



# PROBUS CLUB OF COLLINGWOOD

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## NEWSLETTER

MAY, 2016

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2016 – BEAR ESTATE HALL - 10 A.M. - 12 NOON

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: JOHN MEGARRY

VICE PRESIDENT BOB MACNAIR

SOCIAL: GREG GEEN

SECRETARY: AL WALLACE

TREASURERS: MIKE MARTYNUK

SPEAKERS: RUBEN ROSEN

MEMBERSHIP

GERRY DeLESKIE

PAST PRESIDENT: PAUL NATALE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We began with John Megarry emitting words of welcome in a Spanish. Apparently El Presidento and spouse had vacationed last month somewhere south of the future site of El Trumpo's wall. I was impressed with John's facility in Spanish.

We then immediately returned to the English version of the National Anthem, thanks to dulcet tones of our resident baritone Ian Godwin.

There were guests popping up from all quarters, Andy Barry, Geoge Lothian, Jack Woodcock and Jim Theobalds, and all were given an emotional welcome and thunderous applause.

The following new members were called to the front of the hall, presented with their badges and warned that if approached during the coffee break by anyone wanting to borrow money, they should decline.

On a sad note it was announced that Bill Stokes had passed away recently. Another of our members Lou Sage also died in the week before our May meeting.

There are to be Town Hall meetings regarding the G and M Hospital expansion on May 31 and on June 1, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Greg Geer reported that the Earthship Collingwood visit was very impressive. He went on to inform the members of the following social and educational events on the calendar.)

May 12 – Honda plant again

May 16 – Bike ride to Thornbury leaves Tim's on 1<sup>st</sup> Street

May 24 – Golf begins at Shelburne

May 28 – Stag and Doe at Theatre Collingwood

May 31 – Rock and Bowl challenge (i.e. bowling)

June 22 – Blue Jay game –only \$75, so Book fast!

July 27 -Mama Mia at King's Wharf Theatre

Some special new items may be of interest to members. The Scandinave Spa still offers us a reduced price. Just mention Code 6064.

### SPEAKERS REPORT

Ruben Rosen reported that our speaker for June will be Dean Culver of Collingwood's Parks, Recreation and Culture. July will feature Gord Canning, former CEO of Blue Mountain Ski Resort. And Emily Klinck will be with us in August. She is the movie researcher for the Green Peace movie many of us enjoyed at the Monday movie night.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION BRUCE WEST GEORGIAN TRIANGLE HOSPICE

Bruce is the chairman of the Hospice Foundation and was asked to be with us to share information on Campbell House.

He began by anticipating the questions that we were likely to ask, and proceeding to provide the answers.

The impetus for the building of Campbell House came from one of our members Glen Grosset, who had been involved in hospice work in Collingwood for several years. Ever since 1987, it had become increasingly evident that a need existed in our community for end of life care. Prior to the existence of Campbell House, that care was only available at the hospital or at home, and more was needed.

The Hospice has six patient rooms, and hopes to expand to ten in the future. It is usually 85% filled and often as much as 99%. It is not possible to plan with any degree of exactitude because you can't plan when rooms become available.

The care at the hospice is provided by professional and dedicated palliative care workers.

Campbell House is not a long terms care home. It is intended to provide "end of life care" in those last few weeks when the needs are very demanding on family. Twelve days is the average length of stay, but a patient is there "for as long as is needed". A palliative care team makes the decision as to which cases are admitted. There are no fees to patients or to families. The approximate cost of providing hospice care is \$450 per day. \$90,000 per room is provides by the Province, and there are of course many fund-raising efforts throughout the year like the current bicycle outing in which several of our Probus members are participating

Bruce finished his very excellent presentation by inviting members to "drop into Campbell House for a coffee" on Fridays between 3 and 5.

#### **MINISTER OF CULTURE**

After warming up the assembled members with several humorous cultural anecdotes, the Minister then informed us that he is currently raising funds for a registered charitable organization which provides assistance to retired airline pilots who have had to leave the profession for personal reasons and have been unlawfully denied a pension. Money (cash please) can be forwarded to Wayne and he will see that it is dealt with appropriately.

#### **SPEAKER BROCK GODFREY**

Brock Godfrey's work in the area of fraud reporting began with an organization called Phone Book Busters. In partnership with an RCMP colleague Jennifer George, he travelled widely giving presentations on scams and other frauds that were proliferating in Canada and beyond. Eventually to become The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), the organization began 23 years

ago operating as a joint OPP and RCMP operation in North Bay with 23 police volunteers. It has grown considerably since those early years. In 1997 a Seniors Support Unit was created because seniors have become a major target of the scammers. We are trusting and lonely and vulnerable.

Brock's presentation focused on what he referred to as the "Top Six Scams".

1. The Microsoft or Windows scam. "You have a virus or some other problem on your computer and we can fix it if forward us some money." Just hang up!
2. Extortion threats. Perhaps claiming to be the CRA or Immigration, the caller tells you that you owe money and if you don't forward it you will be fined or arrested. Governments don't do anything by phone!
3. "Phishing" is a method whereby a bank letterhead is cut and pasted and sent to you requesting your SIN number etc. Don't do it!
4. Lottery Scam. "You have won \$5000, but we need money to release the funds." They may even send a phony cheque which you can deposit but your bank won't know it is phony for several days.
5. The grandparent phone call. "Send money, but don't tell mom and dad." Need I say more!
6. Romance schemes. This has mushroomed lately, and scams the senior looking for companionship. Don't fall for it!

If you missed Brock Godfrey's presentation, you should go to your computer immediately and Google CAFC. You will be able to access several documents which were distributed to us at the May meeting. And if you can't go the Google route, reply to me and I will make sure you can access the CAFC literature. (I was going to suggest that you send me some money for postage, but that's not funny.)

Brock was thanked for his presentation by John and there was much applause.

The 50 50 winners were John Pineo and John Lennox, who will person the table next month.



