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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

March 3, 2020 At the **Recplex**

Speaker and topic:

Monica Menecola Regional Integration Lead for Osteoporosis

"Stronger Bones, Better Lives".

Meeting starts at 10 am but come at 9:30 to have a coffee and socialize

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to March and it appears that it will come in like a lamb; something your grandparents may have commented upon some years ago. The longer days may be getting you itchy to start spring cleaning, or at least washing the salt off of your vehicle.



A reminder that March is being proclaimed Probus Month by the town, and there will be a flag raising on March 2nd. at 10 am in front of the town hall. I will be attending to represent our club; but, all are welcome.

It was a pleasure to welcome our Probus District Director (Bob McNair) to our February meeting and hearing his message about how active and growing Probus clubs are across Canada. Bob was re-elected last month as District Director for a second term thru until 2025

By the way our General Meeting on Feb.2nd was on a palindrome day. A sequence of numbers that reads the same forward and backwards is a palindrome; so we had 02 02 2020. It was the first time in 909 years. While addressing that meeting, I want to thank Ron Hanson for volunteering for the vacant Vice President position and I think we can all look forward to his participation in our clubs leadership into the future.

Colin Throop President Beachcombers Probus Club

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Thanks to Jayne and Paul Edwards are this month's greeters. If you wish to be a greeter, please sign up at the membership table.

Thanks were given to Carol Stonehouse for the table décor and to Joyce Throop, and team for providing our refreshments.

Thanks to all Volunteers who work so hard to make our club a success.

GUESTS AND MEMBERSHIP:

Colin welcomed our 15 guests. 57 members attended the meeting. We presently have 155 paid memberships as of this writing.

LUCKY DRAW WINNERS:

The lucky draw was held and Anne Marie Laporte and Alice Rodd were the big winners.

PLEASE BUY TICKETS AT THE LUCKY DRAW TABLE BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Faye Ego is President of the Wasaga Beach Rate Payers Assoc. Inc. The WBRPA Inc is a non political, non partisan, non profit association of passionate volunteers with a collective interest in the future of the town of Wasaga Beach. They do NOT engage in social media and use a newsletter format for members. The mission is to promote the interests of all taxpayers of the town of Wasaga Beach and provide a collective voice when addressing town council with concerns. She highlighted examples of when solutions to residents concerns were achieved through dialogue by WRBA and town council. WBRPA was also instrumental in starting a petition to keep our walk in clinic open. She encouraged support for our local businesses. She welcomes all residents to get involved and become members. Visit the website www.wasagatratepayers.com for more info.

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER:

Monica Menecola is the Regional Integration Lead for Osteoporosis Canada covering the Simcoe County and Muskoka area implementing the Ministry of Health's Ontario Osteoporosis Strategy, the first of its kind in Canada and internationally. The goal of the Strategy is to reduce fractures, morbidity, mortality and costs from osteoporosis with the overall goal to reduce hip fractures. Monica has been with Osteoporosis Canada for over 14 years. She has worked for over 30 years in the community development, social service and health service sector with national health and social service organizations. Monica co-founded the Simcoe Muskoka Fall Prevention Coalition 14 years ago. She is an advocate for the accessibility and the rights of people living with disabilities. She volunteers for CNIB and currently is the Chair of the Ontario/Quebec CNIB Foundation Board. Monica lives in Stayner with her family.

Her topic today is "Stronger Bones, Better Lives".

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

[Happy Bookers](#)

Jan Bivall - 429-7584

[The Bookies](#)

Judy Morrison - 705-429-6611

[Kitchen Bridge](#)

Betty Keyes - 429-6064

[Euchre Night](#)

Jayne Edwards – 422-0793
Doug McCullough - 429-7075

[Book Exchange](#)

Rita Benacquista – 705-352-0505

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

BUSINESS REPORT

GOODWILL CONVENER:

If you know of someone who should receive a get well wish or a message of condolence. Please advise Betty Baker. betty.b@rogers.com

THE ARCHIVES:

If you have anything worth archiving in our records or would like to look up anything from our past newsletters, please submit them to Dennis Moise our Archivist. Dennis.moise@gmail.com

THE HAPPY BOOKERS BOOK CLUB

Fahrenheit 451 (the 60th anniversary edition) by Ray Bradbury

Fahrenheit 451 is a story of censorship and defiance, as resonant today as it was in 1953 when it was first published. The main character (Guy Montag) was a fireman whose job it was to start fires. He enjoyed his job - the pleasure of watching books consumed by his flames. Until he met a 17-year-old girl and a professor, who told him about a past when people were not afraid and a future in which people could think. Guy suddenly realized what he had to do. Rated as 3.5 and would recommend it judiciously.

