



# The [MEN'S] PROBUS CLUB of WASAGA BEACH

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

## JANUARY 2024

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](http://www.probuscanada.ca)

Our Website:

<http://mensprobuswasaga.org>

President - Rick Badowski

Vice President - vacant

Secretary - vacant

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Past President - Gene Stephenson

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Huish, Bob Jackson, Tom MacPherson

Speakers Chair - Michael Jacobs

Membership Chair - Rick Badowski

Newsletter/Web Site - Rick Badowski

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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  
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"In the long run, the sharpest  
weapon of all is a kind and  
gentle spirit."

Anne Frank, *The Diary of  
Anne Frank*



### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2024 @ 10:00 am  
(RecPlex)

Guest Speaker: James Skarnikat of  
"Jimmie's Old Time Radio Show"

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



Bring your  
mug!



## SOCIAL EVENTS

### JANUARY



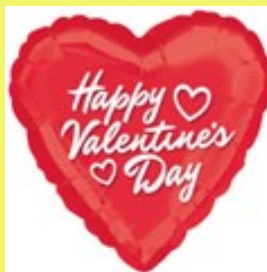
LUNCH @ PIZZA  
DEE'S

Wasaga Beach

January 11th, 2023

After March General  
Meeting

### FEBRUARY



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

### MARCH



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



# *The Presidents' Corner*

Presidents' Message January 2024

It is almost 2024. The temperature outside is 7 degrees Centigrade. Is this the weather, people are escaping from? Watch, next week we will be freezing our butts off.

We followed up November's general meeting, with a 67% turnout, with a 39% turnout in December, a lot of illness, absences for warmer climes and Christmas-related reasons, I presume, and not a reflection on December's speaker, who I think was excellent.




In January, Michael has arranged for James Skarnikat, who bills himself as Canada's #1 retirement entertainer, to entertain us. As we have to pay him, we would like a great turnout, so we are opening up that part of the meeting, say 10:45 onwards, to spouses and guests you would like to invite. Afterwards, we are again heading out to Pizza Dee's for lunch. If you would, please let me know if you and your spouse/friend(s) wish to join us for the lunch afterwards.

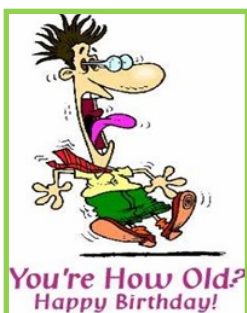
I hope everyone had a great Christmas with much sharing of good cheer with family and friends. Fortunately, the weather made for safer travel in most instances.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you, and your families, a healthy, joyful and prosperous new year.

Hope to see most of you on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Be safe; be well!

Rick

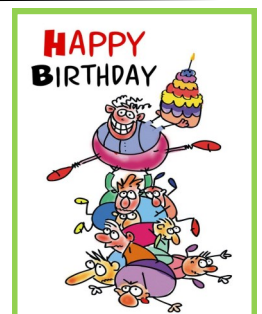
	Last Month's General Meeting		
<p>November 30, 2023</p> <p>Funds available: \$ 4,564.17</p> <p>(For more recent data see page four.)</p>	<p>Membership: 59 (Stan Wells has passed on)</p> <p>Attendance: 23</p> <p>% of total: 39</p> <p>Life Members: 2</p> <p><u>Guests</u>                      <u>Sponsor</u></p> <p>none</p>	<p>1 member badge-less</p>	<p><b>Share the Wealth draw</b></p> <p><b>1st prize (\$50)</b></p> <p><b>Michael Jacobs</b></p> <p><b>2nd prize (\$10)</b></p> <p><b>Ken Hayes</b></p>



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - 9**

**RICK BADOWSKI, BRIAN BERMINGHAM,  
DON BINNING, JOE CAMILLERI, BILL CRAWFORD,  
ART DEVEAU, DAVE LUXMORE,  
RAY SWAN, PETER WILLMOTT**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!**



## UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS



### JANUARY

**James Skarnikat, Musician from  
"James Old-Time Radio Show"**

### FEBRUARY

**Shelby Verkindt on "The Collingwood  
Grains Terminal Revitalization"**

### MARCH

**Sara Beasley, Communications Lead,  
Ontario Pumped Storage**

There are 55 recognized writers in the Great American Song Book and slowly the composers wrote music and lyrics more to enhance and continue the story of the play or musical and less as an aside. He mentioned such stage plays as Music Man and Show Boat to emphasize this fact. Dean emphasized certain composers such as Hammerstein, Rogers, Howard Arlen and of course his favourite. Cole Porter.

