

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: December, 2018



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## President's Message

Well, it's that time of year again. Each year it seems to arrive a little faster. We'll soon have our fill of holiday tunes and advertisements. Hopefully you are enjoying time with family and friends and not stressed with all the preparations. As I come from a large family, we meet in late November. Santa finds his way to our gathering and it is always fun to see the excitement of the little ones. We are reminded to think of those less fortunate and be generous in our contributions of food and toys. Wishing you and yours the best of the holiday season.

## DECEMBER SPEAKER

Millie Morton will share stories from her book "Grace: a teacher's life, one-room schools and a century of change in Ontario". It's the life story of Grace Dayman who grew up on a farm and taught for more than 20 years.



A warm welcome to Judy Sandham and Howard Taylor who is a returning member having taken a break for a number of years. We have received the annual dues from just about everybody. The mail strike has slowed down the cheques arriving so my apologies if you were contacted several times when your payment had already been mailed. Our membership currently stands at 291. Two people have contacted me since our monthly meeting and have put their cheques and applications in the mail. Thank you to the committee members, Donna Anderson, Nancy McDowell and Jane Havens for helping out in tracking down members and collecting dues.

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

## 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 \***

- **CHRISTMAS DINNER** at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club, 160 Alexandra Street, Oshawa. **SOLD OUT** December 12<sup>th</sup> Cocktails 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Our Club is subsidizing this event - Pick up tickets at December meeting.
- **JOHN McDERMOTT** - December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM, Regent Theatre, 50 King St. East, Oshawa **SOLD OUT**
- **TRIVIA NIGHT** – January 16, 2019, 7 PM at the Thornton Arms Pub, 575 Thornton Road North, Oshawa (s/e corner of Thornton Road and Rossland Road) Tickets are \$12. **Sign up with payment at December meeting.**
- **BOWLING and PUB FOOD** - February 13, 2019, 4 PM. 5 pin Bowling at NEBS followed by dinner at a local pub. \$10.00 for bowling - Shoe rental extra (if required). Pub dinner extra. More fun than high scoring involved. **Sign up with payment at December meeting.**

## 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? Contact Jackie Frank and she will see if such a group can be created.

**Proposed new groups** - There are four suggestions for new groups: a book club, bridge for beginners, appetizers, and lectures/speakers. Anyone interested in joining any of these groups should sign up at the next meeting or contact Jackie Frank.



### ART GROUP - Debbie Waker

Convener: Debbie Waker - d.waker@sympatico.ca

DATE: Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 12:00 noon

ADDRESS: 10 Barrington Place

ACTIVITY: Christmas get together / Original Card Exchange



**BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell**

The Bookworms **ARE NOT** meeting in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM. Marg Hardy will be hosting and we will be discussing the book "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Contact: Bernice Burke, 905-728-2587 or Judy Bell 905-720-3808.

**BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens**

Our next meeting is on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. **(Please note change in time)** Barb Towey will host the meeting and Marilyn Peel will be the discussion leader for our December selection "Audition: A Memoir" by Barbara Walters.

**PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> for their annual Christmas Dinner. Location to be announced.



**BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank**

Our Brain Games Group will start in January. If you like to keep your mind active with games such as trivia, riddles, word games, number games and other brain teasers, don't hesitate to join up at the next meeting or contact Jackie Frank.

**BREAKFAST GROUP – Catherine Frost**

The Breakfast Group is on break until the beginning of the year. Catherine Frost will be looking after the group which will now meet on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. The group will next meet on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for those interested in going out for breakfast. Feel free to contact Catherine for more information.



**BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt**

Bid Euchre **WILL NOT** be meeting in December.



**EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson**

To respect our member's Christmas activities, Euchre Group #2 **WILL NOT** be meeting in December. See you in January 2019.

## **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. The conveners would like to play in the evenings, starting at 7 PM, and keep the activity enjoyable and informal. Contact Jo Taylor if interested.



## **CRIBBAGE – June McLaren**



We now have a Cribbage Group with June McLaren as its Convener. The group's first meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at the home of June McLaren. If you would like to join the group, contact June or sign up at the next meeting

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

The next Hand & Foot card group meeting will be at the home of Mary Gibson on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM following the PROBUS meeting. This will be our Christmas get together! **Please note change of date for the Christmas season** and let Mary know if you can attend.



## **LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson**

Twenty two members have signed up for the Christmas lunch group meeting at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Sunnybrae Golf Club, 1430 King Street, Port Perry. Directions: Drive north on Simcoe Street and south of downtown Port Perry, there is a turn lane with a street sign for King Street and the golf club. Turn left and proceed west on King Street until you see the sign for the golf club on your left (south). Attendees have prepaid including tax and tip. There is a cash bar.



## **MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora**

The Mah Jongg group **WILL NOT** be meeting in December.



## **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. The group will resume in January and new players are welcome.

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

PROBUS evening poker in December will be on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> rather than the usual Wednesday night, at the home of Gerry and Vicky Paquette.



## **SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Judy Bryson's, 481 Masson Street, Oshawa.

Please RSVP 905-576-0492. Members are asked to bring a few Christmas goodies.



## **THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria de Jong**

A sampling of events available in our area during December 2018. For a more complete listing contact [mariska578@gmail.com](mailto:mariska578@gmail.com) to be put on the email list.

**Ballet:** Bolsoi Ballet production of Don Quixote  
Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

**Concert:** County Town Singers: Jingle Alleluia  
Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM and Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM  
Trinity Pentecostal Church

**Opera:** Metropolitan Opera production of Verdi's La Traviata  
Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

**Circus & Concert:** Cirque Musica Holiday with the Peterborough Philharmonic  
Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, Tribute Communities Centre



## **TRAVEL - Connie Nelson**

The group needs a new Convener and some new members. If interested, contact Jackie Frank.

## **WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke**



The next meeting of the Wine Appreciation Group will be February 5<sup>th</sup> hosted by Jackie Finn. Contact: Bernice Burke: 905-728-2587.

## **VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson**

There **WILL NOT** be a meeting of the Vintage Tasting group in December.



## WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

The Wine and Dine group **WILL NOT** be meeting in December or in February.

On January 10<sup>th</sup> the group will meet at Bistro 238, 1403 King Street East, Courtice. Please notify Dorothy Shrigley by January 3<sup>rd</sup> if you are coming. We meet at 5:45 PM and try to order by 6 PM. New members are always welcome. Catherine Frost [c.frost@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.frost@sympatico.ca)



## URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

### December 2018 Schedule

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Be sure to be properly prepared for trail and weather conditions.

Mondays: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM, meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek South Trail

Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM, meet at the bottom of Thickson Road for Thickson Woods

Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM, meet at Northview Seniors Centre for North Oshawa Rail Trail

Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 AM, Meet at Mill Street for Oshawa Creek Trail

No scheduled walks on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, or Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>



## YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the home of Barb Jones. Please RSVP by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Yarn Divas have been busy! Two dozen hats for kids were recently donated to Mary Street Community School and we've started a collection for another school.

If you're a crafter and having difficulty with a pattern, bring it with you and there's sure to be help available. All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome!

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10 AM**