EAT
WHAT THEY CAN
AND CAN WHAT
THEY CAN'T**

**Mahatma
Gandhi said If
there is an
idiot in power,
it means
those who
elected him
are well
represented.**



**"Pretend you're a purse snatcher...
I wanna try something."**



"Don't let them see the frying pan!"

[HTTP://MENSPROBUSWASAGA.ORG](http://mensprobuswasaga.org)

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:

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com