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Working hard and working smart
sometimes can be two different
things.

Byron Dorgan

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to the arena being used as a
Hockey School during July & August our next General Meeting will
be on:



**Thursday, July 14th, 10:00 a.m.
at the RecPlex,(Oakview**

Our Speaker and Topic Guest Speaker

**Marion Ritchie
Author, Speaker and Alzheimer's Advocate**

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. meet someone new and enjoy coffee with your friends



SOCIAL EVENTS

JULY



WHAT: Mama Mia

WHERE: Kings Wharf

WHEN: July 19, 2016

COST: SOLD OUT

See Social Committee

AUGUST



WHAT: Wine Tour and
Tasting

WHERE: Georgian Hills
Winery

WHEN: August 17 @
11:00

COST: \$15.00

See Social Committee

SEPTEMBER



WHAT: Midland Fall
lunch cruise and visit to St.
Marie Among the Hurons

WHERE: Midland

WHEN: September 14,
2016

COST: \$55.00

See Social Committee



The President's Corner

Hard to believe but the year 2016 is half over and the days are getting shorter. We certainly had our share of hot, very hot days in the month of June.

Our club year is coming to an end. As president I want to thank you, and especially the management team, for keeping, making, supporting, believing and attending our wonderful men's club here in Wasaga Beach. There were many great social activities, speakers and monthly meetings. But the only thing that is common to all of us in life is change.

Yes change. As I mentioned at our June meeting, if we are to continue we need members like you to step up with your skills, experience and belief in the future of our club to be part of the 2016/17 management. Several positions are open. Please do not hesitate to talk to Merrill about what position you could consider filling.

On another note, our club has not increased our annual fees for many, many years. Costs to run the club have gone up. If we are to maintain our excellent club with outstanding speakers, coffee, pins etc. we must increase our annual fee. The management committee has discussed this and has unanimously directed me to inform you. So I will move that our club fees increase by .75 per month at our July meeting with no change to new member fees .

I ask for your support in both these needs to allow our club to continue here in Wasaga Beach.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

	<h3>Attendance</h3>		
<p>April 30, 2016 Bank Balance: \$1864.20</p> <p>Social Committee: \$595.27</p> <p>Uncommitted Net Balance: \$572.93</p> <p>Social Fund Reserve: \$500.00</p> <p>(Refer also Page 3 for more current info)</p>	<p>Attendance: 57 % of total membership: 49 Current Membership: 116</p> <p>Life Members: 2</p> <p>Members' Guests: 2</p> <p>Members to be pinned:</p> <p>George Krywiak</p> <p>Jim Beacon</p>	<p>One errant member was badge-less and \$1.00 was coughed up to acting Deputy Finemaster Fred Humphries</p>	<p>1st Prize - \$50.00 Rolf Almeda</p> <p>2nd Prize - \$17 Keith Hennick</p> <p>Theatre Tickets Peter Grell Ray McMaster</p>



Roger Barr, Bill Crosland, Dan Edwards, Gord Gregory, Craig Holmes, Peter Hood, Nick Hoy, Jack Hunter, Don Knappett, Rick McGee, Don McNeill, Ron Pogue, Steve Prymych, Michael Smith

Many Happy Returns to all of you!



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER



AUGUST
Joanne Tackaberry & Brendon Weiss
Wasaga Distribution

SEPTEMBER
TBA

OCTOBER
David Cubitt
Wasaga Beach Brewery

JUNE'S GUEST SPEAKER

**Peter Miller
Agipharm**

Peter, a university commerce graduate and nephew of well-known local dairy farmer John Miller started his journey with his wife Naomi in 2012 with a visit to Colorado to learn the medical marijuana business. At that time Colorado was one of only states in the U.S. where the processing and sale of marijuana was legal. Returning from Colorado he set up his company Agipharm and started to explore opportunities to establish a medical marijuana processing plant at Cashtown Corners in Creemore. Before embarking on the rigorous licensing application process with Health Canada he built and equipped a 20000 square foot processing facility. The facility was completed in March 2014. In June 2014 Agipharm was purchased by Metrum Health Corporation which was already licensed to process marijuana in Bowmanville Ontario. In December 2014 he received a license from Health Canada to process up to 9000 marijuana plants under the provision of the federal Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulation.

Peter outlined the lengthy process involved in getting a Health Canada license which involved a ten month security check process for him and his wife. In reviewing applications for medical marijuana plants Health Canada focusses not only on security but also on quality assurance and record keeping.

