

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #10

Westminster United Church, Whitby

July 23rd, 2014

Chair: Bob Ashdown, President

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Agenda: The president called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reviewed the agenda.

Introductory Remarks by the President:

- The president thanked to-day's greeters: Peggy Murphy & Dorothy Galpin.
- New member present was introduced: Jacqueline Hebert.
- Guests present were welcomed.
- Our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at our September meeting. Agenda items include the following: 1) election of the Management Team (the slate will be distributed 2 weeks before the meeting), 2) revision to the by-laws (details of the motion will be presented at the August meeting – feedback is welcomed).
- Regarding the nominations slate, positions still without candidates are: Membership, although the president has been approached re this, and the House Co-ordinator. The president asked for a show of hands of those wishing coffee/tea at meetings (about 80%) and those wishing snacks with coffee/tea (about 25%). This will be taken under advisement by the Management Team since any changes will impact the duties of the House Co-ordinator.
- Sincerest thanks were extended to the team who have provided us with the coffee/tea & snacks that we have enjoyed this year – Jackie Finn, Barbara Shaw, Val & Brian Fredenburg, Alice Davis.
- Jacqueline Finn, our House Co-ordinator, recently received the 2013 Oshawa Legends Recognition Award for Volunteer & Community Service – well done, Jackie!
- At each meeting a display board will be set up at the information table where information such as upcoming events, financial status, photos, will be posted. Please help to make this as informative as possible!
- 2014-15 Membership Renewals – due by September 30th, cheques please.
- Open Forum – request for magnetic fasteners for our name tags. *Action:* will investigate having some available for purchase.

Social Events:

Lorraine Veroba updated the group:

- 81 members from Brooklin/Whitby & Oshawa clubs enjoyed the recent Westben performance.
- A year-end BBQ will be held on September 16th at Trillium Trails, cost is \$15 each.
- Tickets for the Oshawa Little Theatre event on October 3 are available, cost is \$26, but would decrease to \$20 for a group of 20 or more.
- A wine & cheese holiday party is being planned for December 3rd.

Interest Groups:

- Jack Cadn offered to establish a Marathon Bridge group. A minimum of 8 teams is required, open to all playing levels, sign up no later than at the August 27th general meeting.

- Trudy Semeniuk shared information related to the next 'Walks in the Toronto Area' on August 23rd. This walk will be along Yonge Street from Summerhill Avenue to the University of Toronto, the cost is \$10. The next walk on September 13th visits chocolate factories and is limited to 20 people.

Laugh of the Day: Jack Cooper provided light humour.

50/50 Draw:

Speaker Cheryl Cooper drew the 50/50 ticket, \$32.50 was won by Mary Zeto.

Guest Speaker:

Terry Brown introduced our guest speaker, Cheryl Cooper. Cheryl has degrees in English and Education from Queen's University, was a teacher of hearing-impaired children and now is a full-time author. Cheryl's work currently focuses on the War of 1812, and she very eloquently described the fascinating world of the old sailing ships and the challenges of historical accuracy of language as well as equipment, environment, etc. After a very enjoyable presentation, Cheryl signed copies of her two books – Come Looking for Me and Second Summer of War. Terry thanked Cheryl for sharing some of her knowledge and expertise with us.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 27th, 2014, 10:00 am. Greeters: Judy & John Bowring.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm