

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: January, 2020



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NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th, 10 AM

President's Message

Best wishes for 2020. Beginning of a new decade! It will take getting used to typing or writing 2020 instead of 2019. The beginning of a new year always gives me a sense of anticipation. What will this New Year bring in terms of new ideas, new experiences, new opportunities, new friends, a chance to try new foods, or to throw caution to the wind and knock off another bucket list item. I hope you too feel that January of 2020 brings a sense of excitement as to what this year has to offer with our Club. Perhaps it is time to try a different Special Interest Group, sign up for a different type of Social Event or stretch and help out on a Committee. We do need you to do so!

As to our PROBUS Club of Oshawa, this January 2020 will start with a celebration! I am so very pleased to let all of our members know that PROBUS CANADA has honoured our own Lorraine Veroba with the John R. Morris Award for all of her work and dedication in fostering PROBUS Clubs in the Durham Region. As our own founding Oshawa Club President, Lorraine has worked tirelessly to make our own Club the success that it is, as well as starting another five new PROBUS Clubs during the last 15 years. The Award will be presented at our January meeting by Marlene Pearce, PROBUS Canada President. We hope many of you will be there to honour and celebrate with Lorraine for all of her many contributions to our Club and PROBUS! More about the John Morris Award follows in the message from Marlene Pearce.

JOHN R MORRIS AWARD

It is with great pleasure that the PROBUS Board of CANADA is pleased to present the John R Morris Award to Lorraine Veroba. She is a very deserving candidate and it was our unanimous decision to honour Lorraine with this prestigious award.

This award was established to recognize major contributors toward the ongoing development of PROBUS in Canada. It recognizes truly outstanding contributions toward our successful and sustained activity in keeping with our primary objectives.

It is the highest honour bestowed in PROBUS.

Marlene Pearce

President PROBUS CANADA



January Speaker - Stewart Bennett, Owner, The Wee Tartan Shop, Port Perry

Stewart is a Scottish Historian and an expert in Scottish and Irish Wedding Traditions. He also organizes tours of Britain, and is often the tour guide. He is a key member of the Scottish Singing Group called Claidhmor and is a well-known entertainer and Scottish Country Dancer.

Stewart will be talking to us about the history of Tartan, Scottish Traditions and Robbie Burns. He will also be singing for us.

For those of you with Scottish Heritage, you might like to wear your Tartan.

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



Our membership currently stands at 281. There were no new members in December.



Will You Help Out?

MANY THANKS

First of all, a very special thank you to the more than 20 volunteers who provided holiday treats for our December meeting. The assortment of cookies, squares, Christmas cake, muffins, cheese balls, and crackers made for a very special treat for all of us. The assortment was amazing! Again, thanks so much!

While on the topic of being thankful, I would like to express our Club’s thanks to Chartwell Centennial, which for years has been very generous in providing free space to a number of our Special Interest Groups, as well the Management Team for our meetings.

We are a volunteer organization, so we are always in need of members to help out... a little or a lot! Currently we need members to step up and help out in the following ways:

Social:



We are still looking for members to step up and help with the Social Committee. If you like to participate in some of the great events offered monthly by our Social Committee, or if you have some ideas for an interest activity or event, think about stepping up to help out. As of this month, January 2020, Jackie Bathe and Janet Good will be co-chairing the Durham Central Social Committee and leaving our team.

Marilyn Thaxter and the Social Committee will look forward to having new volunteers join the committee. Contact marilyn.thaxter@gmail.com for more information.

Carpooling and Ride Sharing:



Some of our members live close or in the same buildings. Since finding space in the parking lot at the Shrine Club can be a bit of a problem, especially in winter, please consider carpooling. In addition, if you yourself or someone you know, may like to have a ride to one of our General Meetings this winter please let us know. If you could give someone a ride, please let us know that too. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front table at the next meeting.

Lastly, if you are not able to help out in the areas identified above, tell us how YOU CAN help out!

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

- **TRIVIA NIGHT:** Wednesday, January 22nd, 7 PM, Thornton Arms Pub, (Rosland Road and Thornton Road). **SOLD-OUT**
- **DURHAM/YORK ENERGY CENTRE TOUR:** Wednesday, January 29th, 11 AM, 1835 Energy Drive, Clarington. The cost is \$10. **SOLD-OUT (Note participants must wear long sleeves and long pants but no open-toed shoes and no heels).**
- **EUCHRE NIGHT:** Wednesday, February 5th, 7 PM. Thornton Arms Pub, (Rosland Road and Thornton Road). The cost is \$12. **(Sign up with payment at the January meeting)**
- **BOWLING AT NEBS & PUB DINNER:** Wednesday, March 11th 4 PM. The cost is \$10 for bowling plus \$3.25 shoe rental. Pub dinner extra. **(Sign up with payment at the January meeting)**



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 oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com.

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



Our PROBUS Club was entertained at the December 10th meeting by the talented Durham Men of Harmony. (Photo courtesy of Marlene Allen)

NON-PROBUS TRAVEL INFORMATION

Information Only

Some of our members are interested in opportunities for travel. The following information about International Travel was researched by Connie White, who is member of our PROBUS Club. The trips described are neither sponsored by, nor exclusive to, the members of our or any other PROBUS Club.



International Travel Opportunities with friends and family!

