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VACANT

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NEWSLETTER/WEB SITE :
Jim Desormeaux

**NEW MEMBERS
AMBASSADORE:**
Jayne Edwards

OTHER COMMITTEES

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS:
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LUCKY DRAW:
Lynn & Barry Moore

DECORATIONS:
Judy Grondin/Suzanne Buchner

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Betty Baker

ARCHIVIST and HUMORIST:
Dennis Moise

AUDIO VISUAL:

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

February 1, 2022 via ZOOM MEETING



Speaker and Topic:

Fiona Ryner, Senior - Chair
Sylvia Brea - Deputy Mayor



"Age Friendly Community Advisory Committee"

President's Corner



Greetings to everyone and a happy (LOL) 2022.

This year started with a bang as OMI-CRON is spreading like wildfire. Fortunately, most of us are triple vaxed and should be able to survive this variant.

Winter has finally arrived, and we are encased in a deep freeze for a while. We are also stuck inside again; restrictions on family gatherings, closed restaurants and entertainment facilities has made life miserable again. Some of

you have braved the cold, the restrictions of covid and have gone to a warmer location. I envy you but be careful and safe. The rest of us will just suffer here in the cold for a while. Spring is just a mere 8 weeks away.

The January General meeting, Tuesday January 04, 2022, at the Rec Plex was cancelled.

We are working hard to set up a Zoom meeting for Tuesday 01 February 2022. Until we receive word from the Town of Wasaga Beach there will not be any indoor meetings for a while.

In addition to our present web site, we are also working on a Facebook page. You will all have access to it along with members of the public who will see what a great club we are. We are looking for someone who is Facebook savvy to be an administrator, moderator and/or expert. Log in if you are interested or just check us out.

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Tony Svirplys, President Beachcombers Probus

"NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE"

How accurate is the Groundhog Day forecast?????

In German folklore, it is sunny when the groundhog emerges from hibernation, a groundhog will be frightened by his own shadow and return to their lair, therefore crops should not be planted because there will be another six weeks of winter. In fact, the groundhog comes out hungry and ready to mate, but if he is still dozy and his senses dulled, he goes back to sleep. As a forecast the groundhog is accurate only 28 percent of the time...**about the same as the weatherman.**

YOUR CLUB REPORTS:

Reminder: Your Web Site [Home](#) | [Beachcombersprobus](#)

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.

Just go to [beachcombersprobus.com](#) to get all the information.

MEMBERS NEEDED:

- Audio/Visual
- Speaker

January 4, 2022 METING:

- 0 members attended
- Meeting cancelled due to increase in restrict government Covid-19 rules

Please consider taking on a position and send an email to

 president@beachcombersprobus.com

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

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. Our last game was on December 15th. In view of the new indoor gathering restrictions, 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):

MEMBERSHIP

 membership@beachcombersprobus.com

Member Contact Information:

We are pleased to report that we have a total of 116 members for the 2021/2022 year and invite all existing members to sponsor new applicants should you have friends or neighbours who are interested in joining our club.

Application forms are available to download from our website.

Stay well, and keep warm! We look forward to “seeing” you at our next meeting via zoom on Feb 2nd!

Susan Mogelin and Malcolm Novar

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

 socialcommittee@beachcombersprobus.com

Hello Beachcombers;

Covid, has recently shown major growth in case numbers. We will have to see where we are at, as far as restrictions are, as the events come closer!!

In the meantime stay well and stay safe, see you all in 2022. The Feb 5

TREASURER

 treasurer@beachcombersprobus.com

The total funds available as of December 31, 2021 is \$5346.78. Below is the complete Treasurer’s report.

CATEGORY	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Available Balance			6,795.38
Membership		215.70	
Meetings			
Refreshments			
Speaker			
Treasurer- Bank Charges		5.39	
Newsletter			
Printing/Stationery		10.40	
Rent			
Events - Christmas Lunch	1,590.00	2,375.00	
- Prizes		132.11	
- Entertainment		250.00	
Goodwill		50.00	
Lucky Draw			
TOTALS	1,590.00	3,038.60	-1,448.60
BANK BALANCE			5,346.78
SOCIAL FUNDS			
TOTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00
BANK BALANCE			5,346.78
Float Social			500.00
Float Lucky Draw			20.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS			5,346.78

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKERS

Our February 1, 2022 guest speakers will be a combination of Fiona Ryner and Sylvia Brea. Their topic will be Age Friendly Community Advisory Committee and what is it.

The population of Wasaga Beach, similar to many other parts of Ontario, is aging but Wasaga Beach has also become a favorite Retirement destination as individuals leave the hustle of city life behind to enjoy a quieter, slower paced lifestyle. In order to meet the needs of our aging population, we need to ensure accessible services and programs are in place. Wasaga Beach staff are working with our [Age Friendly Community Advisory Committee](#) to improve our services.

An age-friendly community is designed to help seniors live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved. As part of its Global Age-friendly Cities Project, the World Health Organization identifies eight key areas of community life that can become more age-friendly:

- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Respect and social inclusion
- Civic participation and employment
- Communication and information
- Community support and health services
- Social participation

Fiona Ryner, Senior - Chair

Fiona had a long career in various aspects of health care, including front line service, senior management, project management, program and facility planning, manager training, association management and government relations. She also found time to sit on, and chair various health related Boards. Since retiring to Wasaga Beach in 2003, Fiona has been an active volunteer for Ontario Parks and for the Town. She also sits on two Town Council Advisory Committees and their subcommittees and on the Board of the Friends of Nancy Island. Being an outdoor person and lover of nature, Fiona truly appreciates all that this town has to offer.

