

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: December, 2019



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President's Message

It's just barely the middle of November and I can see an accumulation of over 10 cm of snow blanketing our back yard. This first taste of winter has come with quite an early wallop. On the plus side it is quite beautiful, and it has given us a chance to get our winter driving reflexes geared up early! This is Canada after all, and puts me, at least, in an early mood to think about December and all the feasts and festivities to come.

This season more than any other, helps us focus on the importance of time well spent enjoying good food, libations, music and special celebrations with friends and family. Our PROBUS Club provides us several chances to celebrate and share, starting with home-baked goodies at our General Meeting on December 10th, followed by our Christmas Social and Dinner at the Golf Club the following evening, or at the Christmas Lunch at Chatterpaul's the following week. I hope to see you at one or all of these typical PROBUS gatherings involving food and drink!

May all of you have a joyful time over the holidays, spent with those you love, and that the memories created will be treasured into the New Year.



Meet the Team

Judy Sandham, Member-at-large



Four years ago my husband and I pulled up stakes, left our hometown of Scarborough, and headed east.....to Oshawa. I started my first career in banking, in Personnel and stayed for 10 years. My second career then commenced: a stay-at-home mom. I did the usual 'stay-at-home' mom stuff i.e. Brownies, Guide leader, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers (was on the executive committee for 17th Bendale Scouts); president of the parent/teacher association for our children's school. I was invited to and accepted the invitation to be on the Diabetic Advisory Council for Centenary Hospital. I also was on the board for the Scarborough Historical Society and was the newsletter editor (long before the age of computers, everything was banged out on my trusty standard Royal typewriter). I initiated and organized Neighbourhood Watch for my community. In later years, my husband and I volunteered on the breakfast van for the Salvation Army. That entailed going out in the wee hours of the morning, waking up the sleeping homeless, and offering them a hot breakfast - a very humbling, enlightening and sad experience.

Then on to my third career: Manager of a Canada Post postal outlet for 26 years. And now Oshawa is home. I've been a member of PROBUS for a year now. Let the next chapter begin.....



Marlene Allen – Co-Secretary

I'm a retired Physiotherapist. I was born and raised in northern Ontario and 'came south' to attend the University of Toronto. First honours degree in Chemistry & Biochemistry but after having orthopaedic surgery myself I was introduced to Physiotherapy. I then pursued my career as a PT at the faculty of medicine at U of T. I tried to return North after graduation and worked in North Bay for a few years but returned south after starting my family. Started practice in Durham Region and continued 42 years! I raised and educated two sons and a daughter. I am now a content Grandma to a wonderful grandson and granddaughter. I keep myself very busy trying things I never had time for before. I enjoy the outdoors and travel but usually have my knitting needles with me.

There is no Speaker scheduled for December.



We welcome five new members to the club this month: Laurie Beaton, Chuck and Donna Keller, D.J. Powell and Sharon Smith. That brings our total membership to 281. We lost some members due to ill health or moving to the new club. However, we are getting new members every month so we are still a very vibrant club with lots of new people.

Just about everyone has paid or indicated their cheque is in the mail. I will be sending out the rough draft of the updated Membership List in the next few days. **Please review your information to ensure it is correct.** Let me know if there is a mistake. Once that is done, I will be mailing out the Membership List to everyone with email. I will make a limited number of copies for those without email. These will be at the Membership Table on a "first come, first served" basis. I had over 10 copies left in May. With the high cost of photocopying, I don't want to make copies which then go in the shredder. Remember to come to the Membership Table to fill out a form to indicate any changes to your personal contact information. Especially important is giving us the new information if you have cut off your landline and only have a cell phone.

Thanks to Donna Anderson and Nancy McDowell for helping me track down people.



Will You Help Out?

We are a volunteer organization, so we are always in need of members to help out... a little or a lot! Currently we need members to step up and help out in the following ways:

Social:



If you like to participate in some of the great events offered monthly by our Social Committee, or if you have some ideas for an interest activity or event, think about stepping up to help out. As of January 2020, Jackie Bathe and Janet Good will be co-chairing the Durham Central PROBUS Club Social Committee and leaving our team. Marilyn Thaxter and the Social Committee will look forward to having new volunteers join the committee. Contact marilyn.thaxter@gmail.com for more information.

Carpooling and Ride Sharing:

Let's Carpool!



Some of our members live close or in the same buildings. Since finding space in the parking lot at the Shrine Club can be a bit of problem, especially in winter, please consider carpooling. In addition, if you yourself or someone you know, would like to have a ride to one of our General Meetings this winter please let us know. If you could give someone a ride, please let us know that too. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front table at the next meeting.

Talents:

Your management team is also looking to identify members who have hidden talents. If you have or you know of a member with a unique talent that we should know about, please let Maria de Jong know at mariska578@gmail.com.



