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## **PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: August 2023**



**Next Membership General Meeting: August 8, 2023**

### **President's Message**

Let's make a serious attempt to enjoy the last phase of summer with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Enjoy the cottage, the flower gardens, the grandkids activities at the lake or in town and remember the pictures you promised to take on holidays before the kids prepare to go back to school.

I sincerely hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer thus far and is looking forward to many active experiences throughout August and September. Stay tuned to the many special interest group activities that are planned by many members of the Oshawa PROBUS Club, along with the events put forward by the Social Committee.

New members of the management committee are invited to the August management team meeting to become familiar with club proceedings and meet their fellow committee members.

The September general meeting will see the nomination of the 2023-24 management team. We hope to see a large turnout from our club membership to thank those committee members who are leaving the committee after excellent efforts for last year, and in many cases, multiple years of donating their time for the benefit of the club. AND- we want a large membership turnout to welcome those who have volunteered to work on behalf of the Probud Club of Oshawa for the first time.

So, in the meantime- Stay Safe- Keep Active- And Be Kind to Your Neighbor!

Remember- the Probud Club of Oshawa general meeting for August is on August 8<sup>th</sup> – 10am- at the Shriners Club.

**Chuck Keller  
President**



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## **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS 2023 – 2024**

### **Garry Christenson – Past President**

Following is the slate of officers to be nominated at the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and ratified at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Additional nominations may be made up until August 22<sup>nd</sup>, three weeks prior to the September Annual General Meeting. If additional nominations are made, an election will be held at the AGM.

I would like to thank all who continue to serve on the Management Team and those members who have stepped up to join the Team for the upcoming year.

We are still looking for a member or members to cochair the Social Committee. If you are willing to assist, please contact myself.

### **PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS – 2023 – 2024**

President	Marg Miller
Past President	Chuck Keller
Vice President	Wayne Lannon
Secretary	Anne Smolarek
Treasurer	Nancy Exworth
Members at Large	Patricia Peterson Rose MacDonald

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Social Committee	Gerry Henderson
Special Interest Group	Marlene Owen
Speaker Committee	Sheila Leonard
Membership	Cindy Fleming
House Committee	Jo Anne Thackeray
Newsletter	Connie Nelson
Archivist	Maria de Jong
Web/Zoom	Anne Mackay

*Garry Christenson, Past President*

## August Speakers:



### **Doris Cherkas:**

Born in a Displaced Persons Camp after World War Two, Doris, of Ukrainian descent, came to Canada as a toddler with her family to finally find her “forever home” in Oshawa.

Now as a retired high school teacher of English, Art, and Library, Doris draws upon her memories of growing up as an immigrant in Canada to tell her original personal stories. As a storyteller, she especially enjoys researching and relating historical narratives, as well as traditional tales to listeners of all ages. She believes that storytelling can and does connect us all and this is often proven to be

true when audience members seek her out following a performance or presentation.

Her other interests include volunteer work with the Ukrainian community in Oshawa and beyond, reading (of course), and travelling in Canada from BC to PEI and Nunavut, the Caribbean, and especially Europe.



