

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: April, 2020



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April 14th PROBUS Club of Oshawa General Meeting is CANCELLED

President's Message

Our concern for the health and safety of our Members due to evolution of the COVID-19 Virus has prompted the PROBUS Club of Oshawa Management Team to cancel our April 14 General Meeting. In addition, **all upcoming Social Events are cancelled or postponed.** In the interest of doing what the World Health Organization deems an effective measure to slow down the spread of this virus, we are advocating "physical distancing" and as such **all SIG meetings are also cancelled for the time being.**

However, we would like to encourage keeping in touch "socially" with your fellow PROBUS club friends. We need to make sure that we care for our own health as well as that of others. Isolation is very hard for most people. Are there ways that you can engage with your fellow SIG members online, by email or on the phone?

As the progress of the virus and its impact on all of our lives is changing rapidly, please continue to check our Website for information regarding future meetings and events.

<http://www.oshawaprobust.com/>

Between the time I finish writing this message and you read it, things will have changed in ways we possibly can't really predict! These are certainly extraordinary circumstances. This too will pass, and I do hope that all of us will be safe when it is all over. It's a big adjustment just being "cooped" up. I miss interacting directly with my friends! In any given month I normally am engaged in three to five PROBUS events or meetings every week. So now I have to find other ways to fill my days. I spend much more time on the phone. Spring cleaning, and make-work projects as well as all those books I have been meaning to read are on the to-do list. Then there is garden clean-up!

I hope you and your family and friends are keeping safe and finding ways to help each other do the same. Please keep in touch with your PROBUS friends. Some of our members live alone and may feel the constraints of isolation even more. If you can help please find a way.

Executive Nominations – Al Sawtell

We have initiated the search to fill a few positions for next year's Management Team. Our new year begins September/October.

We require volunteers to fill the following positions:

1. Vice-President
2. Members- at-Large (2-3) (to attend Management Team Meetings every other month to become aware of positions on the team and corresponding responsibilities. Hopefully, these members will fill one of the vacant positions as they arise)
3. Membership Chair (2)
4. Social Committee Chair (2)

We encourage all members to give serious consideration to volunteering for one of these open positions. We also promote the idea of sharing the responsibility with another member in an effort to exchange ideas and lessen the workload.

Members leaving these positions are available to explain the duties involved. For more information please email Maria de Jong or Al Sawtell.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Marilyn Thaxter

The only activity the Social Committee is currently planning is:

"Social Distancing"

I hope all members have signed up!

Location: Your Home
Time: 24/7
Cost: Priceless

We have not processed Social cheques from the March meeting and will keep members posted.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

All Special Interest Group meetings have been cancelled for the time-being.

However, we hope that Special Interest Group members will keep in touch with each other and come up with ways to stay connected and engaged. Let's be creative and use all that technology can provide to challenge each other, create opportunities for to maintain those important social connections whether by phone, on line, chat rooms, or through email. If you have a great way to keep your group members engaged and connected, share it please!

The Yarn Divas have provided this [Link to VeryPink.com](#) for instructional videos and tutorials on knitting.



Member Care

With a Club such as ours, we need your help to let us know if one of our members is experiencing a serious illness or is hospitalized. Our Club would like to let our ill members and their families know that they are in our thoughts as they deal with their illness with respect to the family's wishes for privacy.

In the same way, we need you to let us know if you become aware that a member, their spouse or close family member has passed on. Often the family does not think to contact our Club, or know who to contact under these difficult circumstances. We would like to respect the wishes of family and give our members the opportunity to express their condolences to the bereaved. Please let us know so we can respond appropriately. Email mariska578@gmail.com or oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:
www.oshawaprobus.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:
www.probus.org

PROBUS GLOBAL

There are over 4,000 clubs worldwide with over 350,000 members. Of those there are over 260 clubs operating in Canada. What you may not know that PROBUS also has a **Global Club.**

PROBUS GLOBAL is open to any member of a PROBUS Club and provides an on-line forum to make connections to PROBUS members around the world.

<https://probusglobal.org>

Evidence of a Great Bowling Night March 11, 2020

