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Thursday, February 9th, 10:00 a.m.

at the Wasaga Stars Arena

Our Speaker and Topic:



Kent Colby (CTV)
Life as a Reporter/Videographer

Hamilton Gibson and Ed Stanyk will be pinned

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



SOCIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY



GEORGIAN CIRCLE

WHAT: Valentine Lunch

WHERE: Georgian Circle

WHEN: February 14,
2017 @ 12:00 pm

COST: Varies

See Social Committee

MARCH



WHAT: Base Borden
Museum

WHERE: 27 Ram Street
on the Base

WHEN: March 28 @ 11:00
(meet at 10:45)

COST: \$5.00 pp

See Social Committee

APRIL



WHAT: Quality Homes

WHERE: Kenilworth

WHEN: April 18 @ 11:00

COST: \$0.00 pp

See Social Committee

"Marriage is really tough because you have to deal with feelings and lawyers."

-- Richard Pryor



The President's Corner

Our Strength is Fellowship,
Our Success is Participation

Once again, I find myself sitting in front of my computer, looking at a blank page, trying to come up with an idea of what to write. Deciding to look for inspiration I went into PROBUS Canada and checked out the newsletters from the PROBUS Clubs across Canada.

After looking through newsletters from Calgary to Woodstock, I discovered one thing. We have the best looking, most informative newsletter out there! Thanks to Jim Desormeaux for the great job he does putting this newsletter together each month. And no, I didn't come across any ideas that would help me fill this page.

Another thing I did notice, was that most Clubs had special interest groups. They ranged from Hiking to Dinner to Euchre and everything in between. At our January meeting, I mentioned that I would like to see if there was interest in our Club for some of these groups. If you have any suggestions, please pass them along to me.

I also talked about volunteering to give your "Profile" at one of our meetings. If you belong to a club or have a hobby that you would like to share with the members, let me know. We have 10 minutes allotted each meeting for this and if there are no volunteers, then you will have to listen to my jokes.

I will leave you with a few quotes from Ghandi;

There is more to life than increasing its speed.
There is sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for his greed.
An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching
The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

	<h3>Attendance</h3>		
<p>November 30, 2016 Bank Balance: \$4,235.21</p> <p>Social Committee: \$695.47</p> <p>Uncommitted Net Balance: \$3265.74</p> <p>Social Fund Reserve: \$500.00</p> <p>(Refer also Page 3 for more current info)</p>	<p>Attendance: 51 % of total membership: 52 Current Membership: 99 Life Members: 2 Members' Guests: ~ 35</p>	<p><i>There was 3 errant member badgeless and \$3.00 was coughed up to acting Deputy Finemaster George Howie</i></p>	<p>1st – Hamilton Gibson - \$50.00</p> <p>2nd – Jack Hunter \$47.00</p>

February's Birthdays

Rick Archdekin, Donald Mallett, Karl Ogger, Roy Schoenberger and Geeg Paupst

Many Happy Returns to all of you!



UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER



MARCH

Pat Raible, Author
"The PETUN People of
the Hills"

APRIL

Karen Storing, Centre Man-
ager & Chris Gough, Mem-
bership Supervisor
"YMCA"

MAY

Nancy Graham
"Doctors Without Borders"

JANUARY'S GUEST SPEAKER

**Guy Chartrand, President and CEO of Collingwood
General and Marine Hospital**

Guest Speaker, Guy Chartrand, President and CEO of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, was introduced by Speakers Co-Chair Join McCartney. Guy will be giving an update on the hospital re-development process affecting our local hospital.

Guy has been the President and CEO of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital since April, 2014. Throughout his career, Guy has been actively recruited and promoted to increasingly visible and demanding management roles. While very much a people-oriented leader, Guy brings to CGMH his extensive experience with successful capital/building projects--having successfully completed the Mattawa Hospital Redevelopment, as well as the expansion and extensive renovation project at the Notre-Dame Hospital.

Mr. Chartrand gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation along with a short video.

Some of the highlights of his presentation included:

The hospital submitted its Stage 1 report to the Ministry in September, the first round of a five-stage process that hopefully will result in a new hospital for the region in the next 10 years - or sooner! Hospital officials will sit down with representatives of the Ministry of Health's capital planning branch in mid-January to review the Stage 1 submission.

