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### Health and Welfare

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if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time...

### Next Guest Speaker Tuesday September 12



Bruce Vandenberg

“Mariposa Dairy Tour”

### Meeting Highlights

#### Opening:

Bob asked the members to stand for the singing of O Canada. He welcomed back Eric Lansdell. Ron Wallace was then asked to introduce his guest, Dave Chatland. Members were reminded not to use the men's washroom during the meeting. They should instead use the women's washroom. Bob surveyed the members about their attendance at Smitty's for the optional lunch. The president asked the members to consider nominating someone for the Founder's Award. Ken Pizer was then asked to introduce the guest speaker, Dr. Peter Sale.

#### Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Sale

Dr. Peter Sale is an environmental scientist whose research into the ecology of coral reefs spanned a career at 5 universities, from 1968 to 2014. He remains a Distinguished University Professor (Emeritus) at the University of Windsor. Educated at the University of Toronto and the University of Hawaii, he now lives with his wife Donna in Muskoka, continuing to write and speak on critical environmental issues.



According to Peter, on April 10 of 2017, the Globe and Mail newspaper reported that the Great Barrier Reef by Australia had bleached for the second time in a year and this was the fourth time it has bleached since 1998. Extensive death of coral was expected. Bleaching is a stress response that indicates that the coral is dying. It may take decades for the coral to recover. Before 1982, mass bleaching had never been seen before. Coral reefs can also be damaged or destroyed by overfishing, habitat loss, rising water temperatures, improper coastal development and pollution. Approximately 50% of the world's coral has been destroyed. He predicts that the world's coral reefs will be wiped out by 2030. The Globe and Mail has also reported, according to Peter, that on March 22, 2017, that Arctic sea ice had reached its maximum. Each year, there is less ice in the Arctic and the climate in the northern hemisphere is steadily warming. According to Peter, we should be very concerned.



Richard Graham (L) thanked Peter Sale (R) for his presentation.



Bruce Faulkner gave an impassionate speech to the members, reminding the members of the importance of volunteering their time to help the club.

For the first time in the history of the Earth, the major changes we are experiencing (more forest fires, more floods and droughts, rising sea levels, melting glaciers, deforestation, re-distribution of species, massive die-offs of species, more refugees, loss of fish stocks, the loss of reliable sources of water and many other problems) are being caused by one species of life - humans. Welcome to the Anthropocene!

### **Announcements:**

Following the break, Mike Catling provided more details about the Mariposa Dairy Tour in September.

Dennis Eaton was then asked to introduce the Club's new website at [lindsaymensprobusclub.com](http://lindsaymensprobusclub.com) to the members.

The members were informed by the President that there is only one more spot available for the Lady Muskoka Tour on September 14.

Bert Blackwood reminded members that the nominating committee is having a hard time finding replacements for the positions of Treasurer and Vice-President.

At the request of Bert Blackwood, Bruce Faulkner gave an impassionate speech to the members about the importance of volunteering for the executive.

President Bob Doran announced that the Lindsay Men's Probus Club is sponsoring a new mixed Probus Club in Fenelon Falls. The organizers have had their first planning meeting and both our President and Bruce Faulkner were in attendance. There will be an informational meeting in mid-September for interested individuals.

President Bob Doran concluded the meeting with a humorous story about a man and wife reflecting on their 50 years of marriage together.

Any corrections, comments or additions regarding this newsletter can be forwarded to the attention of the editor at:

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