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Newsletter: April 2023

Next Membership General Meeting: April 11, 2023

President's Message

Looking forward to the 2023-24 Oshawa PROBUS Club Year!!

Soon winter will be behind us and the Oshawa PROBUS Club will be busy looking at summer activities.

There will be gatherings and celebrations all spearheaded by our excellent VOLUNTEERS. VOLUNTEERS are needed to organize and plan. VOLUNTEERS are very essential to the PROBUS Club of Oshawa.

The total membership of the PROBUS Club of Oshawa is just over 240 people and approximately 60 of those members have volunteered to some specific task for the 2022-23 year. That is 25% of the total membership. The management committee, social committee, speaker committee, special interest group hosts, house committee, 50/50 staff and club greeters all do their part in assuring a successful club.

Obviously, there are changes in who volunteers every year. Some are mandatory changes and others may wish to change roles or step back and take a break before re-committing in the future.

It is the responsibility of the nominating committee led by the past president to have the executive list of positions filled three weeks prior to the annual meeting in September.

New members or those who have not been directly involved of late are encouraged to seriously consider a position for the 2023-24 Oshawa PROBUS Club year. Those interested may contact the nominating committee: Chair- Garry Christenson

Respectfully,

Chuck Keller- President

In Memoriam



Alan Sawtell – President 2019-2020

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the links within this Newsletter, don't forget to “Ctrl +

MARCH SPEAKER: Some members who attended the March meeting asked if the initiatives that Dr. Shilpa Dogra spoke about could be added to our newsletter.

Here is a link to the website: <https://ontariotechu.ca/agefriendly/>

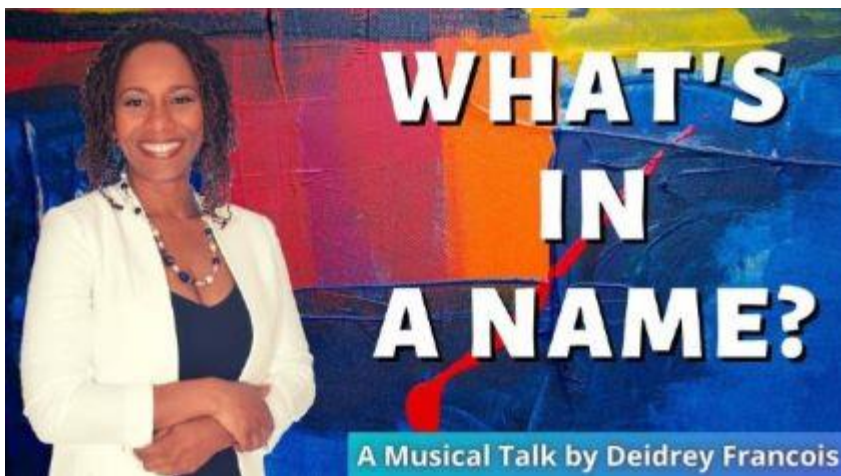
You can access previous talks on the Speaker Series Page, and sign up for the newsletter through the Contact Us page.



Some St. Patrick's Day enthusiasts attending our March meeting.
Picture provided by Brian Jeppesen



Some of the Oshawa group that attended Port Perry celebration of St Patrick's Day
Picture provided by Marilyn Lannon



APRIL SPEAKER:

In April our presenter will be Deidrey Francois. She will give a musical talk on What's in a Name? You can expect: "an inspiring music filled flame To ignite the thrill and the fame That is hidden inside a name" Deidrey is a singer-songwriter, speaker and performer. Her music has been featured on CBC radio and she has performed concerts internationally. Deidrey's musical versatility is performed with infectious enthusiasm. Her intent is to bring joy to wiggle, giggle and touch a listener's heart.



Some humour:

- Why do golfers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing? In case they get a hole in one!
 - Gas prices are so high...that even COVID stopped travelling.
 - What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
- Nacho cheese.
- What happens when you wear a watch on a plane? Time flies.
 - What travels around the world, but stays in one corner? A stamp.
 - Which U.S. state is round at the ends and high in the middle? Ohio.



MEMBERSHIP – CINDY FLEMING

We welcomed two new members in March, Patricia Peterson and Christine Steele. Current Membership stands at 241. Please remember to advise the Membership Chair Cindy Fleming (of any changes to your personal information such as address, email address, or telephone number.



