

PROBUS CLUB of WHITBY/BROOKLIN

General Meeting #27
Westminster United Church, Whitby
Wednesday February 24, 2016

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 members and reminded them to sign in any guests. There were 87 members & guests in attendance.
- In response to members concerns regarding the current pin-type badges, new members will be given the option of pin, magnet or lanyard holder. To cover the additional costs, the joining fee will be increased. For existing members, contact information will be provided if they wish to change their current badge.
- Terry announced that to-day's scheduled speaker was unable to travel due to the inclement weather, and asked if any members had an anecdote or event to share after the social time.

Social Events:

- Pat Caple & Claire DeSousa, co-chairs of the social events, noted that members enjoyed the OLG event on Feb. 22, and then reviewed upcoming events:
 - Trivia, March 22, sold out, please arrive by 6:45 pm
 - Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre, May 5, another 40 tickets are available, \$59
 - Fun Run (aka Car Rally), Oshawa area, May/June, date to be confirmed
 - Westben Theatre, July 21, 40 tickets available, cost \$34 for the show & \$17 for dinner.

Interest groups:

- Jane Brown, co-ordinator of the interest groups, announced that another two new groups have leaders: 1) Craft & Conversation and 2) Breakfast for singles & couples.
- Pat Caple asked if any members were interested in a Genealogy Group, response was positive, information will be obtained and available at a future meeting.

New Probus Clubs:

- Lorraine Veroba reported that she and Bob Ashdown have been working with small groups from the communities of Clarington and Port Perry to initiate new clubs. The first meeting of the Clarington club will be on April 6, 4 executive members are needed, and Port Perry, tentatively on May 17, 3 executive members are needed. Members were asked to share this information.

Probus Canada:

- Terry introduced Bob Boone, a Director of Probus Canada who represents District 3 where our club is located. Bob explained the Probus Canada structure and his role as a director. Although there are 33,000 Probus members across Canada, Bob sees his major challenge as sharing the purpose and opportunities of Probus, ultimately resulting in increased membership. As an example of this need, he stated there is only one club in Toronto.

50/50 Draw:

- Bob Boone drew the 50/50 ticket, \$38.00 was won by Diane Kirby.

Members' Sharing:

- As requested by Terry, several members shared anecdotes or interesting visits, specifically:
 - Terry Brown – How to improve your golf game
 - Peter Garret – Touring the Climatic Wind Tunnel, ACE Building at UOIT
 - John Cooper – Laugh of the day
 - David O'Connor – Thailand tour
 - Bernard Woolford – 'Dentopedology'
 - Carleen Jarrett – iFLY Indoor Skydiving

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 24th, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: 11:30 am.