In December 2015 Metrum went public on the Toronto Stock Exchange with an initial offering of 125000 common shares at \$1.69 per share. Later that month Peter resigned as President and sole Director of Agipharm but remains as an advisor to the company. He has now moved on to explore potential sustainable agricultural opportunities.

THE SOCIAL JUNCTION

July 19th - Mama Mia at the Kings Wharf at 2 p.m. \$40 per person. Only 24 tickets available. **Sold out**

August 17th — Georgian Hills Winery Tour and Tasting at 11:00 am Cost \$15.00 BYO lunch at Bridges Tavern, Thornbury

September 14, 2016 — Midland Fall lunch cruise followed by a visit to St. Marie Among the Hurons. Cost \$55 pp

PAYMENT FOR EVENTS: Cheques only, no cash and no post-dated cheques please.

Thank you Social Team for doing such a great job of keeping us on the go!

TREASURER'S REPORT

As per the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2016 the reported Bank Balance was \$1873.65 with a Social Committee Balance of \$595.56 and a Social Fund Reserve of \$500.00 and an Uncommitted Net Balance of \$582.09 This report is subject to approval by Club membership at the July 14th General Meeting.

PROBUS 15 Year MEMBER'S ANNIVERSARY

"Probus 15 Year Anniversaries

This year is a big year for members reaching 15 years in our club. At our annual meeting in September we will acknowledge this milestone by presenting these people with a certificate. Those who wish a fifteen year pin can purchase one for \$6.00 by contacting me (George Howie 558george@rogers.com or 705-429-9593).

Those who have fifteen years of membership are: Roly DeGuidice, Al Davidson, Jack Hamilton (in February)/ John Kleimanis, Linwood Wolfe, (in March)/ Brian Kirkwood, Don Mallett, Gunter Raab, (in May)/ Roger, Barr Brian Bermingham, George Evenden, (in June)/ Willard Henry (in July)/ and Don Miller, Paul England, Gord Gregory, Dick Jackson (in October).

We thank these gentlemen for their service and membership in our club.

George Howie Membership Chair

We now have our very own Wasaga Beach Men's PROBUS web site. Please check it out for even more information on our clubs, more pictures and articles. The site is <http://mensprobuswasaga.org/index.html>

Blonde wife texts her handy husband on a cold winter morning:

"WINDOWS FROZEN ~ WON'T OPEN"

Husband texts back:

"GENTLY POUR SOME WARM WATER OVER THE EDGES AND THEN TAP EDGES SHARPLY WITH HAMMER"

Wife texts back 5 minutes later:

"LAPTOP REALLY BUGGERED NOW!"

BABY PHOTO CONTEST

CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS MEMBER IS?

Clues:



- ◆ He was born in Canada
- ◆ He did some schooling in England
- ◆ Very analytical but slow to respond
- ◆ Named his dog "Fang"

The unveiling will be at our July meeting

OUR PHOTOS/OUR MEMBERS



Our guest speaker for June, Peter Miller discussing "Medical Cannabis"



Part of the "Baby Picture" line up. Andy Smith (right) was the baby.



Another great social gathering that was presented by the Social Committee. This time it is Mini-Putt at the Georgian Bay Hotel in Collingwood.



CLUB NOTICE

As many of you have already heard (as per our constitution) it was brought to the attention of those present at the June 9th Probus Meeting that the dues will have to increase for the next calendar year.

The dues have remained the same for at least 15 years.

The dues must increase to cover our ever increasing cost.

There are only 2 sources we have for income, the 50/50 draw and our dues.

Another reason for the short fall in funds is the number of members. If we had 150 members instead of 115 at \$30.00 per year we would generate another \$1050.00 per annum.

The Management Team have come up with a proposal that will be voted on at our July 13th general meeting at the Rex-Plex. It would see the dues go from \$30.00 to \$39.00 per year.

Each committee prepared a budget and this is how we came up with this figure

That is 75 cents more per month or about the cost of 6 small coffees a year

I would ask that you support this request by your management team on this proposal to keep our club vibrant in the future

I at first did not see this need but when we prepared a budget I quickly saw it had to be

We will come up with material and have a web site to attract new members. The best way to attract new members has always been by personal invitation from present members. So we encourage you to invite someone new to attend one of our meetings.

We will continue to provide interesting and informative speakers at our meeting and provide rewarding and pleasant social outings

Thanks for your attention

George Howie

Membership Chair