

2023 – 2024
Executive:

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: December 2023



Marg Miller,
President

Next Membership General Meeting: December 12, 2023

Wayne Lannon,
Vice President

President's Message

Chuck Keller,
Past President

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS, AND COVID FREE NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Anne Smolarek,
Secretary

The days are rushing by and it is time again for all the things associated with Christmas: Decorating our homes, hanging the outside lights and wreaths, shopping, visiting the LCBO, cooking, baking, writing seasonal letters, attending parties- especially our annual PROBUS Christmas Lunch that we all enjoy each year.

Nancy Exworth,
Treasurer

**Patricia Peterson
Rose MacDonald**
Members at Large

And then, there are the after-holiday chores: packing away the decorations, inventing impossible resolutions, and of course, starting a diet!

**Gerry Henderson
Sharon Smith
Peggy Gibson,**
Social Committee
Co-Chairs

May we pause and enjoy the quiet and peaceful atmosphere of the season. Put on some Christmas music, turn on the Christmas lights and enjoy your family and friends. Don't get caught up with the rush of the season. Make time to visit loved ones in their homes or nursing homes. Remember those in need with your special offerings.

Marlene Owen,
Special Interest
Group Coordinator

May the holiday season bring the world a day of peace at this difficult time. Whatever holiday season you may be celebrating, enjoy it. Rod and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Sheila Leonard,
Speaker Committee

Cindy Fleming,
Membership Chair

Marg Miller- President

Jo Anne Thackeray,
House Committee

Maria de Jong,
Archivist

Anne MacKay,
Web/Zoom Master

Connie Nelson,
Newsletter Editor

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November Speaker: Ted Barris



December Speaker: Daniel Aonso



Last year in December Daniel gave a well received presentation to our club about the musical origins of a White Christmas.

This year Daniel will be presenting “A Winter Wonderland of Yuletide Favourites.”

Daniel studied piano from an early age. He then went on to complete a Bachelor’s and later Master’s degree from York University with classical piano as primary instrument.

His main areas of interest are Popular Music and Film Music. He currently teaches piano, guitar, percussion and music theory at PAVAS music school in Mississauga.

Message from PROBUS Canada

Hi to Member Clubs of Ontario District 9

The latest edition of the PROBUS Canada Connections, our national newsletter, is hot off the presses.

We hope that you enjoy the latest articles submitted to us, plus a bit of news from us. Please send in any articles that you would like included in future newsletters to the General Manager at wendy.machmer@probuscanada.ca. We love having photos.

We would like members to see all the news, so included is a link to our news page <https://www.probuscanada.ca/news>.



Some humour:

1. How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?

He was hooked on trees his whole life.

2. Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Because he had very low elf esteem.

3. What does the Grinch do with a baseball bat?

Hits a gnome and runs.

4. What do you call a broke Santa Claus?

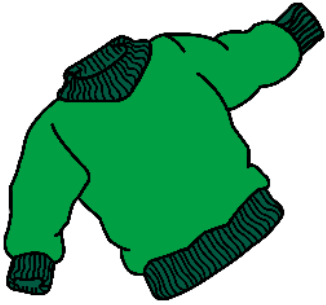
Saint-nickel-less.



MEMBERSHIP – CINDY FLEMING

Our current membership is 226.

**If you have changes to your contact information, please contact
Cindy Fleming**



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.



Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday December 6th. We have reserved 10 tables of 8 each. There are 80 members signed up!

Doors open 11:30. Please identify yourself at the check-in table.

Bar is open at 11:30 AM. Remember, we need \$300 bar sales.

The Traditional Turkey dinner will be served starting 12:15pm, followed by dessert and coffee.

Caroling and door prize draws following the meal. Merry Christmas!

Monday at 1:00 PM Jan 15th: TRIVIA at the Thornton Arms! (on Thornton Road, corner Rossland Road). Finger foods will be provided shortly after 1:00 with Trivia following 45 minutes later. Cost \$21. Please sign up at the December meeting.

Monday at 1:30 pm February 12th: We have booked the Thornton Arms for another Progressive Euchre tournament. Signups starting at the December meeting. Cost \$20 each, which includes a small lunch.