PROBUS Clothing:

Profess your pride in PROBUS with casual clothing bearing the PROBUS logo including jackets, hats, t-shirts sweatshirts, etc. Order online at <http://roysenterprise.com/Probus/Probus.html> or on the PROBUS Club of Oshawa website: www.oshawaprobus.com. All prices include HST. Various sizes and colours are available. Payment may be made using your credit card or PayPal. Roy's Enterprise, will notify you when your order is in. For assistance ordering online, call Anne Mackay at 905-240-2236. For help to pick up your orders, call John Manuel at 905-432-2468.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE- Gerry Henderson and Jackie Frank

Our last Trivia game on February 28 was a success! A big thank you to Lorraine Veroba and Moida Wheller for being our trivia masters and to Marilyn Thaxter for organizing the event. Thanks to all of you who participated!

Judy Brooks, Pam Green, Alecia Minosora and Donna Powell were the winning team.



The team that came in second place was composed of Mary Gibson, Norman Hunt, Sandra Hunt and Art Veroba.

Thursday March 23rd: Bowling @ NEB'S WORLD - 11 members played. Highest scores were: game 1 high was Marilyn Thaxter, followed by Gerry Henderson. Game 2 high score was Doug Byers, followed by Lorna Wells.



Wednesday April 12th: Whitby Courthouse Theatre to see “Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun”. 11 members have signed up. Pat Bayus will have your tickets available at the April 11th meeting, or at the door.

Saturday April 22nd: Moses Znaimer Museum of Television. The Museum's mandate is to exhibit the world's most comprehensive collection of North American Television Receivers for the formative fifty-year period from the 1920s to the 1970s. Cost is \$5 each. Signup cutoff is April 11th meeting. Attendees will then be contacted to coordinate travel. It is recommended we take the Go Train to Exhibition station, Then it's a 7-minute walk to the museum.

Monday April 24th at 1:30 pm: Progressive euchre at the Thornton Arms Pub. Cost is \$15. Signup cutoff is the April 11th meeting.

Thursday May 11th, 10:00 AM: Model “A” Acres in Clarington. The display is a variety of hand built replicas of automobiles, aircraft, and ships. Cost is \$20. Signup cutoff is April 11th meeting.

May 27th at 10:00 AM: R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant in Scarborough. During Toronto's Doors Open day. Free entry. A national historic civil engineering site fashioned in the Art Deco style. Nicknamed the Palace of Purification. A guided tour is available at **10:00 a.m.** through evenbrite.ca. Jackie will send an email after May meeting to organize ride sharing.

Wednesday June 14th at 10:30 AM: Hindu Temple in Etobicoke. Cost \$n/c. It is the largest temple of its kind in Canada, built in the traditional design and workmanship of ancient India. We are checking if we can get a guide that day. Jackie will send an email regarding ride sharing after May meeting.

Wednesday June 28th at 6:00pm: 4th Line Theatre in Millbrook. The play is about the Tilco strike in Peterborough. 35 poorly paid women were striking over management harassment and a \$25 bonus. Resulted in a major change to Ontario labour relations. Cost is \$50. Signup cutoff is May 9th meeting. Also, the theatre is selling picnic boxes for \$21 each.

PLEASE: for **Westben**, we ask you to provide separate cheques for the theatre and the church supper (in case we fail to signup 40 for the supper). Also, please write all your name(s) on the Social Committee provided envelopes, whether or not everyone is going to both, and insert all the cheque(s) in one envelope.

Tuesday August 1st at 2:00 PM: WESTBEN in Campbellford presents "Les Mis" in concert. Music by 5 of Westben's signers. We have reserved 60 seats. Cost \$53.30 each. As we must pay for all tickets 30 days in advance, signup cut-off is the May 13th meeting.



Westben will provide us with two complementary tickets. We will use them for a draw at the August meeting, to refund the cost of the two tickets purchased by member(s).

Tuesday August 1st at 5:30 PM: St Paul's United Church in Warkworth for a church supper. Cost is \$29 each. **NOTE:** the church requires a minimum of 40 people for the supper to proceed.

Trips through the PROBUS Club of Ajax

You can join fellow members on two trips organized through the Ajax Club:

May 17 to May 30: trip to Rome, Florence and Tuscany. This « land-only » package includes 12 nights' accommodation in beautiful Italy with HNA Travels and Travac Tours. In Rome, you will be staying at Hotel Miami, in Florence at Hotel Adriatico and in Siena at NH Excelsior.

June 7 to June 10: Louise Penny's Three Pines Tour. You will explore some of the sites in Eastern Townships where Louise Penny's novels take place. You will be staying at the Domaine Château Bromont. Cost \$1,309.67 per person/double occupancy (includes HST)

For more information on these trips, contacts Shirly van Putten at 905-619-8583.



