

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: December, 2017



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The month of December is a time for family and friends to celebrate. Whether we celebrate Hanukkah or Christmas, we take this time of year to visit and to entertain and to reconnect with many we have not seen for a while. It is time to reflect on holidays past and to remember the "Good old Days." We should be thankful for the privilege to celebrate as we wish.

During the past month, I enjoyed bowling with some of our members. Have not had a call from the "pros" to join them as yet. The afternoon poker group certainly keep their minds active! The euchre 2 group had some new members. Great opportunities to become involved.



Nancy and I would like to wish all PROBUS members a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Nancy Byers and Marilyn Thaxter

The social committee would like to remind members that they should pay for the event when they sign up. This will guarantee a spot in the event. We would like to thank members in advance for following this practice.



1. Christmas dinner and entertainment at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club. Wednesday, December 13.
2. John McDermott concert on Sunday, December 17 at 2 p.m. at the Regent theatre. Cost is \$45.00 or \$54.00.
3. Million Dollar Quartet @ Panasonic Theatre - Sunday, January 7, 2018. Cost is \$119.00, bus included.
4. Path Walking Tour - Toronto - Monday, January 15 and Friday, January 19. Cost is \$10 per person.
5. Trivia Night - Wednesday, January 24. Cost is \$10 per person.
6. Axe Throwing in Pickering - Wednesday, February 7 at 12 noon. Cost is \$40.00.
7. Beer Tasting @ Brock St. Brewing - February 20.
8. ROM Tour - The Vikings - March 28. Cost is \$34.50.

Sign up for all 2018 events at December meeting.

# Membership

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Thank you to the over 280 members who have paid their 2017-18 membership dues. There are four members who haven't responded to phone calls and emails from the membership committee. We are still attempting to reach those members. If you haven't paid, please send me your \$30 cheque, made out to Oshawa PROBUS, ASAP.

If you know you are not renewing your membership, please let me know (905-728-4573 or [medley\\_maria@yahoo.com](mailto:medley_maria@yahoo.com)). Also, remember to send me any changes to your contact information.

**Mail your cheque to:**

Mary Medley  
114 Elizabeth Street  
Oshawa, Ontario L1J 8L9



We welcome five new members to PROBUS Oshawa: Liz Dressing, Cindy Fleming, Dorothy Galpin, John Gradish and Joan Marie Puskas.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**Groups in development:** We have three groups that need more members before they can function as a group: chess, weekday dinner, scrabble and mahjong. If any of these activities are of interest to you, contact Jackie Frank at [jacqueline.frank@bell.net](mailto:jacqueline.frank@bell.net) or sign up at the next Probus meeting.

**Suggestions for new groups:** If you have a hobby or special interest and would like to pursue these activities with other PROBUS members, let Jackie Frank know and she'll see if a group can be organized.



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

Bernice Burke - 79 Tecumseh Avenue - will host our next meeting on Thursday, December 21 at 12 noon. Join us for our Christmas pot luck lunch and original card exchange!



**BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell**

The Bookworms will meet again in January.

**BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towey**

Our next Bookies meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 1 p.m. Marilyn Peel will be hosting and Sylvia Hughes will be the discussion leader. Please let Marilyn know whether or not you will be there. Call 905-728-0745.

**PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

The Book Club will celebrate the holidays with dinner and meet again in January.

## **BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch**

The group includes singles and couples and meets the last Thursday of the month at 9:30 at local breakfast venues. New members are welcome. If interested, contact Joanne Lynch at [lynchjoanne@hotmail.com](mailto:lynchjoanne@hotmail.com)



## **BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt**

Bid Euchre will meet again on Wednesday, January 24th, 2018.



### **EUCHRE GROUP #2**

Due to the holiday period, Euchre Group #2 will NOT be meeting on December 28th. The next gathering will be the 4th Thursday in January.



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

Ed and Jo Taylor would be delighted to welcome you in their home for a game or two of chess. This group would be suitable for beginners and players who need to practise and improve their skills. The convenors would like to play in the evenings, starting at 7 p.m., and keep the activity enjoyable and informal.