Local events/activities

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**

Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm John McDermott Family Christmas returns for 2023

Regent Theatre, 50 King St. E. downtown Oshawa

Tickets are \$49.00 + Call 905 721-3399 ext 2 or visit regenttheatre.ca

Thursday, December 7th at 7pm Monthly Classic Movie Night showing
“Prancer” (1989) \$5.00 cash at the door Door prizes—Cash concession—Fill out a
ballot for future classic movies you would like to see at the Regent.
Coming **January 4th 2024** Funny Face (1957)

**Saturday, December 9th at 7:30pm The Barra MacNiels – An East Coast
Christmas 2023** Regent Theatre, 50 King St. E. downtown Oshawa
For tickets call 905 721-3399 ext 2 or visit regenttheatre.ca;

Sunday, December 10th, at 2:00pm Elvis – A Christmas Special 2023
For tickets and information call 905 721-3399 ext 2 or visit regenttheatre.ca

Sunday, December 3rd, at 3:00pm Ontario Philharmonic Orchestra performs
“Handel’s Messiah” under the baton of maestro Kathleen Allen performing at King St.
Community Church at 611 King St. West Oshawa For tickets visit ontariophil.ca

**Saturday, December 16th, at 8:00pm Rockin’ the Holiday Spirit with Lighthouse &
Ontario Philharmonic Strings** Call Regent Theatre at 905 721-3399 ext. 2 for tickets
or visit regenttheatre.ca 50 King St E. downtown Oshawa

Saturday, December 2nd at 3:00pm Resound Choir presents **Tales of Winter
Beauty** Hebron United Church 4240 Anderson St. Whitby
For tickets and information visit enentbrite.ca, or contact www.resoundchoir.ca, or call
647 206-4229

**Sunday, December 10th at 3:00pm Resound Choir and Durham Philharmonic
Choir** St. Mark’s Church, Whitby 201 centre st.
Tickets \$35.00 at the door or contact www.resoundchoir.ca or call 647 206-4229

Saturday, December 9th at 12:55pm Florencia en el Amazonas Mexican
Composer Daniel Catan’s 1996 Opera English subtitles
Showing live HD on screen Tickets can be purchased at Cineplex Theatre
1351 Grandview St. N. Oshawa Taunton & Grandview

Saturday, January 6th at 12:55pm Verdi’s “Nabucco” showing live on screen
Tickets can be purchased at Cineplex Theatre

**Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00-8:00pm “Lamplight Tour” of the Oshawa
Museum** 1450 Simcoe St South Lakeview Park
For more information call 905 436-7624 or visit www.oshawamuseum.org

Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!! See you in 2024!!!!

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 25th of each month.

Special Interest Group Chair- Marlene Owen

Remember to submit Special Interest Group photos to Connie Nelson, the Newsletter Editor. These photos help to highlight the SIG activities.

Euchre has resumed on the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 1:30 at various members homes. They are looking forward to more male participation. Sandra Hunt and Dorothy Shrigley are the convenors.

The Supper Club has reached the groups limit of 20 members. The Wine and Dine group are still open for more members.

Members who have signed up for the Special Interest Groups but feel they can no longer attend; will you please update the signup sheets by crossing off your names. Convenors have a hard time trying to anticipate how many people will attend their group. You can always sign up again if circumstances change.

Get to know more members of the Probus Club by being an active participant in the many Special Interest Groups that are available. There is much FUN and FRIENDSHIP TO BE HAD. Enjoy!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS with Family and Friends

Submitted by Marlene Owen

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

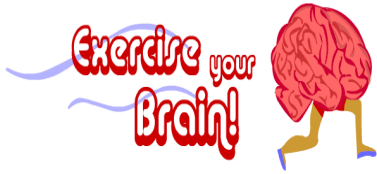


The PROBUS Book Club will meet for lunch at Bella Notte on Thursday, December 7th.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The Bookworms will not be meeting in December, but will resume again on January 23rd, 2024 with a discussion on the book entitled 'Last Thing He Told Me' by Laura Dave. Bernice Burke will be hosting the meeting at her home. 'Happy Holidays to All'.





BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The next Brain Games will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Jackie Frank's house.



YARN DIVAS – Barb Jones, Convenor

To avoid a conflict with the Probus Christmas lunch, we held our December meeting at Tina's on Wednesday, November 29.

Yarn Divas is open to all Probus members who enjoy crafting with yarn. For more information, contact Barb.

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:

Netflix Zoom Friday Night Group

The zoom site (from Anne and future dates- every two weeks):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88269617249?pwd=OEUrdWxSNjlyOThWa0tla0dVZGNLZz09>

Every 2 weeks on Fri, until Jan 5,2024,

Dec 8,2023 07:00 PM

Dec 22,2023 07:00 PM

Jan 5,2023 07:00 PM



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

December 14 1:15 Scrabble at 481 Masson Street please rsvp 905-576-0492



CRIBBAGE Group – John Manuel

This month's cribbage meeting is cancelled for the holidays, but please call John if you wish to be placed on the list for future games, beginning February 14. Best wishes for Christmas and New Year holidays and we wish you a healthy and happy year in 2024.



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.

LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Thank you, ladies, for coming out in the wind and rain for a great lunch at Billie Jax Bar and Grill in Whitby. We had fifteen ladies join us for another enjoyable get together. We had a great server, who even accommodated us by turning the music down for our old ears. Happy birthday to our two November birthday gals. See you all December 19th, wear your Christmas sweater! 😊 Donna Keller

CHRISTMAS “GOODIES” RECIPIES COMPLIMENTS OF MARIA UPTON

Christmas Cookies

Chocolate Peanut Butter Balls

- a Christmas Favorite!

1 cup peanut butter
1 cup finely sugar
1/2 cup nuts, chopped
1/2 cup fine Candies
4 oz semi-sweet chocolate
1 Tbsp butter
Mix together all ingredients and
chill in fridge for 10-15 min.
Roll into balls. Melt chocolate
with butter. Dip balls in
chocolate and chill.

Hot ARTICHOKE DIP

14 oz can ARTICHOKE HEARTS,
DRAINED + CHOPPED

1/2 cup grated parmesan
CHEESE

1 cup mayonnaise

1 garlic clove, minced

1 dash lemon juice

Mix all ingredients + bake
at 350°F (180°C) for 10 min.
Serve with crackers. ENJOY!

Grandma's CANDY SANS

"your grandma would love a
slate for Christmas!"

2 cups fresh or frozen
CANDY BERRIES

1 orange, cut in quarters

1 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup Grand Marnier

Chop candy berries and orange
in blender or food processor.
Add sugar and Grand Marnier
Finish!

Chocolate Caramel Squares

1/4 cup margarine

1/2 cup peanut butter

1 cup chocolate chips

1 bag (250g) marshmallows

Melt butter and peanut
butter and stir in chocolate
chips. Cook. Add
marshmallows. Press into
9x9" pan + REFRIGERATE.
Cut into squares!

Mini CRANBERRY-Ricotta
Biscuits

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole-milk ricotta
cheese

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup, plus 2 T. milk, divided

2 lemons, zested and juiced

2 cups flour

1 T. baking powder

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup fresh or frozen CRANBERRIES

Heat oven to 450°F. Mix ricotta,
sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. lemon juice,
and 2 tsp. lemon zest. Add flour
and b. powder; mix until dough
forms. Fold in CRANBERRIES.

Spoon 10 Tbsp. batter onto lined baking
sheet. Brush tops w/ remaining milk.

Bake 10 min. until puffed & golden
brown.



Days: Monday and Friday mornings
Time: 9:30 am
Contact Information: sharonlsmith@sympatico.ca
Cell: 416-938-7841

URBAN POLE WALKING SCHEDULE – November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

For the fall, winter and spring months, we will walk the Harmony Creek Trail only as it is well maintained and safer to walk during these months. We will meet at 9:30am on Monday and Friday mornings.

Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek. Coffee/Tea @ Coffee Culture afterwards optional

TidBITS

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, (connienelson@rogers.com) 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 oshawaprobustclub@gmail.com.

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>

