

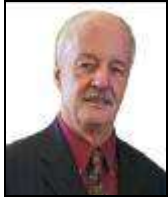


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Meeting Highlights :

- Our club's 7th annual Christmas party was held Tuesday, December 17th at Lakeview Arts Barn, located on Pigeon Lake Road near Bobcaygeon, with 102 (consisting of members, wives/partners and guests) in attendance.
- Upon entering the banquet hall, an easel had been set-up that outlined everyone's seating or table arrangements for the up-coming luncheon.
- After this, everyone was invited to purchase Christmas cheer from the cash bar, sample a large variety of delicious appetizers and mingle with old and new acquaintances before the luncheon started.
- Around 12:30 pm., President Ted drew everyone's attention and asked that they make their way to their designated tables so that the luncheon could begin.
- He opened his welcoming address by extending a warm and a special holiday greeting, on behalf of our Management Committee, to everyone attending our 7th Annual Christmas luncheon.
- Following that, he then called upon club member Bob Puffer to come forward and ask for a blessing for the food and fellowship.
- Next the luncheon commenced and we were all treated, by a very friendly and professional staff, to a delicious three course meal. Each person in attendance was given an earlier opportunity to pre-order their luncheon selection from the menu that consisted of salmon, lamb or chicken entrees.
- Near the end of meal, two door prize draws were made, one for the ladies and the other one for the men in attendance. Club member Don McClelland's wife, Marj, won an arrangement from Hill's Florist, and Milt Battersby won a gift box and gift certificate from Nesbitt's Meat Market. The door prizes were purchased from these two businesses because they are part of the sponsor's group that advertises monthly in the Probus Banner.
- Also members and guests were given the opportunity to purchase 50/50 tickets that was conducted by the Lakeview Arts Barn as a fund raiser and club member, Bill Olan was the lucky winner.

Health and Welfare Update

Please notify RON MORGAN, Health and Welfare, if you have knowledge of any our members that are experiencing health issues at any time.....

Next Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, January 14th



Louis Karkabasis

" Wine Industry "

**Some random picture images taken at our
7th Annual Christmas Luncheon**



**James Barnett, Sara Quick and President
Ted (left to right).**

- Upon completion of the meal, President Ted directed the group to make their way into Globus Theatre which was located just behind the curtain adjacent to the banquet room.
- Once everyone was seated, the audience was welcomed by a very brassy attired, purple haired fairy God Mother (played by Sarah Quick) and her young assistant. The God Mother told the audience that she had a story to present, so just sit back, get comfortable and get ready to be entertained by a cast of characters. She continued by informing the group, in her very loud English accent, how the **Goose** family, that we were about to meet, had fallen on tough times. The son, Silly Billy and his mother, Dame Gertie Goose (played by James Barnett) were determined to overcome this adversity. This was accomplished thanks to their newly found pet Priscilla. She was a small white goose with magic powers which allowed her to lay golden eggs and this surely would make the family's task much easier! Unfortunately not all the characters in this story were happy about the Goose families' newly found riches. A battle of the Goodies (the Goose family, fairies and friends) vs the Baddies (the taxman, the original owner of the goose and his three associates) ensued. A lot of boos, hisses and clapping, which was encouraged from the audience participation, was heard throughout the course of events that took place regarding the ownership of this magic animal and the riches that it provided. As the story played out, we were all thoroughly entertained by tagging along with Gertie and Silly Billy during their quests, but in the end, as usual in all fairy tales, good prevailed over evil and a happy ending was achieved.
- The "Mother Goose" Panto presentation was written and produced by Artistic Director, Sarah Quick, and Artistic Producer James Barnett.
- The cast of actors in this presentation included James Barnett (Gertie Goose), Sara Quick (fairy God Mother), a young actor from Toronto who played Silly Billy and a number of very young talented children from the surrounding area.
- Upon completion of the presentation, the audience showed their appreciation with a large ovation that was directed to all the actors, young and old, for the parts they played in the Panto.
- As the members, spouses/partners and guests were leaving the facility, they received a personal thank-you for coming and farewell handshake from James and Sarah. They are shown in the last picture to the left along with President Ted.

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