

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #9

Westminster United Church, Whitby

June 25th, 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:

- New members present were introduced: Hugh & Molly Durnig, Ann Pettitt, Lyne Connock, Joan Wiseman, Lorna Ravary, Pat Sturch, Lana Hoag, Lou Clement-Hobbs, Janyce Clark.
- Guests present were welcomed.
- The management team were re-introduced, each gave a brief outline of their role.
- Greeters for the next meeting: Judy Bowring & Peggy Murphy
- The seating arrangement has been switched for this meeting, feedback from the group indicated a preference for this format, although with only 140 seats and a membership of 263, September attendance might be problematic. This arrangement will be maintained for the summer, at least.
- Open Forum – our club has been operational for almost a year and the management team would like feedback from the membership. Please reflect on what we have done, or not done, and provide your comments. A suggestion box will be set up at the membership/information table at each meeting or else you can comment on-line.

Social Events:

Pat Caple & Carol Cadn updated the group:

- Westben tickets can be picked up to-day,
- tickets for the Rogers Cup event on August 5 can be purchased to-day,
- tickets for the OTL event on October 3 will be available for purchase in July,
- a BBQ will be held on September 16th at Trillium Trails to celebrate our First Anniversary. This event is partially subsidized, tickets are available to-day at a cost of \$15 each.
- The Social Committee was introduced, if anyone wishes to join them, please see Pat or Carol.

Interest Groups:

- Terry Brown announced a car show in Port Hope on July 6th, those participating will meet in Whitby for breakfast and then take a scenic route along the Lakeshore to the event.
- Trudy Semeniuk shared information related to the second 'Walks in the Toronto Area' on July 19th. This walk will be about 20th century Toronto, the cost is \$10.

Members were encouraged to submit photos from different events for the website, if you don't want your photo posted, please advise Bob Ashdown.

Other details about the interest groups are available in the newsletter.

Speakers: Russ Caple announced the next two guests - Cheryl Cooper re: the Tall Ships in July and Ken Brown re: fall gardening in August.

Laugh of the Day: Jack Cooper provided light humour.

50/50 Draw:

Speaker Terry Fallis drew the 50/50 ticket, \$40.00 was won by David O'Connor.

Guest Speaker:

Russ Caple introduced our guest speaker, Terry Fallis, well-known Canadian writer, public relations consultant and author of four national bestselling novels. Terry spoke to his first three novels and then provided an entertaining reading from his most recent novel – *No Relation*.

Russ thanked Terry for spending time with us, and indicated that Terry would be available for conversation and book signing.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, July 23rd, 2014, 10:00 am.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm