



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

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Club of Wasaga Beach

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Share the Wealth - Hamilton Gibson

Romeo Breakfast - Tom Parkes

To advise the Club of any illness or bereave-
ment situation affecting a member, please
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The result of a single action
may spread like the circles that
expand when a stone is thrown
into a pond, until they touch
places and people unguessed
at by the person who threw
the stone.

... Robertson Davies

NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Thursday, March 14, 2024 @ 10:00 am
(RecPlex)

Guest Speaker: Sara Beasley,
Communications Lead, TC Energy



Topic: **Proposed Meaford Pumped
Storage Project**



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



Bring your mug!



SOCIAL EVENTS

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

MAY

We're working
on it.



The Presidents' Corner




Presidents' Message March 2024

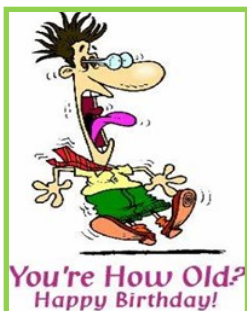
It feels sort of odd writing this on a day that only comes along every four years, February 29th. But it's a great day. Our Canadian women have finished 1st out of 12 teams in the round robin portion of the inaugural Women's Gold Cup of Soccer where the best teams in the Americas compete for glory. And all without Christine Sinclair, the all-time leading international goal scorer. Interestingly, both the "Night Stalker" and Henri Richard [11 times winner of the Stanley Cup] were born on February 29th.

What a change in the weather in a day! Hopefully this is the last large blast of winter and that we have a beautiful day when we celebrate the return of spring with our lunch outing at the Georgian Circle on the first full day of spring, March 20th, for which we have 22 people signed up.

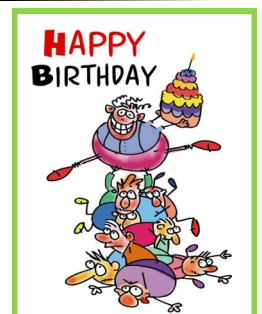
This month's speaker, Sara Beasley, of TC Energy, will be talking to us about the proposed Ontario Pumped Storage Project near Meaford. It is good to be aware of what is happening around us, that may impact so many of us in this region. Also, we will be pinning our two latest members, Wally and Kevin. So, I hope we get a good turnout.

Do zobaczenia! [Polish for "see you soon".] Be well! Stay safe! Happy spring!

	Last Month's General Meeting		
January 31, 2024 Funds available: \$ 4,098.47 (For more recent data see page four.)	Membership: 61 Attendance: 36 % of total: 59 Life Members: 2 <u>Guests</u> <u>Guest of</u> Kevin Dunnigan Rick B. (signed on as new member)	2 members badge-less	Share the Wealth draw 1st prize (\$50) Dave Luxmore 2nd prize (\$22) Ray Swan



MARCH BIRTHDAYS - 7
PAUL ENGLAND, JOHN FLOOD,
BRIAN ROSENKRANDS, GENE STEPHENSON,
RUSS TALBOT, DEREK WILSON, LIN WOLFE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS



MARCH

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

APRIL

**David Grossman, Mortgage Broker,
Dealing Representative, Musician**

MAY

**Linda Gibson, Community Engage-
ment Liason for Dr. Olivia Cheng,
Orthopaedic Surgeon**
**Topic: Bone health and preventing
broken bones**

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING



Michael Jacobs introduced
our guest **Adam Gallant**.

Adam Gallant is a Project Manager
for the Town of Collingwood in the
Customer & Corporate Services De-
partment and has been assigned to
support the Terminals Point project.
The project team is led by Amanda

Pegg, Executive Director, Customer & Corporate Services.

Prior to joining the Town of Collingwood, Adam worked for
the Federal Government for approximately 18 years and be-
gan his career as a Marine Engineer with the Canadian Coast
Guard. After approximately 9 years with the Coast Guard,
Adam transitioned to a shore-based career with the Depart-
ment of National Defence as an Operating Engineering and
then as a Project Manager for Defence Construction Canada
at CFB Borden. With Defence Construction, Adam was re-
sponsible for the creation and execution of large-scale facility
maintenance projects, energy
conservation projects, facility
condition assessments, asset
management, as well as a P3
project for a new Shared Ser-
vices Canada Data Centre.



Adam started by reviewing the
history of the grain elevators.

The first elevator was built in 1855 and was put in service in
1855 until 1858 when it burned down. The Collingwood Har-
bour was very busy with boat traffic and shipbuilding. There
was a need for a terminus for western wheat to feed the east.
The second elevator was built in 1871. This was built by the
Northern Railway Company. There were some 4000 wooden
piles pushed into the lake bottom to support this new build.
Collingwood was the northern terminal for the railway the rail-
way was used to transport the wheat to markets. Its capacity
was only 165,000 bushels. Knowing that the capacity was not
enough, another was started in the current location in 1927.
C.D. Howe was the engineer on the project and developed slip
form concrete system which sped up the process. This was
finished in 1929 after a 9-month construction period and had a
capacity of 2 million bushels.

See top right...

The second terminal was demolished in 1937 and the cur-
rent one was in service until 1993 when it was delisted due to
reduced need since Ontario was producing its own grain and
the St. Lawrence Seaway opened reducing the need for trans-
shipping. The town of Collingwood purchased it in 1997 and
eventually developed Millennial and Confederation Parks.

The harbour has been in continuing use for the Marina,
sailing clubs and paddling clubs.

To develop the buildings for other uses a number of inspec-
tions were done including examination of some of the piles to
determine their condition. This gave some promise to the de-
velopment team and helped make the decision on whether to
demolish or preserve the site. In 2019 the Town started its
public consultation process and in due course went out for
Request for Expression of Interest and ended prequalifying a
number of companies. The Request for Proposal process was
completed. The process included very specific parameters for
development especially to maintain public access and uses.
The joint venture of Streetcar and Green was investigated and
found very capable and financially viable and was chosen to
perform the work. The plan includes a hotel on one end of the
terminals with the terminal being converted to condominiums
with windows installed and a restaurant on the roof. It is an
ambitious plan and unfortunately will need to have an in-
creased pile system to support the increased weights. Adam
stated that the plan is to spend two years getting the various
approvals from government agencies and another three mini-
mum for construction. It is estimated that the project will end
up costing the Town of Collingwood approximately \$15 million
to install services and roads while an estimate of \$200 million
is thought for the construction.

Gene Stephenson

25 YEAR PIN AWARDED



**Above, Ray Swan receives his pin, the 4th member to
reach this plateau.**

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

**Social Chair / Vice President / Secretary /
Speakers Chair assistant**

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

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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 Feb. 22 were **\$3,531.53**.

TID BITS

"ROMEO BREAKFAST"

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

HUMOUR

John Travolta tested negative for coronavirus last night. Turns out it was just Saturday night fever.

The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself "That's the last thing I need."

Intelligence is like underwear. It is important that you have it, but not necessary that you show it off.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

A courtroom artist was arrested today for an unknown reason... details are sketchy.

People are making end of the world jokes like there's no tomorrow.

Whatever you do, always give 100%--unless you're donating blood.

What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A roamin' Catholic.

A girl said she recognized me from her vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

I've always had an irrational fear of speed bumps but I'm slowly getting over it.

What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? Short.

I've finally told my suitcases there will be no holiday this year. Now I'm dealing with the emotional baggage.

My dad died when we couldn't remember his blood type. As he died, he kept insisting "be positive," but it's hard without him.

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH

A good outing of 19 people with 2 couples cancelling due to health issues.



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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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