

## **WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB**

General Meeting #16

Westminster United Church, Whitby

February 25, 2015

**Chair:** Claire DeSousa

**Secretary:** Dorothy Ferguson

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

### **Introductory Remarks by the Chair:**

- Claire thanked to-day's greeters, Wendy Boyer & Valerie Davidson.
- The membership is now at 283. New member introduced were Sheila Cockburn, Bill Hay, Penelope & Mike Johnson, Diane Kirby, Sandra & Gordon McLean, Pat Powell, Pat Sutherland, Brenda Symon, Susan & James Trudeau, Lisa & John Weiss and Margaret Wesley.
- Guests were welcomed and reminded to register for liability insurance coverage. Also, after one visit, guests who would like to return are asked to join our club.
- Members who didn't receive the most recent newsletter are asked to make that known to a member of the Management Team.
- Anyone who hasn't picked up their badge is asked to please do so to-day.
- Reminder to those who wish to enjoy coffee to pay for this at the 50/50 desk as you arrive.

### **Interest Groups:**

- Pauline Ordanis highlighted three new groups: ladies breakfast, cycling & wine tasting. Also Walks Around Toronto is resuming. Refer to newsletter for details.
- Claire asked members to indicate if they were interested in initiating an evening euchre group – not sufficient support at this time.

### **Finances:**

- The club will finish 2014-15 in a positive position.

### **Social Events:**

- Peter Garret advised that the next Trivia Night at the Brooklin Pub on March 31 has been at maximum for some time, and so a second evening on March 24 was arranged. However of the 28 people who indicated interest in attending on March 24, only 12 have paid. After discussion the second evening was cancelled.
- There are no sign-ups to-day. Upcoming events – Washington trip in April, Fun Run (car rally) in June, Westben theatre in July, Rogers Cup in August. Refer to the newsletter for details.
- Members were reminded of the newly implemented policy that requires payment by cheque when signing up for an event. Also, members have priority before guests.

### **50/50 Draw:**

- Speaker Roderick Benns drew the 50/50 ticket; \$49 was won by Ginny Broome.

### **Guest Speaker:**

- Harold Coker introduced our guest speaker, Roderick Benns, who is an author, publisher and award-winning journalist. In a very interesting and enjoyable presentation, Roderick described

the leadership qualities and attributes of five of Canada's prime ministers. Following the presentation, Roderick signed his books that include The Mystery of the Moonlight Murder: An Early Adventure of John Diefenbaker, The Legends of Lake in the Mountain: An Early Adventure of John A. MacDonald and Arthur Meighen: A Way with Words.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 10:00 am. Greeters: Harold & Connie Coker.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm