



Official Newsletter of Beachcombers PROBUS, Wasaga Beach, Ontario

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VACANT

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**NEWSLETTER/WEB SITE :**  
Jim Desormeaux

**NEW MEMBERS  
AMBASSADORE:**  
Jayne Edwards

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

**COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS:**  
Donna Aitken/Joanne Hatherley

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Lynn & Barry Moore

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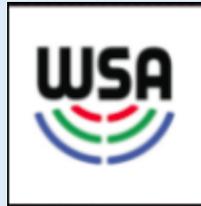
**ARCHIVIST and HUMORIST:**  
Dennis Moise

**AUDIO VISUAL:**

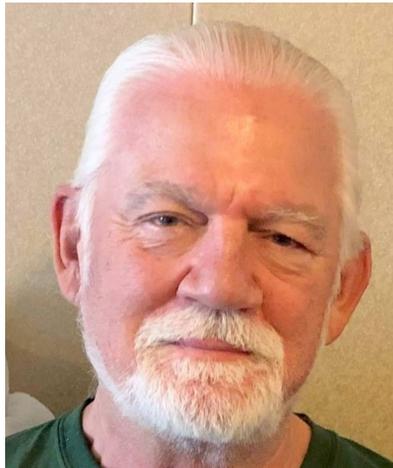
**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**May 3, 2022**

**at the RecPlex at 10 AM**



**Speaker and Topic: Kenn Voss  
"Wasaga Society for the Arts"**



**President's Corner**

Easter has come and gone. Hopefully we have had our last snow storm this spring. Summer is around the corner and we have a full slate of events coming up. Along with summer coming we are opening nominations for several Management positions for 2022-2023. Think about volunteering for a position so that our group can continue and provide a friendly gathering venue.

We will need people on the following Committees:

- Social Committee
- Speaker Co-Ordinator
- New Member Ambassador
- I.T. Person.

Let's enjoy the spring and warmer weather.

Tony Svirplys, President Beachcombers Probus

## “NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE”

### WHY IS SOMETHING USELESS EXPENSIVE CALLED A “WHITE ELEPHANT” ????

The term “white elephant” comes from ancient Siam, where no one but the king could own a rare and sacred albino, or white, elephant without royal consent. The cost of keeping any elephant, white or otherwise, was tremendous, and so when the king found displeasure with someone he would make him a gift of a white elephant, and because the animal was sacred and couldn't be put to work, the cost of its upkeep would ruin its new owner.

#### **And now you know**

Submitted by Ron Hanson

## YOUR CLUB REPORTS:

### **Reminder: Your Web Site**

[www.beachcombersprobus.com](http://www.beachcombersprobus.com)

We have had over **3000 hits** on our Beachcombers 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 usually has content that is very recent. While the 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. Many of our Monthly Newsletters from past years can be seen under the Monthly Newsletters tab. 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](http://www.beachcombersprobus.com) near the end of the month!"

## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

If you want to join a group, call the convener listed below. If you wish to start a new group please contact



[newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com)

### Genealogy

The Genealogy Group is now able to accept a few new members. If you are interested in discovering your family history please join our group. Whether you are a long time researcher or just beginning your search, this group is a fun way to share ideas. For more information Contact : **Barb Christie**

☐ **705-429-1749**

### Euchre Night

The Euchre Club meets on every other Wednesday evening at 7 PM. We have 12 players and take turns hosting the games in our homes. The games will be suspended until further notice.

Jayne Edwards and Doug McCullough

### **Jayne Edwards**

☎ 705-422-0793

### **Doug McCullough**

☎ 705-429-7075

## **CLUB REPORTS (cont'd):**

### **APRIL GUEST SPEAKER**

This month's speakers were Sonia and Lisa from the Georgian Triangle Humane Society and was introduced by Dennis Moise. Lisa discussed the history of the GTHS; its facilities; emergency, protocols for lost pets; and GTHS'S future. Also was mentioned "Treasure Tails" volunteer store on Hurontario Street in Collingwood. All proceeds go to the GTHS.

