

## **JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER**

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY February 6, 2020 – Collingwood Legion**  
[ 9:45am start – coffee from 9:15am on ]

### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- **PRESIDENT: MIKE MARTYNUK • PAST PRESIDENT: GREG GEEN**
- **SPEAKERS: RUBEN ROSEN • SOCIAL: DOUG BROWN**
- **MEMBERSHIP: JOHN MEGARRY • VICE PRESIDENT: TERRY BILLO**
- **SECRETARY: AL WALLACE • TREASURER: GERRY MCGHEE**
- **NEWSLETTER: GORD HALL**

## **BREAKIN' NEWS OF THE IMPORTANT KIND**

### **► Speaker's Topic – February Meeting**

Erin Churchill, RN, Nurse Practitioner, will present on men's health issues. Ms. Churchill is an associate with the Georgian Bay Family Health Team who graduated from York University with a B.SC. Nursing in 2000. She then worked at Mt. Sinai Hospital for 10 years in both the ER as well as the Dept of Infection Control. She returned to Ryerson University where she received a certificate in Nurse Practitioner (Primary Care) in 2010. She moved to the Blue Mountains area in 2010 and resides in Thornbury with her husband and two children

### **► Profile February Meeting - Fred Promoli**

**► Please bring your own coffee mugs to the Club's February 6 meeting and meetings thereafter.**

**► All Club news is on our website: [www.probuscollingwood.ca](http://www.probuscollingwood.ca).**

### **► Updated Member Incentive Program**

Upon bringing a friend as a guest to any of our meetings, the Membership Chair will generate a "Guest Pass" card that captures the guest's contact info, plus the name of the introducing Member. If the guest ends up joining the Club then the introducer will receive a LCBO gift card certificate or, if he prefers, three fifty \ fifty tickets at the next monthly meeting following payment of the new member's annual dues.

## **SOCIAL – RECENTLY \ UPCOMING**

**FEBRUARY 5 , 2020** ( Wednesday ) Agnora Glass Tour – sign up list is full.

**FEBRUARY 6 , 2020** ( Thursday ) Annual Probus Inter-Club Curing in Collingwood - Doug Brown & Tom Chisholm - Tom has three teams entered and a wait list.

**FEBRUARY 18 , 2020** (Tuesday) Cocktails & Conversation – chez Brian Lucas – 56 Highlands Crescent, L9Y 5H3 \ 705-888-3737\ 4 to 6 pm, BYOB & a munchie.  
For info contact Brian Lucas - [brianw\\_lucas@msn.com](mailto:brianw_lucas@msn.com)

**MARCH 26 , 2020** ( Thursday ) - Honda Canada, Alliston Plant Tour – 9am – 11 am. Twenty maximum .  
For info please contact Brian Lucas - [brianw\\_lucas@msn.com](mailto:brianw_lucas@msn.com)

**May 13 , 2020** ( Wednesday ) Butterflies and Bombers Tour  
Time: 8:00am – 6:00pm. Travel in a luxury motor coach to the Butterfly Conservatory in Cambridge and then onto the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton where you will enjoy a buffet lunch and a guided tour. Tickets are \$80 pp and can be purchased at our February 6 meeting.

For info please contact Gord Mackay [gordonmackay2727@gmail.com](mailto:gordonmackay2727@gmail.com)

**JUNE 9, 2020** ( Tuesday ) – Stratford Theatre Trip – matinee production of the popular “ Chicago” – prior to the show we will enjoy an included tour of Stratford’s Costumes and Props Warehouse and on site buffet lunch ( well received ). We will have an early morning start – travel by bus – maximum of 56 tickets. All inclusive price of approximately \$170 - good value as seating for Chicago is expected to be superior. The few remaining tickets can be purchased at the February 6 meeting.

**AUGUST 12, 2020** ( Wednesday ) Kings Wharf Theatre presents Fiddler on the Loose! Matinee production [ 12pm – 4pm ]. Meet in Penetanguishene for a waterside picnic lunch by the Theatre. Tickets are \$45pp and can be purchased at the February 6 meeting. Seating is always good!

For info please contact Doug Smith [dsmit22@rogers.com](mailto:dsmit22@rogers.com)

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## **SOCIAL - ONGOING:**

### **► Investments**

Informal talks from area financial guys & gals - 2nd Tuesday each month, 10 am – 12pm, Collingwood Library, \$4. This event is sponsored by Blue Mountain Probud. Doors open at 9:45 am - see you on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

### **► Technology**

Wide variety of current tech topics - 4th Thursday each month, 12 noon, Collingwood Library, \$3. Bring your lunch if you wish. An e-mail setting out the date, time, and place of the meetings will be sent out on a monthly basis to all participants who have signed up for either of Investment or Technology.

### **► Billiards**

At Moguls - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month [ 12:45pm -3pm] . Contact Jim Theobalds [ jayco68@gmail.com ] for further info.

### **► Poker**

Monday, February 17, Chez Pierre Tousignant.

### **► Seniors' Computer Café**

Hands on assistance with computer & phone issues - intermittently - Community Connections group will send an email to all who have signed up with details of future meetings which are held at New Life Church , Collingwood. No cost.

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## **THE OPENING**

O' Canada led capably by Ian Godwin – thanks Ian !