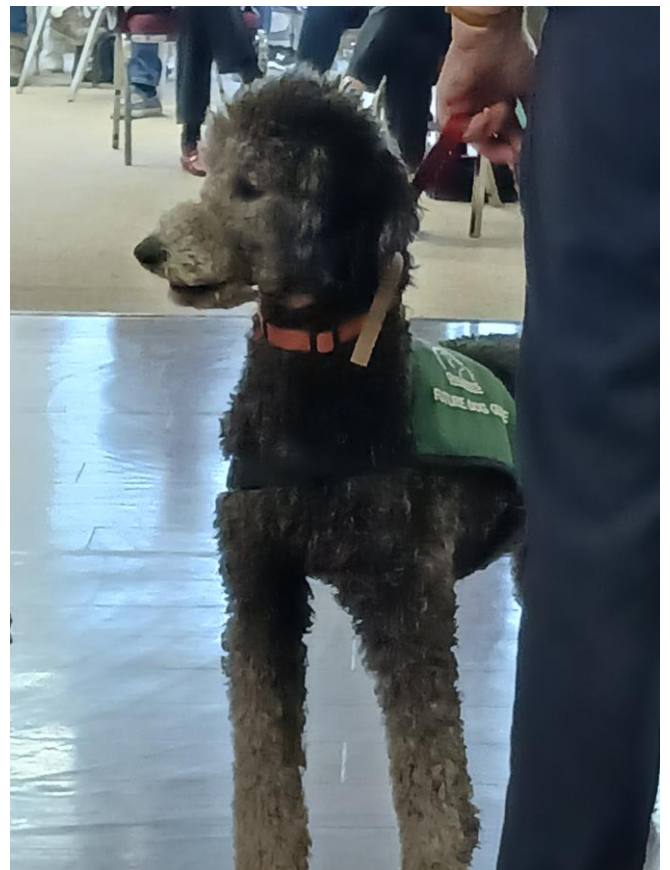
**Irene** currently resides in Oshawa where her parents settled after coming to Canada after the Second World War. She has been an active member of the Ukrainian community. For her dedication to volunteerism in the community, she received the inaugural Ontario Trillium Award from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Ontario Provincial Council in September 2022.

Irene enjoys many creative pursuits, from drawing and painting, to writing and storytelling. But her true passion is Pysanky, the tradition of creating Ukrainian Easter Eggs, which she learned from her mother who learned from her own mother. Irene's daughter and

granddaughter also have learned the art form. In fact, Irene has teamed up with her daughter, Melanie, to go to Ukrainian festivals across Ontario, and as artisans, to one of North America's largest handmade markets - the *One of a Kind* craft show in Toronto.

As a retired Social Services worker, she divides her time between volunteering in the community, making Pysanky, spending time with family and her dog and four cats, and helping her sister, Doris, with this presentation."

## Guide Dogs from June 2023 General Meeting







### **Some humour:**

- I told my physical therapist I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.
- You know you're getting older when you have a party and the neighbors don't realize it.
- I decided I wasn't going to let getting older slow me down. But my body had other plans.



### **MEMBERSHIP – CINDY FLEMING**

Welcome to new member Brenda Wheeler. Current Membership stands at 247. 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., available in various sizes and colours. Order through John Manuel at any monthly meeting. The supplier, Roy's Enterprise in Whitby, will notify you when your order is in. If you don't drive, John can pick it up for you.



## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE- Gerry Henderson and Jackie Frank**

**Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM: WESTBEN** in Campbellford presents “Les Mis” in concert. We have 53 members signed up. Some tickets were picked up at the July meeting. Remaining tickets will be available for pickup at Westben Theatre on August 1st.

The two complementary tickets will be in a draw at the August meeting, to refund the cost of the two tickets purchased by member(s).

**Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM: St Paul's United Church** in Warkworth for a church supper. We now have 32 members signed up.

The church forgot to advise us of a \$60 hall rental. We would ask those attending the church supper to contribute an another \$2 or \$3 at the supper to cover this charge.

**Ocala Winery, Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:30pm:** to date, we have 18 members signed up. If we get 40+ attendees, Ocala will provide a band for musical entertainment.

The cost is \$32.42 per charcuterie flight – 3 glasses plus charcuterie. There is a nonalcohol drinker's option of “3 full glasses of summer cocktails” plus charcuterie at the same price.

The tasting also includes a tour of Ocala's winery. And you may purchase bottles for off-premises consumption.

**Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>:** A “Discovery Tour of Ajax”. \$5 per car for prizes and each car has the weekend to complete the route and drop their answer sheets to Jackie Frank by 5:00 PM on Sunday. Jackie will forward the questions to the participants on Friday night, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>:** Red Dirt Skimmers show at Orono Town Hall. Tickets are \$35 each. You'll have to purchase tickets as there are no group reservations.

*A Red Dirt Skimmers concert combines captivating storytelling with knowing lyricism and outstanding musicianship. In July 2017 it was deemed by Canadian Immigration that the Red Dirt Skimmers were "performers of a world class level" and they were invited to become Canadian residents.*

**Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>:** a tour of the university's north campus coordinated by the university. More info to follow in the university's Age Friendly newsletter.

**Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>.** Mark this date in your calendars. We have reserved 11 tables of 8 each, subject to revision. Estimated ticket cost of \$57 each, subject to revision.



## Local events/activities

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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](mailto:sunvalleywatch@sympatico.ca)**

### EVENTS IN THE PARK --- CONCERTS AND LIVE THEATRE IN THE PARK

**Thursday August 3rd 7:00-8:30pm at Memorial Park** 110 Simcoe St. S. Downtown Oshawa. Entertainer is Blue Moose playing Classic Rock

**Wednesday August 9th and August 30th 7:30- 9:00pm at Memorial Park** 110 Simcoe St. S. Downtown Oshawa – Oshawa Civic Band playing Brass Band Orchestral

**Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm at Ed Broadbent Park** 169 Harbour Rd. (Simcoe St. S. just before Lakeview Park) Pauly & the Goodfellows playing Rhythm Blues & Motown

Live theatre **August 15th & 16th 7:30-9:00pm at Ed Broadbent Park** 169 Harbour Rd. (Simcoe St. S. just before Lakeview Park) Driftwood Theatre Group presents “Living with Shakespeare” by D. Jeremy Smith & Steven Gallagher. Come prepared for an outdoor event. Bring lawn chairs, jacket/sweater/umbrellas/mosquito repellent. Lots of parking available. You can get tickets at [www.driftwoodtheatre.com/tickets](http://www.driftwoodtheatre.com/tickets) Also see it in **Pickering on August 17th & 18th**. Visit Driftwood online for Pickering information.

Kars on King **Friday August 25th 3:30-9:00PM Downtown Oshawa at King and Simcoe St.** Free public event. 100's of vintage cars, live music and entertainment for adults and children.

This free event kicks off a weekend full of cars, trucks and more as Autofest Nationals starts **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at Lakeview Park**. For more information visit: [www.oshawa.ca/events](http://www.oshawa.ca/events)

**Regent Theatre Thursday August 3rd at 7pm** Classic movie playing Monty Python's The Holy Grail. \$5.00 cash at the door. Concession available. Box office at 50 King St. East Downtown Oshawa. 905 721-3399 ext 2, Tues-Sat. 10am-4pm. For more info on upcoming events visit [www.regenttheatre.ca](http://www.regenttheatre.ca)

Pre-Christmas excursion at the **Regent Theatre on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm** “ABBA Revisited” Enjoy the ABBA hits you know & love plus some seasonal Christmas songs. Reserve your tickets now at the box office or online at [tickets.regenttheatre.ca](http://tickets.regenttheatre.ca) Tickets are: \$55.00/pp inc. HST

**4th Line Theatre Millbrook Ontario Tuesday to Saturday, August 1st-August 26<sup>th</sup>** at **6pm**. "The Cavan Blazers" performed outdoors at the Winslow Farm. Based on local history of the area is a remount of "The Cavan Blazers" which had premiered in 1992. This play is the foundational production of the 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre. For tickets and information visit or call 705-932-4445 or 1-800-814-0055 or online at [4thlinetheatre.on.ca](http://4thlinetheatre.on.ca)

**Ontario Historical Society Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** Historical tour of Lakeview Park waterfront & Port Oshawa Pioneer Cemetery. Meet at the Guy House, Lakeview Park. Members free, Non members \$5.00. Membership available. Stay and visit the Guy House, Robinson House and the Henry House. Donations welcomed. For more information call 905 436-7624 or online at [oshawa historical society](http://oshawa historical society).

**Parkwood Estate** Many tours, workshops, the Tea House, and events throughout the year. Auto Baron tour, basement tour, behind the scenes tour and many others.

**Fall Fest Market Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-3:00pm.** Over 40 vendors include many local businesses, 8 emerging talent vendors, music, and much more. for more information, call 905 433-4311 or visit [www.parkwoodestate.com](http://www.parkwoodestate.com)  
Visit the **Tea House** for afternoon tea or lunch/wine. Open **7 days a week 10:30am-4:30pm & 8:30pm Thurs & Fri**. Reservations strongly recommended. call 289 600-3645 or online. No parking onsite. Please park at hospital parking garage.