THE BOOKERS

EDUCATED

The story of Tara, from a strong, controlling Mormon family with a zealot father, weak mother and abusive brother. She lacks a formal education but manages to overcome the dynamic of abuse, cruelty and isolation and become well educated and successful. An interesting true story and well worth reading. We gave it 3.75 out of 5.

THE GREAT ALONE

Leni Albright, at 13, is moved to Alaska by her father, a troubled Vietnam POW and her mother, who struggle through the harsh realities of survival in the long, cold winters and isolation. A hard-to-put-down portrait of the spirit of Alaska, a fiercely independent community of strong men, even stronger women and human frailty and resilience. Wonderfully written. We gave it a 4.5 out of 5.

DIRECTOR, ONTARIO -DISTRICT #7, PROBUS CANADA

Bob MacNair is Director, Ontario -District #7, Probus Canada District 7 has 31 clubs totaling approx. 6,000 members. 5 clubs are in Wasaga Beach with approx. 669 members. March 2nd all are invited to attend the flag raising ceremony at Wasaga Beach Town Hall to celebrate Probus Month. The District 7 conference will be on September 28th in the Oakview Rm. Recplex, Wasaga Beach. More details to follow. He also mentioned that Liability insurance is a common concern for probus clubs.

WASAGAN WEB SITE:

Our club now has a web site that will house all our information regarding up to the minute information on status of meetings, present and past newsletters, social outings, general meetings and resources of documentation regarding our club such as our by-laws. Please visit our site:

<https://www.beachcombersprobus.com/>

Also if you want to communicate with us just send an email to

beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

If you have any comments regarding the web site send us an email to the above address.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	COST	DETAILS	SIGN-UP
March 3 rd Tuesday	Games Day after PROBUS Meeting Beacon Eatery	\$10 cash refundable upon arrival pay your own lunch	Lunch at venue after PROBUS Meeting followed by card games	Sign up by Feb 4th
Thursday March 26 th 1pm	Bowling at Georgian Bowl Collingwood	\$10 cash only refundable upon arrival Pay your own lunch	3 games \$15.80 includes shoe rental and tax payable to Georgian Bowl Dinner at Kelsey's Roadhouse Collingwood 4:30-5pm	Sign up March 3rd
April 16 th 10 am	Tour of Base Borden donation for the Tour	\$10 cash only refundable upon arrival pay your own lunch	Lunch at Chucks Roadhouse in Angus	Sign up April 7th
April 30 th 10 am	Tour of Edenvale Aerodrome Cost of Tour \$20 Avro Aero included	\$10 cash only refundable upon arrival pay your own lunch	Hanger Bar & Grill at the Aerodrome	Sign up April 7th
Thursday May 14 th 10am	Dufferin County Museum Admission \$4 pay at the Door	\$10 Cash only refundable upon arrival Pay your own lunch	Lunch at Mrs. Mitchell's at 12:30 pm	April 7th
July 28 th Tuesday 2pm	Kings Wharf Theatre Penetanguishene	Tickets \$45.20	Kings Wharf Theatre Fiddler on the loose a roof raising Variety show limited tickets only 40 Dinner at Queen's Quay British Pub after Theatre Pay your own Dinner.	Sign up till June 2nd

NEXT GENERAL MEETING Tuesday March 3 2020 At the Recplex

Come at 9:30 for coffee and fellowship. Note: Submissions for the April Newsletter should be sent to

Jim Desormeaux, jimdesormeaux@hotmail.com by March 20, 2020



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February guest speaker Faye Ego President of the Wasaga Beach Rate Payers Assoc



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Valentines Treats