

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: February, 2020



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NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 10 AM

President's Message

This month, February 2020, marks the 16th anniversary of the founding of our PROBUS Club of Oshawa. I believe our Charter Members remember that first meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 43 as I do. Lorraine Veroba was the one who got our Club started at that time, as we were able to recognize and celebrate last month with the awarding of the John R Morris Award by PROBUS Canada. Here is a photograph of that first Management Team. What it illustrates to me is the power of people getting involved to make things happen in our Club. Every one of those in this picture are still members and many, have been, and are still very involved and active members of our Probus Club of Oshawa.



First Executive -- January 13, 2004
Helene Daleman, Al Sawtell, Gerry Hoxford, Moida Wheller, Mary Kelcey, Art Veroba, Tilly Hoxford, Lorraine Veroba (President)

For me, joining our PROBUS Club has proved to be a most rewarding decision. I have made many friends; enjoyed time spent with members who share similar interests; and it got me out doing things which I might otherwise have missed doing. In addition, I have been challenged to get involved by volunteering in a variety of capacities that have been and are still stimulating! I hope you feel a similar appreciation for all that our Club can, and does provide to enrich our lives.

John R Morris Award Presentation to Lorraine Veroba



(Brenda Andrews, District 2 Director, Lorraine Veroba, and Marlene Pearce, President, PROBUS Canada)

PROBUS CANADA Website Article about John R Morris Award Winner: Our Own Lorraine Veroba!

[Click here for link to PROBUS Canada Website](#) to check out pictures, etc. of Lorraine winning the John R Morris Award.

Nominations

The Nominations Committee has been formed and has had its first meeting to identify positions on our Management Team that will need to be filled for our next operating year, starting September 2020. More about this at our next General Meeting. Think about how you can get involved!



Meet the Team

Elaine Lopes, Special Interest Group Co-Ordinator



I have had a varied career in education with the Durham Separate School Board. I taught grades two to six, then entered special education as a resource teacher, taught a special class for children who had emotional difficulties, became a resource teacher who assessed students, wrote programs and assisted teachers with programming, then was Co-ordinator of Student Services. I retired as Principal of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys in Pickering.



Anne MacKay – Special Interest Group Co-Ordinator

I joined the PROBUS Club of Oshawa in 2018 so I am relatively new and still getting to know many of you. I assist the chairperson of the Special Interest Groups, Elaine Lopes and I am enjoying it very much. It is giving me an inside look at how the club operates and believe me when I say it operates like a well-oiled machine with a lot of very talented and creative members of your management team.

On a personal level, I have four adult children and 10 grandchildren. Two daughters, two sons, five granddaughters and three grandsons. I am fortunate in that they all live locally in Durham Region.

For many years I was a volunteer on the executive of the Eastern Canada Highland Dance Association. I also regularly provided dancers for the various retirement homes in Oshawa, Whitby and Bowmanville on such occasions as Burns' suppers and St Patrick's Day as well as Fiesta week in Oshawa, as my youngest daughter used to teach Highland dancing in Oshawa and I had access to many fine dancers.

I worked as a bookkeeper at the beginning of my working career but when the company went into receivership (not my fault!) I began working for the Ministry of the Attorney General in Whitby and it was here I was introduced to computers. I enjoy reading, films and card playing.



February Speaker - Dr. Amy Barron - Agatha Christie, Archeology and Alzheimer's

Amy Barron received her PhD at the University of Toronto in the field of Mesopotamian history and archaeology. She has excavated in the Middle East and elsewhere, and has travelled widely studying the archaeology of various remote parts of the world from Peru to China.

She has also worked in the museum field for over twenty years and presently teaches Museum Studies at Fleming College.

If you don't know what these three things have in common, then join us to learn how the great mystery novelist's life is revealed within the pages of her books. Her love of the Middle East and the life she lived with her famous archaeologist husband provided the basis for many of her greatest novels including Murder on the Orient Express, Death on the Nile, and Murder in Mesopotamia. And now her novels are being used to unravel the mysteries of the human mind.

March Speaker - Barrie Kirk, P Eng., Executive Director, CAVCOE (Canadian Automated Vehicles Centre of Excellence) - Automated Vehicles



We welcomed two new members in January, Fred Ford and Jeannie Hansen. Our membership is 283.