September 25 – October 7, 2020 - “Rome, Amalfi Coast, Capri, and Southern Mediterranean” - Cost: \$3,900 includes: round trip airfare, hotels, transportation, ferry rides, breakfast and dinners (except for one dinner), and more! You will experience the most magnificent drive along the Amalfi Coast: explore Rome, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Pompeii, Montecassino, Capri (and the Blue Grotto), town of Amalfi, Coast of the Gods: - Pizza, Tropea, ferry

across to Sicily: Taormina, Mt. Etna, Mt. Tauro, UNESCO site – Noto, Ortigia, Siracusa, Valley of the Temples, and a wine tour of Principi di Butera, Erice, and finally Palermo. For more information contact Fortunato Febraro at fortunatobebbraro@sympatico.ca or call (289) 371-2998. **Due date to register is January 20, 2020.**

NOTE: These trips are for members, their families, and friends and even other interested PROBUS Clubs, so invite who you like. First come first served. In addition, **Bus tours require a minimum of 30 people for the trip to go ahead.** Important you register as soon as you can.

"Live with no regrets. Travel with no excuses. Life is short, live it to the fullest!"

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 four 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.
- **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.

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 – Maria de Jong

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 January 23rd

TIME: 1 PM

HOST: Maria de Jong

ADDRESS: 801 Fernhill Blvd

Please confirm your attendance. mariska578@gmail.com



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

The next meeting of the Bookworms will be on Tuesday, January 28th at 10 AM. Maria Upton will host the meeting when we will be discussing the book "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin.

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

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens

Marlene Allen will host our next meeting on Thursday, January 2nd, at 1 PM.

Cindy Fleming will lead the discussion on our selection "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 23rd at 7 PM at the home of Moida Wheller. Lorraine Veroba will lead the discussion of "A Different Kind of Daughter" by Maria Toorpakai.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15th at 10 AM at the home of Julia Howells.

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 January 22nd, 1:30 PM, Centennial Retirement Residence, Ritson Road, Oshawa. Hope to see you there.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

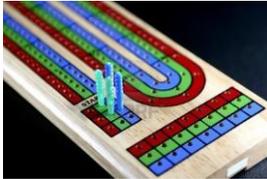
Euchre group #2 will be meeting at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 2 PM to 4 PM on Thursday January 23rd. New members welcome.

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, January 8th 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

Day Trippers are not exploring in January.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown

Information on the next Hand and Foot Card Game could not be confirmed prior to the publication of the newsletter.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 21st at Coco Frutti, 1 Warren Avenue, Oshawa. If you plan to attend please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the special interest table or call Connie Nelson at (905) 576-9022 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 Connie 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

"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 behavior 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 a macro and micro level? Hopefully, a lively, entertaining and serious discussion will ensue.

This new group will start meeting monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting in January. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd at the home of Anne-Marie Beattie.



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, January 21st 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, January 8th, 7 PM, at the home of Mike Angelakis.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

Information on the next Scrabble Game could not be confirmed prior to the publication of the newsletter.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE – Mary Kelcey

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

Location	Event	Date	Note
Regent Theatre	Classic Movie Night	Thursday, January 2 nd 7:30 PM	Cleopatra
	Ontario Philharmonic	Saturday, January 18 th 8 PM	Tchaikovsky's Ukrainian Symphony
	Abbamania with Night Fever The Bee Gees	Saturday, January 25 th 8 PM	
	Ontario Philharmonic	Friday, January 31 st	Special Program - The Mozart Effect: Live!
Cineplex Oshawa	Met Opera	Saturday January 11 th 12:55 PM	Wozzeck

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



Vicky Paquette will host the next meeting on Tuesday, January 7th at 3 PM. Contact Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

VINTAGE TASTING – Jane Havens

The Vintage Tasting group is meeting on Thursday, January 16th at the home of Dianne and Don Rowe from 2 PM to 4 PM.



WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

Do you enjoy good food? Please consider joining us for good food, good conversation and overall good fun. On January 9th the group will meet at 5:45 PM, at Hot Rocks, 728 Anderson Street, Whitby. (905) 668.8600. We plan to order by 6 PM. Please let Lester Allick allick@sympatico.ca know

by January 2nd if you plan to attend. If you wish to be a part of this group, please contact Catherine c.frost@sympatico.ca. New Members are always welcome!



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

January 2020 Schedule

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

Fridays: January 3rd, 10, 17th, 24th and 31st, 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, January 8th at the home of Anne Allen. Please let Anne know if you are coming by Monday, January 6th and, if you need supplies, please email Barb by Monday as well. All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome!

We recently had a request from a PROBUS member who volunteers at Lakeridge Health Oshawa, asking if our group could possibly make some baby hats for a new program. Mothers with older children are given the opportunity for the older child to pick out a hat for the new baby (sounds like a great bonding opportunity) but they need more hats. (Keep in mind that hats can be a variety of colours...not all new parents want pink and blue...grey, yellow, turquoise, navy, and brown are great colours for baby hats.) If any PROBUS members who are not "Divas" would like to make some baby hats (knit or crochet) they would be most 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 family 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 oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com



Check our website for information about meeting cancellation when reports of winter storm and poor road conditions are forecast
<http://www.oshawaprobus.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>

Oshawa PROBUS CLUB January Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 	2 1 PM Bookies	3 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	4
5	6 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	7 3 PM Wine Appreciation 6:30 PM Chess	8 10 AM Yarn Divas 1 PM Cribbage 7 PM Evening Poker	9 5:45 PM Wine and Dine	10 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	11
12	13 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	14 6:30 PM Chess	15 10 AM Brain Games	16 2 PM Vintage Tastings	17 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	18
19	20 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	21 12 noon Lunch Group 1 PM Afternoon Poker 6:30 PM Chess	22 1 PM Media and Propaganda 1:30 PM Bid Euchre	23 1 PM Open Arts 2 PM Euchre Group #2 7 PM Probus Book Club	24 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	25
26	27 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	28 10 AM Bookworms 6:30 PM Chess	29	30	31 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	