



**2021 - 2022
Executive:**

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: February 2022

Garry Christenson,
President

Our PROBUS Club of Oshawa has been holding VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETINGS since September 2020.

Chuck Keller,
Vice President

President's Message

Maria de Jong,
Past President

I hope this message finds everyone well.

**Marlene Allen
Pat Bayus,**
Secretaries

It was a beautiful sunny day today but a bit on the cold side. Unfortunately for some of us we had to don the big boots, parkas and gloves and trek outside and shovel snow. It has been a long time since we have seen this much snow and been so cold for such a long period of time.

Nancy Exworth,
Treasurer

**Marlene Owen
Sharon Smith**
Members at large

The Government will be easing some of the COVID restrictions at the end of the month but unfortunately, we will have to continue with our February General Meeting via ZOOM. I think we still need to remain safe and vigilant at least for another month. Let's see what the government has to say in a month's time.

**Jacqueline
Frank
Gerry
Henderson,**
Social Committee
Co-Chairs

I know some of you are really looking forward to our next in person meeting and I am really hoping that that will happen in March. If I am correct, March will be 24 months since our last in person meeting. Hard to believe.

**Elaine Lopes
Anne MacKay,**
Special Interest
Groups
Coordinators

Our Social Committee has organized Trivia games for the following Thursday afternoons. February 3rd and 17th and March 3rd and 17th. There is no cost to play and you do not have to play all four days. You can pick which days you prefer. Please register at socialregisteroshawaprobus@gmail.com.

Sheila Leonard,
Speakers
Committee

Sheila Leonard and Catherine Rooney continue to find us speakers for each of our meetings. This month's speaker is Elaine Lievaart, and the topic is "The Bomb Girls". I have not heard her presentation, but I have heard very favorable comments from those who have. I look forward to the presentation.

Connie Nelson,
Membership
Chair

If you are able, please attend our next General Meeting, via ZOOM, Tuesday February 8th, 2022.

Maria Upton,
House
Committee

Please stay safe, hope you can join us for our February meeting. I hope we are able to meet in person in March.

**Jacqueline
Frank,**
Archivist

*Garry Christenson
President*

David Hardy,
Web Master

One Groaner

Cindy Fleming,
Newsletter Editor

Where does a snowman keep his money? In a snow bank



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Our next **ZOOM Virtual General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, February 8th at 10 AM.



EASY STEPS TO PARTICIPATING IN OUR GENERAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

- Use your browser to go to the website, www.zoom.us
- At the top right corner of the screen that opens up, click on the button, that says **JOIN A MEETING**
- Enter the **Meeting ID code** sent to you by email a day or so before the meeting date.
- Enter the **Passcode** as directed.
- You will be put into a Waiting Room, until you are admitted by the Host.
- Once in the meeting check the toolbar at the bottom of your screen to see that your **Video** is on. If not, click it to on.
- You can also check that your **Audio** is on the same way. You will be asked to **Mute** your audio during the Speaker sections of our General Meeting.

If you need further assistance getting familiar with getting on and using ZOOM, please contact Maria de Jong at mariska578@gmail.com.



FEBRUARY SPEAKER – Elaine Lievaart, Community Engagement Associate, Town of Ajax

Elaine will tell us the fascinating story of the Durham Region Bomb Girls, the brave women who worked at the Defence Industries Limited munitions plant in Ajax during WW2.

Many people are not aware of the tremendous contribution these women made to the Allies' war effort. Learn about the danger these women faced daily but also the sense of family and camaraderie that developed in the group. I'm sure you will enjoy Elaine's presentation.



We were sorry to hear of the passing of our member Mary Rowe.

Welcome to our newest member Marilyn Marven. Our membership number now stands at 260.

If you have changes to your contact information, please email **Connie Nelson** at connienelson@rogers.com or call (905) 576-9022.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEWER MEMBERS

Marilyn Marven: I am an Alberta girl and grew up south of Calgary. I graduated from the University of Alberta in Edmonton as a physiotherapist and have worked in Winnipeg, Toronto, and Region of Waterloo. Currently I am living in Oshawa where we moved to be closer to grandchildren. The people of this area have been very warm and friendly.

PROBUS Clothing:



PROBUS clothing is available online now. See Website link below to Roy's Enterprise. The site is set up for individual orders. No group orders necessary. Prices, colors and club names are on the website.

[Roy's Enterprise](#)



To follow the links within this Newsletter, don't forget to "Ctrl + Click".



There is no update from the Social Committee at this time, due to ongoing COVID-19 Provincial restrictions.



There is still time to register for our Trivia Games with Alan Tibbles! The games will be held at 2 PM on the following Thursdays: February 3rd, February 17th, March 3rd and March 17th. Each game lasts about an hour and there is no cost to play! To register, please go to socialregisteroshawaprobus@gmail.com. Remember that two of you can play together if you share a screen. See you at trivia!

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 Cindy Fleming by the 25th of each month.



Card Making Group: Mary Gibson

There has been an interest shown by a few people who want to try their hand at making homemade cards. If you are interested in this, as things open up please contact Mary at Marmojl245481@gmail.com.



BOOKIES – Jane Havens and Barbara Towey

The Bookies have decided not to meeting at the present time due to the ongoing pandemic.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The Bookworms will meet on ZOOM on Tuesday, February 22nd at 10 AM. Barb will lead a discussion of “The Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS book club will meet on February 24th. Moida will lead the discussion on the book “The Dutch House” by Ann Patchet.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The Brain Games will continue to be online for the time being. Anyone interested in receiving them should contact Jackie Frank.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

The Friday Night at the Movies ZOOM group chat is now at 14 people. Movies are suggested by the members for the next meeting - (every two weeks).

