



# The Beachcomber



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**Isn't it appropriate that the month of the tax begins with April Fools Day and ends with cries of 'May Day!'**

**Unknown**

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



**Our Topic and Speaker:**

**YMCA**  
**Karen Storing, Centre Manager**  
**and Chris Gough, Membership Supervisor**

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



## SOCIAL EVENTS

**APRIL**



**WHAT:** Quality Homes

**WHERE:** Kenilworth

**WHEN:** April 25 @ 11:00\*

**COST:** \$0.00 pp

**\*NOTE CHANGE: from April 18 to April 25**

*See Social Committee*

**MAY**



**WHAT:** Kolapore Fisheries

**WHERE:** Kolapore

**WHEN:** May 10 2017 @ 11:00

**COST:** \$10.00 pp

*See Social Committee*

**JUNE**

**Ripley's**  
**Aquarium**  
**Of Canada**

**WHAT:** Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

**WHERE:** Toronto, located next to the CN Tower

**WHEN:** June 20, 2017 @ 9:00 am

**COST:** \$90.00 pp

*See Social Committee*



# The President's Corner

The "March is National PROBUS Month" is winding up and the March 1st flag raising at Town Hall was well attended by several of our members. Thanks to everyone that took time to participate.

A big "thanks" to John McCartney for writing an article on the flag raising as well as sending it and a photo to the local media. Having the Beach Booster put the photo on their front page was a big show of support. The Wasaga Sun ran the entire article with photo in their on-line edition and Wasaga Beach Councillor, Sylvia Bray, put it on her Facebook page. Hoping for some positive results from this publicity.

After returning home from vacation, I did some reading about PROBUS Month and learned these interesting tidbits;

- Thirty years in Canada.
- The first club in North America was incorporated in Cambridge, Ont., in 1987.
- There are now 237 active Canadian Probus's with 32,432 members.
- The average membership of a club is 137.

Don't forget to come and visit our PROBUS Club display at the Home & Garden Show, April 8th & 9th at the RecPlex. Your Management Committee is putting together photo boards showing some of our speakers and social events.

On a sad note, I was sorry to learn upon arriving home, that Lloyd Burton had passed away. When I became President, Lloyd would always have some words of encouragement and support for me, before the start of our meetings. He will be sorely missed.

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

	 <h3>Attendance</h3>		
<p><b>January 31, 2017</b>  <b>Bank Balance: \$3,288.22</b>  <b>Social Committee: \$523.52</b>  <b>Uncommitted Net Balance: \$1,933.75</b>  <b>Social Fund Reserve: \$500.00</b>          (Refer also Page 3 for more current info)</p>	<p><b>Attendance: 44</b>  <b>% of total membership: 44</b>  <b>Current Membership: 100</b>  <b>Life Members: 2</b>  <b>Members' Guests: 2</b></p>	<p><b>There was One errant member badgeless and \$1.00 was coughed up to acting Deputy Acting Finemaster</b>  <b>John McCartney</b></p>	<p><b>1st – John Fleming - \$50.00</b>  <b>2nd – John McCartney - \$30.00</b></p> <p>Two more ticket were then drawn for the Wasaga Community Theatre and the winners were:  <b>Theatre ticket #1</b>  <b>Bill Black</b>  <b>Theatre ticket #2</b>  <b>Wally Hammond</b></p>
	<p><b>April's Birthdays</b>  <b>Ken Birse, Cliff Mann, Alan Ritchie, Peter Ruse</b>  <i>Many Happy Returns to all of you!</i></p>		

## UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER

### MAY

Nancy Graham, RN  
"Doctors Without Borders"

### JUNE

Meghan Pomeroy, Park  
Planner— Beach Steward-  
ship in Wasaga Beach

### JULY

Marina Whelan  
"Climate Change  
Simcoe Muskoka District  
Health Unit"



## Wasaga Community Theatre Bedroom Farce

At our March meeting, Lee introduced Doug Beatty from the Wasaga Community Theatre. Doug spoke about the activities of the Theatre and more specifically addressed the upcoming production of Alan Ayckbourn's Bedroom Farce which starts a run at the RecPlex on Thursday, April 20th ending on Sunday April 23rd. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For further detail on the this production and the Theatre please go to [www.wasagacommunitytheatre.com](http://www.wasagacommunitytheatre.com).

## Guys and Dolls Stratford

The President of the Wasaga Sunbirds Probus Club has contacted us regarding vacancies they have on their upcoming daytrip and wondering if any of our members would be interested in joining them.

Guys and Dolls, Stratford, May 11th. Bus departs Rec. Plex at 9:00am. Cost \$140 per person which includes transportation, lunch at the Queens Inn and admission to the play.