Lastly, if you are not able to help out in the areas identified above, tell us how YOU CAN help out!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Marilyn Thaxter

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 ***

- **JOHN McDERMOTT FAMILY CHRISTMAS** - Sunday, December 8th, 2 PM, Regent Theatre. The cost is \$54. (Contact Barry Davis for ticket availability)
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER** - Wednesday, December 11th, Oshawa Golf & Curling Club, Cocktails 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Buffet Dinner at 6:30 PM, Cash Bar.
- **TRIVIA NIGHT:** Wednesday, January 22nd, 7 PM, Thornton Arms Pub, (Rosland Road and Thornton Road). **SOLD-OUT**
- **EUCHRE NIGHT:** Wednesday, February 5th, 7 PM. Thornton Arms Pub, (Rosland Road and Thornton Road). The cost is \$12. (Sign up with payment at the December meeting)
- **DURHAM/YORK ENERGY CENTRE TOUR:** Wednesday, January 29th, 11 AM, 1835 Energy Drive, Clarington. The cost is \$10.

CHEESE!



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

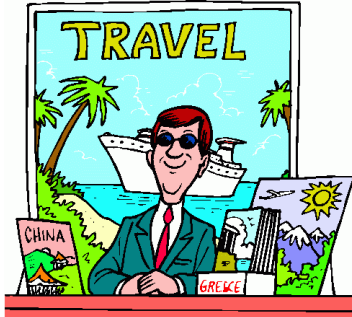
We are always looking for photos of our members enjoying our various Social Events as well as showing off what happens at our many Special Interest Group activities. If you are participating and can take some photos, please send them to the oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com.

Please remember to identify the event or SIG involved. JPEGs please!

NON-PROBUS TRAVEL INFORMATION

Information Only

Some of our members are interested in opportunities for travel. The following information about International Travel was researched by Connie White, who is member of our PROBUS Club. The trips described are neither sponsored by, nor exclusive to the members of our or any other PROBUS Club.



International Travel Opportunities with friends and family!

NOTE: Check deadline to register for these trips.

If you are interested in one or more trips and would like a copy of the itineraries, please contact – Connie White at cwhite211@sympatico.ca. Discovering new places with like-minded people enriches the whole experience. Each tour is picturesque, fascinating and meticulously planned!

- 1). **April 23 – May 8, 2020** – 15 nights – **“Transatlantic cruise”** Cost: ranges from \$2,994 - \$3,034 depending on the type of cabin you want. Sails from New York City, 5 days at sea, stops at Ponta Delgada, another day at sea, and then visits the following ports: Lisbon, Cadiz (for Seville), Malaga (for Granada), Palma Majorca, Barcelona, Cannes, Livorno (for Pisa & Florence) and ends in Rome. **Due date to register is December 20, 2019.**
- 2). **May 8 – May 18, 2020** – **“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. You will visit Kotor, Dubrovnik, Corfu, Santorini, Mykonos, Naples (Amalfi Coast and Pompeii), Livorno and back in Rome on May 18, 2020. Ocean view cabins are limited. For more information message Herschel Rosen at (905) 576-8833, Ext. 451. Or e-mail him at hrosen@cruiseshipcenters.com. **Due date to register is December 20, 2019.**
- 3). **May 21 – June 2, 2020** – **“Ireland, Scotland & England”** Cost: \$4,624 – includes round-trip airfare, hotels, all breakfasts and dinners, tour director, and more. On this bus trip, you will be visiting famous historical cities such as Shannon, Dublin, ferry ride to North Wales, Lake District, Edinburgh, London, Bath and Stratford-Upon-Avon. For more information contact Joe Wyatt at jwyatt@explorica.com or call him at 1 (888) 378-8845. **Due date to register is January 20, 2020.**
- 4). **September 25 – October 7, 2020** - **“Rome, Amalfi Coast, Capri, and Southern Mediterranean”** - Cost: \$3,900 includes: round trip airfare, hotels, transportation, ferry rides, breakfast and dinners (except for one dinner), and more! You will experience the most magnificent drive 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. For more information contact Fortunato Febbraro at fortunatobebbraro@sympatico.ca or call (289) 371-2998. **Due date to register is January 20, 2020.**

NOTE: These trips are for members, their families, and friends and even other interested PROBUS Clubs, so invite who you like. First come first served. In addition, **Bus tours require a minimum of 30 people for the trip to go ahead.** Important you register as soon as you can.

"Live with no regrets. Travel with no excuses. Life is short, live it to the fullest!"

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Conveners – Please submit your information to the newsletter editor by the 25th 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 Elaine Lopes or Anne MacKay. They will try to recruit other members to create a group.

Proposed new groups:

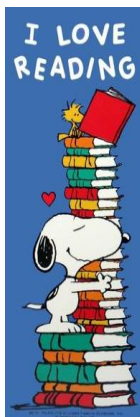
We are trying to set up four new groups. Please feel free to sign up at the next meeting or contact Elaine Lopes or Anne MacKay if you have any questions.

