



The Wasagan

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GENERAL MEETING: January 3, 2023 at 10:30 am At the RecPlex



Speaker: Krystal Hewitt

TOPIC: Speaking of Wildlife

President's Corner

Hello 2023!! Can you believe it? It seems only yesterday we were facing that frightening Y2K as we approached the eve of 2000!!



However, as we move into the New Year, it is time for a little reflection on the past year as well optimism for the coming year!

2022 started off as a year of very optimistic hopes and dreams that we had beaten Covid and life as we knew it would be back, full and robust as it had been. Well, not everything worked out completely as planned!! We certainly understand Covid much better now and for the most part, it is being better controlled today! But I personally do not see us ever completely suppressing Covid, just under better control and understanding of its effects so much clearer!!

We did get to visit and see friends and family for birthdays and weddings that had been put on hold in the past 2 years. Live shows came back, sports entertainment once again had spectators in the stands, life did start to return to pre Covid standards to a point!!

Beachcombers were able to once again, to hold in house meetings on a regular basis! Our membership started to come back and the number of members in our club continues to grow.

I have to thank our Social committee for their hard work this year to make being part of the Wasaga Beach Beachcombers Probuc Club the place to be involved!! Susan Mogelin and her efforts to increase the membership is certainly growing and picking up speed as we move into 2023.

2023 is going to a great year to be a Beachcomber. Social continues to introduce new events as well as old club standbys for us all to enjoy!! I have a feeling Lynn and her Fun Team will make 2023 a banner year for us. Susan remains enthusiastic and working hard for us all as we grow. Tony is making improvements and adding posts to our facebook page. Jim is expanding our monthly newsletter with more pictures of member events. Malcolm has a full slate of interesting and informative speakers lined up. I hope to change things up a little on the meeting end to make them more fun and enjoyable for all!!

Tell your friends and family about the Wasaga Beach Beachcombers Probuc Club and invite them to any meeting as a guest!!

By the time you read this Kathy and I will be sailing the Caribbean on a 50th wedding cruise (NO, not ours!!). Therefore your VP Malcolm will be heading up the January meeting on the 3rd. The speaker sounds like she will be awesome!! Get out and compare notes of your holidays with other Beachcombers, but mostly get out and support Malcolm!!

Happy New Year Beachcombers Brian

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**“NUGGET
OF
KNOWLEDGE”**

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF

“NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ”??

In medieval times, during the last feast of Christmas week, knights of the realm were required to place their hands on a peacock and vow to continue living up to their pledge of chivalry. This was known as the knight's "peacock vow". The New Year's custom of resolving to live a better life originated with the Babylonians, who promised the gods that they would return all borrowed farm and cooking tools and pay off personal debts.

AND NOW YOU KNOW!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Reminder: Your Web Site

www.beachcombersprobus.com

We have had over **5300 hits** on our Beachcomber's web site. Thank you very much. Please visit our web site periodically to get all of the up to the minute information. The Home Page has content that is very recent, while the tab "**Social Events**" has photos and information of previous social events. Photos of our past monthly meetings can be seen when you click the tab "**Monthly General Meetings**". Go to the tab "**Monthly Newsletters**" to see present and previous years newsletters. Just pick a year and then a month. Club documentation is under the tab "**Resources**". Under the "**More**" tab is the past Beachcombers Comedy video, SIG (Special Interest Groups) and a place if you want to contact us. Don't forget.....the newsletter is always available at www.beachcombersprobus.com near the end of the month!"

Reminder: Your Facebook Site

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/482048836770140>

About

To provide regular meetings for retired and semi-retired people who value and appreciate, in their retirement, opportunities to meet others, enjoy hearing addresses by Guest Speakers on topical subjects and attending interest groups, visit places and organizations of specific appeal/interest to Members. [See less](#)

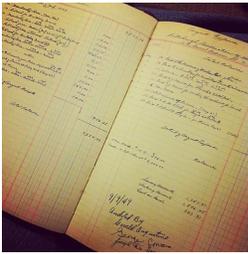
 **Private**

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

 **Visible**

Anyone can find this group.

 **Wasaga Beach, Ontario**



CLUB REPORTS:

SPEAKERS (Malcolm Novar)



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GUEST SPEAKER FOR JANUARY

Speaker: Krystal Hewitt, Director of Education

Topic: Speaking of Wildlife



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Speaking of Wildlife was established in 1989 with a goal to educate the public about nature and wildlife in an interactive and exciting way. By 2000, Speaking of Wildlife had become a leader in the realm of live-animal outreach and was expanding with the creation of the Muskoka Wildlife Centre, a wildlife education centre that would be open to the public and allow visitors to experience the Canadian Shield, scenic trails and Ontario's wildlife all in one place! The centre quickly became an important local resource and a gem to those visiting the Muskoka area; welcoming over 300,000 visitors in just 13 years and reaching hundreds of thousands more through its well-established outreach program. While the centre closed its doors in 2013, its passionate staff

simply could not let this resource disappear; Speaking of Wildlife continued, independently and under the direction of long-time Muskoka Wildlife Centre staff, to deliver its acclaimed educational programs with many of its seasoned Wildlife Ambassadors (some may remember wildlife legends such as Clover the Groundhog, Luna the Northern Saw-Whet Owl, Sam the Snapping Turtle and Quillber the Porcupine).