**Theatre on the Ridge, Scugog Shores Museum Village**, 16210 Island Road, Port Perry, Ont. **August 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** Madame Winifred's Circus of Wonders. An evening of magic and mysteries, daring feats and impossible creatures performing under the big top for one final show. Visit [www.theatreontheridge.ca](http://www.theatreontheridge.ca) for more information and tickets.

**A Country Path.** A Country Path is a wonderful way to visit farmers, artisans, rural industries, special product producers and have the opportunity to talk to the person behind the creation or product. Visit Enniskillen, Hampton, Tyrone, Bowmanville, Haydon. Follow the country path road signs. For more information visit [www.acountrypath.co](http://www.acountrypath.co). to learn more about "A Country Path".

**Oshawa Rotary Club Ribfest August 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Lakeview Park.** Ribs and entertainment. For times each day and information visit [oshawaribfest.com](http://oshawaribfest.com)

**Pickering Waterfront Ghost Walks at Frenchman's Bay, Friday's at 5:00pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm in July and August.** Tickets are \$25.50 per person at Millennium Square at the end of Liverpool Road, Pickering.  
Delve into a spine-chilling walk through history with the Pickering Museum Village's acclaimed ghost walks, offering chills, thrill and a unique glimpse into Pickering's storied past. For more information and tickets visit Pickering Museum online.



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### Special Interest Group Chairs- Marlene Owen & Geri Sparkes

Some of the special Interest Groups have taken a break for the months of July and August. e.g., Billiards, Cribbage, Book Clubs, Bridge. Signup sheets will be put out in August for September resumption.

Groups that are meeting, please remember to send pictures of your events to Connie Nelson for the newsletter.

Ideas for new Special Interest Groups are most welcomed. Contact Marlene Owen or Geri Sparkes and we will do our best to make these ideas a reality.

Have a safe, enjoyable Summer!

Submitted by Marlene Owen and Geri Sparkes



### PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS Book Club will not meet until September.



### BOOKWORMS

It will certainly be a challenge for any future year-end meeting to match the exciting and informative program we experienced at our recent Bookworm's meeting. Our guest speaker was Whitby author Amanda McKee, whose book *There and Back Again* was just recently published. This is a personal story of her life and struggle with the debilitating condition of Anxiety. She decided to set pen to paper and write her story with the intention that it might help others. Her talk focused on the complex process involved in self-publishing, the essential choices to be made,

the details to consider and the on-going process of marketing.

Hearing an author speak about her work was a truly rare experience and one greatly appreciated by all the Bookworms present. The photo on the left shows Amanda at the front left with Phyllis, the hostess for our annual "garden party" on her right, surrounded by some of the members of the Bookworms – Pat, Marlene, Bernice, Barb and Maria.





## **BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank**

**Brain Games:** The next Brain Games will be held at Lakeview Park on Wednesday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Jackie Frank to confirm that you will be coming.

## **Garden/Nature Group: - Jackie Frank**

On Friday, July 14, the Garden/Nature Group visited Phyllis Langley's beautiful garden and talked about garden stories while enjoying lemonade and cookies. Thank you, Phyllis, for inviting us over. We had a very nice time.



**Pictures provided by Jackie Frank**



## **Garden/Nature Group**

On Friday, July 21, the group visited Lavender Blu, a lavender farm in Seagrave. The visit was quite educational and enjoyable.



**Pictures provided by Jackie Frank**

## **Garden/Nature Group**

On Saturday, August 12, the group is going to Guild Park, located on the Scarborough Bluffs. In addition to having nice gardens, the site is a former artist colony with a collection of relics saved from the destruction of buildings in Toronto. Anyone interested in going should contact Jackie Frank. Car pooling will be organized.

