



The Wasagan

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NO GENERAL MEETING: Christmas Luncheon December 6, 2022 RecPlex doors open at 10:30 am

For social time, some entertainment and then our lunch. Please bring food for food bank and an unwrapped toy.

This is a prepaid Christmas luncheon therefore there will be NO General Meeting.

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President's Corner

Hello Beachcombers:

Looks like Winter has arrived!!! Milder this week so we may lose some of the white stuff, but I have a feeling we will get lots more before Xmas!!!

Speaking of Christmas is everyone ready yet??? This year, unlike last couple of years we will be able to have a more traditional Christmas with family and friends. So missed that part last

year!!

As we grow more mature (senior that is) things like mistletoe, eggnog, big gifts and large parties no longer make Xmas as does the simpler things. Things like sitting down with a good friend over a glass of Hot Chocolate with a little Baileys - for taste only of course!! Listening to Christmas Carols in front of the fire-place. Going to visit an old friend who can't get out or is in a Nursing Home. Giving what we can, to maybe the Food Bank or Salvation Army to help those less fortunate this year!! It's about the small things!!

But one part that never changes is having a Christmas dinner with the family and grandkids. Listening to how busy they all are and hearing all the laughter of the little ones as they play with their gifts from Santa!! At the end of the day being exhausted just trying to keep up for one day only!! How did we ever do it???? That to me is Xmas!

No matter how you spend this Xmas season may it be full of love, happiness and joy!!

Stay well and stay safe everyone!

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year Beachcombers

Brian

**“NUGGET
OF
KNOWLEDGE”**

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF "BOXING DAY"??

Beginning in the Middle Ages, Boxing Day was known as St. Stephen's Day in honour of the first Christian martyr. Although unknown in the United States, Boxing Day is still observed in Britain, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. It's called "Boxing Day" because on the day after Christmas, the well-off boxed up gifts to give to their servants and tradespeople, while the churches opened their charity boxes to the poor.

AND NOW YOU KNOW!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Reminder: Your Web Site

www.beachcombersprobus.com

We have had over **5100 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](#)



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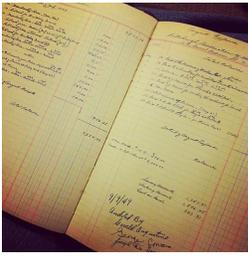


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Anyone can find this group.



Wasaga Beach, Ontario



CLUB REPORTS:

SPEAKERS (Malcolm Novar)

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GUEST SPEAKER FOR DECEMBER

Speaker: No Speaker due to Christmas Luncheon. Please bring food for food bank and an unwrapped toy.

Topic:

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JANUARY

Speaker: Chrystal Hewitt

Topic: Speaking of Wildlife

GUEST SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY

Speaker: Chantelle Keating

Topic: Role of Mediation for Seniors



OCTOBER 50/50 DRAW

Winners of the 50/50 draw were Suzanne Buchner and Carlo Stonehouse
and each received \$36.00 from the pot





CLUB REPORTS CON'T:

MEMBERSHIP (Susan Mogelin)

 membership@beachcombersprobus.com

From the Membership Desk....

Increasing Numbers.

We welcomed eight new members in November:

Lorraine and Randy Bird
Linda and Jim Cunningham
Donna and Rick Durham
Lina Tikhonovsky
Pat Torpey

Members will notice that all new members have a small but colourful star on their badges. This is to help identify them as **new** Beachcombers. Please take time to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome!

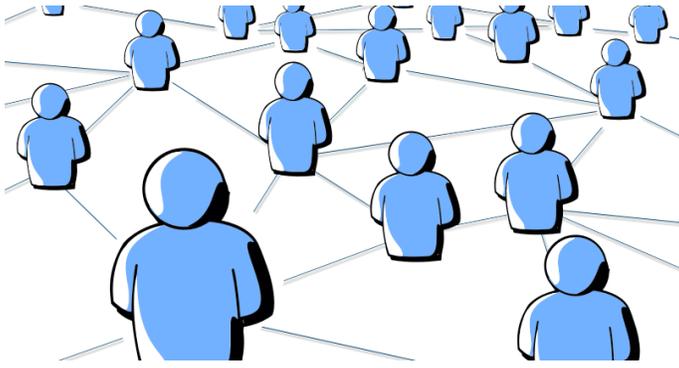
This month, we are pleased to welcome new members, Mike and Elaine Foley, relatively new residents of Wasaga Beach. The Foley's will be attending our Christmas luncheon however their actual introduction will take place in January.