**Deadline is April 20th.**

Please contact Lee if you are interested.

## Georgian Triangle Probus Travel Club

Please check our web site for an in-depth article on the findings and proposals from the Georgian Triangle Travel Club. Click on the Activities Tab at

<http://mensprobuswasaga.org>

## THE SOCIAL JUNCTION

April 25th - Quality Homes, Tuesday

Our April event is a tour of Quality Homes manufacturing facility and display in Kenilworth on Tue. April 25. The tour is scheduled to start around 11:00 am. We would suggest that you arrange for carpooling as Quality Homes is a 112km (1-1/2 hour) drive from Wasaga Beach. There is no cost for the tour. We will have lunch at the "Spot Restaurant" 5km north of Mount Forest. Sold out.

May 10th.- Kolapore Springs, Wednesday

Our May event is a tour of Kolapore Springs fishery, a hidden facility located in the Kolapore uplands situated in one of the most unique ecosystems in the world. Both fresh and smoked trout will be available to buy at "wholesale prices". This approximately represents a 30% discount. Please bring your cooler and indicate on the sign-up sheet your approximate intentions of how many pounds of fish you would like to buy. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 and will start at 11:00am. Lunch will be held at "Mylar and Loreta's" Singhampton at about 12:30pm.

If anyone needs to arrange for a ride or if you have room for someone to ride with you, please call Lee at 705-429-5541.

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada. Tuesday, June 20th

June 20th.— Ripley's Aquarium

This event is a bus trip (Motor Coach) to Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto, located next to the CN Tower. There are more than 16000 living creatures on display including sharks, jellies, rays, green sea turtles and much more. We will also enjoy a three course lunch at The Hot House Restaurant consisting of "Garden or Caesar Salad", "Chicken Parmesan", or "Hot House Primavera" or "Pork Tenderloin" or "American Pizzette" along with "Lemon Cream Cake" for dessert. Tea, coffee or a soft drink is included. The Hot House Restaurant is a popular and well known eatery in Toronto. We will board the motor coach at 9:00 am at the Oakview Woods Community Center (by the Gazebo next to the Rec-plex). We arrive for lunch at 11:30 am and then tour the Aquarium at 1:15 pm and return home by 5:30 pm. The cost is \$90.00 per person all inclusive. Since this is a bus trip we need 40 people.

**PAYMENT FOR EVENTS:** There is now a change in policy regarding the acceptance of cash for payment to the social events. Aside from cheques, cash will be accepted and a receipt will be issued however the exact amount in cash will be required since no change will be given back.

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Al Chambers was also posted on the bulletin board. It showed a bank balance of \$3,288.22 of which \$523.52 was the balance in the Social Committee Account. \$500.00 is also set aside as an Emergency Social Fund Reserve, with an uncommitted net balance of \$1,933.75 as of February 28, 2017. This report is subject to approval by Club membership at the April 13th General Meeting.

## TID BITS

The Club Banner is available for loan to display at one of your events other than PROBUS. Please contact **Al Chambers** 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 April 14th at 9.00 a.m. at YAMMAS Restaurant. Please confirm attendance with **Tom Parkes**.

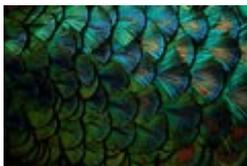
## HEY! WHAT IS THAT?

So you think you know what this is. No one could the answer last month. Obviously why too difficult for the members, so lets do an easier one



The answer was C) toothpicks

Try guessing this one: What is it?



- A) Fish scales
- B) Snake skin
- C) Peacock feather

email the answer to [mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com](mailto:mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com)

## March Speaker Pat Raible



Pat Raible was born and grew up in Liverpool, England, moving to Berkeley, California, with her husband, Chris, in 1954. After many happy years in the U.S. (which included the addition to the family of three young Raibles: John, David and Ann), they immigrated to Canada in 1982, settling in Toronto, and becoming Canadian citizens in 1986.

In 1994 Pat and Chris came to Creemore to begin their new "retirement" venture, Curiosity House Books and Gallery. It was shortly after opening the bookstore that they met Charles and Ella Garrad and learned about the Petun. Thus began Pat's search for these remarkable indigenous people, early residents in this part of Ontario. The more Pat heard and read, the more she admired the Petun and their way of life.

## OUR CLUB/OUR MEMBERS



smiling members enjoying one of John's jokes (I think) at the March meeting

<http://mensprobuswasaga.org>

On our web site has further information on the topics below:

- There a lot of photos of our past social events and our last general meeting and PROBUS month.
- And remember if you want to get in touch with your club just send an email to [mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com](mailto:mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com)

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>

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