Sylvia Bray , Deputy Mayor

A past resident of Willowdale Ontario, she is presently Deputy Mayor of Wasaga Beach. She also owns Grandma's Beach Treats

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THE FEBRUARY MEETING SHIFTS BACK TO Zoom

Due to present government Covid-19 protocols, indoor gatherings have been reduced dramatically. Therefore until further notice. It was decided through the Executive that we will revert back to Zoom meetings immediately. Just in case you have forgotten what the heck is Zoom we are offering a refresher course. And yes there will be a test at the end.

What Is a Zoom Meeting?

Zoom is one of many web conferencing tools, but it has grown quickly in popularity in part because it offers a lot of capabilities for free, and also is well regarded as a reliable, high quality conferencing tool that works easily and effectively. Most people will encounter Zoom simply Zoom Meetings are the audio and video conferences that allow two or more people to communicate online.

Zoom Meetings happen in the Zoom app, and can be started and shared by anyone; these meetings can even be started for free via the app, if you have it installed, or via the Zoom web site.

You can also use Zoom on your phone or [cast it to your television](#), on your tablet, laptop or desk top or mobile phone.

How Does Zoom Work?

Zoom meetings are ideal for hosting more interactive sessions where you'll want to have lots of audience participation or break your session into smaller groups.

You don't need a paid subscription to start using Zoom. In fact, if someone else sets up the Zoom Meeting and invites you, all you need to do is follow the instructions in the email invitation to start using Zoom. You'll need to click a link to install the Zoom app, and then enter the conference code to sign into the meeting to which you've been invited.

Go to: <https://zoom.us> Click on the top right of the home page **SIGN UP, ITS FREE** and follow the instructions. Once completed, you'll be able to participate in all Beachcombers' PROBUS General meetings for free.

When is the Test?

For anyone who is a little rusty, or has never tried a Zoom meeting, we are offering a dry run on January 30, 2022 at 8pm. All members of Beachcombers PROBUS will receive an invitation via email to try out Zoom. An example of what your email will look like is below. When it is time for a meeting, just click on the blue line (the one below is just an example. . . .will not work). Its that simple.

EXAMPLE ONLY

Beachcombers Probus is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom JULY General meeting.

Topic: Beachcombers PROBUS General Meeting for July 6, , 2021

Time: Jul 6, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5310357804?pwd=NWRmRkFjZGZYOHJ3K1JobFhhZ0Jvdz09>

Meeting ID: 531 035 7804

A Zoom meeting is made up with hosts, guests and participants.

Hosts can show themselves speaking, switch to their computer screens for slideshows or demonstrations, and even invite guests from other locations to co-host the webinar with them. Participants are seen on the screen. Participates can interact with any other participant by raising their hands icon on the screen, chatting with the host and panelists or participating in Q&A panels.

Please check your email in-box (and maybe your Junk email box) for further information regarding our meeting in January. We will guide you through. See you in January.

BRAIN TEASERS:

LAST MONTHS WINNER:



Greg Lemire

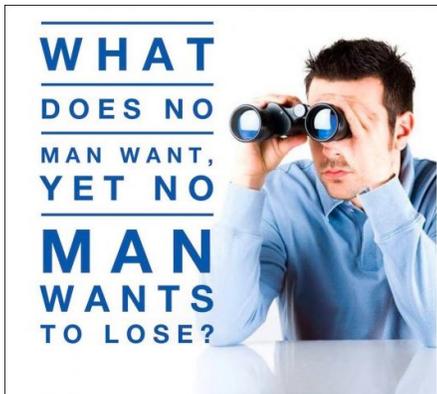


JANUARY QUESTION:

What is harder to catch the faster you run?

ANSWER: your breath

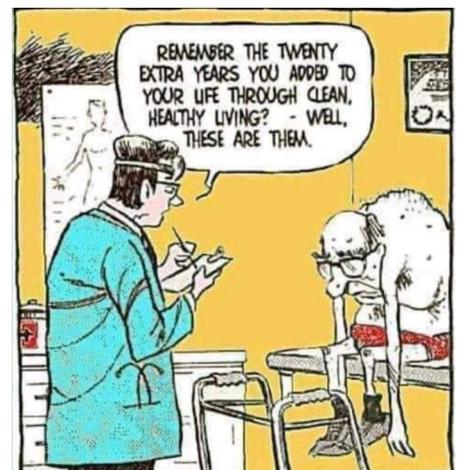
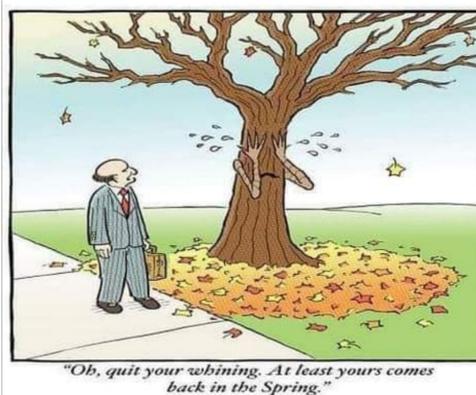
FEBRUARY QUESTION:



If you think you have the answer please email it to

 newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com

SMILES FOR TODAY



Note: Submissions for the March Newsletter should be sent to

 newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com **by February 20, 2022**