Guy went through the process that was followed with respect to the selection of the new site on Poplar Side-road.

The Hospital will be the Cornerstone of a Wellness Community and will serve as a "Campus of Care".

Possible new services will be:

- Satellite Chemotherapy
- Pacemaker Clinic
- Specialized Dementia Care Beds
- Maybe an MRI

The new Hospital will be 2.5x larger than the current one and have more acute care and new rehab beds and will have to be built to serve the Communities for many years to come.

THE SOCIAL JUNCTION

February 14th - Valentine Lunch, Georgian Circle

We are celebrating Valentine's Day at the Georgian Circle Restaurant this year. The event will be held at 12:00 noon. Each member and guest may order from the special four choice menu. Beer and wine will be available. Taxes and gratuities are extra.

The four menu choices are, Surf and Turf for \$39.95, Prime Rib of Beef for \$29.95, Veal Cutlet for \$25.95 and Chicken Breast for \$25.95. All choices include soup or salad, choice of potato & vegetable, and a choice of strawberry cheesecake, or coconut cream pie, or rice pudding or ice cream for dessert. Prices are based on thirty people.

Please indicate on the signup sheet at the meeting which choice from the menu you prefer.

March 28th - Our March event is a guided tour of the military museum at C F B Borden. We will meet at 10:45 am and the guided tour will begin at 11:00 am. The Museum is located at 27 Ram Street on the Base. The cost is \$5.00 per person. We will gather for lunch after the tour at "Crabby Joes" in Angus at approximately 12:15 pm in the "Party Room".

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!

Georgian Bay Photography Club Jim Desormeaux

Jim Desormeaux gave an overview of the Georgian Bay Photography Club.

The Club's objectives are:

- To promote both amateur and professional Photographic Art.
- To provide regularly scheduled meetings for members to increase their knowledge through educational programming, to display their work, to compare and discuss one another's work.
- To provide opportunities for photographic outings to places and events of photographic interest and for social interaction amongst Club members.

For an annual fee of just \$40.00, members enjoy the following benefits:

- Monthly photography meeting and program
- Monthly print or electronic image competition
- Field trips and outings
- Photographic exhibitions
- Guest speaker experts and instruction courses

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Annual photography competitions open to everyone
- Awards for merit points earned through photographic accomplishment

All skill and experience levels welcome!

Regular monthly club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (September through June), 6:30pm at the Chartwell Retirement Residence, 57 Trott Blvd, Collingwood, ON L9Y 0A3.

Please contact Jim for further details or go to <http://www.bayphotoclub.com/> for further details.

Special Interest Group

As defined a special interest group is an organizations which is not technical and which is normally focused on a mutual interest or shared characteristic of a subset of members of PROBUS. We are proposing our first SIG (Special Interest Group) to be formed for our members.

Photography

If you have any interest in photography or would like to advance your capabilities in picture taking then join the club. Please send an email to

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com outlining your interest. If there is enough interest we will form a special interest group.

Maybe you would like to form a SIG in woodworking, computers, books, golf, cars, etc. If so send an email to

mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com and outline your proposal. The sky is the limit.

HEY! WHAT IS THAT?

So you think you know what this is. Good.



- A) cigarette end
- B) Twig
- C) Apple stalk

It is a tie so congratulations to both John McCartney and Brian Bermingham for getting the right answer....C

You will both receive a small prize at the next meeting.

As winners you will be receiving



Try guessing this one: What is it?

- A) punctured skin
- B) Cracker

email the answer to mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Al Chambers was also posted on the bulletin board. It showed a bank balance of \$4291.20 of which \$640.47 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 \$2936.73 as at December 31, 2016. This report is subject to approval by Club membership at the February 8th General Meeting.

OUR PHOTOS/OUR MEMBERS



Guy Chartrand, President and CEO of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital talking to both members and their wives during our January 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

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 February 10th at 9.00 a.m. at YAMMAS Restaurant. Please confirm attendance with **Tom Parkes**.

THE SIDE-SPLITTING CORNER

Being cremated is my last hope for a smoking hot body

<http://mensprobuswasaga.org>.

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

- More photos of our social events and our general meeting
- And remember if you want to get in touch with your club just send an email to 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>

Please send your comments, ideas or articles of interest to newsletter editor at mensprobuswasagabeach@gmail.com