

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: August, 2019



## President's Message

2018 - 2019

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Newsletter Editor

As I write this, the weather forecast is for a humidity level of 43 today. I hope that most of you enjoy this weather, I am not a fan. My favourite hobby is golf and it is not comfortable on the course to say the least. You question why you venture out, especially if your score does not meet your expectations. Oh well, there's always next time.

One hundred and twenty-one members from various PROBUS clubs attended Westben on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The musicians put on an excellent show featuring Abba music and the home-cooked dinner at the church was very tasty according to the positive feedback received. Many thanks to Lorraine for her work in organizing this annual outing.

Doug Byers reports we are still in need of a secretary for the 2019-20 year. Erni Vallee has done a tremendous job but has other commitments and is not able to continue in this role. This is a vital position and anyone with administrative experience would be a welcome addition to the management team.

### AUGUST SPEAKER – Angelica Ganeau, Singer, Songwriter and Author

Angelica's roots lie in the Blue Danube in Romania. Her stage experience started when she was 6 years old, with music and dance studies as the main focus of her childhood days. At the age of 19 Angelica went on to win first place at a national singing competition and received instant recognition as one of the most talented rising stars in the country. Several years later, Angelica made a bold life-changing decision to make Canada her new home. Her story is about faith, hope, willpower, and liberation. It's also about giving up everything, while holding onto the fact that once you are faithful to your passion and to whom you really are - you have the strength to rise and start all over again.



We welcomed three new members at the July meeting - Pat Bayus and Paul and Suzanne Martin for a total membership of 302.

Membership dues of \$30 are due in September. We will begin collecting at the August meeting.

Remember to make the cheques out to: **PROBUS Club of Oshawa**. Sorry, but we do not accept e-transfers or cash as with over 300 members, cheques are still the easiest way of keeping track of who has paid.



## EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS 2019 - 2020 – Doug Byers

A slate of officers will be nominated at the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and ratified at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Additional nominations may be made up until August 20<sup>th</sup>, three weeks prior to the September AGM. If additional nominations are made, an election will be held at the AGM. The position of secretary is still open for the coming year.



### Volunteers Needed: House Committee

If you enjoy the snacks provided during the break at our monthly PROBUS Club General Meetings remember that we need volunteers to make that happen.

If you can help out contact Maria Upton, the House Committee Chair, [m.upton@sympatico.ca](mailto:m.upton@sympatico.ca), or sign up on the sheet at our next meeting.

Don't forget to bring your own coffee mug or teacup to each meeting.



PROBUS CLUB OF OSHAWA is in need of a volunteer to take over the duties of Secretary starting in September, 2019. Why not keep your administrative skills up-to-date and give it a try?

NEW CONVENERS are required for the Bid Euchre and Vintage Tastings Groups. Contact Sandra Hunt for Bid Euchre and Donna Henderson for Vintage Tastings if you can take over as Convener for these groups.

**PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:**  
[www.oshawaprobust.com](http://www.oshawaprobust.com)

**PROBUS CANADA Website:**  
[www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**Marilyn Thaxter, Jackie Bathe and Janet Good**

The social committee would like to thank members for paying for events when they sign up for them.

**\*Please remember to bring your cheque book\***

### UPCOMING OSHAWA PROBUS EVENTS:

**\*Cheques payable to PROBUS CLUB OF OSHAWA \***

- **PICNIC** – Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM – Hungarian Picnic Grounds [Regional Road 57 (Bowmanville Avenue) Hampton – ½ mile north of Taunton Road, west side]. The cost is \$18. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year for a BBQ lunch and games. Bring a lawn chair.
- **WALKING TOUR WITH ROM GUIDE** – Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM. The cost is \$10. The group will be taking the 8:33 AM GO TRAIN out of Oshawa to Union Station and will meet upstairs in the Accessibility Car. At Union Station we will switch to take the streetcar west to Queen’s Quay and Bathurst Street. Some spots still available. **(Sign up with payment at the August meeting)**
- **LOA-DE-MEDE Farms** – Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 AM - 3572 Townline Road North, Oshawa. The cost is \$10. **(Sign up with payment at the August meeting)**
- **ONTARIO REGIMENT RCAC MUSEUM TOUR OF TANKS AND MUSEUM** – Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM – 1000 Stevenson Road North, Oshawa. The cost is \$7. Additional cost to ride in a tank. **(Sign up with payment at the August meeting)**
- **CAR RALLY** – Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM. The cost is \$10. Contact Moida Wheller for information. **(Sign up with payment at the August meeting)**
- **JAZZ NIGHT AT RIPLEY’S AQUARIUM** – Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM to 11 PM. The cost is \$20. Admission includes “Sharks after Dark”. Easy access from GO Train. Suggest dining at nearby restaurants as Ripley’s only has a snack bar. **(Sign up with payment at the August meeting)**

