

PROBUS CLUB OF OSHAWA
Newsletter: April 2017



**2016 - 2017
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our thanks to Erni Vallee for editing this newsletter!

Here we are at our PROBUS mid-year. Our snowbirds are back and our cottagers haven't left yet, so we should have a good turn-out at the April meeting.

Spring is a time of renewal. The PROBUS year runs from September to August but preparations for next year really start now with the recruitment of the new Management Team. We currently have about 18 members on our team, so it's not surprising that 3 to 6 people retire every year so we have to find replacements. It is new people coming onto our Management Team, with fresh ideas, that keeps our club alive and vibrant.

I have always believed that our members are enormously talented, so there are one or more positions on our team that you could fill. So what is holding you back? The workload really isn't heavy in most positions and, for the most part, you will enjoy doing it. Many of the tasks (such as writing this message) can be performed any time. There are only six Management Team Meetings each year. Attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory.

We have job descriptions for each position. We have resource people who have done it before. We can find backup people to do the job if you're away, or a co-chair to spread the load. We're flexible and the work is spread among many people. All we need is for you to step forward and say, "Yes, I would like to try doing that", or "Yes, the Management Team is where I belong!" Like all good movies, I have two endings. Pick one!

Frank Kelcey

APRIL SPEAKERS: Jim and Sue Waddington, our speakers for April, are the co-authors Of the book *In the Footsteps of the Group of Seven*. In July 1977, Jim and Sue set off on an expedition to discover the places that inspired the work of these artists, and to document and photograph the actual landscapes that influenced the paintings of these masters. The results of their discoveries are documented in their best-selling book.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Doug and Nancy Byers

1. **April 26** **Escape Room:** Cost \$20.00. **Contact:** Jackie Frank
2. **June 20** **Keewatin Trip:** First bus is full. Wait list for 2nd bus. **Contact:** Larry Hicks
3. **Capitol Theatre:** 20 tickets for each show, \$32. each, sign up next meeting
- June 7** **My Fair Lady:** Capitol Theatre, Port Hope
- July 12** **Steel Magnolias:** Capitol Theatre, Port Hope
- August 11** **Beauty and the Beast:** Capitol Theatre, Port Hope
4. **July 26** **Westben:** Broadway Water Theme. Cost \$36.00 per person.
Dinner to follow at a local church if desired, cost \$20.00 per person.
Cheques payable to PROBUS Club of Oshawa, payable at next meeting. **Contact:** Lorraine Veroba
5. **July or Aug.** Trip to **Woodbine:** Sandy Hawley. Working on details.
6. **June 27** **Picnic:** Hungarian Picnic Grounds. Cost: \$ 17.
Sign-up sheet available

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Peggy Gibson and Jackie Frank



ART GROUP - Catherine Delhaise

Date: Thursday, April 20

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Host: Catherine Delhaise

Activity: Wildlife drawing

BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

The Bid Euchre group will meet on Wednesday, **April 26**, at **1:30 p.m.** at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft St., Oshawa.

BOOKWORMS - Elfrida Jeppesen

Next meeting is on Tuesday, **April 25th** at **10:00 a.m.**

Host: Marlene Gutsole 905-728-2540

Book: "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towey

The Bookies Book Club will be holding their April meeting at **1 p.m.** on Wednesday, **April 5** at Mary Medley's house. We will be discussing "The Massey Murder" by Charlotte Gray, with Barb leading the discussion. The club has room for several new members. For information, contact Mary Medley at 905-728-4573 or Barb Towey at 905-433-9733.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

Date: Thursday, April 27th.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Book Title: The Golden Son

Author: Shilpi Somaya Gowda

Host: Lorraine Veroba

Leader: Kathryn Brown

BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch

The next breakfast club will be Thursday, **April 6 at 9.30 a.m.** at **Johnny's Eatery** at Thornton and King (**850 King St. West**). This is a mixed group and new members are welcome. Members wishing to attend can email me at lynchjoanne@hotmail.com, phone 905 433 2945, or text 905 244-1050

CLASSICAL MUSIC - Nan Mackenzie

Date: Tuesday April 4, 10:00 a.m.

Hosts: Sandy and Nan Mackenzie (with John Cooper presenting the program.)

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 10:00 a.m.

Host: Judy Bryson

COMPUTER CLUB - No convenor

The Computer Club needs your help. If you are proficient in some computer programs, please consider sharing your knowledge with your fellow PROBUS members. Contact Jackie Frank to share the good news or sign up on the sheets at the April PROBUS meeting.



EUCHRE #2 - No convenor

This second Euchre Group has not been active for a few months. It needs a new convenor as well as new members. If you love playing euchre and would like to join this group, sign up at the April PROBUS meeting. If you are interested in being the group convenor, please contact Jackie Frank.

GARDENING - Jackie Frank

Next Event: Peterborough Garden Show, Evinrude Centre

Date: Saturday, April 8

Admission: \$8

Contact Jackie if you are interested in sharing a ride to go to the event or want information on the other activities planned for the year. New members are welcome!

