

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: February, 2018



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The new year is off to a good start for the Oshawa PROBUS Club members. Some are off to warmer climates for a break from the frigid temperatures. Some of us remember winters like this one from our younger years. It seems that when we think back, we did not complain as much then as we do now. Wonder why?

The SIG groups are up and running. Nancy and I attended Vintage Tastings (Wine Group 2) and had a great time. Lots of good tasting and interesting interaction. Two of the members learned that they grew up in the same area and had some common remembrances of their "earlier" years. I got to learn who liked to have bigger glasses! The bid euchre group certainly made me feel very welcome.

Trivia was once again a success. Thanks to the social committee for organizing this event. The trip to the Path was also enjoyed by those who attended (see photos on last page of newsletter).



Remember that Valentine's Day is coming. Let's all remember to say a special hello to someone on that day. Also, please wear something red to the meeting on February 13th.

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.

~ Axe Throwing in Pickering - Wednesday, February 7 at 12 noon. Cost is \$40.00. Lots of instruction @ BATL, 813 Brock Road North, #11, Pickering.

~ Craft Beer/Socialite Vodka is going to be re-scheduled due to low number of participants.

~ Medieval Times at 7:30 p.m. on March 23. \$99.00 includes dinner, entertainment and bus.

~ ROM Tour - The Vikings - March 28. Cost is \$34.50 and includes 11 a.m. tour and general admission.

~ West Ben: July 18 at 2:00 p.m. \$36.00.

The Social Committee is planning several outings including Woodbine Horse Racing, Port Hope Theatre and bus trips to Picton Wineries including a picnic lunch. Stay tuned!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We welcome new members Marlene Allen, Jane Havens, Anne Lynd and James Lynd. Our membership currently stands at 281.

NEWSLETTERS FOR MEMBERS WITHOUT EMAIL

At a recent Management Team meeting, it was decided that we will continue to print copies for our members who do not have email and have them available at our general meetings. After this month we will no longer mail out copies that are not picked up. We ask members who cannot attend a meeting to have a friend pick up the newsletter for them. Remember, our newsletters can be read online at www.oshawaprobust.com at the local library or on any computer.

KIM'S CLIMB

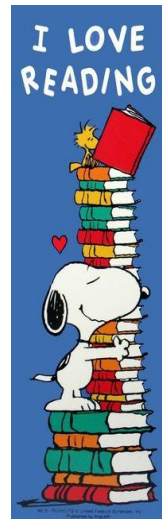
If you are interested in learning more about KIM'S CLIMB that was presented as an information item at our last meeting, please contact past president Ron Allen or Ann at 905-429-2208 or roann@sympatico.ca or visit Epilepsy Canada's website.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



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

Marion Stevenson will host the next meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 15 at 10 Barrington Place. The activity will be Painting Rocks.



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

Marlene Gutsole will host the meeting on February 27 at which we will discuss House Girl by Tara Conklin. Contacts: Judy Bell 905-720-3808 or Bernice Burke 905-728-2587

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towey

Our next Bookies meeting is on Thursday, February 1 at 1 p.m.. Barb Towey will be hosting at her place, #501 - 700 Wilson Road North, Oshawa. Please let Barb know whether or not you are coming. (905-433-9733 or b.towey@sympatico.ca). Please remember to bring your copy of Every Fifteen Minutes so the book bag can be returned. New members are welcome.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

On Thursday, February 22. Nan McKenzie will host. Lindy Kolodzie will lead the discussion of Educating Alice by Alice Steinbach.

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



BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt



Bid Euchre will meet again on Wednesday, February 28.

EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

The next meeting of Euchre group #2 will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, at the Centennial Retirement Residence, downstairs in the "Gathering Room".

Please remember your \$2 and a mug.



CHESS - Ed and Jo Taylor

Jo and Ed Taylor are interested in starting a chess group. If you enjoy the game and would like to play it with other PROBUS members, contact Jo and Ed Taylor at buzzards.rogers.com.



COMPUTER CLUB - Lorraine Veroba

The Computer Club will meet in March on a date to be determined. If you wish to join a group of people supporting each other with discussion about computer issues, indicate your best days and time to meet so we can establish a favourable time for all. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting or you can contact Lorraine at l.veroba@sympatico.ca.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP - Julia Howells

The next Family History Group meeting will be Thursday February 15th at 1 p.m. The group is full for the moment, but if others would like to join, we can start a waiting list and look for a larger venue.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Baxter's Landing, 419 King St. W., (Oshawa Centre).

