



# The Beachcomber



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## NOVEMBER 2017

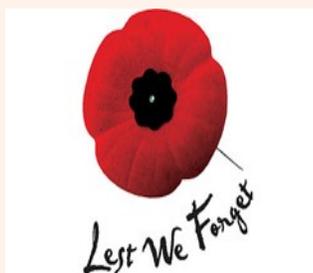
**Thursday November 9th., 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Our Speaker and Topic**

**Sgt Lillian Légère**

**16Wing  
CFB Borden**



Arrive at 9:30 and maybe meet someone new and enjoy coffee with your friends



## SOCIAL EVENTS

### NOVEMBER



**WHAT:** 5 Pin Bowling

**WHERE:** Georgian  
Bowl

**WHEN:** November 14,  
2017 @ 10:30 am

**COST:** \$10.00 pp

*See Social Committee*

### DECEMBER



**WHAT:** Christmas  
Lunch

**WHERE:** The Rockdell  
Steak House

**WHEN:** December 5,  
2017 @ 11:30 am

**COST:** \$30.00 pp

*See Social Committee*

### JANUARY



**WHAT:** Balmoral Place

**WHERE:** 8 Harbour  
Street West, Colling-  
wood

**WHEN:** January 16,  
2018 @ 11:00 am

**COST:** \$0.00 pp

*See Social Committee*

Remembrance Day isn't just about war and those we've lost, but about ideals and what we stand for. It's about respecting our past and looking hopefully forward, and more than anything, thanking those who have served.



# The President's Corner

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day, a time to reflect on the horrors of war, a time to remember those who lost their lives or suffered catastrophic injuries or a life remembering loss of comrades in battle.

We have to remember that this is not in vain. These people have made our lives better and the part of the world we live in the place it is today. We need to remember those that have served in our Armed Forces in times of war, as peace keepers and keeping our country safe.

We go to the US for the winter and the people there are always honoring and thanking the members of their armed forces. I feel that we as Canadians are sometimes lax in thanking Canadians that served our country in the military.

The Probus Club is placing a wreath in the ceremonies scheduled for Sunday November 5th at 2:00 PM at the Cenotaph at the Municipal offices, 30 Lewis Street. If you are so inspired you are welcome to attend.

Our November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be based on a Remembrance Day theme.

George Howie

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING AND OTHER BUSINESS

			
<p><b>JULY 31, 2017</b>  <b>Bank Balance: \$ 4,922.86</b>  <b>Social Committee: \$ 1,089.65</b>  <b>Uncommitted Net Balance:</b>  <b>\$ 3,119.21</b>  <b>Social Fund Reserve: \$500.00</b>          (Refer also Page 3 for more current info)</p>	<p><b>Attendance: 63</b>  <b>% of total membership: 61</b>  <b>Current Membership: 104</b>  <b>Life Members: 2 Member</b>  <b>Guests: 1</b>  <i>Two new members were pinned 2 New members pinned today - Brian Gurnhill sponsor George Potopnyk and Lloyd Johnston sponsor Rod Arnold</i></p>	<p><b><i>There was one errant member badgeless and \$1.00 was coughed up to acting Deputy Acting Finemas-</i></b></p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup>- \$50. - Bill Black</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup>- \$40. - Lin Wolfe</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup>- \$28. - Cal Patterson</b>  <b>2 tickets to theatre- Bill Crawford</b></p>

### NOVEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS

ROD ARNOLD, PAOLA DORAZIO, ALAN GLUCK, BRIAN KIRKWOOD, BILL SNOOKS



## PLEASE READ THIS... Presentation by Al Chambers

During our October meeting Treasure Al Chambers gave a brief presentation of the problem facing the club with regards to the vacant position on the Management Team:

Good Morning Gentlemen;

I trust that you have all read the October issue of our newsletter and in particular the section regarding the vacant positions on the management team. I have been asked by the other members of the team to speak to you this morning regarding this matter. At present other members of the management team are doing double duty in covering these position and this cannot go on. This subject has been raised on a number of occasions over the past several months and unfortunately there has been no response.

In every successful club or organization every member takes their turn in an active role in the administration of that club. The time required for these positions include attending the management meeting once a month for about 90 minutes and approximately 2-3 hours of additional time. So the workload is not that much. There were job descriptions for the 3 positions placed on every table this morning and I encourage you to look at them and if you have any questions talk to any member on the current management team during the break.

There are a number of you out there who have in the past served in various positions on the management team and we thank you for that. Ken Hayes and John Harder have recently stepped forward and joined the team as co-chairs of the Phone and Visitation committee. Thank you for that gentlemen.

There are however several of you out there who have the skills and ability but have never stepped forward to fill any position on the management team and the time has now come to do your part to ensure the ongoing success of this club.

I am sure we all enjoy the speakers and the great social events arranged by the Social Committee.

We would expect these positions to be filled by the end of our November 9th general meeting however in the unfortunate event they are not then the team will seriously consider the future viability of this club. So I once again encourage you to seriously consider doing your part for the club.

