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PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: April 2022

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President's Message

I hope this message finds everyone well.

It is now officially Spring. Those big piles of snow are finally gone, and I hope they stay way until next winter. We can now look forward to seeing green grass and leaves on the trees.

March was our first in person meeting and I was glad to see so many members attend. I tried to greet as many of you as I could, and I no doubt missed a few. I will try to do a better job at our April meeting.

Overall, I think our first meeting went reasonably well although we did have a few glitches with Hailey Wright's presentation. The Newsletter has a link to Hailey's slide presentation and I think you will find it includes some interesting information as to what is happening around the City of Oshawa.

The final trivia game was held March 17th. There were a lot of INTERESTING questions. There should have been a prize for placing last. I think I would have won at least twice. Thanks to Jackie for spearheading this one. It was great fun.

Your Social Committee has been working hard to come up with ideas that might be of interest to the membership. You all should have received an email asking for your input as to what might be of interest to you. If you have not responded, please give it your consideration.

Our guest speaker for April is Andrés Jiménez. His presentation will be about birds which I think is appropriate since it is spring, the time our feathered friends start reappearing after the long cold winter.

The government has eased several Covid restrictions such as the wearing of masks. Having said this, masks will still be required to be worn by our members attending the April meeting. Hopefully we will lift this requirement for our May meeting.

As with the March meeting coffee and refreshments will not be served, so please bring your own.

Please stay safe, and I look forward to greeting you at the door.

Garry Christenson
President

Smiles and Groaners

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.

I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.

In the 1980's I fell off my bike and skinned my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then.

I still have a full deck I just shuffle slower.

We all know that Albert Einstein was a genius. But his brother Frank was a monster.



MANAGEMENT TEAM: Nominations – 2022-2023

It is that time again. Time to look forward and start planning for our Club's opening up fully with the help of our members. Filling positions on our Management Team for the upcoming year starting September 2022 to August 2023, is a key part of that process. Nothing happens in any volunteer organization like ours, without the help and dedication of our members in a variety of roles.

As such we have initiated the search to fill a few positions for next year's Management Team.

We require volunteers to fill the following positions:

1. Vice-President
2. Co- Secretary
3. Members- at-Large (2-3) who attend Management Team Meetings every other month to become aware of positions on the team and corresponding responsibilities, with the intent of moving into a vacant position when needed
4. Co-Chairs for several of our committees
5. Committee members

We encourage all members to give serious consideration to volunteering for one of these open positions. Having Co-Chairs, helps in sharing the responsibility with another member in an effort to exchange ideas and lessen the workload. Whether you are a relatively new member or have been involved for some years, please let us know how you can help.

Job descriptions are available for all of our Management Team positions, plus current or former Team Members are available to help you get started. For more information, please email Maria de Jong mariska578@gmail.com , Garry Christenson garry1.christenson@sympatico.ca or Chuck Keller helmutprob42@gmail.com.

Maria de Jong, Past President



APRIL SPEAKER – Andrés Jiménez, Urban Program Coordinator, Birds Canada

Andrés is a biologist who works for Birds Canada to increase urban engagement with birds and conservation in cities across Ontario. Please come and join us to learn more about who has flown in to your backyard!

Click [here](#) to view Hailey Wright, Director of Economic Development Services, City of Oshawa’s March 8th Presentation.

Additionally, here is a [link](#) to the Tour of Growth site that Hailey mentioned in her presentation.



We welcome new member Kelly Affleck. This brings our membership number to 262.

If you have changes to your contact information, please email Connie Nelson at connienelson@rogers.com or call (905) 576-9022.

PROBUS Clothing:



PROBUS clothing is available online now. See Website link below to Roy’s Enterprise. The site is set up for individual orders. No group orders necessary. Prices, colors and club names are on the website.

[Roy's Enterprise](#)



To follow the links within this Newsletter, don’t forget to “Ctrl + Click”.

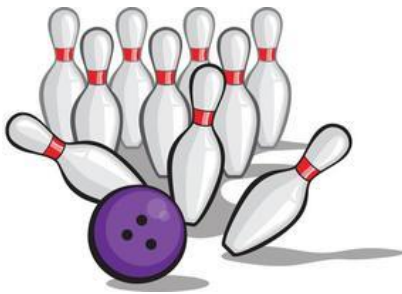


Our last trivia games with Alan Tibbles were held on March 3rd and March 17th. The March 3rd game was very tightly run with four members getting the same top score: Mary Gibson, Gerry and Pat Henderson and Steve Medley. On March 17th, the winners were Gerry and Pat Henderson, followed by Mary Gibson, Mary and Frank Kelcey and Gail Elliott. Congratulations!



MOVIE - Downton Abbey

Get your tickets now for the private screening of the movie Downton Abbey: A New Era at the Landmark Theatre in Whitby on Wednesday, May 25th, at noon. Only 10 tickets left! The cost is \$13.63 per ticket. The deadline to purchase the tickets is Tuesday, April 12th.



