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Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I,
But when the trees bow down their heads,
The wind is passing by!

This beautiful poem, by Christina Georgina Rossetti, inspired W.O. Mitchell, and W.O. Mitchell was one of the many inspirations for our January speaker, Douglas Gibson, noted Canadian publisher and author, who fascinated us with stories about most Canadian authors of note, excepting Robert Service. Now how's that for a rambling sentence?

This was a treat for the "bookies", who heard tales of Canadian authors they know and love. But for those of us who are literary challenged, it was still fascinating to learn of the depth and breadth of our authors as Douglas took us on a literary tour across Canada.

I am always amazed at the quality of speakers that Ellen Clarke and her committee provide. Dr. Patricia Campbell and Neil Crone gave excellent talks on medical related subjects.

In the upcoming months, we can expect the same high level of speakers to continue, with a Durham Police Representative, Ted Barris (Vimy Ridge, 100th Anniversary), The Waddinghams (group of seven), Thama Campbell (Last Plane out of Saigon), and our own, not to be missed, Jim Craigen (3rd installment on the brain).

We will enjoy hearing these noted Canadians, as they speak on art, history, literature and science.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Doug and Nancy Byers

1. Thanks to those who attended the Trivia evening. Once again the fellowship was good. Special thanks to Judy Brooks, Rick McDonnell, Jackie Frank, Lorraine Veroba and Moida Wheller for making the evening a success.
2. The progressive euchre planned for February 8/17 has been cancelled. Money will be returned at the next Probust meeting to those who have paid.
3. The trip for June 20th to the Keewatin has only 2 spots remaining. A wait list will be made. Those who have signed up please bring payment to the next meeting. Cheques should be payable to Oshawa Probust Club.
4. The social committee encourages everyone to complete the survey re the Christmas celebration .

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



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

We will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Liz Gilbert (82 Marica Avenue, Oshawa) The activity will be "Watercolour Silhouettes".



BOOK CLUBS:

BOOKWORMS - Elfrida Jeppesen

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 28th at 10 a.m. Dawn Pilkington will host: 905 428 0555 X455. The book to be discussed is "An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth" by Chris Hadfield.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towey

The Bookies will not meet in February. Our next meeting will be on March 1 at 1:30. We will be discussing "My Secret Sister" by Helen Edwards & Jenny Lee Smith. The Bookies

has room for new members. If interested, contact Mary Medley - medley_maria@Yahoo.com or Barb Towey - b.towey@sympatico.ca.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

On Thursday, February 23rd Mary will lead a discussion of The Lake House by Kate Morton. The meeting will be hosted by Lindy.



BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch

We'll be going to Traditions at 1053 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa on Thursday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who's interested please email Joanne.



BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

The Oshawa Probus Bid Euchre group will again be playing in the Gathering Room at the Centennial Retirement residence at Ritson Road and Hillcroft Street. Our next game will be on Wednesday, February 15, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

HAND AND FOOT - Kathy Brown

Hand and Foot group will meet on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month.



GARDENING - Jackie Frank

The gardening club will not be meeting till March.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Greek Tycoon Restaurant, 1101 Brock St S., Whitby.

If you plan to attend please indicate on the sign up sheet on the special interest table at the February PROBUS meeting or call Connie at 905-576-9022 or email connienelson@rogers.com so she can book a reservation. If you find that you have signed up and subsequently are unable to attend for any reason, please email Connie, even if it is the same day as the lunch, so that she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



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).

The **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** is looking for a new convenor. If interested, contact Jackie Frank.

POKER: AFTERNOON GROUP - Orville Climenhaga



Our next game will be on Tuesday, February 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, Oshawa. Contact Orville Climenhaga at 905-728-0084. New members welcome.

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

Our next meeting will be hosted by Ted Dionne on Wednesday, February 8 at 7 p.m.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria DeJong

Following is a sampling of the cultural events available in the Durham region during February 2017. For a fuller listing ask to join the mailing list.

Theatre: Oshawa Little Theatre production of **A Man for all Seasons**

Various dates starting February 2, Oshawa Little Theatre

Ballet: Bolshoi Ballet production of **Swan Lake**

Sunday, February 12, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

Concert: Ontario Philharmonic: Beethoven and Schubert

Saturday, February 25, 8:00 PM Regent Theatre, Oshawa

Opera: Metropolitan Opera production of Dvorak's **Russalka**

Saturday, February 25, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex and Landmark



**- Maria DeJong
February 2017 Schedule**

Come and join us when you can and get moving this winter. Poles are not required. Just be dressed to be safe for the weather and trail conditions.

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Mondays: February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:00 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek trail or local roads depending on conditions.

Fridays: February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10:00 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads.



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Our knitting and crochet group will meet twice in February: Friday, February 3, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, February 8, 1:30 p.m. Both meetings will be at Centennial Retirement Home. New members are always welcome!

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our recent New Member: Susan Good.

Membership 2016-2017

We now have 274 members. If you have not received the Updated 2016-2017 Members List, emailed late Dec. 2016, and it is not in your Trash/Junk File, please let me know. Members who do not have email can pick up a copy at the Membership Desk at our February meeting.

Joan Martin, Membership Chair

Email: jgm0113@sympatico.ca or Phone: 905-579-0261 (leave message)

PLEASE REMEMBER

- *When you bring a guest, please have him/her sign the **Guest Book** at the **Membership Table** and pick up a temporary **PROBUS** name tag. A record of our visitors is needed for insurance purposes.*
- *Guests and New Members, who have not yet received their formal Oshawa **PROBUS** name tags, can be identified by a temporary name tag. Please return this to the Membership Desk at the end of the meeting.*

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:



February 14
March 13
April 11
May 9

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