Please contact Mary Gibson, at marmojl245481@gmail.com on the Monday prior to the group chat for the ZOOM Meeting ID and Password if you wish to attend. The movies are available on Netflix. Please watch them before the meeting.



AFTERNOON POKER – Vickie and Gerry Paquette

Afternoon poker is presently on hold.



SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will be meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 1 PM at 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. All are welcome. Please RSVP Judy (905) 576-0492.

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



For the winter months until further notice, we will be walking the Harmony Creek Trail on Mondays and Fridays starting at 9:30 AM. Meeting at the Rossland/Wilson plaza near the Bollock Pub (previously the Tartan). This trail is the best for winter as it is well maintained, sheltered and safe. Contact information: sharonsmith@sympatico.ca



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

In January, we were pleased to donate a large bag of knit and crocheted PICC-line covers to Lakeridge Health Oshawa and a collection of twiddle muffs and small sensory blankets to Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences.

Our February ZOOM meetings will be on Wednesday, February 2nd at 10 AM and Wednesday, February 16th at 1:30 PM.

All Oshawa PROBUS members who like to knit or crochet are welcome to join the Yarn Divas. For more information, please contact Barb at barbandpete@rogers.com.

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, Cindy Fleming, (clf0808@yahoo.ca) for inclusion in the newsletter.



Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?	A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.
Q: Where should 70-plus year olds look for eye glasses?	A: On their foreheads.
Q: What is the most common remark made by 70-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?	A: "Gosh, I remember these!"



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.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobust.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

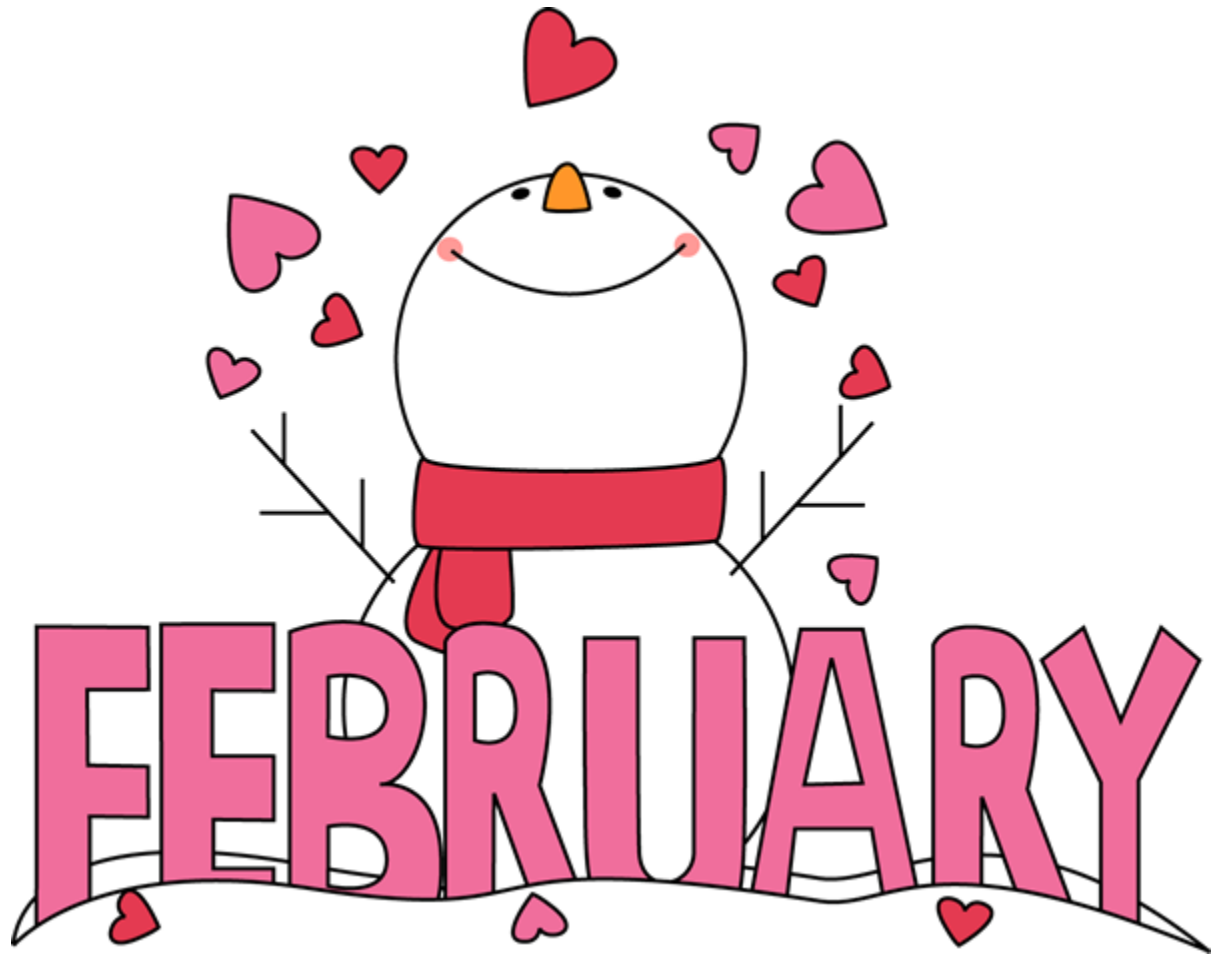
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PROBUS GLOBAL

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>



Friends are the family you choose. Happy Family Day to all our PROBUS Friends on February 21, 2022.