Contact Jo Taylor if interested.

## **FAMILY HISTORY GROUP - Julia Howells**

The Family History Group had their first meeting in November. We discussed how and where to find out information on our ancestors and talked about what we know so far. We enjoyed getting to know one another and are looking forward to our next meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 1:30 p.m. At that time we will discuss what we were able to discover, problems arising and check out more ways of finding out information. The group can accommodate two more people. If anyone else is interested, please contact Julia Howells.



## **HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME - Kathy Brown**

The next meeting will be on December 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Tina Van Alabeek. Those wishing to attend should phone Tina, or Kathy Brown at 289-240-6617.



## **LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson**

Seventeen PROBUS members will meet for Christmas lunch at 12 noon Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Anderson House Bed & Breakfast, 120 Columbus Rd., W., Oshawa. Members have pre-paid including tax and tip.



## **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**

There will be no afternoon poker in December. We'll see everybody in January! New members welcome!



**POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson**

Because the Probus Christmas dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, Probus evening poker in December will be on Thursday, December 14 (instead of December 13) at Gerry and Vicky

Paquette's home in Whitby.



**THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria DeJong**

Selected December 2017 Events. Contact Maria de Jong at [mariska578@gmail.com](mailto:mariska578@gmail.com) to be on the list to receive a more expanded list of local events.

**Concert: Espresso Singers:** A Ceremony of Carols  
Saturday, December 9, 7:30 PM Westminster United Church, Whitby

**Concert: Liona Boyd :** A Winter Fantasy  
Sunday, December 10, 2:00 PM Port Perry Town Hall

**Circus & Concert: Cirque Musical Holiday** with the Peterborough Philharmonic  
Saturday, December 16, 7:30 PM, Tribute Communities Centre

**Ballet:** Bolshoi Ballet production of **The Nutcracker**  
Sunday, December 19, 12:55 PM Landmark Whitby

**Musical Theatre: Alladin: a Panto in One Night**  
Various dates and times starting December 28, Regent Theatre



**TRAVEL - Connie Nelson**

Oshawa Seniors Centre, John Street Branch, has a Travelogue on Thursday, December 14 from 2-3 p.m. Subject is Mexico. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Registration is available online using Code 443941. Any questions or for registration assistance, please call Connie at 905-576-9022.

**Oshawa PROBUS Website:**

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## WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



Jack and Carol Cadan will host our next meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Contact Bernice Burke, 905-728-2587, for additional information.

## WINE APPRECIATION #2

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 11 at 3 p.m. Further information will be provided in the January newsletter. The group is accepting new members. For information call Donna Henderson at 905-723-9501.



## URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria DeJong

### December 2017 Schedule

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting. Be sure to dress for trail and weather conditions.

Mondays: December 4, 11 and 18 at 10:00 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek South trail.

Friday December 1 at 10:00 AM. Meet bottom of Thickson Road for Thickson Woods.

Friday December 08 at 10:00 AM. Meet Northview Seniors Centre for North Oshawa Rail Trail.

Friday December 15 at 10:00 AM Meet at Mill Street for Oshawa Creek Trail.

No scheduled walks on Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25 or Friday, December 29.

## YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

There will be two meetings in November: Wednesday, December 6 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, December 13, starting at 9:30 a.m. Both meetings will be held at the Centennial Retirement Residence. All PROBUS members who love to knit and/or crochet – or who want to learn – are welcome.



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

**Tuesday, December 12** - Thanh Campbell: Book - Orphan 32. Thanh was the 32nd orphan loaded onto a Canadian Forces plane on April 12, 1975, possibly the last group of infants flown from Vietnam as part of Operation Babylift, a frantic effort to save lives before Saigon fell.

**Tuesday, January 9** - Rosalee and Conrad: Rosalee Peppard and Conrad Kipping are two professional musicians who have toured both nationally and internationally and who have now joined forces to become a dynamic duo.