

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #15

Westminster United Church, Whitby

January 28, 2015

Chair: Bob Ashdown, President

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Agenda: The president called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reviewed the agenda.

Introductory Remarks by the President:

- The president thanked to-day's greeter, Terry Brown. Members volunteered to act as greeters for future meetings.
- Several new member present were introduced; guests were welcomed.
- Members who haven't picked up their badges were asked to do so to-day.
- Reminder to those who wish to enjoy coffee to pay for this at the 50/50 desk as you arrive.
- Sincerest thanks to everyone who completed the survey. The results can be grouped as to Interest, Social & Speakers and will be shared by the appropriate management team member.
- Query re anyone having difficulty accessing the newsletter – no one indicated they were.
- Management team – Bob noted that many members of the management team are currently in their second year in office and will not be standing again for election. If anyone has an interest in a particular position, please speak with Bob. Anyone wishing exposure to a Management team meeting is welcome to attend, again speak with Bob.

Interest Groups:

- Trudy Semeniuk thanked the group for completing the survey and noted the following new groups – cycling, beginner bridge, wine tasting. Among other suggestions for new interest groups were: gardening, symphony, womens' breakfast, womens' golf, cooking, movie night.
- Each group does require a co-ordinator, however the time commitment varies considerably. Trudy encouraged members to join the team, noting that volunteering has positive outcomes for personal well-being in addition to supporting our club.
- John Patte described the new cycling group, sign-up sheets are now available.

Social Events:

- Pat Caple thanked the group for their suggestions for future social events that included: theatre trips, museums & galleries, progressive dinners, sports events and garden tours.
- Pat also updated the group re upcoming events: Ajax Downs Slots lunch, February 11; Full Monty at WCHT, February 27; and Trivia at the Brooklin Pub, March 31st. Please check the website for more details.
- Pat noted that there was a good response to her request at the last meeting for members to join the planning group.

Speaker Series:

- Russ Caple noted that we do have a very robust list of potential speakers and thanked the group for another 15 suggestions. Speakers are currently booked until July, so Russ will incorporate some of the suggestions in the second half of the year.

To-day's Laugh:

John Cooper provide light humour for members' enjoyment.

50/50 Draw:

Speaker Alan Mallory drew the 50/50 ticket; \$62 was won by Betty Rodger.

Guest Speaker:

Russ Caple introduced our guest speaker, Alan Mallory, who with his father, brother and sister became the first family of four to successfully reach the summit of Mount Everest – the highest point on earth. In a very engaging presentation, Alan described their two month journey in 2008 that was filled with unparalleled challenges and extreme conditions - a story that was emotional, exciting and in many places terrifying as the family conquered Everest. Russ thanked Alan for sharing his experience with us. Alan then signed copies of his book – The Family That Conquered Everest . . . and the secrets to their success.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 25th, 2015 at 10:00 am. Greeters: Wendy Boyer & Val Davidson.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm