



PROBUS CLUB OF COLLINGWOOD

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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING THURSDAY Aug 2 2018 – Bear Estate 300 Balsam St. Collingwood – 9.45 A.M.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: RUBEN ROSEN PAST PRESIDENT BOB MACNAIR VICE PRESIDENT GREG GEEN
SOCIAL: SANDY WHITE SECRETARY: AL WALLACE TREASURER: MIKE MARTYNUIK
SPEAKERS; PAUL TRANQUADA MEMBERSHIP: JOHN MEGARRY NEWSLETTER: ERIC SKEOCH

National anthem: Another enthusiastic version of Oh Canada was delivered by our resident baritone, Ian Goodwin. Some of us were still struggling with the words “in all of us command” instead of the traditional “in all our sons command”. Clearly our men’s club has some resistance to change!

Opening remarks: delivered by Pres. Ruben Rosen, who wished us all a Happy New Fiscal Year.

Five visitors were introduced by their respective member friends.

Badges were handed out by John Megarry to one new inductee.

Members were also reminded that the July, August and September meetings will return to the Bear estate building. In October and November we will be utilizing the Legion building on Ontario Street, and in December the annual Christmas luncheon will be held at the Alpine ski club.

Events Committee: Sandy White advised that printouts of the old “refrigerator cards” with all the same information were available at the back.

He noted that the next George Christie bike rides would be held July 16th and 30th.

It was the last day to sign up for the Keewatin tour to be held July 24, 2018. Lunch is being

arranged for the Queens Quay restaurant in Victoria Harbour.

The “Hairspray” musical is proceeding on August 16 in Penetanguishene.

The Wye marsh war canoe trip is scheduled for August 23, 2018 at a cost of \$17 per person.

An excursion to the Beaver Valley cidery is scheduled for September 20, 2018 at a cost of five dollars per person.

The musical “Come from Away” in Toronto is sold out in October 2018.

Some interest was expressed in taking a tour of the Pilkington glass factory in Collingwood. Apparently the tour is available for direct sign up with Pilkington, but not through Probus.

Golf at Borden golf course is scheduled for July 20, 2018 at a cost of \$72 per person.

Financial: Treas. Mike Martynuik informed the club that he will be preparing fiscal year end reports as at June 30, 2018 which will be provided to the executive and made available to members in late August. Dues go up to \$60 per annum after the July meeting.

Minister of Culture: Wayne Caswill presented his usual collection of humorous anecdotes

and stories including the one involving a memorial “stone”, the lawyer and the hooker, the bull and the peppermint. We also enjoyed the Buddy Hackett video regarding the man with the strained voice, and the boating video showing what not to do on the water.

50/50 Draw:

Jack Marley and Terry Billo were the lucky winners.

Speakers:

Linda Flemington-Pres. Georgian Bay CARP chapter 14

Linda provided a great deal of information about her organization and the efforts it has made on behalf of seniors. She discussed their actions both nationally and locally and advocacy for its members.

Some highlights of their efforts included:

1. Increase in CPP benefits
2. Rollback of age for OAS from 67 to 65
3. Increase of \$6 billion for home care
4. Reducing drug costs
5. Increase in insurance coverage for failed pensions
6. Reform of RRIF provisions to eliminate minimum payments at 71 years
7. Improvement in rent controls
8. Review of long-term care facilities
9. Standing Straight program for seniors involving active pole walking.

Ms. Flemington advised that CARP currently has 300,000 members in Canada and is actively attempting to increase its numbers to 1 million.

Locally, CARP has sold memberships at the Elvis Festival and held several healthcare symposiums in partnership with CGMH,

Hospice Georgian Triangle and the Simcoe Task Force.

Ms. Flemington reminded our membership that National seniors day will be held September 30, 2018 at the Leisure Time facility.

Carl Shiefer-Georgian Bay Ecosystems

Our guest speaker provided us with an in-depth and interesting overview of the Georgian Bay system, and its many aspects. We are clearly very fortunate to live in an area with access to this ecosystem and to participate and enjoy the benefits it provides. Dr. Shiefer listed an impressive number of aspects of Georgian Bay, some which place it first in the world, such as:

1. The world's largest freshwater archipelago
2. The world's largest freshwater beach (Wasaga)
3. The most provincial parks in Ontario
4. The most expansive wetlands.

Dr. Shiefer advised that all ecosystems consist of three components: the physical, the chemical and the biological.

The biological aspect is the product of the physical aspects and chemistry of the area and determines the types of plants and animals which can survive in the area.

Mr. Shiefer went on to discuss the geology of Georgian Bay and the effect this has on creating both very deep areas (540 feet) and shallow areas known as the “littoral zone” with depths of approximately 40 to 50 feet deep. Depending on which zone you are in, there is a completely different set of fish species, and other animals are affected as well

Most impressive were the photographs Dr. Shiefer had of the littoral zone and the archipelagoes and his descriptions of same.

Dr. Shiefer was thanked for his presentation and provided with the customary pen/ pencil.

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