# The Beachcomber

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Official Newsletter of The PROBUS Canada of Wasaga Beach,
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**Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence.**

**Hal Borland**

***IMPORTANT NOTICE:*** Due to the arena being used as a Hockey School during July & August our next General Meeting will be on: ***Thursday, July 13th, 10:00 a.m.***

***at the RecPlex,(Oakview)***

***Our Guest Speaker and Topic***

**Marina Whelan**

**Climate Change -**
**Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**

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

# SOCIAL EVENTS

## JULY

**WHAT:** Dufferin Wind Power

**WHERE : 705357 County Road 21, Melancthon**

**WHEN: July 18 2017 @ 10:30**

**COST:** $5.00 pp

***See Social Committee***

## AUGUST

**WHAT: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,**

**WHERE :** King's Wharf Theatre

**WHEN: Aug. 22nd @ 2:00 pm**

**COST:** $42.00 pp

***See Social Committee***

## SEPTEMBER

**WHAT:** Port Severn Fall Lunch Cruise

**WHERE : Lock 45 in Port Severn**

**WHEN: September 26 2017 @ 10:30 am.**

**COST:** $50.00 pp

***See Social Committee***

# The President's Corner

As I am sitting here writing this message, we are a couple of days into summer. If I hadn't heard it on the news I would never have known it by the weather we have been experiencing. It seems that we cannot have more than one or two sunny days in a row without rain. On our bus trip to the Ripley's Aquarium we passed farm field after farm field, covered in water.

It is often said that in Canada we have two seasons; winter and construction. I think that it is safe to add mosquito season to that list. With all this wet weather, they are bountiful and HUGE!
On the bright side, if it wasn't for the weather and politics, we wouldn't have anything to talk about!
Canada's 150th birthday is just a few days away and the country is awash in red and white. Even my Tim's cup is covered with our national colours. I hope that you will have an opportunity to join in on some of the festivities planned to celebrate this milestone and reflect back on what has made this such a great country to live in.

"Canadian pride may not rest on our sleeves, but it resides deeply in our hearts." Steve Miller

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

| | Attendance | | |
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| **April 30, 2017**<br>**Bank Balance: $ 3,073.17**<br>**Social Committee: $598.52**<br>**Uncommitted Net Balance:**<br>**$1,760.65**<br>**Social Fund Reserve: $500.00**<br>**(Refer also Page 3 for more current info)** | **Attendance: 57**<br>**% of total membership: 55**<br>**Current Membership: 104**<br>**Life Members: 2**<br>***Members' Guests: 2*** | ***There was one errant member badgeless and $1.00 was coughed up to acting Deputy Acting Finemaster***<br>***John McCartney*** | **1st – Hamilton Gibson - $50.00**<br>**2nd – Brian McClure - $48.00** |

**July`s Birthdays**

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

*Many Happy Returns to all of you!*

# UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER

**AUGUST**

*Jackie Beaudin and Nathan Wukasch,*
Age Friendly Community Advisory Committee

**SEPTEMBER**

Gord Mulgrew & Donna Allen, Stayner Curling Club "The Sport of Curling"

**OCTOBER**

*Bob Herman,* Canadian Snowbird's Assoc. Health Unit "Out of Country Travel Concerns"

# JUNE'S GUEST SPEAKER

## Trish Davidson, from Ontario Parks,

Speakers co-chair Peter Willmott introduced Trish Davidson from Ontario Parks, Wasaga Beach. Her topic was the Piping Plover Program., Piping Plovers are listed as an endangered species in Canada and is regulated under Ontario's Endangered Species Act. These are shorebirds that may be seen on Wasaga's beachfront which provides excellent habitat for them to nest. In general, plovers nest on wide beaches that have some gravel or cobble cover, little vegetative cover and a large distance from nest site to treeline. Nests placed in sites with little vegetative cover, and at a distance from the treeline provide adult birds with clear visibility over long distances. This nesting behaviour may be the result of a predator avoidance strategy. The presence of shells or cobble may indicate higher ground that is less likely to be flooded and is therefore safer.
The presence of Piping Plovers on the beach is a great news story about an endangered species that may be on its way to recovery with the assistance of humans. Without human intervention, this bird would likely continue to decline in numbers. At Wasaga Beach, there is a unique opportunity to act as stewards for this species through a number of volunteer actions. For more information please contact the park office 705-429-2516.

