



# The Beachcomber



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**"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October."  
- Nathaniel Hawthorne**

**Thursday, October 13th, 10:00 a.m.  
at the Wasaga Stars Arena**



**Our Speaker and Topic  
David Cubitt/Peter Wilkins  
Wasaga Beach Brewery**

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



## SOCIAL EVENTS

### OCTOBER



**WHAT:** Tour of the Dufferin County Museum

**WHERE:** Dufferin County Museum

**WHEN:** October 19, 2016 @ 10:30

**COST:** \$7.00 pp

*See Social Committee*

### NOVEMBER



**WHAT:** Creemore Springs Guided Tour

**WHERE:** Creemore

**WHEN:** November 15, 2016

**COST:** BYO lunch

*See Social Committee*

### DECEMBER



**WHAT:** Christmas Lunch

**WHERE:** Marlwood Golf Course

**WHEN:** December 7, 2016 @ 11:30 am

**COST:** \$30.00 pp

*See Social Committee*



## The President's Corner

Our October meeting marks the beginning of my term as your President. Although I am a bit apprehensive about taking on this role I am encouraged when I look at who is on the management team. Having three Past Presidents on board should keep me out of trouble!

I was saddened to learn that Don Miller has passed away. Having served on the Social Committee while he was Chair and then taking over his position, I grew to admire Don for the person he was ....a caring, kind and giving individual. Reading his obit one sees that whatever Don became involved with, whether it was St. Johns Ambulance, Wasaga Beach Garden Club or PROBUS, whenever a job needed to be done or a position to be filled, Don was always there to volunteer. I remember my visits to his home and going into his office where all the binders would be neatly lined up, all labeled and not a piece of paper out of order. Quite a difference from my desk! Don will be sorely missed by all those who had the opportunity to meet him.

Recently I was asked to be on a Strategic Plan committee for an Ontario not for profit organization. While doing research I checked into the PROBUS Canada strategic plan and will leave this thought with you from their Statement of Values "(It is important) to stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time of life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centered." John Morris

Wishing everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving"

### LAST MONTH'S MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

	 <h2>Attendance</h2>		
<p><b>JULY 30, 2016 Bank Balance:</b> \$1873.65</p> <p><b>Social Committee:</b> \$619.92</p> <p><b>Uncommitted Net Balance:</b> \$1,177.65</p> <p><b>Social Fund Reserve: \$500.00</b> (Refer also Page 3 for more current info)</p>	<p><b>Attendance: 62</b></p> <p><b>% of total membership: 54</b></p> <p><b>Current Membership: 114</b></p> <p><b>Life Members: 2</b></p> <p><b>Members' Guests: 1</b></p>	<p><i>There were 0 errant members badgeless and \$0.00 was coughed up to acting Deputy Finemaster George Howie</i></p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$53.50</b> Lin Wolfe</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 53.50</b> Ken Hayes</p>
	<h3>October's Birthdays</h3> <p>Al Davidson, Paul Fisher, Ken Hayes, Willard Henry, Brian Landry Bernard Nadeau, Cal Paterson, Bud Wesley and Bob Wheeler</p> <p><i>Many Happy Returns to all of you!</i></p>		

## UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER



### NOVEMBER

A rep. from CFB Bordon to speak on the 100th anniversary of the base.

### DECEMBER

TBA

### JANUARY

Guy Chartrand  
Collingwood G&M Hospital

## SEPTEMBER'S GUEST SPEAKER

Janet Davie  
Careers Solutions

Speaker Co-Chair **George Potopnyk** introduced the guest speaker Janet Davie the President and owner of Career Solutions which is located at 1288 Mosley Street in Wasaga Beach.

Janet explained that Career Solutions is an Employment Resource Centre serving Wasaga Beach and the surrounding areas. The Centre offers services to local employers and any Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant who is seeking employment. Staff will assist with everything from career counselling, resume writing to creating and implementing a job search plan.

After a short presentation Janet spent the balance of the session answering many questions from members.

Please visit [www.careersolutions.ca/wasagabeach](http://www.careersolutions.ca/wasagabeach) for more information about Career Solutions

For further information on this topic, please refer to Mr. Weiss's presentation at your website:

<http://mensprobuswasaga.org>

## PROBUS MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder that the 2016/2017 membership dues will still be collected at the OCTOBER meeting for members who still haven't paid. The cost is \$39.00 for the year. Only cheques will be accepted **NO CASH**.

