

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: August, 2017



President's Message

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I started writing this, my second last message, and somehow it kept turning into my last message! I'm not sure what there is to write about after 10 messages, but I just got back from the cottage, and a reminder was waiting for me, so here we go.

A number of our members, including myself, like PROBUS so much that we have joined a second PROBUS club. Every club is a bit different, but for the most part, we are all the same. We all like to talk with our fellow members. We enjoy the social outings together. The SIG's (Special Interest Groups) keep us occupied doing the things we enjoy. Most of the clubs around us are booming, and don't really need any new members, with the exception of Clarington, whose membership has not grown as spectacularly as the other clubs around us have. Clarington has a solid executive, and their President is certainly a lot better at telling jokes than I am.

In a way, a PROBUS meeting is like a trip to the cottage. My old friends the Phoebes, who have been nesting under our cottage since its inception 57 years ago, are there to greet me. The loons laugh with me, and the whip-poor-wills sing to me at dusk. The blue herons squawk and fly lazily away when disturbed.

So stay tuned till next month, when all will be revealed!



MANAGEMENT TEAM SLATE FOR OSHAWA PROBUS 2017/18

Jim Murray, PROBUS Oshawa Past President, is sharing the following team slate for next year:

Past President

President

Vice President

Secretary

Social Committee Co-ordinators

Treasurer

Members-at-Large

House Committee Co-ordinator

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Maria Upton

Mary Medley

Barb and Pete Jones

Ellen Clarke

Jackie Frank

Brian and Elfrida Jeppesen

Steve Bennett

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Looking to join a special interest group?

Several groups are looking for new members - bid euchre, the Bookies, bridge marathon, second euchre group, afternoon poker, and evening poker. You can also join our "come when you can" groups: the breakfast club, gardening club, hiking, luncheon group, movie group, urban pole walking and yarn divas. Contact the convenors if interested.

Do you have suggestions for a new special interest group?

If you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with other PROBUS members, contact Jackie Frank. She will check if other PROBUS members might be interested in the same activity and organize a new group.

INVITATION TO ALL CARD PLAYERS



If you like to play cards but do not want to commit to a regular monthly card game, consider putting your name on a list of players who could be contacted when some of the PROBUS card groups are in need of extra players on occasions. These groups include 1 bid euchre group, 2 euchre groups, one hand and foot game group and two poker groups. Interested? Contact Jackie Frank at jacqueline.frank@bell.net



ART GROUP - Catherine Delhaise (905-655-3483)

No meetings of the Art Group for July, August or September.



BOOK CLUBS:

BOOKWORMS - Elfrida Jeppesen

There are no meetings in July and August. We meet again on September 26th with new co-convenors Bernice Burke and Judy Bell.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towey

The Bookies are taking a summer break and will meet again in September.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

We will begin again in September.

BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch

The breakfast group is going back to the patio at Michael Kelly's at 93 Winchester Rd E in Brooklin. We'll be meeting at 9.30 Thursday August 3.



BRIDGE: Joyce Kennedy & Michelle McKittrick

If there are any PROBUS Members who would like to join our bridge group 2017 – 2018, please add your name to our list. This list will be available at the July and August meetings. New Members, please provide us with your address, phone number and E-mail address. (continued on page 3)

BRIDGE (continued)

If there are present members of our bridge group who are not interested in continuing for 2017-2018 please let either Michelle or Joyce know. mcmctitt@yahoo.com We will contact all listed for the bridge near the end of August.

BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

There is no Bid Euchre for July and August but it will begin again on Wednesday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at Centennial Retirement Home.



GARDENING - Jackie Frank

On Thursday, August 3, the Garden Club will be visiting Richters Herbs, in Goodwood. Richters Herbs is an internationally known herb nursery with greenhouses, dried herbs, herbal teas, essential oils, lotions, etc. Free admission.



HAND AND FOOT - Kathy Brown

The next Hand and Foot card game will be at Tina Van Alebeek's house at: 37 Wabboskish Court., Courtice on: Wednesday, August 16th at 1:00 p.m. New members are welcome.



HIKING - Art Veroba

A new 2017 Hiking List has been made consisting of those who have informed Art that they want to continue with the hiking group. If you are not on the **new hiking list for this year**, please sign up at the Special Interest Group table at the next meeting or contact Art i.veroba@sympatico.ca



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

Since the Warkworth Long Lunch changed its format, the lunch group instead will meet at 12 noon, Tuesday, August 15, at the Tin Mill Restaurant, 53 Toronto Street North, Uxbridge.

If you plan to attend please indicate on the sign up sheet on the special interest table 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 connienelson@rogers.com so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



MOVIE GROUP - Mary Gibson

Movie group meets Friday mornings at Landmark Theatre. 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).

