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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

April 6, 2021



**via ZOOM WEBINAR MEMBER INVITA-
TION ONLY**

Speaker and Topic: Ron Ego

"life as an NHL Hockey Official"



President's Corner

Spring is definitely in the air. Our temperatures are going higher, the snow banks are going lower. This is all good news..

Unfortunately our Covid #'s are also going higher as we find ourselves in the 3rd wave of this pandemic.....however the good news in all of this is the rate at which vaccinations are progressing is positive. We have now opened up bookings for those individuals who are 75 +. Perhaps with the generous support from our US neighbors, with providing an additional 1.5 million doses of the Astra Zeneca vaccine, we will see a further lowering of the age categories.

A number of our members have already received their first shots. Great News. We had provided information pertaining to a website and phone # that people can access for booking purposes. I would like to repeat this information in this newsletter.

Website [COVID-19 \(simcoemuskokahealth.org\)](https://simcoemuskokahealth.org)

Phone # 888-999-6488

If things continue at the current rate we will hopefully be looking at a much brighter fall season. Lets keep our fingers crossed and our sleeves rolled up.

By the time our next Zoom meeting will be held we will have completed our first Zoom social event (Trivia Contest). More will be discussed about this during our actual meeting on April 6th.

I encourage our membership to participate in any future events that we will scheduled. Being involved helps us all stay connected.

Your Management team continues to research guest speakers, and social activities to peak your interests.....and are looking to the not to distant future to provide so entertainment at our first IN-PERSON meeting. (No promises, but this could possibly be Sept. / Oct. timeframe.)

"NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE"

WHY DO WE CALL WEALTHY MEMBERS OF SOCIETY :THE UPPER CRUST:?

In the days of feudalism, when noblemen gathered for a meal in the castle, those of higher rank sat at the head of a T-shaped table, and the rest sat in order of diminishing importance away from them. For such occasions a yard long loaf of bread was baked, and the honour of making the first cut belonged to the highest ranking person at the head table, who would then pass the bread down in order of rank, but always keeping for himself the :upper crust:.

And now you Know.

YOUR CLUB REPORTS

SPEAKER

April brings us our local retired NHL referee Ron Ego(yes spouse of Faye) He has tales to share that should prove both entertaining and illuminating.

May brings Mrs. Bifulchi
The Wasaga Beach mayor for an update on the town. She has agreed to take questions from The floor so please give some thought do what information you would like to question.

June will be Steve Wallace, our local retired snowbird who has presented on his long running work in The Dominican With Haitian refugees over many years.
This talk will be about our very own local Arts and Culture group. He will update us on the local art gallery (space provided by Mark Crowe).

TREASURER

As of March 19, 2021, Beachcombers Probus has a bank balance of \$4970.57.

NEW MEMBER AMBASSADOR

Regretfully Kathy Dunnett resigned and her position and duties as New Member Ambassador are available. As an Ambassador you are responsible for contacting the new member and gathering pertinent information, Introduce the new member at the appropriate general meeting and supply the new member package which contains name badge, coffee mug and other goods. If you are interested in filling this position please send an email to beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group, speak to the **Management Team**.

[PM Luncheon Cuisiniers](#)
Joan Porter - 429-9260

[Genealogy](#)
Barb Christie - 429-1749

[First Edition](#)
Sharon Wood – 429-4691

[The Bookies](#)
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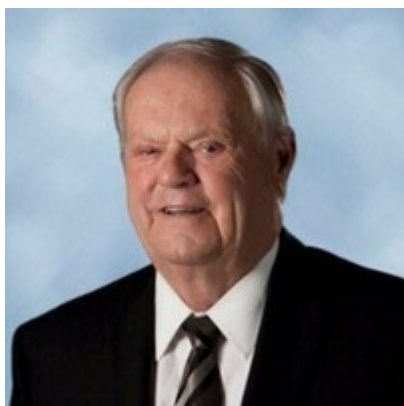
[Kitchen Bridge](#)
[Vacant](#)