- **Another book club:** This would be our fourth book club. Four members have signed up, but we need more to make the group more viable and interesting.
- **Bridge for beginners:** This group already has seven members signed up. It is aimed at people who don't play bridge very often or are just learning.
- **X-Files (UFO's) – The Truth Is Out There!** We will look what is a UFO? What is Project Blue Book, MUFON Canada – what is their mandate? Are there such things as other dimensions, what is consciousness, how does AI factor in to the UFO phenomena and more.
- **Media and Propaganda** – This group held its initial meeting on Wednesday, November 20th.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting or contact Elaine Lopes or Anne MacKay if you want more information.

Groups looking for new members:

Breakfast Group (currently dismantled)
Lunch Group
Wine and Dine



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

The next meeting of the Bookworms will be on Tuesday, January 28th at 10 AM. Maria Upton will host the meeting when we will be discussing the book "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin.
Contact: Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587 or Judy Bell (905) 720-3808.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens

Marilyn Keller will host our next meeting on Thursday, December 5th, at 1 PM. Barbara Towey will lead the discussion on our selection "Washington Black" by Esi Edugyan.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

PROBUS Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 17th at 6 PM at Harpos for their annual Christmas Dinner.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

This group is not meeting in December but will resume in January.

BID EUCHRE - Peggy Gibson and Donna Arnold

Bid Euchre is not meeting in December.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

Euchre group #2 will not be meeting in December.

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 Thursday, December 12th at 1:15 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 or by telephone at (905) 728-6886.



DAY TRIPPER'S – Jackie Frank

The group is going to visit the Bata Shoe Museum, followed by lunch and the Holiday Fair in Nathan Phillip Square.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown

Information on the next Hand and Foot Card Game could not be confirmed prior to the publication of the newsletter.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

Twenty three members have signed up for the Christmas lunch group meeting at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 17th, at Chatterpaul's, 3500 Brock Street North, Whitby. Attendees have prepaid including tax and tip. There is a cash bar.



MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora

The Group is still getting together to play every two weeks. We usually have two tables of four playing. Anyone interested is welcome to come and watch to see if they would like to learn.

MEDIA AND PROPAGANDA – Connie White

What is it, how is it used, why is it used and who benefits? How does it affect us?

This new group will start meeting monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting in January. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd at the home of Anne-Marie Beattie.



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

The Afternoon Poker Group is not meeting in December.



POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

PROBUS Evening Poker will be held on Thursday, December 12th, 7 PM, at the home of Jo Anne Thackeray.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will not be meeting in December.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE – Mary Kelcey

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

Location	Event	Date	Note
Regent Theatre	Heather Rankin Christmas Show	Saturday, December 7 th 8 PM	
	A Christmas Spectacular starring Pete Paquette	Sunday, December 15 th 3 PM	
	The Good Lovelies Christmas Tour	Monday, December 16 th 8 PM	
Cineplex Oshawa & Landmark Whitby	Met Opera	December 2 nd 12:30 PM	The Magic Flute

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



Gerry and Tilly Hoxford, Brooklin will host the next meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd at 3 PM. Contact Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

VINTAGE TASTING – Jane Havens

There is no Vintage Tasting group meeting in December.

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WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

Wine and Dine will not be meeting in December. Do you enjoy good food? Please consider joining us for good food, good conversation and overall good fun. On January 9th the group will meet at 5:45 PM, at Hot Rocks, 728 Anderson Street, Whitby. (905) 668.8600. The contact person for this dinner is Lester Allick allick@sympatico.ca. If you wish to be a part of this group, please contact Catherine c.frost@sympatico.ca.



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

December 2019 Schedule

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.

Mondays: December 2nd, 9th and 16th, 10 AM - Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail South

Friday, December 6th, 10 AM – Meet at the bottom of Thickson Road for Thickson Woods

Friday, December 13th, 10 AM – Meet at Northview Seniors Centre for North Oshawa Rail Trail

Friday, December 20th, 10 AM - Meet at Storie Park, Mill Street for Oshawa Creek Trail

No scheduled walks on Monday, December 23rd, Friday, December 27th, or Monday, December 30th



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Our next meeting will be at 10 AM on Wednesday, December 4th at the home of Tina Van Alebeek. Please let Tina know if you are coming by Monday, December 2nd and, if you need supplies, please email Barb by Monday as well. All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome!

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 10 AM



PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobus.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

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>

Oshawa PROBUS CLUB December Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	3 3 PM Wine Appreciation 6:30 PM Chess	4 10 AM Yarn Divas	5 1 PM Bookies	6 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	7
8	9 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	10 PROBUS GENERAL MEETING 10 AM 6:30 PM Chess	11 PROBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER 	12 1:15 PM Cribbage 7 PM Evening Poker	13 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	14
15	16 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	17 12 noon Lunch Group 6 PM PROBUS Book Club 6:30 PM Chess	18	19	20 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27 Movie Group	28
29	30	31				