



PROBUS CLUB OF COLLINGWOOD

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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2017 – BEAR ESTATE HALL – 9.45 A.M. – 11.45 A.M.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: RUBEN ROSEN VICE PRESIDENT GREG GEEN SOCIAL: SANDY WHITE
SECRETARY: AL WALLACE TREASURER: MIKE MARTYNUIK SPEAKERS: PAUL TRANQUADA
MEMBERSHIP: JOHN MEGARRY NEWSLETTER: ERIC SKEOCH I.T. CHAIR HAL KEISER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newly-elected President Ruben Rosen rang the usual school bell and initially anyway received the usual casual response from the assembled hoards, who were as usual having what Ruben referred to as “too much camaraderie”.

So after Ian Godwin melodiously led us in the National Anthem, we move into the future with the new management team firmly in place, and President Rosen at the helm.

The following guests were welcomed: Geof Emerson, Dave Rodgers, Dave Bell, Peter Hambly and Gerry Fitzpatrick.

New member Earl Palmer was presented with his badge and photographed side by side with a beaming Ruben Rosen.

Newly elected District 7 Director Bob MacNair thanked the club for their support over the past year and announced that there would be a special celebration next month as we celebrate our anniversary as a club. Plans are in place to have Bud Crookes join us. Bud was a founding member of our club and a spark plug in the creation of several other clubs in the Georgian Triangle.

Ruben suggested that Special Interest Groups (SIGs) could be established at the club, addressing interests in issues of interest (finance, computer needs, etc.). Jim Worts offered to receive suggestions and to keep a list of those suggestions.

Ruben reminded the members that the applications for insurance coverage issue referred

to in previous meetings are open until the end of the month. If you have questions, let Jim know..

At this point Ruben extended a very nice thank you to me for my work as Newsletter scribe. The timing was good for his comments because I have been pressured lately to join Breitbart News, and will now stop returning calls from Mr. Bannon.

Brian Lucas reminded us that he and Al Wright are ready to receive any news regarding members health concerns lawns in need of cutting.

Jack Marley reported that there will be *Hospital update* meetings Wasaga Beach and Thornbury later this month.

Al Peters passed along news regarding the Probus Ski Legends program. (Note the full list of activities in the attachment above.)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Sandy White thanked Greg Geen for his work in the past and then went on to outline what is in store for members going forward.

-Oct. 18 –Fall colours train ride and lunch out of Orangeville. Car pool meets at Wal-Mart lot at 9.00 a.m.

-November 13 – Tour of Homes in the Community

-December 7 –December Luncheon for \$50 (Sandy White) Tranh Campbell is our speaker.

-John Houser reminded members that the Ski Legends crowd is going to Val D’Isere this winter and there are 6 spots left.

-Jim Worts reminded members that a tour of Chuck Magwood’s organic vineyard is well worth

while. Contact Jim if you are interested. And a trip to see the Owen Sound Attack do their attacking in the hockey rink is also a possibility.

-Adrian O'connor announced that on October 22 somebody is having wine, Canapés and listening to the opera. Call Adrian if you are interested.

-Mike Lee is already planning golf at Shelburne in May, so keep your clubs in the car.

MINISTER OF CULTURE

As usual Minister Wayne Caswill was in fine form, particularly with an appropriately timed video beamed in by Hal Keiser on airline "procedures".

SPECIAL PRESENTATION KEN HAIGH

Ken's arrival as CEO of the Collingwood Library in 2013 appears to have begun with a decision to survey the needs and desires of the Collingwood Library community. A Survey was carried out and a Four Year Strategic Plan formulated based on that survey. The result has been some very impressive initiatives. After a brief romp through the history of the library, Ken presented us with some of those initiatives.

-Since 2013 there has been a 20.6% increase in growth in all services, books, e-books, wifi, programmes, roaming, special event bookings, local history, genealogy, data collection, the *Flipster* magazine service, a wide variety of children and teen services, computer training, arts and culture shows, concerts, gardening and finally, after years of waiting, a ukulele initiative. The place is obviously humming (and strumming) with energy and innovation.

In general, programme attendance has doubled in the past year, a growth which appears to be a direct result of the changes emerging from the community survey and the impressive response to that survey by the Library Board and by Ken's leadership.

Ken pointed out that there is still work to be done in addressing community needs such as parking,

making the green roof viable, and establishing more quiet places.

Ken brought along a very professional brochure outlining the Collingwood Library Strategic Plan. It is an excellent summary and is available at the library. Ken's presentation was excellent. The Collingwood Library is lucky to have him.

SPEAKER PETER LANG

In a novel approach to sharing his thoughts after 38 years with Air Canada, Peter Lang took us on a *virtual flight* from Toronto to Hong Kong in a Boeing 777, a flight he had taken on 72 occasions during career. In preparing us for our flight, Peter provided us with some facts related to our flight and some scary photos of what can go wrong.

-Pilots must take a 6 month course on a particular aircraft before they are qualified to fly it.

-Once a year, there are 2 medical check-ups, 4 simulation sessions, random *no-notice* flight checks, and a specialty session on the unexpected.

-The 777 carries 462 passengers and the flight to Hong Kong uses 180,000 liters of fuel (three double tractor trailers full!). By the time we get to Hong Kong there will be just enough left to get us to one alternative destination. Our alternative (Macao) is planned in advance, it was somewhat comforting to learn that we could get there on one engine..

- Poor planning is usually the cause of accidents, so prior to take-off, everything was checked and backed up by the co-pilot –maintenance details, weight, centre of gravity, and did I mention fuel.

-At Take-Off, there was a check on factors related to elevation, temperature, runway slope, condensation, and obstacles(?).

-There are 38 tires on our plane, with pressure at 22 psi, capable of 50,000 lbs. per wheel, and with the capability of stopping at 300 mph.

-Peter knows the speed at which he can stop the aircraft if needed and the rotation speed at which aircraft can take off.

-One of Peter's photos showed the incredible number of aircraft in the air during the peak periods of travel, heaviest in the morning going east and the evening coming west.

Thanks to Captain Lang, our virtual flight got us safely to Hong Kong. Our trip and Peter's presentation were equally enjoyable.

Peter was thanked by Ruben and presented with a Gerry DeLeskie pen and pencil set.

The 50 50 winners were Gord Hall and Tom McConnell.