Local events/activities

Every month, Pat Bayus will be listing events and activities happening in the region in the coming month. **If you know of such events, email the information to Pat before the 15 of each month at sunvalleywatch@sympatico.ca**

Cinefest Durham - Wednesday, April 26 at 4pm and 7pm. Showing at Cinema 6, Cineplex Odeon Oshawa. Taunton and Grandview. \$10.00 cash only at the door. all profits to fund special programs of the Oshawa Public Library branches. Showing is "Emily" is a psychological portrait of WUTHERING HEIGHTS author Emily Bronte sweeps us away to 19th century England. This film tells her story.

Cinechats is back after a 3-year hiatus. - Enjoy a first run or international movie and chat afterwards. UOIT/DC Campus, 2000 Simcoe St. N. UA 1220 also known as the Sciences Building on the ground floor. **Thursday April 6th @ 6:30pm** and Thursday April 13th @7pm. Parking – nearby lot known as "Founders 1" east of the UA Building at no charge. Admittance to movie is \$3.00

Parkwood Estate - New 2023 full schedule of Events. Go to website parkwoodestate.com or call 905 433-3311 or info@parkwoodestate.com for tours, workshops and functions

Oshawa Historical Society/Oshawa Public Library - Local History Speaker Series - **Tuesday April 18 @ 6pm**, Main Library Branch Downtown. Doris Cherkas & Irene Chromej-Johnston, "Finally Finding Home in Oshawa. Free or donation welcome. Membership to Historical Society available upon request.

Whitby Courthouse Theatre - Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun, starting **April 12th**. 416 Centre St. South, Whitby. Tickets for April 12thre \$15.00 For more information check website @ whitbytheatre.ca/contact

Oshawa Little Theatre - Wizard of Oz, **March 23 – April 8th**. 62 Russett Ave. Oshawa. Tickets can be purchased at www.oshawalittletheatre.com or by calling 905 723-0282 for more information.

Ontario Philharmonic - Saturday **April 15th**, 8pm @ The Regent Theatre Downtown Oshawa. An Enchanting Chopin Odyssey – Soloist Series, two brilliant piano concertos. Purchase tickets @ Regent Theatre Box Office, 905 721-3399 ext 2 or www.regenttheatre.ca

Classic Movie Night - Thursday **April 6th**, Regent Theatre, The Ten Commandments. Admission \$5.00 at the door, concession for refreshments. Classic movie first Thursday of every month.

Friday **April 21st**, Motown Soul

Saturday **April 22nd**, Homeward Bound – Simon & Garfunkel Tribute

Friday **April 28th**, the Almost Hip - Tragically Hip Experience

Saturday **April 29th**, Richard Forget's Pure Magic, magician

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale - Thursday 27th-Saturday April 29th.

Location is the Main Branch downtown Oshawa.

Support your local Library by joining the Friends of the Library. Individual membership \$10.,00 annually, family membership \$15.00 annually.

For more information about the "Friends" you can call 905 579-6111, ext. 5214 or email at enews@oshawalibrary.on.ca.

Metropolitan Opera in Cineplex Theatres -- Saturday **April 15th**, @ 12pm, Cineplex Theatre, Taunton and Grandview. Richard Strauss, Der Rosendavalier. live in HD. Strauss's grand Viennese Comedy.

Saturday **April 29th** @ 12:55pm, Cineplex Theatre, Taunton and Grandview. "Champion" by Terence Blanchard/Libretto by Michael Cristofer, live in HD. Bass baritone Ryan Speedo Green is the young boxer Emile Griffith, who rises from obscurity to become a world champion.

Purchase at Cineplex Theatre or online at Cineplex. For more opera story information and season schedule go to Metopera.org.

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 Connie Nelson by the 25th of each month.

Special Interest Group Chairs- Marlene Owen & Geri Sparkes

To date we have 28 SIG groups running. Thank you to the enthusiastic Convenors for making this happen.

Billiards formed after our last PROBUS Meeting. Dave Hollingsworth, the Convenor, would like more members to sign up before moving forward, as there were only 6 members at the first gathering.

Chess and Euchre would like more members.

Euchre meets the last Thursday of the month at 1:30 at Dorothy Shrigley's home

Mahjong is commencing Thurs March 30, 1-3. Alecia Minosora is Convenor

Hand and Foot Card Game has a temporary Convenor, Marilyn Thaxter. This is an ongoing group. A new signup sheet will be available on Tues to see if there is enough interest for a second group. Mary Gibson will be the temporary Convenor.