For further information please visit http://www.wasagabeachpark.com/Natural-History/Piping-Plover.html

# Welcome New Members

There were two new members pinned at the June meeting and they were as follows:

Andrew Beattie – sponsor George Howie

Wally Hammond – sponsor George Potopnyk

# THE SOCIAL JUNCTION

**July 18 2017 - Dufferin Wind Power INC**

Our July event is a tour of the "Dufferin Wind Power" facility in Melancthon township in Dufferin County. Dufferin Wind Power Inc. is harvesting wind power to support the long term clean energy needs of Ontario. The company aims to be a significant and caring corporate citizen; educating Ontarians about the benefits of responsible energy sources and contributing lasting support to the local economy

Dufferin Wind Power is located at 705357 County Road 21, Melancthon, west off County Road 124 at Redickville, between Singhampton and Shelburne.

We will meet at 10:30 am and start the tour at 11:00 am. The cost of the tour is $5.00. We will meet for lunch at the "Terra Nova Public House" (east of County Road 124 on 20th Side Road) at 12:30 pm

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 (huish@lynx.org).

**August 22 2017 - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 2:00 pm**

Our Tuesday, August. 22nd event is the Drayton Entertainment production of 'Joseph And The Technicolor Dreamcoat". This event is taking place at the "King's Wharf Theatre" in Penetanguishene on August 22 2017 at 2:00 pm. We should plan on arriving around 1:30 pm to allow enough time for parking and finding our seats before the show begins. Since the event starts at 2:00 pm we recommend that you arrange for dining either before or after the show at your discretion. May we suggest "Captain Robert's Table" adjacent to the theater. You might want to call ahead for reservations. (705 – 549 – 0713**).** Tickets are $42.00 per person. The cutoff date to sign up is July 20 2017.

**September 26 2017- Port Severn Fall Lunch Cruise 10:30 am.**

Our September event is a 2-1/2 hour lunch cruise aboard the Serendipity Princess paddleboat. We will arrive at Lock 45 in Port Severn at 10:00 am to board and prepare to depart at 10:30 am. We will sail on the Trent Severn Waterway making our way to "The Big Shute Marine Railway" where we will witness an amazing engineering feat of boats being hauled to the upper water level on a railcar. We will also enjoy a hot buffet lunch consisting of chicken breast, potatoes, vegetable, salads, rolls and desert. Tea and coffee are included. The boat will sail rain or shine because passengers can enjoy the cruise either inside or out on the deck.The cost of the cruise is $50.00 per person. The final date to sign up is Sept 20. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lee at 705 429 5541 or huish@lynx.org.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Al Chambers was also posted on the bulletin board. It showed a bank balance of $2770.38 which $598.52 was the balance in the Social Committee Account. $500.00 is also set a side as an Emergency Social Fund Reserve, with an uncommitted net balance of $1457.86 as of May 30, 2017. This report is subject to approval by Club membership at the July 14th 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

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 July 14th. at 9.00 a.m.at Yammas Restaurant. Please confirm attendance with **Tom Parkes**.

## ENROLLMENT FOR PROBUS EXTENDED HEALTH CARE WITH "Prestige" TRAVEL PLAN

For PROBUS Canada members in good standing, there is an **OPEN ENROLMENT PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 TO OCTOBER 31, 2017** for **Extended Health Care (EHC)** with Prestige Travel Plan (out-of-province/out-of-country emergency medical travel and trip cancellation insurance). During the open enrolment period, PROBUS members can apply for EHC with Prestige Travel Plan coverage without providing evidence of good health.

Following the open enrolment period, after October 31st, PROBUS members can still apply for coverage, but only members leaving an existing group health insurance plan can enroll without providing evidence of insurability within 60 days of losing coverage.

Additional information is available on Johnson Inc.'s website at: http://www.johnson.ca/probus

For answers to further questions, please contact **PROBUS Canada's Plan Administrator**, Johnson Inc., toll free at:

**1-877-989-2600** or email pbservicewest@johnson.ca

## Please Read Below

It is coming to the end of our Probus Year and we require a few members of our management team

These positions don't take a lot of your time and you get to work as part of a great team of people.

We require the following a Secretary, Phone & Visitation Chair, Membership Chair, and Co/Speakers Chair

I urge you to consider doing one of these jobs to help our Probus Club remain strong.

If you have any questions please contact George Howie 558george@rogers.com or 705 429-9593

## PHONE & VISITATION CHAIR

Bill Snooks will give a presentation regarding the job description of his position at the July meeting.

## OUR CLUB/OUR MEMBERS

George Potopnyk

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Trish Davidson, from Ontario Parks, Wasaga Beach, gave an excellent presentation on the Piping Plovers that are nesting at the Beach.

## http://mensprobuswasaga.org.

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

- There a lot of photos of our past social events which include the Ripley's Aquarium, our last general meeting and 2017 Canada Day Community Participation Package
- And remember if you want to get in touch with your club just send an email to

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