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

### **Guests introduced and welcomed:**

Rolf Huhn • by member Ian Godwin  
Sandy McNair • by member Greg Geen  
Erwin Embacher • by member Gerry McGhee \ Bev Taylor

## **IN MEMORIAM**

We regret to announce the recent passing of Bob Milthorpe on January 6, 2020. Bob joined our Club in 2012. We understand that there will be a celebration of Bob's life – plans and date to be announced in the weeks ahead by his Family

The Club also regrets to announce the passing of long time Member Ross ( the "Tie Guy" ) Klopp on January 12, 2020. Ross has been a member since 2001 . A celebration of life will be held this summer at Bruce Beach. A service was held on January 18 in Collingwood. Please see the "In Memoriam" section of the Club's website for further details.

## **DECEMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RECAP – TERRY BILLO**

- Tremendous success
- Two room format worked well
- Delightful talk by the lively & energetic Dr. Amy Barron
- Dining room tables were beautifully decorated
- Food was outstanding
- Many thanks to all the volunteers and to lead organizer Terry Billo !
- Bud Christensen stood up and thanked all Members for their donations of stuffed toys for the kids at the Collingwood Marine & General Hospital – very much appreciated !

We are pleased to report that the Alpine Club has been again booked for next December.

## **SPEAKER**

Jack Marley introduced Erica Engel – grew up in Collingwood – attended high school here. Erica is the community editor \ reporter at Collingwood Today. Erika Engel graduated top of her class in print journalism at Sheridan College ( she mentioned that the course no longer exists ). She worked as an intern at The Hamilton Spectator, and Hamilton News and later . She was hired as a

reporter for the local Metroland group – writing for the Meaford Express and Thornbury Courier-Herald. She became editor of the Collingwood Connection and the Wasaga/Stayner Sun – took a sabbatical and is now back writing for Collingwood Today.

Collingwood Today launched on February 26, 2018. The owner, Village Media, is comprised of a young and talented group, and is focusing on bringing local news to those communities who have lost an established newspaper. Launched with help of Google Tools, Village Media Inc. is based in Sault Ste. Marie and has developed a common digital platform. According to its website it owns and operates the following online local newspaper sites:

BarrieToday.com  
BayToday.ca – North Bay  
BradfordToday.ca  
CollingwoodToday.ca  
ElliotLakeToday.com  
GuelphToday.com  
NewmarketToday.ca  
OrilliaMatters.com  
SooToday.com - Sault Ste. Marie  
ThoroldNews.com  
TimminsToday.com

Erica is on the front lines in Collingwood – new stories come out every day. She mentioned that she has been in journalism for eleven years – and believes that the public’s desire for news has not changed – however journalism would not necessarily be recommended as a career for her children. Erika covers all things news in Collingwood.

## **SOME HIGHLIGHTS**

- Three days ago -- reported purported robbery in progress at National Bank – her paper had 50,000 online viewers
- Hospital Redevelopment – waiting for Minister of Health to visit
- Grain Terminals – significant expense to both restore or take down \ \$2mm environmental cleanup in any event.

Underwater inspection of the wood pylons on the west side – will they be able to support the Terminals in the future.

- Collingwood Inquiry – commented on the importance of past Ontario inquiries such as:

City of Toronto Computer Leasing – lead by Justice Denise Bellamy who recently appeared during the final phase the Collingwood Inquiry – her recommendations issued on the Toronto Computer Leasing are apparently referenced on an ongoing basis in Ontario.

Justice Bellamy :

**“ If you can’t keep the public trust, you have no place in the public sector”**

“ Under our system inquiries can be difficult for the public to come to terms with – this is understandable as “ the intention is not to send someone to jail or levy a fine, but to investigate how and make recommendations on how to improve processes”

Editor : on the cost side it may well be appropriate for the Ontario Government to commission a review of inquiry costs protocols including whether or not they should, in certain situations, be absorbed in whole or in by part by the Province or contributed thereto on the recommendation of the inquiry judge. In addition it may well be appropriate to review whether or not it would be feasible to attempt to limit the payment of legal fees in respect of certain segments of an Inquiry which do not materially involve the interests of an individual who has applied for assistance to pay legal fees.

Important inquiries from the past include the Canadian Blood ( Krever ) Inquiry – investigation of the Canadian tainted blood tragedy and the Walkerton Water Inquiry.

Q&A – Bud C. commented on his \$20 a month donation to Collingwood Today – says it is the best \$20 he spends. Your editor feels that Erica’s writing on the Collingwood Inquiry has been quite strong.

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Erica was thanked by Jack Marley who presented her with George Christie’s famous pen ! Thanks George !!!

And thank you Erica !

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### **FIFTY \ FIFTY WINNERS**

Congratulations to winners Chuck Nash & Eamon O’ Dowd.

Friendly reminder = winners are on the hook to man the 50\50 desk for the February 6 meeting [ or to arrange a substitute ].

**Note:** New members are welcome to join the 50\50 desk from time to time as a way of getting to know Members on a brief & informal basis.

Meeting then adjourned with Erica joining many of us attending the Legion's fine dining for lunch.

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► The Legion's new Heart Defibrillator is located behind the bar. Atrial fibrillation is an irregular and often rapid heart rate that can increase risk of stroke, heart failure and other heart-related complications. We now have a team of volunteers, trained in the operation of the Automated External Defibrillator. If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact Steve Hawker.