The **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** is looking for a new convenor. If interested, please contact Jackie Frank.



POKER: AFTERNOON GROUP - Vicky and Gerry Paquette



The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19 at the Centennial Retirement Home, Oshawa.

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

There will be no evening poker in July and August.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria DeJong

Here is a small selection of cultural events offered locally during August. Contact Maria de Jong at majong@rogers.com to be put on the list to receive a more complete listing.

Theatre: National Theatre Live Production of **Angels In America**

Pt 1: Saturday August 5, 12:30 PM - Oshawa Cineplex

Pt 2: Saturday August 12, 12:30 PM - Oshawa Cineplex

Music: Concerts in the Park, 7:30 PM, Memorial Park, Oshawa

Thursdays: Aug 03, Blue Grass
Aug 10, Pop Rock
Aug 17, Folk & Country
Aug 24, Pop Rock
Aug 31, Elvis Tribute

Concert: Andre Rieu, 2017 Maastricht Concert

Saturday, August 26, 12:30 PM. - Oshawa Cineplex



TRAVEL - Connie Nelson

The travel group has decided it will meet quarterly, selecting the months of September, November, April and June. Also it was agreed that if a special travel event was being held, that could also count as a meeting. Details for the September meeting will be provided in the September newsletter.



WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke

No meetings scheduled for July, August and September.

WINE APPRECIATION #2

Donna Henderson will be hosting the next meeting of the wine club on Thursday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m. Please let Donna know if you are planning to attend. She can be reached at 905 723-9501 or nurseforyou28@hotmail.com



- Maria DeJong
URBAN POLE WALKING

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

August 2016 Schedule

Mondays: August 14, 21 and 28 - 9:00 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek South Trail.

Friday August 11 - Northview Senior's Centre for North Rail Trail

Friday August 18 - Meet Storie Park, Mill Street east of Simcoe Street.

Friday August 25 - Whitby Waterfront Trail, meet parking area near Heydenshore Pavillion.

No scheduled walks on Friday, August 4 or Monday, August 7.

See you there!



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

The Yarn Divas aren't meeting in August. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6 at Barb's (39 Montrose Crescent, Whitby). All PROBUS members who love to knit and/or crochet – or who want to learn to knit – are welcome.



AUGUST SPEAKER:
STEVE RUTLEDGE

He is the founder and President of Adopt a Village in Laos. Steve is a Rotarian and practises the motto of Rotary:

Service Above Self. He is on the International Committee responsible for Asia at Whitby Sunrise Club, recipient of two Port Hope Civic Awards, the most recent in 2011 for Philanthropy, and is a recipient of two Paul Harris Awards and The Spirit of Rotary Award.

Steve will present an interesting talk on what he does in Laos and what benefits are provided to the people who are less fortunate than we are. The remote villages of Laos have never recovered from the "secret" war of the 1960's and early 70's. While rich in culture and tradition, their education, health care and hygiene conditions are severely lacking. The average lifespan is only 58 years and the average age is only in the mid to late 20's, caused by poor quality water, poor hygiene and general poverty.

Steve's passion will be shown through his talk and his pictures.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Doug and Nancy Byers

- ⊙ The Beauty and the Beast has been cancelled due to lack of interest and money/cheques will be returned.
- ⊙ The Westben outing was once again an enjoyable event. Thanks to Lorraine for organizing it.
- ⊙ The Woodbine trip will be held on Saturday, September 23. Please bring your cheques to the August meeting. Currently the numbers look as though it will be a "go".



SAVE the DATE: Christmas DINNER-ENTERTAINMENT on Wednesday, December 13 - Oshawa Golf and Curling Club. Details to follow at a later date.

For information on trips sponsored by the Ajax Probus Club, contact Shirly at 905-619-8583.

- ⊙ September 3-7 - Whale watching in Quebec City
- ⊙ October 10-15 - Cape Cod, Rhode Island and Boston
- ⊙ December 8 - St. Jacobs & Kitchener - Christmas markets

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Welcome to New Members: Susan Barclay-Pereira, Ruth Anne Trudelle, and Lorna Wells.

Membership 2016-2017

- We now have 287 members
- Please advise if any of your contact info changes; ie, phone, email address.
- If you would like an Up-to-Date Master Membership List, please contact a member of our Committee
- Membership renewal cheques for 2017-2018 are due in September: \$25 payable to Oshawa PROBUS Club

Thank you. Joan Martin, Membership Chair

Email: jgm0113@sympatico.ca or Phone: 905-579-0261 (leave message)

PLEASE REMEMBER

- *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.*
- *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.*

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