New members are always welcome. If you are thinking of inviting a family member, friend or neighbour to become involved, it's easy! Bring them along to the January meeting as your guest!

All information about joining is available on our web site.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Susan
Beachcombers Probus
Membership Coordinator



CLUB REPORTS CON'T:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (LYNN MOORE)

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Ho Ho Ho! The Christmas Party is coming soon! Get your taste buds in gear for a delicious turkey dinner that Nica and her team is putting together for us. Brian and his social team has done a terrific job of putting this together and I am sure the decorating team will have the hall looking very festive. Betty has a fun surprise for everyone to keep you entertained as well as the Quartet that will be singing after the meal.

The Fun Team has been brainstorming to put together a fun and interesting year of social activities.

Many of them are still in the planning stages but we have a great start to the New Year that we hope you are going to enjoy.

First and foremost, this is something that you may hear a few times is "IF YOU SIGN UP – PLEASE SHOW UP!" Many of the activities take a lot of planning so we are going to be either collecting a refundable deposit, or if there is a cost to the activity, it will be paid at the time of signing up.

We will have sign up sheets for the January to March activities at the December Christmas meeting, so please come prepared with your cheques or cash especially for the January outing.

SOCIAL FOR JANUARY

For **January** we have a sleigh ride planned, date still has to be confirmed but will be closer to the end of January and will be advised in December at the meeting. It will be at Rainbow Farms on Rainbow Valley Rd. with lunch prior to the sleigh ride. 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

SOCIAL FOR FEBRUARY

For **February** we are booking the Orillia Opera House for February 14th for the Green River Revival. The cost per ticket is \$50.00 but we will be checking for group rates and will advise at the December meeting. You will need to pay at the time of sign up for this one.

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

For **March** we are planning a lunch and bowling at Georgian Bowl and again we are arranging a group rate which will be advised in either December or January meeting.

We have some great outings planned for the remainder of the year that you will want to participate in. We may even have a separate outing for the ladies and one for the men. Please let us know if this is something that you would be interested in.

If you are coordinating one of the **Special Interest Groups**, could you please bring a copy of it to the December meeting and give it to one of the social team or email me a copy please to socialcommittee@beachcombersprobus.com

I just need to know who has them and please let me know if you are OK to continue with coordinating or if the group is going to alternate scheduling the next meeting. Also if there is someone who would like to oversee the interest groups please let one of the social team know or contact me directly.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as I will be away for the December meeting and likely January as well.

All the best from your FUN TEAM!

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

November General Meeting

Due to an medical emergency our guest speaker Lauren Jeffrey of South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre could not make the meeting.



Rudy and Brian



Ron enlightening the audience
With Nugget of Knowledge



Colin and Brian
"What's My First Occupation"

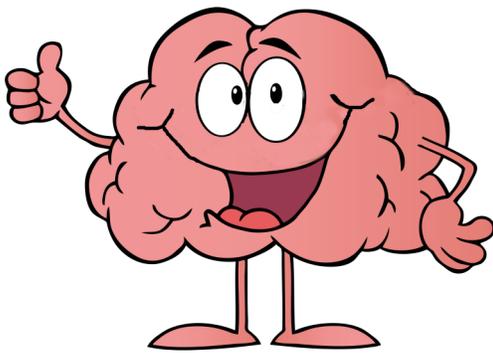


Social Committee



Winners Suzanne Buchner and Carlo Stonehouse of the 50/50 draw lucky Draw.





BRAIN TEASER

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LAST MONTHS WINNER:



Vincy Stephenson

NOVEMBER QUESTION:

You live in a one story house made entirely of redwood. What color would the stairs be?

ANSWER:

It's a one story house, there are **no** stairs.

DECEMBER QUESTION:



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

 newsletter@beachcombersprobus.com

SMILE OF THE DAY

What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer:

There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question:

Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer:

The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question:

Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer:

Tied shoes.