### UPCOMING EVENTS WITH WHITBY PROBUS

- **PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY WINE TOUR** – Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM. The cost is \$127 and includes bus, tastings and lunch. Travel by bus from Whitby (Iroquois Park) to four wineries in Prince Edward County. Shop at the Big Apple on the return trip for sweet goodies. Contact Fran Slat at [franslat@gmail.com](mailto:franslat@gmail.com) for more information.

- **BILLY ELLIOTT THE MUSICAL** – Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Stratford Festival Theatre, 9 AM to 9 PM. The cost is \$115 which includes bus and show ticket only. Make your own reservations for lunch at approximately 11:30 AM (Not included in price) or bring a picnic lunch. Return travel by bus from Whitby (Iroquois Park) to Stratford for 2 PM performance. The play has won the Tony Award for Best Musical – music by Elton John. The Globe and Mail gave the production 3 ½ stars out of 4. Contact Susan Bruce at [soozan88@lie.ca](mailto:soozan88@lie.ca) for more information.



## SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Capitol Theatre Panto Adult Version

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner at the Oshawa Golf Club

Oshawa PROBUS Club and Durham Central PROBUS Club members enjoying a tour of the ACE WIND TUNNEL at Ontario Tech University on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>



(Photos courtesy of Janet Good)



These trips are for members to get together and travel with other PROBUS Club members, their families, and friends, so invite who you like. First come first served. In addition, bus tours require a minimum of 30 people and a maximum of 45-48 people.

If you are interested in one or more trips, please feel free to contact me – Connie White at [cwhite211@sympatico.ca](mailto:cwhite211@sympatico.ca).

- 1). **“Sail Across The Atlantic”** - get this incredible itinerary!!!

**APRIL 23, 2020** on the Norwegian Cruise Lines' Getaway – Transatlantic cruise. Sails from New York City, 5 days at sea, stops at Ponta Delgado, another day at sea, then visits the following ports: Lisbon, Cadiz (for Seville), Malaga (for Granada), Palma Majorca, Barcelona, Cannes, Livorno (for Pisa & Florence) and ends in Rome. That’s a total of 15 glorious nights!! (Ends May 8, 2020)

2). "**Greek Islands and Adriatic Coast Cruise**" - for those of you who absolutely love cruising, and you have just completed the Transatlantic, you can choose to stay on board and continue on for a 10-night Greek Islands and Adriatic Coast cruise which leaves Rome on **May 8, 2020**. You will visit Kotor, Dubrovnik, Corfu, Santorini, Mykonos, Naples (Amalfi Coast and Pompeii), Livorno and back in Rome on May 18, 2020.

To provide flexibility and an optimal experience, you can choose to do one or both cruises – your choice! Think about whether you want to go or not, but if you do, I would strongly recommend you book ASAP. Ocean view cabins are limited. You will be required to give a \$500.00 deposit (per cabin) and this \$500.00 is refundable right up to the final payment date, which is December 15, 2019.

For more information you can message me, Connie White at [cwhite211@sympatico.ca](mailto:cwhite211@sympatico.ca) or contact Herschel Rosen at (905) 576-8833, Ext. 451. or e-mail him at [hrosen@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:hrosen@cruiseshipcenters.com).

3). "**Ireland, Scotland & England**" - Begins **May 21 and ends June 2, 2020**. On this bus trip, you will be visiting famous historical sites and cities such as Killarney, Blarney Castle, Dublin, ferry ride across the Iris Sea to Holyhead and see (see if you can pronounce this - I dare you!!! - Llanfairpwllgwyngyll-gogerychwyrndrobw-llantysilio-gogogoch!!! to North Wales, Lake District near Edinburgh (many sites to see there), London – see and tour Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, etc., Bath to see Stonehenge, the Roman Baths, and onto Stratford-Upon-Avon - Shakespeare's birthplace. Interested? Contact Joe Wyatt at Explorica - [jwyatt@explorica.com](mailto:jwyatt@explorica.com). or call him at (416) 545-6510.

