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Also if you want to communicate with us just send an email to beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

June 2, 2020 At the Complex

CANCELLED

Speaker and topic:

Non Scheduled

Presidents message for June;

Hello all and I hope that you are all calm and safe, continuing with hand washing, gloves and mask etiquette. We have now missed two monthly meetings and are trying to develop a capability to have a virtual meeting in July. The management team is meeting this week on Zoom to somewhat test out our capability.



Last week we did have a club social get together in the form of our Thank You drive by for frontline workers and volunteers. We had a little over 20 vehicles and a wide range of participation with two senior-seniors by way of Charlie Baker, and Patrice's mother (Jean Hobson). We also had some young passengers of less than a month old, in the form of Diane Nagels' three newborn puppies and their proud mom. Many thanks to our organizers Doug MacCullough (*Social*) along with Jayne Edwards, Jim Desormeaux (*Newsletter*) for his photos; and Joyce Throop (*Refreshments*) for her delivery of chocolates before we started. Our route had us go past Wasaga Meadows, the Food outlets of Walmart, Foodland, and the SuperStore, the Fire Halls, and the OPP station. In Collingwood we did drive-by's of the Hospital and the two senior residents of Sunset Manor and Raglan Village. Thanks to all who put forth effort with decorations and signage on their vehicles and participated in our little afternoon tour. No doubt Jim has inserted photos elsewhere in this issue. I saw many smiles and waves both from our members happy to be out and engaged, and from those frontline workers who we were acknowledging.

I remind you all that our web site: <https://www.beachcombersprobus.com/>

is being refreshed and posted on an ongoing basis. Please visit the site to keep up to date and pictures of the outing will be posted. While addressing updates, I wish to inform you that on May 6th at the Probus Canada Annual Executive General Meeting our local Director Bob MacNair; was elected national Vice President for the term 2020 to 2023. Please continue to contribute to a safe community and be calm and cautious.

Future Meetings and Executive

Last week the clubs management committee met via the app Zoom. For the most part it was successful but a little slow getting everyone on board. Video imaging is very good but audio has a couple of glitches. We are going to review and try to determine if we as a club could meet via Zoom for our July meeting. Such a meeting will require interested in attending to have Zoom loaded on your phone, tablet or computer and then some synchronizing of meeting time, pin number and password (to be sent out). We will need to determine membership interest in using the product, whom has on-line capability and who needs instructions loading the Zoom app. Our newsletter editor will have an item elsewhere in the paper with a request to post your interest to an e-mail address that's part of our website. I know that at least one of our book clubs is already using the application with success.

Our July meeting would normally be our elections meeting. Almost all of your lead team are staying on for the next year. However; we will be seeking interest in the Vice President position and the Treasurer position. As most will recall Ron Hanson stepped into the present vice president role and will become the new President effective our August meeting. If you are interested in one of vacant positions please contact Dennis, Ron or myself.

Possible July General Meeting

As mentioned above, the Management Committee participated in a successful Video telecommunications on May 20, 2020 using ZOOM. This App can also be used for a General Meeting via your computer desktop, computer laptop, any Android device and also any Apple device. However you must have a camera and a microphone within your device. Laptops, cell phones, and tablets all have this built in, so you have it. During the meeting you will hear and see the person who is talking just like a regular meeting. If you think you have the capabilities and would want to participate in the general meeting (as a guest) please let me know ASAP. Send a response or comment to :

beachcombersprobus@gmail.com

If there is enough of a response we will go ahead with it. The format will be similar to our regular meeting format such as opening statement by our President, possible guest speaker, and reports from our committees. Unfortunately we cannot supply the coffee and treats.

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

A BIG Thank You

As mention on page 1 of the Newsletter, our club social get together in the form of our Thank You Dive by for Frontline Workers and Volunteers. We had a little over 20 vehicles participate and part of our long route was to pass by the Collingwood Marine and General Hospital. The staff at the hospital were very grateful. Enough to write us a thank you note. Below is that thank you

CGMH Appreciation Drive By

Hello, I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all that participated in the appreciation drive by at the Collingwood General and Marine hospital this afternoon. I am a medical device reprocessing technician there and myself along with some of my coworkers today were able to go out to see this event. It was truly heartwarming to see all of the handmade signs, waves and horn honks of support coming from the community. This meant a great deal to us, specially during such stressful times.

Thank you so much for the uplifting parade!

Shannon (Collingwood Marine and General Hospital)

The 'Happy Bookers'

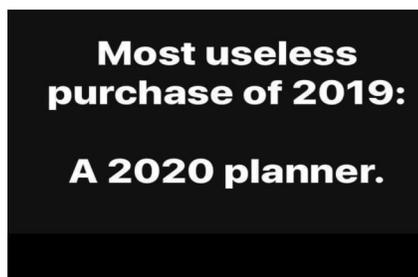
This was our second successful Zoom meeting with all 12 people online. We discussed Richard Wagamese's book 'Ragged Company'. While the language is a bit of a trial, we laughed and cried as the group of 4 'rounders' or homeless people became a family. They first used movies as a shelter from the cold, but later as their window into the world and into their own souls. They came to know Granite, a journalist, who, while not homeless, had his share of tragedy to deal with. An unexpected stroke of luck allows the group to change the course of their lives and for all but one, to come to grips with their pasts. The characters are authentic, drawn from Wagamese's own life and providing many life lessons for the reader. We rated it a 4.6 and would recommend it with warnings about the language.

Thanks,
Jan Bivall

Reminder: beachcombersprobus.com

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 and also included is our President's special messages regarding covid-19. Under the More tab is the past Joke Video of the Week, SIG (Special Interest Groups) and a place if you want to contact us. Just go to beachcombersprobus.com to get all the information. Check it regularly.

SMILES FOR TODAY



I saw this today- no matter what happens in your life, you can start over.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Thursday May 14 th 10am | Dufferin County Museum Admis- sion \$4 pay at the Door | \$10 Cash only refundable up- on arrival CANCELLED Pay your own lunch | Lunch at Mrs. Mitchell's at 12:30 pm | April 7th |
| July 28 th Tuesday 2pm | Kings Wharf Thea- tre Penetan- guishene | Tickets \$45.20 CANCELLED | Kings Wharf Theatre Fiddler on the loose a roof raising Variety show lim- ited tickets only 40 Dinner at Queen's Quay British Pub after Theatre Pay your own Dinner. | Sign up till June 2nd |

ALL GENERAL MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Note: Submissions for the July Newsletter should be sent to

beachcombersprobus@gmail.com by June 20, 2020



To view all 78 photos of the May 14, 2020 appreciation drive by to all the frontline workers and volunteers please go to our web site <https://www.beachcombersprobus.com/>