Though the faces may have changed over the years, from Speaking of Wildlife to the Muskoka Wildlife Centre and back again, our mission remains the same.... to provide permanent sanctuary to animals that cannot survive in the wild, deliver up-close encounters with Ontario wildlife and to provide a lasting experience that is enlightening, inspiring and entertaining.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY

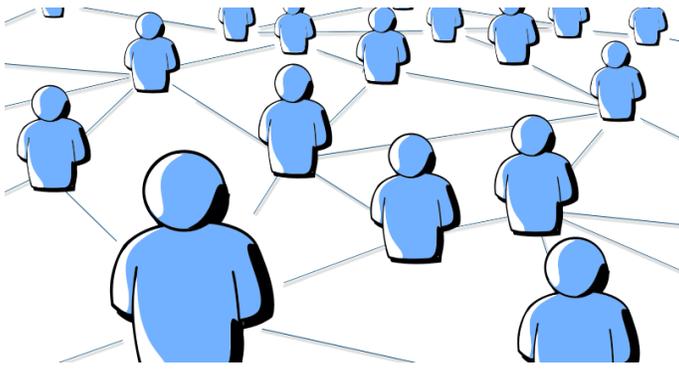
Speaker: Chantelle Keating

Topic: Role of Mediation for Seniors

GUEST SPEAKER FOR MARCH

Speaker: Frank Tilley

Topic: Never Too Old



CLUB REPORTS CON'T:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (LYNN MOORE)

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The big guy in the red suit is getting closer to showing up!! I hope he can find me on the cruise ship!! Barrie and I would like to wish everyone a **Very Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

A big thank you to the 2022 social committee for a great social year and for putting on a terrific Christmas lunch. Our 2023 Fun Team has a great start to the year with January to March planned and lots of interesting and fun ideas going forward. There is just one or two important items this year that we are hoping everyone will follow. First is the important one! **IF YOU SIGN UP – PLEASE SHOW UP!!** If you sign up and it turns out you can't go, please call myself (705-352-0922) or send an email to socialcommittee@beachcombersprobus.com to advise us. This applies to both paid and deposit functions. It doesn't make a great impression for our club to tell a restaurant we are having 25-30 people and only 10 show up after they have staffed and prepared for more. Second is that there will be full payment at time of sign up (going forward) for functions with a cost, by cash or cheque. For outings without a pre-payment a deposit is required, preferably by cheque, that we will give back to you on arrival to the restaurant or meeting place. We will also be giving you a receipt/reminder of the amount received and the date of the function that you will need to bring back to get your deposit.

SOCIAL FOR JANUARY

Thursday January 19th, Sleigh ride/Wagon ride depending on snow, at Rainbow Farms on Rainbow Valley Rd. with lunch prior to the sleigh ride. We are planning on going to Boston Pizza, so if you could advise the team at the January meeting when you pay if you are going to go. Or plan your own lunch and meet us there by 1:45PM. Each sleigh holds 15/16 people and we are hoping to fill 2 sleighs. Cost will be \$15-\$20 depending on the number of people. We currently have enough to fill one sleigh, and would love to double the numbers for two full sleighs. Please bring your own hot drinks as there are none supplied. And a blanket too if its cold.

SOCIAL FOR FEBRUARY

TUESDAY February 14th, For February we are booking the Orillia Opera House for the Green River Revival. The cost per ticket is \$50.00 – no group rates. Payment is needed at the January meeting as we need to confirm to the Opera House by January 10th. As this is Valentine's Day not sure if we can get reservations for a group but I will check when I get home. This is a great group, Barrie and I have heard them before and we love CCR.

Officially licensed by John Fogerty's Record Company, GREEN RIVER REVIVAL has been selling out theatres across Canada with their CCR TRIBUTE CONCERT. Performing the greatest hits of CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL, the show will take you back in time with songs Suzie Q, Proud Mary, Bad Moon Rising, Fortunate Son, Have You Ever Seen the Rain and so many more.

SOCIAL FOR MARCH

Thursday March 23rd, We are going bowling!! At The Georgian Bowl in Collingwood. We will meet for lunch there then proceed to bowl. If you would like to just join us for lunch that is good too. Once we know numbers we will advise on cost and collect monies. Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fun.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, HAPPY HANNUKAH FROM YOUR 2023 FUN TEAM!!

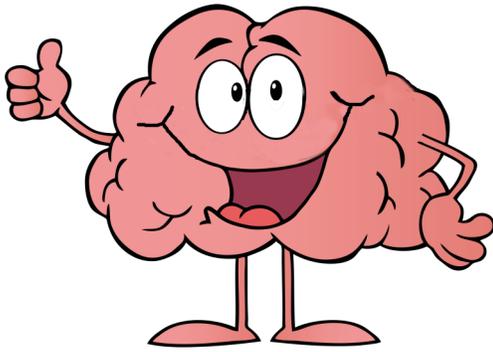
Lynn, Colin, Jim & Carol, Al, Brian, Rudy & Chuck

Christmas Luncheon

We held our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 6, 2022



To view many more photos and videos of our Christmas Luncheon please visit our web site at: [2022-12gm | Beachcombersprobud.com](https://www.beachcombersprobud.com/2022-12gm)



BRAIN TEASER

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LAST MONTHS WINNER:

Peter Gribbin



DECEMBER ANSWER:



A Cut Above The Rest is

JANUARY QUESTION:

If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?

If you think you know the answer to the December question please send the answer to

 newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com

SMILE OF THE DAY

We were all 'Home Schooled' but we did not realize it at the time....Most of us over 65 were "Home Schooled" in many ways...!!

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION.
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My father taught me LOGIC
"Because I said so, that's why"

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT
Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My father taught me IRONY
"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about STAMINA
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My father taught me about JUSTICE
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

Thanks Tony Svirplys