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

- **BOWLING AT NEBS & PUB DINNER:** Wednesday, March 11th 4 PM. The cost is \$10 plus \$3.25 shoe rental and covers bowling only. Pub dinner extra. (Sign up with payment at the February meeting)
- **BOOM at the Capitol Theatre,** Port Hope: Saturday April 4th 2 PM. The cost is \$42. The defining moments of the Baby Boom generation - 25 turbulent years - 1945 to 1969. (Sign up with payment at the February meeting)
- **QUEENS PARK TEA and TOUR:** Friday, July 17th 2 PM. The cost is \$30. Please note participants are required to bring a piece of photo id upon arrival (i.e. health card, driver's licence, passport, etc.) Please arrive at 1:45 PM. **No substitutes are allowed.** Participant's names will be provided to Queens Park on July 1st. (Sign up with payment at the February meeting)

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 oshawaprobclub@gmail.com.

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



Reminder

Archives: If you take pictures of your special interest group or the club's social activities, please send a copy to Jackie Frank as she is the Club's archivist this year.

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 three 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. We need one more member for this group.
- **X-Files (UFO's) – The Truth Is Out There!** The US Navy and Military have now come out and acknowledged that they do exist but where do they come from and why are they here? What was Project Blue Book about? What does quantum physics, interstellar, and different dimensions have to do with UFO's? Have you or anyone you know seen them? This is for people who have grown up with a love of sci-fi, enjoy the TV show entitled "Ancient Aliens", or listened to radio broadcasts such as "Coast to Coast". Group to share ideas, information, and questions. We are not alone in the universe!

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

ART GROUP – Open Arts



This group is starting up again with a change of focus after a hiatus. Bring an art project in progress or start one at our group. Any media, any subject.

DATE: Thursday, February 27th
TIME: 1 PM
HOST: Mary Gibson, (905) 435-2441



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

The next meeting of the Bookworms will be on Tuesday, February 25th at 10 AM. Pat Howell will host the meeting when we will be discussing the book "Esther" by Julia Wainwright.

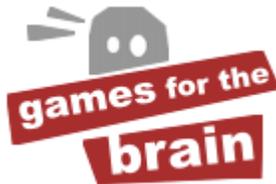
Contact: Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587 or Judy Bell (905) 720-3808.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens

Kathy Brown will host our next meeting on Thursday, February 6th, at 1 PM. Mary Medley will lead the discussion on our selection "Land of Lost Borders" by Kate Harris.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 27th at 7 PM at the home of Lindy Kolodzie. Janet McNellan will lead the discussion on "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The next games will take place on Wednesday, February 19th at 10 AM at Jackie Frank's house. Please let her know if you are planning to attend.

BID EUCHRE - Peggy Gibson and Donna Arnold

Members come out and join us for a fun afternoon of bid euchre. Don't know how to play, no problem, we have members that can help. The next bid euchre is February 26th, 1:30 PM, Centennial Retirement Residence, Ritson Road, Oshawa. Hope to see you there.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

Euchre group #2 will be meeting at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 2 PM to 4 PM on Thursday February 27th. New members welcome.

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 Wednesday, February 19th at 1 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

On Saturday, February 8th, the Day Trippers are going to the Bloor-Yorkville Icefest (ice sculptures/ice carving) and to Eataly for lunch.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown

The next Hand and Foot card game will be at Mary Gibson's house on Wednesday, February 19th at 1 PM. Please let Mary know if you plan to attend (905) 435-2441.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon Tuesday, February 18th at The Food and Art Cafe (F.A.R.T), 105 Dundas Street West, Whitby. If you plan to attend please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the special interest table or call Nancy McDowell at (905) 725-3140 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 Nancy know so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



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 media and propaganda? "It is a method of persuasion that is often used in media to further some sort of agenda, such as a personal, political, or business agenda, by evoking an emotional or obligable response from the audience. It includes the deliberate sharing of realities, views, and philosophies intended to alter behaviour and stimulate people to act." To what extent is this being used today in our main stream media and how is this affecting society on both a macro and micro level? How is it or will it affect you personally? Hopefully, a lively, entertaining and serious discussion will ensue.

The Media and Propaganda Group will not be meeting in February or March. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15th at 1:30 PM at the home of Barbara Towey.



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



Afternoon poker will be on Tuesday, February 18th at 1 PM at the Centennial Retirement Residence. New players welcome, just bring your dimes!

