



PROBUS CLUB OF COLLINGWOOD

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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING THURSDAY Sept. 6, 2018 Bear Estate, Collingwood

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: RUBEN ROSEN

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SPEAKERS: PAUL TRANQUADA

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NEWSLETTER: ERIC SKEOCH

National anthem: Once again, Ian Godwin stirred our patriotic juices with his patented version of O Canada. So far, this version has not included the words “in all of us command”. Perhaps Ian did not get the memo from Justin Trudeau.

Opening remarks: delivered by Pres. Rosen, included a reference to the passing of Morley Powell, a 16year member of Probus Collingwood.

Pres. Rosen then asked that the members introduce their visitors. Dr. Richard Hawkins, and Gord Andrews were introduced by their respective member friends. Bud Christensen testified to the skills of his orthopedic surgeon friend. Today is the second time that Dr. Hawkins was introduced.

Badges were then handed out to new inductees, Dr. Hawkins and Dean Hartley.

Members were also reminded that the September AGM and luncheon will be held at the Bear estate building. In October and November we will be utilizing the Legion building on Ontario Street, and in December the annual Christmas dinner will be held at the Alpine ski club. Tickets for this event are on sale for \$50 per person.

Member profile: John Shadbolt **America's Cup 2017**

Member John Shadbolt gave a very interesting talk on the yacht racing event

known as America's Cup, and held in Bermuda in 2017. John spoke of the preparation required for this event, the very expensive price tag attached, and the excitement experienced in the beautiful surroundings of Bermuda.

These catamarans were typically 40 to 50 feet in length, although some reach 55 to 60 feet. At top speed, they travel at 40 mph, much like a motorboat.

Bermuda paid \$63 million to host the event but received an economic return of approximately \$203 million.

The competition involves a number of elimination races to qualify for the final. In 2017 the final race was between the USA and New Zealand. Ultimately the Kiwis won the contest 7 to 1. In part John explained that their success was due to better “pedal power” which is the means by which sails are adjusted. For those of us with limited nautical knowledge, a “hand grinder” is not a device used for making hamburger.

Club and Community News:

Pres. Rosen advised us to make informed choices in the upcoming municipal elections among local candidates.

He then proceeded to tell us the “goon” story about his son attempting to pass U.S. Customs and being detained and closely questioned, until it was discovered that a

device had registered a level of radium in his body as a result of a recent medical test. The status of the dog whisperer remains unknown.

Pres. Rosen also advised the membership of the need to fill the following positions:

1. Editor for the newsletter
2. Cashier
3. Additional members for the speakers committee.

All are welcome to volunteer.

Events Committee: Sandy White reported on the current status of events.

He corrected the date for the Wye Marsh war canoe excursion to August 23. The cost of the tour is \$15 per person, and that there is both a guide and commentary involved. He reminded members that the Cycle Rides, hosted by George Christie, Steve Hawker and Bob MacNair will take place on August 13 and 27. Cycling shirts are available at \$75. Golf is proceeding according to plan. The Kings Wharf production of “Hairspray” is essentially sold out with one ticket remaining.

A tour of the Beaver Valley Cidery including lunch at Lora Bay golf course will be proceeding on September 20. The cost of the tour is five dollars per person.

Speakers: Pres. Rosen confirmed that speakers have been booked to the end of February 2019. He directed members to the website where the next two speakers are featured.

Minister of Culture: Wayne Caswill presented his usual collection of humorous anecdotes and stories, delivered in the professional manner to which we have been accustomed in Probus Collingwood. Wayne had a “camel” theme today, with his anecdotes of Jean and

Arlene, and “Molly the Camel”. He also presented an excellent video of a jet airplane engulfed in flames, and the efforts of passengers to escape as well as the firefighting crew. This provided an excellent prelude to our speakers, the fire rescue team members from Pearson Airport.

Speakers: Mauro Ferrarioli and Trent Campbell of Pearson Fire and Emergency Services

These individuals each had more than 20 years of experience in firefighting and emergency services at Pearson International Airport. They also have community involvement in addition to their professional services.

We were reminded that Pearson only has terminal one and three-terminal two no longer exists.

Mr. Ferrarioli provided an abundance of statistics regarding the number of employees working at Pearson at any time, the number of passengers through the airline per year, the number of aircraft using Pearson and the fact that there are 1450 aircraft movements per day. In 2017 there were 5600 emergency responses.

Smaller craft carry 17,000 to 20,000 L of fuel and larger aircraft can carry as much as 40,000 L. Part of the crew’s responsibility is to be mindful of spills and the environment.

Mr. Ferrarioli also presented the mission statement of GTAA fire and emergency services. He also described and showed photographs of a number of the emergency vehicles used, ranging in price from \$870,000 to \$1.2 million.

The speakers were thanked and presented with the usual token of appreciation.