[Euchre Night](#)
Jayne Edwards – 422-0793
Doug McCullough - 429-7075

[Book Exchange](#)
[Vacant](#)

[Dinner & a Movie](#)
[Vacant](#)

April Guest Speaker



Ron Ego, Born in Weston, Ontario, youngest of 5, three brothers and a sister. As a child I lived in Mount Dennis (just a little south of Weston). After high school I worked for Toronto Hydro in Collections then at the age of 23 he signed with the NHL as an on-ice official and later as supervisor of Officials. A short time after marriage to Faye Hancock they moved to Brampton, where they lived for 35 years and raised their three children, Michelle, Michael and Collette.

During those years and in between time on the ice he owned and operated for a very successful trophy and awards business: with two of his many clients being the Toronto Blue Jays and Labatt's Breweries.

Ron has always been very involved in community life, such as in Brampton: President of Flower City Kiwanis, Chair of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and organizing a NHL Officials Golf Tournament which raised thousands of dollars for the Salvation Army.

Ron and Faye and their children vacationed in Wasaga Beach for many years, purchased a cottage in 2000 and moved here permanently in 2006.

Ron, served here as a Town Councillor from 2014 – 2018.

However his topic for us will be discussing "life as an NHL Hockey Official"



He was Supervisor of Officials in the National Hockey League from 1991 – 2004.

He trained and developed new Officials throughout North America. Liaised with Team executives, General Managers and Coaches regarding disputes. He did many media appearances.

A message from your
Social Committee chair
Doug McCullough

Trivial Pursuit

The date for Trivia Night is April 1, 2021 which we will be doing on Zoom. The Zoom invitations have now gone out to all participants.

You will need the Zoom app on your device (computer, laptop or tablet) to sign on to participate.

We will start with two groups of 8 people. How this will work we will put 8 people in a room and you will be given 10 questions and given a time limit to answer the questions in your group (10 Minutes or so) then you will be switched back to the main room to give your answers you will have a team captain on your team to give your answers to The moderator and he will keep tabs on your answers and tally your score .

We will then repeat this process We will run 3 rounds of 10 questions each round this will take approx. 1.5 hours per night.

We will run this 1 time per month.

Members if you are interested in getting in on this new adventure please let me know via email ASAP I am looking for participants for the May session. There are many other PROBUS Clubs doing this and it is working out well.

I recently had the opportunity to get a first hand look at this as a guest 1 night and on this concept it took 2 hours to run and it was really fun evening. I would like to get this Trivia show on the road for end of February (separate night as to the General Meeting).

Please let me know if you are interested in signing up? Thank you. Sign up at

dougmcclough13@rogers.com . Once you register with us we will respond with an email invitation to participate in a Zoom instruction night as to what and how we will proceed. On your part it is very easy. Just show up with a head full of knowledge and be ready to answer some general questions in an team environment. For now space is limited so please respond ASAP.

The Social Committee is also seeking interested members that might want to be on a Digital Social Committee to get some more events going on ie Book Club, Bridge Club, Euchre or anything else they you will like to see offered. Just email Doug McCullough at dougmcclough13@rogers.com



