

PROBUS CLUB of WHITBY/BROOKLIN

General Meeting #29
Westminster United Church, Whitby
Wednesday April 27, 2016

Chair: Terry Brown

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Agenda: The President, Terry Brown, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and outlined today's agenda.

Introductory Remarks by the Chair:

- The President welcomed 134 members and guests to the meeting.
- Brian & Valerie Fredenburgh were thanked for managing the coffee table for the past several months.
- Remember there is a suggestion box available for anyone who wishes to make a suggestion in writing.
- The president noted that the social events and interest groups are the real heart of the club, and thanked the leaders for their dedication and work on the various activities & interest groups that are enjoyed by all members.

Interest groups:

- Jane Brown, co-ordinator of the interest groups, announced that the activity board has been updated and will be at the front of the room for members' reference.
- Jane provided an update on a number of groups:
 - 44 members enjoyed the Queen's birthday celebration that included a film of the garden at Buckingham Palace and 'high tea'.
 - A new Photography group is being developed; events for the new Garden Group will be emailed to group members; anyone interested in a Train group is asked to contact Jane who will put them in contact with the Ajax group; Toronto Walks is starting again on June 4 & July 9; 2 Ladies Breakfast groups are now functioning.
 - All interest group information is on the website and in the newsletter

Social Events:

- Pat Caple & Claire DeSousa, co-chairs of the social events, announced:
 - Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre, May 5, sold out;
 - Euchre Tournament, June 5, open for 48 players, \$10
 - Fun Run, Oshawa area, May 31, starting times are available to-day
 - Westben Theatre, July 21, 5 tickets left, cost \$34 for the show & \$17 for dinner.
- At each meeting there will be a flip chart at the entrance referencing all current activities.

Cooper's Corner:

- John Cooper entertained the groups with light humour.

50/50 Draw:

- Guest speaker Wilma Millage drew the 50/50 ticket, Keith MacDonald won \$37.50.

Presentation:

Bev Fowler, Speaker Chair, introduced to-day's speakers Wilma & Brian Millage, from the Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA). In a very interesting and motivating presentation, they showed members a guided tour of the public hiking trails on the 300 km Oak Ridges Moraine. Information about the trails, guided hikes, membership in the Association, etc., can be found at <http://www.oakridgestrail.org>.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 25th, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: 12:00 pm.