IT'S BOWLING TIME!

Put on your bowling shoes (or rent them at the bowling alley) and come out to play two games of bowling at NEB's Fun World, 1300 Wilson Road North, Oshawa on Wednesday, April 20th at 3 PM. The first game is \$8.25 (including shoe rental) and the second game is \$5. There will be six people per lane. Those interested could go for dinner afterwards.

There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting or you can email Jackie Frank if interested.



SURVEY

The Social Committee thanks all of you who graciously responded to our survey of possible activities for the coming months. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will help us plan the Club's social events this year.



Mark 2 PM, Wednesday July 20th on your calendars!

We have 130 tickets on hold for Westben Theatre's showing of ABBA Mia!

Ticket cost is \$55.00 each. Please bring your cheques made out to "The PROBUS Club of Oshawa" to the next meeting.

We must confirm and pay for the actual number of tickets required by the club before June 20th. **So, it's first come (cheques submitted), first ticketed.**



You can dance! You can jive! But even if you can't, you can still have the time of your life when you join Westben and a barnful of fabulous singers and musicians for the rollicking return of the musical review of all your favourite ABBA hits from Mamma Mia to Here We Go Again! Please note: This performance is in concert style and features the music of ABBA including numbers from the Broadway musical and movies.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



If your group is meeting, don't forget to send photos of your activities to be included in the newsletter. Please send your information/photos to Cindy Fleming by the 25th of each month.



Card Making Group: Mary Gibson

There has been an interest shown by a few people who want to try their hand at making homemade cards. If you are interested in this, as things open up please contact Mary at Marmojl245481@gmail.com.



BOOKIES – Jane Havens and Barbara Towey

The Bookies will meet on Tuesday, April 19th at 1 PM. Pauline Gubbels will host. The group will discuss the book “Tattooist of Auschwitz” by Heather Morris.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The Bookworms' April 26th meeting will be in person and on Zoom with Marlene Gutsale hosting. The group will discuss “The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane”.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS book club will meet on April 28th. Lindy will host and Janet will lead the discussion on the book “The Rose Code” by Kate Quinn.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The next Brain Games will be on Wednesday, April 20th at 10 AM. The location will be confirmed in early April. Anyone wishing to join the group should contact Jackie Frank.



DAY TRIPPERS – Jackie Frank

The Day Trippers are putting their thinking hats on and looking at outings for the coming months. Anyone wanting more information on the group should contact Jackie Frank.



GARDEN AND NATURE GROUP – Jackie Frank

The group has started looking at gardens, garden tours or other activities it would like to visit or participate in this summer. If you would like to join the group, please contact Jackie Frank.



LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Tuesday, March 3rd again saw the Oshawa PROBUS Ladies group meet for lunch. There were 12 "smiling" faces present and we were fortunate to have two new ladies join us. Always fun to meet new ladies and share stories, comradery, and good food. We dined at the Azian in Oshawa, and everyone was pleased with the variety of the cuisine. At present Marilyn and I are looking for a dining spot for April, stay tuned! Hoping the ladies that were absent will be able to join us in April. Have a Happy Easter, and see you on the 19th.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

As of February, our in house movie theatre group has been back seeing movies at the Landmark theatre.

Normal time is Friday, first showing of the day for new movies. It may switch back to morning showings, but for now, due to limited numbers, the first showing is in the afternoon.

Our Landmark Movie group is 21 people now. Excitement is building as we watch all the new trailers for coming movies.

As of March 1st things are opening up more this will probably mean the earliest movie will be in the mornings again. We'll have that confirmed going forward.

ZOOM Movie group for Netflix is still going strong. We pick two things to watch and every second Friday night at 7 pm we get together to discuss the movies/ series/ documentaries we've all seen. Please contact me if you would like to join the group. Mary Gibson.

Marmojl245481@gmail.com



SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will be meeting on Thursday, April 14th at 1 PM at 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. All are welcome. Please RSVP Judy (905) 576-0492.

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



For the winter months until further notice, we will be walking the Harmony Creek Trail on Mondays and Fridays starting at 9:30 AM. Meeting at the Rossland/Wilson plaza near the Bollock Pub (previously the Tartan). This trail is the best for winter as it is well maintained, sheltered and safe. Contact information: sharonsmith@sympatico.ca



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

For the first time in many months, we're looking forward to meeting in-person on Wednesday, April 6th at 10 AM at the home of Jo Taylor.

Members are asked to RSVP to Jo by Monday, April 4th - yes and no responses requested.

All Oshawa PROBUS members who like to knit or crochet are welcome to join us. Please contact Barb Jones for more

information.

TidBITS

If any of our members have a favourite recipe, puzzle, photos of previous events, ideas on how interest groups are staying connected or any other information that might be of interest to others in our Club, please submit them to our newsletter editor, Cindy Fleming, (clf0808@yahoo.ca) for inclusion in the newsletter.



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 oshawaprobustclub@gmail.com.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobustclub.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>

**Happy
Easter!**

