



**2021 - 2022
Executive:**

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: January 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 and that you and your families all had a wonderful Holiday Season. The very best in a hopefully improved New Year.

**Marlene Allen
Pat Bayus,**
Secretaries

Just when we started to see some restrictions eased, what appeared to a light at the end of the tunnel now appears to be a train.

Nancy Exworth,
Treasurer

The plan was to have our first in person General Meeting in January but with the COVID numbers escalating the way they are, it is not feasible. We must remain safe. The Management Team will continue to monitor the situation and we will get together when it is safe to do so.

**Marlene Owen
Sharon Smith**
Members at large

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

I would like to thank the Social Committee for the hard work in arranging the Christmas luncheon. It was a joy to see and speak to so many people in attendance and I hope you all enjoyed the day.

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

Sheila Leonard continues to find us speakers for each of our meetings. This month's speaker is Lucy Black, a local author and former educator. She will be presenting her most recent book, Stella's Carpet. I look forward to her presentation.

Sheila Leonard,
Speakers
Committee

In closing I hope everyone had the best Christmas and New Year's possible and were able to spend time with your loved ones where possible.

Connie Nelson,
Membership
Chair

If you are able, please attend our next General Meeting, via ZOOM, Tuesday January 11, 2022.

Maria Upton,
House
Committee

Until we can meet again, Stay Safe.

*Garry Christenson
President*

**Jacqueline
Frank,**
Archivist

I borrowed these two.

Benefits of a Good Vocabulary

David Hardy,
Web Master

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed

Cindy Fleming,
Newsletter Editor

until, upon further enquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

"I stayed up past midnight this past New Year's Eve. Not to welcome in the New Year, but to make sure the last one was over."



JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Our next **ZOOM Virtual General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, January 11th 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.



JANUARY SPEAKER – Lucy E. M. Black, Local Author and Former Educator

Lucy will be speaking to us about her 3rd novel, “Stella’s Carpet” which was just published in October 2021. Stella’s Carpet is a book about families, inter-generational trauma, secrets and love.

One of the characters in the story is a collector of Persian Carpets and in the novel we learn about the splendour, provenance, symbolism and history of these carpets.

So, tune in and hear Lucy’s presentation as she explains how she has woven the characters in her story and the fascinating details about Persian carpets into an interesting book.



Welcome to new member Gillian Hodgson. Our membership number now stands at 261.

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

9022.

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](#)



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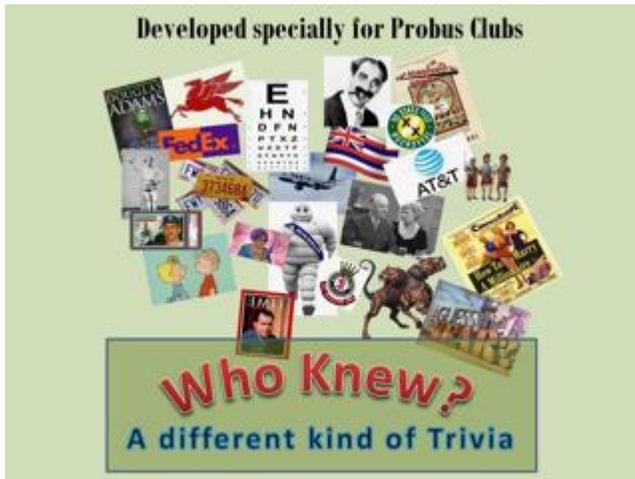
SOCIAL EVENT



Christmas Luncheon

From all reports, our December 15th Christmas luncheon was a success. 75 members were able to attend, and enjoy our first in-person gathering in a very long time. Kedron provided us with an excellent meal, with everyone's plate filled by their staff from the buffet. No one went home hungry! Our pianist, Janice Kerr provided music and led the carol signing. Contributing to the event's success was the social committee: Fred Ford, Jackie Frank, Pat Henderson, Bridgit King, Lynn Majoros, Marilyn Thaxter, Lorna Wells and Jean Wilson. The committee wishes all members Merry Christmas, and a safe holiday.





We are happy to announce that Alan Tibbles will host four trivia games for us in 2022. Each game will last one hour. You play alone, unless you are playing with your spouse/partner.

Alan's trivia games are entirely based upon PowerPoint. Every question is on a separate slide. Each slide contains the question along with some illustration and, sometimes, sound. Once the game starts, the players do not see each other much as their screens are taken up by the PowerPoint questions. Only Alan needs to see every player.

The games will be held on Thursday afternoons at 2 PM on the following dates: February 3, February 17, March 3 and March 17.

There is no cost to participate! However, there is a limit of 28 entries.

To secure your spot, register at socialregisteroshawaprobus@gmail.com as soon as possible. Don't forget. If you plan to play with your spouse/partner, register only once.

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.