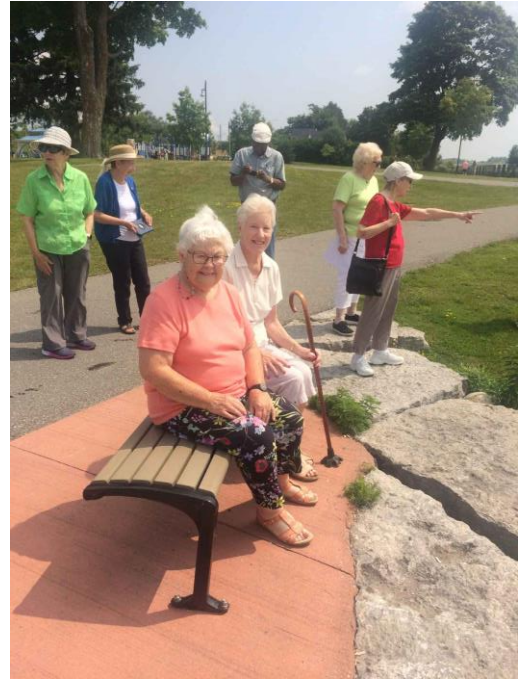


## Day Trippers

On Tuesday, July 18, the Day Trippers enjoyed a scenic drive organized by Julia Howells and Moida Wheller which ended with lunch in Newcastle. A big thank you to both of them for this very pleasant day.

On Saturday, August 31, Marilyn Thaxter has invited the Day Trippers to join her on a tour of A Country Path. On this road trip, you will meet local farmers, artisans, herbalists and other product makers. Group members who want to participate in this day trip should contact Marilyn.





### **YARN DIVAS – Barb Jones, Convenor**



Our next meeting, hosted by Rose, will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2. We're hoping the weather will co-operate and allow us to meet outdoors!

In September, we will meet at Carol's at 10 a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **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: [marmojl245481@gmail.com](mailto:marmojl245481@gmail.com)





### **CHESS – Ed Taylor**

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



### **SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson**

The Scrabble group has decided not to meet until September.



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

Our players range from Masters to beginners, with our main objective is to enjoy playing bridge.



We play two games a month, except Dec. (one), at a mutually convenient time, half the games are 'home' and half 'away' from Sept. to April.

If you need a partner, sign up & we will try to find you one!

Sign up by calling Frank or registering at the membership meetings.

Last chance to sign up: Membership meeting Aug. 8th

### **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 call me.

## LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Our lunch group met at #238 Bistro on King Street East. Cozy little spot with great food. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend, such a nice time to visit, and welcome to our new member. Looking forward to seeing everyone in August.  
Donna Keller



Pictures provided by Donna Keller

## URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



Days: Monday and Friday mornings  
Time: 9:30 am

## PROBUS URBAN POLE WALKING SCHEDULE – August 2023

August 4 Friday	Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek. <b><i>Coffee/Tea @ Coffee Culture afterwards optional.</i></b>
August 7 Monday	Darlington Park Trail – Col Sam Drive past GM Corporate building. Follow road all the way down to very end, turn right on roughly paved road - follow this road all the way to parking at the end.
August 11 Friday	Cullen Gardens Trail. Taunton Road West to Cochrane, turn north on Cochrane. Follow road straight ahead to as far as it goes, turn left around corner toward a new parking area.
August 14 Monday	North/South Rail Trail. Meet at Connaught Park Clubhouse at 435 Jarvis Street, Oshawa (via Connaught Street off Simcoe Street North or along Jarvis). Walk north on trail to Beatrice Street.
August 18 Friday	Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek. <b><i>Coffee/Tea @ Coffee Culture afterwards optional.</i></b>
August 21 Monday	Thickson Point to Heydenshore. Meet at end of Thickson Road South to parking area (as far as you can go before lake).
August 25 Friday	North/South Rail Trail. Meet at Connaught Park Clubhouse at 435 Jarvis Street, Oshawa (via Connaught Street off Simcoe Street North or along Jarvis). Walk north on trail to Beatrice Street.
August 28 Monday	Waterfront Trail at Whitby Shores. Gordon Street South (off Victoria Street west) to the end, turn left parking and entrance.



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 [garry1.christenson@sympatico.ca](mailto:garry1.christenson@sympatico.ca) or [oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com](mailto:oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com).

### PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

[www.oshawaprobus.com](http://www.oshawaprobus.com)

### PROBUS CANADA Website:

[www.probus.org](http://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>