4). "**Rome, Amalfi Coast, Capri, and Southern Mediterranean**" - **September 25, 2020** – On the bus trip, you will be driving along the most magnificent highway along the Amalfi Coast: explore Rome, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Pompeii, Montecassino, Capri (and the Blue Grotto), town of Amalfi, "Coast of the Gods" - Pizza, Tropea, ferry across to Sicily: Taormina, Mt. Etna, Mt. Tauro, UNESCO site – Noto, Ortigia, Siracusa, Valley of the Temples, and a wine tour of Principi di Butera, Erice, and finally Palermo. This trip is a must for anyone who is interested in seeing some of the most beautiful vistas in the world, modern and ancient history is everywhere, and the romance of the landscape and the people are inescapable. Sicily is a treasure - stunningly beautiful as is the Island of Capri. If you are interested in this gem contact Fortunato at San Cal travel or Calabria International Tours at 1 (289) 371-2999 or e-mail him at [fortunatofebbraro@sympatico.ca](mailto:fortunatofebbraro@sympatico.ca) or <https://calabriainternationaltours.com/contact/>

## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**Conveners – Please submit your information to the newsletter editor by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the following month's Newsletter**

**Suggestions for a new group?** Do you have an interest or hobby you would like to share with your fellow club members? Don't hesitate to pass it along to Jackie Frank. She will try to recruit other members to create a group.

## Proposed new groups:

We are trying to set up two new groups. Please feel free to sign up at the next meeting or contact Jackie Frank if you have any questions.

- **Another book club:** This would be our fourth book club. Three members have signed up, but we need more to make the group more viable and interesting.
- **Bridge for beginners:** This group already has a good number of members signed up, but it will only be set up after the bridge lessons are over. It is aimed at people who don't play bridge very often or are just learning.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting or contact Jackie Frank if you want more information.

## Card-making workshop

The date for the card-making workshop has been changed to Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM until noon at the instructor's home. The cost is \$20. There are two spots available for the workshop. **(Sign up with payment at the August meeting)**



### **BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell**

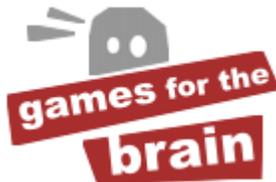
The Bookworms will not be meeting in July or August. The next meeting will be in September.

### **BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens**

The Bookies Book Club will not be meeting in July or August. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

The PROBUS Book Club will not be meeting in July or August. The next meeting will be in September.



### **BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank**

The group will meet next in September.



### **BREAKFAST GROUP – Catherine Frost**

On September 5<sup>th</sup> the group will meet at 9:30 AM at Eggs Crepe, 633 King Street East, Oshawa. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Dave Marlow ([d.marlowe@sympatico.ca](mailto:d.marlowe@sympatico.ca)) by August 29<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

### **BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt**

Bid Euchre will resume in the fall. The group welcomes new members. This Group needs a new Convener.



### **EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson**

Euchre Group #2 will be taking the summer off, resuming euchre in September.

### **CHESS - Ed and Jo Taylor**

Our Chess club meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM at 51 White Cliffe Drive, Courtice. Phone number: (905) 404-2440.



### **CRIBBAGE – June McLaren**



The cribbage group will meet on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at the home of Anne- Marie Beattie, 1104 Ridgemount Boulevard (Main intersection Taunton Road/Grandview Street). The cost is \$2. Please let Anne-Marie know if you will be attending by e-mailing her at [annemariebeattie@sympatico.ca](mailto:annemariebeattie@sympatico.ca) or by telephone at (905) 728-6886.



### **DAY TRIPPER'S – Jackie Frank**

This group is just starting. It is for people who like to go on half day or full day trips. Group members take turns choosing what they would like to do. If interested, contact Jackie Frank.

## GARDEN/NATURE CLUB – Jackie Frank



On Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, we are going on a guided tour of Parkwood Estate gardens followed by tea and scones. This tour is sold out.

On Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, we are going to visit two garden centres in Uxbridge: John's Garden which is located in a pine forest and Handlebar Hosta Farms. We will be leaving around 10:00 AM and will be carpooling. The group will likely go for lunch in Uxbridge afterwards. If interested, please contact Jackie Frank.

Garden/Nature club members enjoying a tour of Laveanne Lavender Fields on July 15<sup>th</sup>



(Photos courtesy of Jackie Frank)

## HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown

The next Hand and Foot Card game will be held at the home of Mary Gibson on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Please let Mary know (905) 435-2441 if you plan to attend.



## LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at The Jube Pub & Patio, 55 Lakeview Park Avenue, Oshawa. 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 let Connie know so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



### **MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora**

The Group is still meeting twice a month, but is not accepting new players at this time until it is determined who will remain part of the group following the introductory learning and playing sessions.

### **MARATHON BRIDGE – Frank Kelcey**

Oshawa PROBUS Marathon Bridge

August 13<sup>th</sup> is the last chance to join Marathon Bridge for 2019-2020 season. Single? We still have one person looking for a partner! Call Frank Kelcey, OPMBC, at (905) 723-5737.



### **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).

### **POKER: AFTERNOON GROUP - Vicky and Gerry Paquette**



Afternoon poker is cancelled until September. Looking forward to having some new players when we resume in the fall.

### **POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson**

PROBUS evening poker resumes in the fall.



### **SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson**

The Scrabble group will not be meeting in August.



## THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE – Mary Kelcey

The following is a small sample of the upcoming cultural events being offered in this region for August:

Location	Event	Date	Note
Memorial Park Oshawa	Concerts in the Park		<a href="#">click here for concert details</a>
	Outdoor Movie Nights		<a href="#">click here for movie night details</a>
Regent Theatre	The Music of Englebert Humperdink	August 16 8 PM	
	Classic Movie Night		1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month
Capitol Theatre Port Hope	Million Dollar Quartet	August 6 to September 1	Evening and Matinee performances
Courthouse Theatre Whitby	2019-2020 Season Subscriptions		The season kicks off in November with the hilarious <b><i>It's Only a Play</i></b> . In February 2020 the classic tale meets modern Broadway in <b><i>Little Women The Broadway Musical</i></b> . April 2020 brings Canadian Norm Foster's heartwarming tale <b><i>Kiss the Moon; Kiss the Sun</i></b> to welcome Spring.
Oshawa City Hall Parking Lot	Classic Car Show & Shine	August 7	
Lakeview Park	Oshawa Ribfest	August 16-18	

## WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



The Wine Appreciation Group will not be meeting in July, August or September. The next meeting will be in October. Contact Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

## VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson

The Vintage Tasting Group does not meet in the summer. The next gathering will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. This group is looking for a new Convener.



## WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

We will be meeting on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Brothers, 110 Lupin Drive, Whitby. Please contact Catherine [c.frost@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.frost@sympatico.ca) by August 1<sup>st</sup> if you plan to attend.



## URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

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Come and join us when you can and get moving! Poles are not required, but are recommended. Walking with poles gives you more stability, helps posture, and exercises your upper body too when you walk. Just be dressed to be safe for the weather and trail conditions. We go for coffee after our walk.

**All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.**

**No scheduled walks on Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> or Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mondays: August 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM - Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail South

Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – Meet east side of Halls Road South of Bayly Street, Whitby, at parking area near trail entrance, for Waterfront Trail West

Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – Meet at Storie Park, Mill Street, west of Simcoe Street for Oshawa Creek Trail South

Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM – Meet at Northview Community Centre for North Oshawa Rail Trail

Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM - Meet in parking area near Heydenshore Pavilion for Waterfront Trail East



## YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

The Durham chapter of the Alzheimer's Association was pleased to receive a donation of twiddle muffs from The Yarn Divas in July.

Our next meeting will be at 10 AM on September 11<sup>th</sup>, after which our meetings will revert to the first Wednesday of the month. We will meet in the third floor lounge (library) at Centennial Retirement Home on the corner of Ritson Road and Hillcroft Street. All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome! Have a great summer and happy crafting!

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 10 AM**



August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Happy *Friendship Day* to all our PROBUS friends.

## Oshawa PROBUS Club August Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Movie Group	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Civic Holiday	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11 AM PICNIC	<b>8</b> 5:45 PM Wine and Dine	<b>9</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking  Movie Group	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking	<b>13</b> <b>PROBUS GENERAL MEETING 10 AM</b>	<b>14</b> 11 AM Parkwood Tour and Lunch 1 PM Cribbage	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking  Movie Group	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking	<b>20</b> 12 PM lunch group	<b>21</b> Garden Club – Uxbridge Garden Centre	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking  Movie Group	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking	<b>27</b> 10:30 AM Walking Tour with ROM Guide	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking	<b>31</b>