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

PROBUS Evening Poker will be held on Wednesday, February 12th, 7 PM, at the home of Allan Anderson.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will meet at 1 PM on Thursday, February 20th at the home of Judy Bryson, 481 Masson Street. New players are welcome.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE – Mary Kelcey

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

| Location | Event | Date | Note |
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| Tribute Communities Centre | We Will Rock You The Musical on Tour | Thursday, February 6 th 7:30 PM | |
| Cineplex Oshawa & Landmark Whitby | Met Opera 12:55 PM | Saturday, February 1 st | Porgy & Bess |
| | | Saturday, February 29 th | Agrippana |
| Regent Theatre | Classic Movie Night | Thursday, February 6 th 7:30 PM | South Pacific |
| | Classic Albums Live | Friday, February 7 th 8 PM | Fleetwood Mac - Rumours |
| | The Mentalists | Saturday, February 8 th 8 PM | |
| | Jersey Nights – A Valentines Day Tribute to Frankie Valli | Friday, February 14 th 8 PM | |
| | Andre-Phillipe Gagnon - Legendary Man of a 1000 Voices | Saturday, February 15 th 8 PM | |
| | Songs of Pride Land – Music of the Lion King | Monday, February 17 th 2 PM | |
| | An Evening with Murray McLaughlin | Friday, February 21 st 7:30 PM | |

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| | Gerry Dee – Alone. On a Stage | Saturday, February 22 nd 8 PM | |

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



The Wine Appreciation group is not meeting in February. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 3 PM. Marlene and Reg Gutsole will be hosting.

VINTAGE TASTING – Jane Havens

There is no Vintage Tasting group meeting in February. The next meeting will be in March.



WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

The group will meet on Thursday, February 13th at Chanterelle's, 33 Division Street, Bowmanville. If you plan to join us, please let Dorothy Shrigley know by February 6th. We meet at 5:45 PM, place orders by 6:00 PM. Those who love to eat and drink are always welcome. If you would like to have your name added to our list, please contact Catherine at c.frost@sympatico.ca



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

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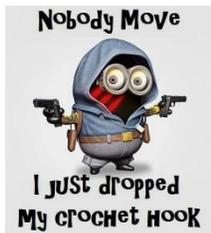
Did you make New Year's Resolutions to get more exercise? Come and join us when you can and get moving this winter. Poles are not required. Just be dressed to be safe for the weather and trail conditions. We meet for coffee after our walk.

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Mondays: February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, 10 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek trail or local roads depending on conditions.

Fridays: February 7th, 14th, 17th, 21st and 28th, 10 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek Trail or local roads depending on conditions.

YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones



Our next meeting will be at 10 AM on Wednesday, February 5th at the home of Barb Jones. Please let Barb know if you are coming by Monday, February 3rd. All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome!



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 mariska578@gmail.com or oshawaprobustclub@gmail.com

WINTER STORM WARNING!



Check our website for information about meeting cancellation when reports of winter storm and poor road conditions are forecast

<http://www.oshawaprobust.com/>

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobust.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://probustglobal.org>

Oshawa PROBUS CLUB February Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2 | <p align="center">3</p> <p>10 AM Urban Pole Walking</p> | <p align="center">4</p> <p>6:30 PM Chess</p> | <p align="center">5</p> <p>10 AM Yarn Divas</p> | <p align="center">6</p> <p>1 PM Bookies</p> | <p align="center">7</p> <p>10 AM Urban Pole Walking</p> <p>Movie Group</p> | 8 |
| 9 | <p align="center">10</p> <p>10 AM Urban Pole Walking</p> | <p align="center">11</p> <p>PROBUS GENERAL MEETING 10 AM</p> <p>6:30 PM Chess</p> | <p align="center">12</p> <p>7 PM Evening Poker</p> | <p align="center">13</p> <p>5:45 PM Wine and Dine</p> | <p align="center">14</p> <p>10 AM Urban Pole Walking</p> <p>Movie Group</p> | 15 |
| 16 | <p align="center">17</p> <p>10 AM Urban Pole Walking</p> | <p align="center">18</p> <p>12 noon Lunch Group</p> <p>1 PM Afternoon Poker</p> <p>6:30 PM Chess</p> | <p align="center">19</p> <p>10 AM Brain Games</p> <p>1 PM Cribbage</p> <p>1 PM Hand and Foot Card Game</p> | <p align="center">20</p> <p>1 PM Scrabble</p> | <p align="center">21</p> <p>10 AM Urban Pole Walking</p> <p>Movie Group</p> | 22 |
| 23 | <p align="center">24</p> <p>10 AM Urban Pole Walking</p> | <p align="center">25</p> <p>10 AM Bookworms</p> <p>6:30 PM Chess</p> | <p align="center">26</p> <p>1:30 PM Bid Euchre</p> | <p align="center">27</p> <p>1 PM Open Arts</p> <p>2 PM Euchre #2</p> <p>7 PM PROBUS Book Club</p> | <p align="center">28</p> <p>10 AM Urban Pole Walking</p> <p>Movie Group</p> | 29 |