Treasure Tails is the Georgian Triangle Humane Society's amazing retail store where you will find treasures of all kinds at very reasonable prices. All funds go directly to the care of our animals. Treasure Tails is grateful to receive quality donations of furniture, home décor and household items. We operate a small store on Hurontario Street where storage and space is limited.

Donations can be received between 9am – 11am Wednesday to Saturday by appointment. At this time they are only able to accept certain items, please see the list below. Please call 705-293-3233 with any questions or to book an appointment.

- Antiques
- Home Décor
- Jewelry
- Kitchenware
- China sets and china teacups / saucers
- Artwork
- Pet Items
- Books – current novels published within the last 3 years
- Furniture \* (some restrictions apply)
- For furniture donations, please email sue@gths.ca with images and dimensions (if possible), as this will help us to plan space and to coordinate your donations appointment – Thank you.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

 [membership@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:membership@beachcombersprobus.com)

“ At this time, we report that there have been approximately 37 people attending each of the last two meetings. We look forward to welcoming those members who have returned from their various trips to warmer climates. All members are encouraged to bring prospective guests to our gatherings. There is always room for more!

Susan Mogelin and Malcolm Novar

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

 [socialcommittee@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:socialcommittee@beachcombersprobus.com)

Your Social Committee is busy working on a number of upcoming events for everyone to enjoy.

First we want to apologize for the cancellation of the tour to the Simcoe County Museum, but following another groups tour to the museum we where made aware of the fact that as of right now a lot of the exhibits, the displays and the out buildings were not open or ready for showing. We decided, due it being a less then complete showing, to postpone this outing until a little later when everything if up and going. Stay tuned for future updates on this event.

For May we have a tour of the Dufferin County Museum and I have been assured that they are ready for us. By the May meeting we will have a restaurant for us to go to prior to this event.

In June there will be a tour thru Ice River Springs bottling plant. We will be able to see just what goes into the production of water bottling as well as they will be showing us their new recycling plant that is coming on-line very soon.

By the meeting we hope to have arrangements made for a outing for July.

Back by popular demand, we will be putting on a Pig Roast in August at Rounds Ranch.

Check out the Social Committee's table at the back of the hall at the May meeting (May 3rd) for all the exciting details!!

Al, Doug and Brian

## **TREASURER**

 [treasurer@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:treasurer@beachcombersprobus.com)

As of April 30, 2022, Beachcombers Probus has a bank balance of \$4049.09.

## **MAY GUEST SPEAKER**

**Speaker and Topic: Kenn Voss**

### **“Wasaga Society of the Arts ”**

The Wasaga Society of the Arts was originally formed in 2011 by a group of volunteers and operated under the name of Wasaga Beach Short Film Festival. The film festival was growing well over the first 4 years and received short films from all over the world. Some as far away as England, Israel, California and others as well as from across Canada.

In order to expand the festival to include all forms of art from painting to music, photography, theatre and more, the original founders, of which Steve Wallace was one, incorporated the Wasaga Society of the Arts and established it as a non-profit charity.

Steve and the other directors came to an agreement with Stonebridge to open a full event Arts Gallery in their buildings, open to the public.

Steve Wallace has asked one of their Directors to speak at our meeting due to the fact that Steve has just completed a stay in the hospital.

We look forward to hearing about the progress and current status of the Wasaga Society of the Arts located in the Stonebridge Art Gallery.

## **JUNE GUEST SPEAKER**

Our June guest speaker for **June 7th, 2022** , will be **Kathleen Caswell** and her topic will be **“The Environment”**

## BRAIN TEASERS:

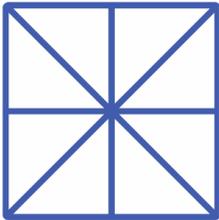
**LAST MONTHS WINNER:**



**Susan Mogelin**



**APRIL ANSWER:**



How many triangles are in the picture?

There are 16 triangles in total

**MAY QUESTION:**

Forrest left home running. He ran a ways and then turned left, ran the same distance and turned left again, ran the same distance and turned left again. When he got home, there were two masked men. Who were they?

If you think you have the answer please email it to

 [newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com)

## SMILE OF THE DAY



Question:

Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer:

He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

**Note: Submissions for the June Newsletter should be sent to**

 [newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com](mailto:newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com) **by May 20, 2022**