OSHAWA PROBUS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (as of December, 2021)

INTEREST GROUP	CONVENER	MEETING DETAILS	CONTACT
Bid euchre	Peggy Gibson	Presently inactive	905-410-1645 pmg.gibson@gmail.com
Book Club #1	Mary Kelcey	Last Thursday of each month, 1 – 3 PM Via Zoom/ in person	905-723-5737 frank.kelcey029@sympatico.ca
Book Club #2 The Bookworms	Maria Upton Barb Jones	4 th Tuesday of each month 10 AM. Via Zoom/ in person	905-723-1007 m.upton@sympatico.ca 905 430 0141 barbandpete@rogers.com
Book Club #3 The Bookies	Jane Havens Barb Towey	3rd Thursday, 1:30 PM members host in person meetings	519-350-7038 havensrj@gmail.com 905-433-9733 b.towey@sympatico.ca
Brain Games	Jacqueline Frank	3rd Wednesday of each month	905-723-3356 jacqueline.frank@bell.net
Bridge (marathon)	Frank Kelcey	September to April, twice per month	905-723-5737 frank.kelcey029@sympatico.ca
Card Making	Mary Gibson		905-435-2441 marmojl24581@gmail.com
Chess	Ed and Jo Taylor	Every Tuesday evening at 7 PM., Taylor's house	905-404-2440 buzzards@rogers.com
Classical Music	Nan Mackenzie	1 st Tuesday, 10 AM. to noon members host	905-436-0722 annie.mackenzie@sympatico.ca
Cribbage	June Burt	2nd Wednesday, 1PM members host	905-728-8484 junebmclaren@gmail.com
Day Trippers	Jacqueline Frank	Varying dates as scheduled	905-723-3356 jacqueline.frank@bell.net
Euchre	None at present	To be determined	
Golf (jointly with Whitby Club)	Jack Cadan	Once per week, April to Thanksgiving	905-668-6097 jackcadan@sympatico.ca

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Garden/Nature Club	Jacqueline Frank	Varying dates as scheduled	905-923-3356 jacqueline.frank@bell.net
Hand and Foot Card Game	Kathy Brown	3 rd Wednesday, 1 PM members host	289-240-6617 Email unlisted
Lawn Bowling	Gord Terwillegar	Spring to Fall, as scheduled	905-728-1974 ter2ag@rogers.com
Lunch Group	Donna Keller Marilyn Lannon	3 rd Tuesday, noon, various restaurants	905-620-0053 donnachuckkellar@gmail.com 708-307-3092 marwayne@live.com
Mah Jongg	Alecia Minosora	Every second Monday members host	905-720-0233 asm9@sympatico.ca
Movie Group	Mary Gibson	Every Friday morning, first showing of the day.	905-435-2441 marmojl245481@gmail.com
Friday Night at the Movies	Mary Gibson	Every other Friday has group discussion Via Zoom regarding movies watched on Netflix	905-435-2441 marmojl245481@gmail.com
Poker #1 (evening)	Allan Anderson	2 nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. members host	905-728-3181 allananderson89@hotmail.com
Poker #2 (afternoon)	Vicky and Gerry Paquette	3 rd Tuesday, 1 PM	905-404-0818 vicky.gerry@rogers.com
Scrabble	Judy Bryson	Monthly, as decided by members, members host. now active	905-576-0492 jbryson481@gmail.com
Urban Pole Walking	Sharon Smith	Every Monday and Friday, 9:30 AM as scheduled and weather permitting. Harmony Creek Trails. Groups meets at the Rossland/Wilson Plaza near the Bollock Pub formerly Tartan Tavern.	416-938-7841 sharonsmith@sympatico.ca
Vintage Tasters	Gerry Henderson Temp convener	3 rd Thursday, 3 PM members host, wineries and breweries (not every month) presently via zoom	905-436-1696 hendergerry@gmail.com
Wine and Dine	Catherine Frost	2 nd Thursday, 5:45 PM various restaurants	905-668-3493 C.frost@sympatico.ca

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Wine Appreciation	Bernice Burke	1st Tuesday, 3 PM members host	905-728-2587 berniceburke1940@yahoo.ca
Yarn Divas (Knitting and Crocheting)	Barb Jones	3rd Wednesday, 1 PM via Zoom	905-430-0141 barbandpete@rogers.com



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 will meet on Tuesday, January 18th at 1:00 PM. Marilyn Keller will lead the discussion on the book “Cilka’s Journey” by Heather Morris.

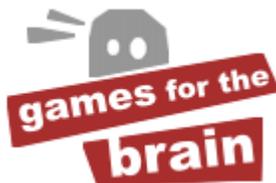
BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The Bookworms meeting to be held on January 25th is going to be on ZOOM again this month. We will be discussing ‘Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine’.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS book club will meet on January 27th. Lorraine will lead the discussion on the book “The Secret Garden” by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank



The Brain Games will be online in January. If you are interested in receiving them, please contact Jackie Frank.

MARATHON BRIDGE – Frank Kelcey



Marathon Bridge is a social bridge group, dedicated to putting ace's on our opponent's kings! Our members range from rank amateurs to expert players, but we are all dedicated to enjoying playing bridge! We are open to new members. If you need a partner, we will try to find you one. Our schedules are quite flexible, as you arrange date & time with the opposition. We play in members' homes. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Because of the pandemic, I'm not sure when we will be starting again, but I hope soon. Any current members who will not be returning, could you please let me know.



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.



SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will be meeting on Tuesday, December 7th which is a change from the norm 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

The Yarn Divas are looking forward to two meetings in January to share laughs, stories, and crafting techniques. Unfortunately, the surge in COVID infections has forced us back to ZOOM, rather than in-person meetings. We will get together at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5th and on Wednesday, January 19th at 1 PM.

In December, the Divas donated a collection of knit hats, scarves and shawls to Durham Dignity for the Homeless, as well as 2 huge bags of crocheted blankets to Project Linus.

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.



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:
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.

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<https://probusglobal.org>



It's a month brimming with optimism & new beginnings. Before you set your New Year resolutions, [click here](#) to discover some fun facts about January!