

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #20

Westminster United Church, Whitby

June 24, 2015

Chair: Bob Ashdown

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Agenda: The President, Bob Ashdown, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductory Remarks by the Chair:

- To-day's greeters were thanked; greeters for the next meeting were arranged.
- Our current membership remains at 300; no new members since the last meeting; there are 13 people on the waiting list.
- General discussion regarding how to integrate new members; please forward any ideas to Bob Ashdown.
- Query as to whether positions on the management team are available for nominations. Bob responded that although we do have nominees for all positions, that does not eliminate others from submitting their names to a member of the Nominations Committee – Bob Ashdown, Terry Brown, Theresa Watson. If there is more than one person nominated for a position, there will be a vote at the September meeting.
- There will be meetings in July & August, the only month we miss is December.

Interest Groups:

- Toronto Walks remains very popular - the July walk has been cancelled due to the Pan-Am games; suggestions for the August walk are welcomed; September's walk will be on Toronto Island.
- Wine group – resuming in September, 4 places available.
- New / additional Groups – Knitting, every Monday morning (Lynda Smith); Grey Cells #2 (Jane Brown); Art Appreciation #2 (Karen Lambert); Beginner Bridge (Fran Ballard); Glee Club – Tuesday afternoons, 8 times per year (Art Veroba).

Social Events:

- Westben Arts Festival Theatre, July 24 – all tickets are sold available to-day.
- 4th Line Theatre, August 25 - tickets must be purchased to-day.
- Trillium Trails, Sept 15 – BBQ & murder mystery, \$42, tickets available
- Trivia Night, Nov 3 – Brooklin Pub, accommodates 48 -56 people
- Xmas Event, Dec 7 – All Saints Anglican Church, Whitby, details being finalized.

Laugh of the Day:

- John Cooper provided light humour.

50/50 Draw:

Amanda McKee drew the 50/50 ticket; \$35 was won by Jan Illing.

Guest Speaker:

Russ Caple then introduced our guest speaker, Amanda McKee, a world traveller and story teller. In a very interesting presentation, Amanda, a retired teacher, described her travels in Cambodia. She noted

that Cambodia has transitioned from 'a great kingdom to one of the poorest countries in the world, where there is very little in the way of infrastructure'. Amanda went back to Cambodia, the 'lost country', a second time to help the children learn English.

Russ thanked Amanda for joining us and sharing her stories and experiences.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: 12:00 pm.