Thanks

Your Club needs your experience and innovative ideas to help keep our Club an interesting and vibrant organization. Inquiries may be made to George Howie (705-429-9593) or myself (705-429-0265) or just send an email to:

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

Please volunteer for one of the above positions, you won't regret the experience.

## UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER



### DECEMBER

Kevin Lalonde  
The Town of Wasaga Beach Public Works Department

### JANUARY

Speaker TBA  
Georgian Bay Family Health Team

### FEBRUARY

Tom Tworzyanski  
Presentation about the Polish Underground during WW2. Based on a book "As I remember" authored by the Speaker's father, Bonomir Tworzyanski

## THE SOCIAL JUNCTION

### November 14, 2017 GEORGIAN BOWL 10:30 am

Our November event will be held at Georgian Bowl, south of Collingwood on County Road 124. We will play two games of "five pin" bowling starting at 10:30 am followed by lunch at "The Dornoch" in Nottawa at 12:00 noon. The cost for two games and shoe rental is \$10.00 per person. This group rate is for a minimum of eight people.

Those of you who wish to pass on bowling but would like to join us for lunch, please let us know at the social table so that we can record your intentions on the sign-up sheet.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lee at 705 429 5541 or email at [huish@lynx.org](mailto:huish@lynx.org).

### December 5, 2017 CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE ROCKDELL 11:30 am

Our December event is our annual Christmas Lunch at "The Rockdell Steak House" located at 9386 Beachwood Rd. The Social Committee went to great lengths to ensure that our luncheon date would not conflict with other groups holding their events during the Christmas season, as was the case in previous years.

"Meat balls" will be served from 11:30 am as "hors d'oeuvres" until our sit down meal at 12:00 noon. We will enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings followed by dessert as well as tea or coffee.

There will be door prizes, a Christmas tie contest and a 50/50 draw. Adrien Robitaille will be providing live music of the festive season.

The cost is \$30.00 per person. Taxes and gratuities are included. Bar service is available.

If you have any questions please contact Lee at 705 429 5541 or email at [huish@lynx.org](mailto:huish@lynx.org)

### January, 16, 2018 BALMORAL PLACE TOUR

#### 11:00 AM

Our January event is a tour through the new "Balmoral Place" facility located at 8 Harbour Street West in Collingwood. Balmoral Place retirement Community is situated within Balmoral Village, an age-in-place community located in Collingwood. It consists of apartments ranging from 680 square feet to over 1000 square feet as well as a dining room and activity areas designed for a retirement life style.

Balmoral will provide a light lunch after the tour.

There is no cost for the event, however, you will need to register on the sign-up sheets.

If you have any questions please contact Lee at 705-429-5541 or email at [huish@lynx.org](mailto:huish@lynx.org).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report is prepared by Al Chambers and will be posted on the bulletin board. There is a bank balance of \$ 7324.18 which \$ 3389.65 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 \$ 3220.53 as of September 30, 2017. This report is subject to approval by Club membership at the November 9th. 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 November 10th, 2017 at 9.00 a.m. at Yammas Restaurant. Please confirm attendance with **Tom Parkes**.

## SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Wasaga Beach Mayor Brian Smith (left) presents Dr. Peter Willmott with the Ontario Senior of the Year award. Also present is Jackie Beaudoin, chair of the town's age-friendly community advisory committee. - by Ian Adams/Metroland



A Wasaga Beach man who helped found the town's community garden has been honoured with an Ontario Senior of the Year Award. Dr. Peter Willmott was presented

with his award during council's Sept. 26 meeting. "I'm honoured and humbled, and a little embarrassed," Willmott said after receiving plaques from the town, the provincial and federal representatives for Simcoe-Grey. "There are many seniors in Wasaga Beach who do a tremendous amount of (volunteer) work, and many, many of them will never get recognized. Willmott moved to Wasaga Beach in 2003, and in 2006 was a founding board member of the Healthy Community Network. Along with serving as the chair's committee, he has also been instrumental in implementing the town's active transportation plan, biking and hiking initiatives, and the Harold Culham Trail. He is also a member of the YMCA membership advisory committee. "He is a shining example of how seniors can be engaged in their community in their retirement years," said Mayor Brian Smith.

"He has certainly put down roots, rolled up his sleeves, and found ways to contribute to our town." The award is presented each year to an individual who has contributed to the community after the age of 65.

## SIDE SPLITTING CORNER

Ray and Bob, two Government mechanical engineers, were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole", said Bob, "But we don't have a ladder.

"The woman said, "Hand me that wrench out of your toolbox.

"She loosened a few bolts, then laid the pole down.

She then took a tape measure from their toolbox, took a measurement and announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches" and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed.

"Ain't that just like a 'Miss-know-it-all' woman?" he said.

"We need the height and she gave us the length !"

## OUR CLUB/OUR MEMBERS



Cute and cuddly aren't they? The Alpaca tour.

Another great meal and this time it was at Stephen's BBQ and Restaurant



<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 Serendipity Princess Cruise also our last general meeting, including the Stayner Curling Club. 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>

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