He also stated that some of the best composers are unknown in their home towns and to the public although they may have written many successful songs.

Dean showed his singing voice in emphasizing certain songs by some of the composers that may be unfamiliar to us with the original titles.

He provided the group an insight into what was a very rich musical time in the U.S. and the world.

Gene Stephenson

## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING



**Michael Jacobs** introduced guest speaker **Dean Hollin**.

Dean discovered his love for the stage whilst in high school – and promptly decided then and there that becoming an entertainer was what he simply must do. His love for the Great American

Songbook – beginning with music of Cole Porter – began when Dean was in his mid-twenties. Acting on stage, or for the camera – musical theatre – singing – emceeing – writing, directing – radio – are all aspects of his professional life.

"Scooped up" by Moses Znaimer two years ago – he is the host of "Radio Limelite – All Things Great American Songbook" and "Big Band Sunday Night" as well as the co-host of "The Garden Show" – all on AM 740.

On The New Classical FM, he hosts Saturday and Sunday mornings' "Breakfast Classics".

His website – very simply – [deanhollin.com](http://deanhollin.com).

Dean is a very enthusiastic speaker with a vast knowledge of American Music from the 1920's to the 1950's, and on. He is specifically fond of those composers that wrote for stage productions of operettas and classical plays. He explained that most composers of the time used the traditional 3/4 music signature familiar to most as waltz time. Music was a way for the black slaves to pass time while working and especially while resting after a hard day's work. They had a certain type of rhythm and beat to their music that caught on with the plantations' owners as a form of entertainment for their like-minded guests. Those tunes had some of their own moves/dances that enhanced the music such as "The Cake Walk" which got its name from the servants impersonating themselves serving the masters. Eventually the music and dance was adopted by the plantation owners and soon there were white people impersonating the blacks (Al Jolson). Of course, this led to minstrel shows and then Vaudeville shows that travelled from town to town.

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



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](mailto: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 Dec. 21 were **\$4,404.20**.

## TID BITS

### "ROMEO BREAKFAST"

Will be held at **Charlie's Diner** in Stayner on **January 12** at 8:30 a.m. Please contact **Tom Parkes** if you have any questions or/and are interested in attending. Thanks Tom!

## HUMOUR

Conjoined male twins walk into a bar in Canada, and park themselves on a couple of bar stools.

One of them says to the bartender, "Don't mind us; we're joined at the hip. I'm John, he's Jim. Two Molson draft beers please."

The bartender, feeling slightly awkward, tries to make Polite conversation while pouring the beers. "Been on vacation yet, fellas?"

"Off to England next month," says John. "We go to England every year, rent a car, and drive for miles and miles, don't we, Jim?"

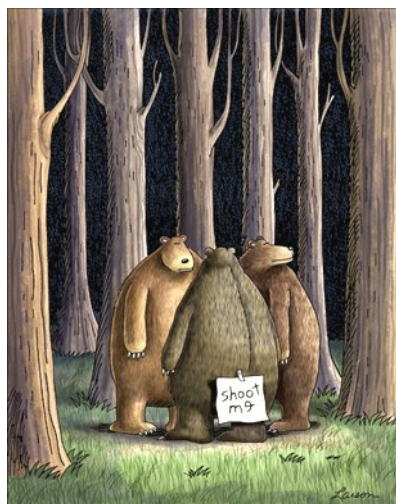
Jim nods.

"Ah, England!" says the bartender. "Wonderful country... the history, the culture, and especially the beer."

"Nah, we don't like that British crap," says John.

"Hamburgers and Molson's beer, that's for us, eh Jim?"

"So why keep going to England?" asks the bartender. John replies: "Gives Jim a chance to drive..."



Practical jokes of the wild

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## NEW MEMBER PINNED



Above, new member David Clayton receives his badge.

Be careful where you shop online. We ordered a german shepherd and now this guy lives with us.



Hmmm, wonder why? 😊



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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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