Flag Raising - Probus Month - Wasaga Beach

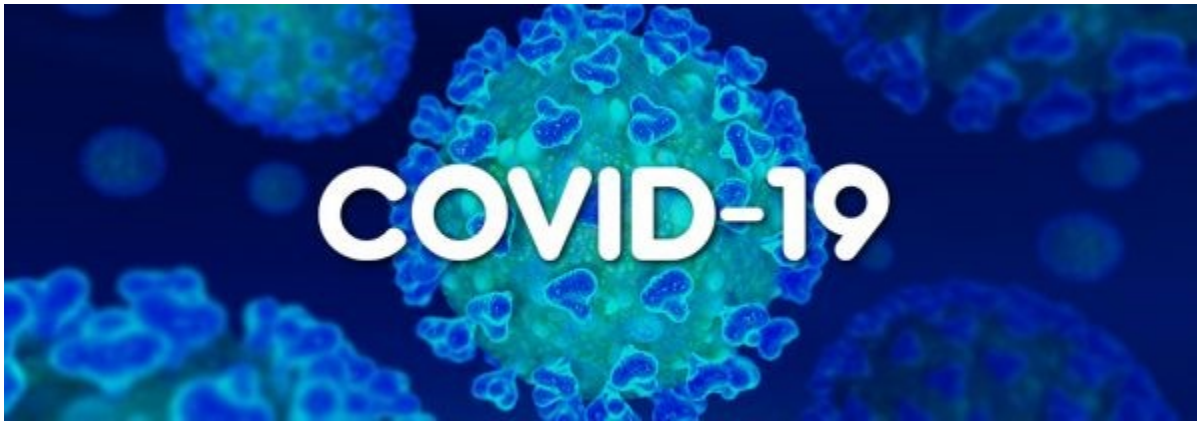


The Event took place on Tuesday, March 2nd at 2 pm at the Town Hall in Wasaga Beach, Ontario. The Event was limited to 10 people due to COVID-19 Restrictions.

In attendance were the Mayor of Wasaga Beach, Nina Bifolchi, three Town Councillors, 4 Presidents of Probus Clubs in Wasaga Beach- Liz Ness, Els Meyer, Gene Stephenson, Ron Hanson- and myself, Bob MacNair, Director-



One picture shows Nina Bifolchi with the Proclamation. Mayor Bifolchi read aloud the Proclamation of PROBUS Month in Wasaga Beach before the raising of the PROBUS Flag.



COVID VACCINE SHOT-VOLUNTEER ASSIST TEAM

It is good news that the covid vaccine shots are starting to become available for those who are 75 years or older.

I am calling on our Beachcombers membership to step forward and provide assistance to chauffeur any of our members who are in need of transportation. This may involve driving to locations where the vaccine is being administered.

If you are able to do so, please email me @ rhanson99@rogers.com.

I will compile a list of volunteers to draw upon should we get a request to assist.

If you are one of the fortunate ones to be receiving your vaccine shot, and require someone to assist in driving and filling out any necessary paperwork, the same applies. Email me @ rhanson99@rogers.com and I will put you in contact with one of the volunteer members.

Please ensure that you reach out for help well in advance of your scheduled appointment.

Ron Hanson

President, Beachcombers Probus Club

BRAIN TEASERS:

We are having a great response from our members sending in answers so send them in early to be crowned the

LAST MONTHS WINNER: Brenda Brown

MARCH QUESTION:

A doctor and a bus driver are both in love with the same woman, an attractive girl named Sarah. The bus driver had to go on a long bus trip that would last a week. Before he left, he gave Sarah seven apples. Why?

An apple a day keeps the doctor away!

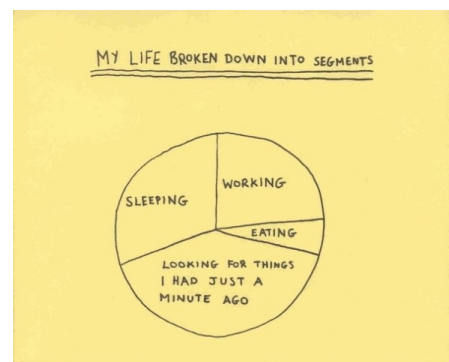
APRIL QUESTION:

An elevator is on the ground floor. There are four people in the elevator including me. When the lift reaches the first floor, one person gets out and three people get in. The lift goes up to the second floor, 2 people get out, 6 people get in. It then goes up to the next floor up, no-one gets out but 12 people get in. Halfway up to the next floor up the elevator cable snaps, it crashes to the floor. Everyone else dies in the elevator except me. How did I survive?

If you think you have the answer please email it to beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

SMILES FOR TODAY

(Thanks to Dennis Moise and Gail Desormeaux)



Note: Submissions for the May Newsletter should be sent to

beachcombersprobus@gmail.com **by April 20, 2021**