

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #19

Westminster United Church, Whitby

May 27, 2015

Chair: Bob Ashdown

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Agenda: The President, Bob Ashdown, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Introductory Remarks by the Chair:

- To-day's greeters, David & Nancy O'Connor, were thanked; greeters for the next meeting were arranged; guests were welcomed
- Our current membership remains at 300; new members since the last meeting are Janice Hilts, Joyce Hale, Ed Hale; 10 people are on the waiting list.
- It was noted that a previous member had changed her email address and didn't get any communication about membership renewal. Thus when she didn't respond after the grace period ending October 31, she was dropped from the membership list and now is back on the waiting list. Please remember to advise the Membership Chair whenever you change email address
- Bob asked if any member(s) were interested in assisting a new Interest Group Leader with coordinating the interest groups. Two members, Linda Schofield & Pat Sturch volunteered, and Jane Brown has agreed to be on the nominations slate as Interest Group Leader.
- Westminster administration has advised that when we have sign-up in the lobby during the social hour it can be quite disruptive to other groups. To avoid this, sign-up tables for social events will be set up in the lobby before the meeting and members were asked to come early to register.

Interest Groups:

- Toronto Walks remains very popular, 30 attended the last walk. In June the walk will be through Chinatown & Kensington (sold out) and the July walk has been cancelled due to the Pan-Am games. Trudy was asked if the walks can be repeated and will follow with the guide.
- Mens Breakfast is growing, Mike Primeau is now leading.
- The Oshawa PROBUS Walking Group does cover downtown Whitby, members are welcome to join them as space is available.
- Art Veroba spoke to a new initiative – a sing-a-long glee club. The club will sing a variety of tunes, Tuesday afternoons, 8 times per year. There is a maximum of 15 since it will be in private homes. Sign-up at the social time or contact Art personally.

Social Events:

- Fun Run (Car Rally), Tuesday June 2, 2015 – Registration times have been assigned, Terry Brown reviewed the general format.
- 4th Line Theatre, August 25 - tickets must be purchased to-day.
- Westben Arts Festival Theatre, July 24 – additional tickets are available to-day.
- Post-meeting lunch at the Brooklin Pub – all are welcome to join.

Speaker Series:

- Russ Caple advised that speakers have been booked through 2015 and thanked those members

who offered suggestions. Over the summer our speakers will be: June, Amanda McKee - Cambodian Children; July, Sandra Joyce – WWI immigrant children; August, Elaine Sharrel – Handwriting Analysis.

50/50 Draw:

Bruce Wood drew the 50/50 ticket; \$45.50 was won by Don Ferguson.

Guest Speaker:

Russ then introduced our guest speaker, Author Bruce Woods. A native of Stratford Ontario and retired Baptist minister, Bruce's self-published books are best described as 'smile' books that chronicle a variety of events in his life. His entertaining presentation was enjoyed and members purchased his books at the conclusion of the meeting. Russ thanked Bruce for joining us.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 24th, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: 11:30 am.