If you plan to attend please indicate on the sign up sheet on the special interest table or call Pat Howell at 905-655-3113 so she can book a reservation. If you find that you have signed up and

subsequently are unable to attend for any reason, even if the same day as the lunch, please let Pat know so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



MAHJONG

Come and play mahjong, a Chinese tile-based game of skill, strategy, calculation and chance! It is a lot of fun. Contact Jackie Frank if interested at jacqueline.frank@sympatico.ca.



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 next game will be Tuesday, February 20 at 1 p.m. at Centennial Retirement Residence.



POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

The next game will be held at the home of Ted Dionne on Wednesday, February 14.

SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 15 at 1 p.m. at 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. Please RSVP Judy Bryson at 905-576-0492.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria DeJong

Following is a selection of TCOD events offered in the Durham region February 2018. For an expanded listing, contact Maria de Jong at mariska578@gmail.com to be put on the distribution list. This is for your information only. Members make their own contacts with others in the group

to make arrangements for specific events.

Theatre: OLT production of **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**

Various dates starting February 1, Oshawa Little Theatre

Opera: Metropolitan Opera production of Donizetti's **L'Eliser d' Amore**

Saturday February 10. 12:00 PM, Oshawa Cineplex and Whitby Landmark

Ballet: Bolshoi Ballet production of **The Lady of the Camellias**

Sunday February 11, 12:55 PM Oshawa Cineplex and Whitby Landmark

Concert: The Jim Cuddy Band: Constellation Tour

Saturday February 17, 8:00 PM Regent Theatre



TRAVEL - Connie Nelson

Oshawa Seniors Centre, John Street Branch has a Travelogue on Thursday, February 8, from 2-3 p.m. Subject is Antarctica and Falkland Islands. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Registration is available online at OSCC website using Code 455590 or contact the Seniors Centre directly.

Northview Library has Armchair Travels on Tuesday, February 20, from 2-3 p.m. Subject is Antarctica. To register, go to events.oshawalibrary.on.ca and click on the February calendar for Northview Library. You will see Armchair Travel underlined on February 20th. Click there for the registration form. You will need your library card and password. You may also be able to register by contacting the library directly.



URBAN POLE WALKING: January 2018 Schedule - Maria DeJong

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. We meet for coffee after our walk. All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting:

February 2018 Schedule

Mondays: February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:00 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Rosds for Harmony Creek trail or local roads depending on conditions.

Fridays: February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10:00 AM, Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek Trail or local roads depending on conditions.

VINTAGE TASTINGS - Donna Henderson

Vintage Tasting will not meet again until Thursday, April 12 at 3 p.m., at the home Marilyn Thaxter. Also circle on your calendar Thursday, May 10th at 3 p.m. The Hardys have volunteered to host the May meeting. Members should think about a June outing and possible Prince Edward County visit in the summer or fall.



WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke

The next meeting will be hosted by Jackie Finn on Tuesday, February 6 at 3 p.m.

WEEKDAY DINNER

The group will have its first dinner on Thursday, February 15, at the Greek Tycoon Restaurant, 1101 Brock Street South, Whitby. This will also be a planning meeting to decide when and where the group will be getting together in the future. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Catherine Frost at c.frost@sympatico.ca or Jackie Frank at jacqueline.frank@bell.net.



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

We will meet at the Centennial Retirement Residence from 9:30 a.m.-noon. All PROBUS members who love to knit and/or crochet – or who want to learn – are welcome.

If you have keys that open things you no longer have, please consider donating them to the Yarn Divas to use in making twiddle muffs for seniors with Alzheimer's disease. Also, if you used to sew but don't any longer and have soft material (like flannel) taking up room in your closets, we'd love to help you de-clutter and use the material to back sensory lap blankets. Thanks!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Tuesday, February 13 - Chris Allum and Allister Field from Ontario Securities Commission will present "Protect Your Money". The presentation will include an overview of Ontario Securities Commission, common types of fraud and red flags of fraud, questions to ask before you invest and where to find unbiased financial information.

Tuesday, March 13 - Jillian Henderson, Canadian Cannabis Clinic



PATH is a network of underground [pedestrian tunnels](#), [elevated walkways](#), and at-grade walkways connecting the office towers of [Downtown Toronto](#). It is more than 30 kilometres long. According to [Guinness World Records](#), PATH is the largest underground shopping complex in the world with 371,600 square metres (4,000,000 sq ft) of retail space.

A group of Oshawa PROBUS members went to visit the PATH on January 15 and a second group went on January 19.

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