



THE NEWSLETTER

The PROBUS Club of Simcoe & District
Meets second Tuesday of each month at St. James United Church hall



A look back:

While our club takes a break from meetings, we have a chance to look back at an earlier meeting and a Who Am I. This month we look back at our meeting of April 2014.

Guest Speaker: Annaleise Carr

“I am just a little girl from the country who wanted to help kids with cancer,” says Annaleise Carr.

Yes, Annaleise is small but she has accomplished great things.

Two summers ago, at age 14, she became the youngest person to swim Lake Ontario.

In the process, she raised more than \$250,000 for Camp Trillium, a summer camp near Waterford for children with cancer and their families.

Annaleise aims to set another record. On July 27, she plans to make the longest swim across Lake Erie, from Pennsylvania to Port Dover.

Annaleise was introduced by Probus member Bruce Bowyer, who with his friend Chuck McNally piloted the safety boat on the Lake Ontario swim.

Chuck’s boat is named the Chuck Wagon. During the windy night crossing, the boat gained a new name — the Up Chuck Wagon. Chuck and Bruce will navigate for this summer’s Lake Erie swim.

The logo for the Lake Erie swim looks like a drop of water, Annaleise explained.

A drop of water creates ripples, which spread out in rings, touching lives.

Annaleise took 27 hours to swim 31.6 miles across Lake Ontario.

The Lake Erie swim will be 46 miles.

Annaleise trains 10 times a week for two hours each time.

Swimmers need mental strength as well as physical strength, Annaleise said.

When the waves threatened to end her Lake Ontario swim, Annaleise ran videos in her mind of touching land in Toronto and of meeting the kids at Camp Trillium.

Nestor Rosa thanked Annaleise. “Mightiness comes in small packages,” he said.



Annaleise Carr with crew member Bruce Bowyer.

