

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #21

Westminster United Church, Whitby

Wednesday July 22, 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 Jan Illing & Mary Zito, were thanked; Jan & Mary agreed to be greeters for the next meeting.
- Guests were introduced.
- Our current membership remains at 300; no new members since the last meeting; there are 17 people on the waiting list.
- Two members have agreed to meet with new members and generally help them to become acclimatized to our club.
- Bob commented about the introduction of tickets when we pay for our coffee. He noted that the cost of coffee is creating a stress on the budget as we try to keep the annual dues unchanged.
- If you still haven't picked up your badge, please do so.
- Nominations – members were advised that although we do have a nominee for each position, it's still not too late to put your name on the slate. Please speak with Bob.

Interest Groups:

- In general, the interest groups continue to grow. Additional groups are Knitting, Tuesday at 1pm (Lynda Smith), another Beginner Bridge (Peggy Murphy), and another Grey Cells, Thursday morning, 3rd week (Jane Brown).
- Toronto Walks on August 15 will be in the Distillery District.
- Wine group – resuming in September

Social Events:

- Westben Arts Festival Theatre, July 24 – all tickets are sold.
- 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 3 – All Saints Anglican Church, Whitby, details being finalized.

50/50 Draw:

Sandra Joyce drew the 50/50 ticket; won by Don Sutton.

Guest Speaker:

Author Sandra Joyce was introduced by Russ Caple and in a very interesting presentation, Sandra spoke to her book – The Street Arab. The book is a story about her father, a British Home Child, and pays homage to the children involved in one of Canada's largest immigration endeavours. It is estimated that ten percent of Canadians are British Home Child descendants, and as an advocate of the British Home Children, Sandra has given up to 160 presentations on the subject right across Canada .

Russ thanked Sandra for joining us and sharing many stories about the experiences of the British Home Children.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 26th, at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: 12:00 pm.