

## WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #25  
Westminster United Church, Whitby  
Wednesday November 25, 2015

**Chair:** Terry Brown

**Secretary:** Dorothy Ferguson

**Agenda:** The President, Terry Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

- The President welcomed new members and guests to the meeting, noting that there is a welcoming table set up in the lobby and new members are encouraged to drop by. There were 135 members & guests in attendance.
- There will be no general meeting in December.
- In order to clearly identify members of the management team and the interest group leaders, they will be wearing lanyard-type ID holders with a red (mgmt team) or yellow (interest groups) background behind the regular PROBUS badge.
- Reminder that sign-up for participation in events is available before the meetings, 09:30-10:00, as well as during the social time.
- Members are invited to provide their feedback on various meetings, events and interest groups to any member of the management team. Before leaving please submit your comments regarding the forms handed out as you arrived to-day.
- Regional meetings – representatives of the management teams from all the PROBUS clubs in Durham meet annually to share information, and at a recent meeting one of the opportunities agreed was to advise members of other clubs regarding events/trips whenever an activity isn't sold out. You will receive this information by e-mail.

### **Social Events:**

- Pat Caple & Claire DeSousa, co-chairs of the social events, reviewed upcoming events. Details can be found in the December newsletter.
- Members attending the Xmas Wine & Cheese on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at All Saints Anglican Church are asked to enter the hall using the east door.
- Lorraine Veroba announced that tickets are still available for the Oshawa PROBUS Dinner Dance on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Peter Garrett advised that there are still 9 places left for the Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Trivia Night.

### **Interest groups:**

- Jane Brown, co-ordinator of the interest groups, announced two new interest groups, 1) Foodies and 2) Beer & Board Games.
- Jane introduced the over 24 members who lead individual interest groups; all were thanked for their ongoing efforts on behalf of the club.
- Members were asked to advise when they no longer are able to attend an interest group since many groups have waiting lists; also, RSVP when requested, please.

### **Guest Speaker:**

- Bev Fowler, chair of speakers, introduced to-day's speaker, Jim Craigen, who was an educator

with the Durham Board of Education for over 35 years. His very interesting presentation was entitled 'Brain Theory & the Implications for Learning'. Jim stated that his interest in Brain Theory was from the perspective of teaching, and he now travels extensively nationally & internationally giving seminars on the topic. He described various developments in understanding the constantly changing brain and in technology, noting that by 2019 computers will match the brain in computing power.

**50/50 Draw:**

- Jim Craigen drew the 50/50 ticket, \$37.50 was won by Roy Petitt.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 27th, 2016 at 10:00 am.

**Adjournment:** 12:00 pm.