## OBITUARY

David Samuel Thompson passed away peacefully in his sleep on the evening of Tuesday September 27, 2016 with Grace always by his side. Please click on <http://mensprobuswasaga.org> in the Message section of the web site for further information.

## THE SOCIAL JUNCTION

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Tour of Dufferin County Museum. Tour starts at 10.30 a.m. \$7. BYO lunch to follow at the Terra Nova Public House.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Creemore Springs guided tour. Lunch at the Old Mill at noon followed by the tour at 2 p.m.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Lunch at the Marlwood Golf Club. Cost is \$30 per person. Arrive by 11.30 for a turkey lunch at noon. There will be 3 draw prizes and a 50: 50 draw. Tickets for the 50:50 draw will be 1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5. Entertainment will be provided by Adrien Robitaille who is a singer/guitar player.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Andy Smith was also posted on the bulletin board. It showed a bank balance of \$4047.48 of which \$643.86 was the balance in the Social Committee Account. \$500.00 is also aside as an Emergency Social Fund Reserve, with an uncommitted net balance of \$2629.62 as at August 31st, 2016. This report is subject to approval by Club membership at the October 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

## OUR PHOTOS/OUR MEMBERS



Pictured are some of the members who were recognized as 15 year members.



Outgoing President Russ White accepts a parting gift from the appreciative members for all his time and effort in his position in the last year.

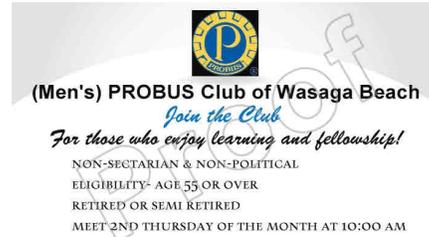


It was a beautiful day for a cruise on the Miss Midland plus a great meal on board was had by all.

Our enthusiastic tour guide answered all our questions from the PROBUS membership regarding the history at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons following our cruise



Newsletter Editor, Jim Desormeaux spoke to members in the September meeting about the recently produced business cards which are designed to promote the club and the benefits of membership. Members were provided with several of the cards and urged to distribute them amongst their contacts. We realize the font size is too small and the problem was rectified. This is the front of the business card and below the back of the card.



## OBITUARY

It is with sadness that I must inform you of the passing of our long time Probus member Don Miller. Don was a member of our club for 15 years. He was active on the Management Team where he held many positions including President. Don was a person that was always willing to step up and volunteer and if Don said that he would do some thing you could be sure that it would get done and done well. He had a great sense of humour and was a joy to work with. **Visitation at 11:00 am and celebration of life at 12 noon on October 6, 2016. Reception and interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to your favourite charity would be appreciated.**

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On our web site for this month there are extended Obituaries on Don Miller and David Thompson. More photos of our club members. A survey, a notice on curling and employment information.

Please click on <http://mensprobuswasaga.org> to see all the extras on the web.

And remember if you want to get in touch with your club just send an email to [mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com](mailto:mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com)

## TID BITS

The Club Banner is available for loan to display at one of your events other than PROBUS. Please contact **George Potopynk** at

[mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com](mailto:mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com)

We encourage members to seek out opportunities to display the banner at various venues in the community, e.g., other Clubs, Garden Shows, Community events, etc.

**ROMEO BREAKFAST**™ – will be held Friday September 9th at 9.00 a.m. at YAMMAS Restaurant. Please confirm attendance with **Tom Parkes**.

**VP Greg Paupst** spoke to members in the September meeting about the importance of volunteering for opportunities in the club. He also raised the issues of member retention and recruitment. He circulated a survey to those present and asked for opinions on these important topics. The feedback provided will be discussed by a planning committee which will report its findings and recommendations at a future general meeting. If you did not fill out the survey please get a copy of it on the web site under Links tab at <http://mensprobuswasaga.org>. Fill it out and return it to us at the next meeting.

**Social Committee Director, Lee** also advised members about discussions he has held with a representative from the Lighthouse Probus Club in Collingwood regarding the establishment of a Probus Travel Club to serve all the Probus Clubs in the area. Discussions are ongoing and Lee is our representative in these discussions.

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

Please send your comments, ideas or articles of interest to newsletter editor at [mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com](mailto:mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com)