Bid Euchre Peggy Gibson Convenor

The group meets the 1st Wed of the month starting at 1:30. Seeking more players.

For New PROBUS Members If you sign up to join a group, it may be in it's infancy. Until there are sufficient numbers and a Convenor, it is difficult to move forward. Keep checking the signup sheet.

Could SIG groups send activity photos to Connie Nelson for the Newsletter. This helps to make for an interesting Newsletter. Thank you

Submitted by Marlene Owen



PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 27th at 1 PM at the home of Carol Cadan. Helene Daleman will lead the discussion on "The Book of Lost Names" by Kristen Harmel.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton

The Bookworms Book club's March meeting is being hosted by Barb Jones and we are reading 'The Thursday Murder Club' by Richard Osman.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

Brain Games: The next Brain Games will take place on Wednesday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Julia Howells' residence.

GOLF – Jack Cadan



Calling all golfers 🏌️ Who shoots a 6, yells "fore" and writes 5

It is that time of year that the yearning to frustrate oneself by spoiling a good walk chasing a little white (or sometimes coloured) ball around a golf course. The time has come to let me know who wants to join us once a week for 9 holes of golf. The format will be the same that I have used the last couple of years. We will play either Tuesday or Wednesday

morning (around 9:00 am) at Spring Creek or Hawthorne golf courses. Simply send me an email to register for this activity. All future correspondence will be through email. I expect that we will begin in early May and run through to about Thanksgiving.

Jack Cadan

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YARN DIVAS – Barb Jones, Convenor

The Yarn Divas is open to all PROBUS members who love to knit and crochet. We've welcomed several new members in the last few months but still have spots for a few more. If interested, please contact Barb

We look forward to continuing our in-person meetings to share crafting ideas, show off our finished projects and have a laugh. Our next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5 at Tina's home.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

If you want to get back into seeing movies in the theater, join us on Fridays -the first showing at the movie (usually between 10:30 and 1pm). contact Mary Gibson:

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



CHESS – Ed Taylor

The chess games are every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. until you are ready to leave. It is quite informal.

CRIBBAGE Group – John Manuel

The cribbage group meets every second Wednesday 1-3 p.m.

We welcome new members, including beginners.
Rules are relaxed to heighten the pleasure of the game.

Please bring your own cards and board if you have them.
Contact John to join in the fun.



SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson

The April date for Probus Scrabble is the 13th at 1:15.
Please park in the double driveways. RSVP



COFFEE AND CHAT – Bruno Scanga

We meet every Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00pm at the Tim's at
Rossland & Thornton location.

Everyone is welcome for chats and fellowship.

Please have individual RSVP me



LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Our lunch group met to celebrate St Patrick's day at Finn McCool's in
Oshawa. We had fifteen ladies attend, with two new members,
Christine and Rose, welcome ladies. We have enjoyed searching for
new spots that prove interesting to our group. Looking forward to
seeing all of you in April, and wishing everyone a very happy Easter.



URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



Probus Urban Pole Walking Schedule

Timeframe: November 1, 2022 to May 1, 2023

Days: Monday and Friday mornings

Time: 9:30 am

Contact Information:

April 3 Monday	Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek.
April 7 Friday	Oshawa Creek Trail. Simcoe South, right on Mill Street drive to STORIE Park Clubhouse for parking (on the left at crest of hill after bridge).
April 10 Monday	Cullen Gardens Trail. Taunton Road West to Cochrane, turn north on Cochrane. Follow road straight ahead to as far as it goes then bear left around corner toward a new parking area (construction in area.)
April 14 Friday	North/South Rail Trail (Connaught Park to Beatrice Street). This parking spot is new for this trail. Meet at Connaught Park Clubhouse at 435 Jarvis Street, Oshawa (Connaught Street can be reached off Simcoe Street North).
April 17 Monday	Cullen Gardens Trail. Taunton Road West to Cochrane, turn north on Cochrane. Follow road straight ahead to as far as it goes then bear left around corner toward a new parking area (construction in area.)
April 21 Friday	Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek.
April 24 Monday	Waterfront Trail. Meet at UNIFOR building on Phillip Murray Drive and walk east to Stone Street. Park to left and back closest to the lake.
April 28 Friday	Thickson Point to Heydenshore. Meet at end of Thickson Road South to parking area (as far as you can go before lake)

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, Connie Nelson, 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 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>