HAND AND FOOT - Kathy Brown

The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Next meeting: **April 19.**

HIKING GROUP - Art Veroba

Please contact Art with your interest in getting involved with the Hiking Group. The group has gone fairly well for the past years. However, attendance is slowly dropping. An email was sent to the group members to ascertain their interest in remaining in the group, and to see if there is anyone who would be willing to take over the leadership. Hopefully there may be others in the general membership who would like to join. Interested?? Put your name on the SIGN UP SHEET at the APRIL MEETING or contact Art Veroba. First outing on **Thursday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. at Lakeview Park** on north side of the Jubilee Pavillon. Next outing on **Thursday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.** at Thickson Rd South parking lot at the lake.

LAWN BOWLING - Gord Terwillegar

Lawn Bowling Open House

Members of PROBUS and their friends are invited to try a sport that provides a social opportunity to meet others and that some of us have enjoyed for many years. It is a sport that all ages can enjoy. There is no charge to attend the Open House.

Date: May 23rd to May 26th

Location: Northview Community Centre

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on May 23, 24, 25 and 26.

If you have any questions, you can speak to Erni Vallee, Larry Hicks, or Gord Terwillegar.

LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at **12 noon, Tuesday, April 18 at Symposium Cafe Restaurant & Lounge**, 338 Rossland Rd E., Ajax. If you plan to attend, please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the Special Interest table at the April PROBUS meeting or call Connie Nelson at 905-576-9022 so she can book a reservation. If you find that you have signed up and subsequently are unable to attend for any reason, even if the same day as the lunch, please email Connie at connienelson@rogers.com so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



MOVIE GROUP - Mary Gibson, 905-435-2441

Meets **Friday mornings** at **Landmark Theatre** in Whitby. If interested, contact Mary Gibson 905-435-2441 to find out what movie we are going to that week (new movie listings come out on Wednesday), and what time (the first showing of the day of that movie).

AFTERNOON POKER - Orville Climenhaga, 905 728-0084

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

Location: Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, Oshawa.

New members welcome!!:



POKER, EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

Date: Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Host: Allan Anderson



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria de Jong

Here is a small selection of cultural events offered locally this April. Contact Maria de Jong at majong@rogers.com to be advised of the full line up.

Gallery: Revolution: New Art for a New World, Sunday April 2, 12:55 p.m., Oshawa Cineplex

Musical Theatre: Oshawa Little Theatre production of Legally Blonde; various dates starting April 6, Oshawa Little Theatre.

Ballet: Bolshoi Ballet production of A Hero for our Time, Sunday April 9, 12:55 p.m. Oshawa Cineplex

Concert: Durham Philharmonic Choir: Haydn's Lord Nelson's Mass, Sunday April 9, 3:00 p.m., College Park Church, Oshawa

Opera: Metropolitan Opera production of Eugene Onegin, Saturday April 22, 12:55 p.m., Oshawa Cineplex and Landmark Whitby

TRAVEL GROUP - Connie Nelson

Date: Monday, April 17

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Host: Connie Nelson

Location: 1447 Tremblay St., Oshawa

Topic: Depending on attendance, discussion of our recent trips

URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting. New members welcome!

Mondays: April 3, 10, and 24: meet 10:00 a.m. at Rossland and Wilson

Friday April 7, 10:00 a.m., North Oshawa Rail Trail. Meet at Northview Comm. Centre parking lot.

Friday April 21, 10:00 a.m. Meet at bottom of Thicksen Rd. for Thicksen Woods Trail.

Friday April 28, 10:00 a.m. Meet at Storie Park, Mill Street, for Oshawa Creek Trail South

No scheduled walks for Friday April 14 and Monday April 17.



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

The Yarn Divas will meet at the Centennial Retirement Residence on **Friday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.** New members are welcome to join our knitting and crocheting group.

WINE GROUP #2 - No convenor

Date: Thursday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Hosts: Diane and Don Rowe

At the wine tasting on April 13th, the group will discuss the need for a convenor, meeting times and dates and activities the group may be interested in pursuing. New members are welcome!!

MEMBERSHIP - Joan Martin, Membership Chair

Membership 2016-2017: Remains at 277 members!! Please advise if any of your contact info changes: i.e. phone, email address, etc. Please contact Joan for an **updated 2016-2017**

Members List: jgm0113@sympatico.ca or 905-579-0261 (leave message)

PLEASE REMEMBER!!

- **GUEST BOOK: Membership Table**

When you bring a guest, please have him/her sign the Guest Book at the Membership Table and pick up a temporary PROBUS name tag. ***A record of our visitors is needed for insurance purposes.***

- **NAME TAGS:**

Guests and New Members who have not yet received their formal Oshawa PROBUS name tags, can be identified by a temporary name tag. Please return this to the Membership Desk at the end of the meeting.

OSHAWA PROBUS WEBSITE

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UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING DATES



April 11
May 9
June 13