

**PROBUS Club of Oshawa  
Newsletter: July, 2017**



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How's it going, eh? The iconic question from Bob & Doug Mackenzie that inspires us all to sit outside & drink a Canadian beer, eat back bacon and reflect on what it means to be Canadian. Haven't figured it out yet, so I guess I'll need to do a bit more reflecting.

150 years, or two lifetimes, or five to seven generations have gone by since we formalized our relationship as a country. It's been a rocky road to some extent, with two rebellions, two world wars, peace keeping duties and of course the Afghanistan war. Still, we have a lot to celebrate. From the Robertson screw to Banting & Best's discovery of insulin, Canadian research & inventions have been an integral part of mankind's advancements. We have a solid industrial base, a good standard of living, and a health care system that consistently outperforms our neighbours. We celebrate our athletes' achievements, and our artists and performers.

So, here's to you Canada, from all us PROBUS people. Let us celebrate with pride our 150 years as a nation. We might not be the biggest country in the world, or the richest, but let's go on being the best!



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Doug and Nancy Byers

~ Capital Theatre, Port Hope:

July 12 - Steel Magnolias (matinee)

August 11 - Beauty and the Beast (matinee) - Tickets \$32.00.

~ Picnic - June 27 - Hungarian Picnic Grounds - \$17.00. Food, Fun and Fellowship!



**SAVE the DATE:** Christmas DINNER-ENTERTAINMENT on Wednesday, December 13 - Oshawa Golf and Curling Club. Details to follow at a later date.

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

The July 11th speaker will be **Christine Elliott**, the former deputy Progressive Conservative leader and now Ontario's first patient ombudsman.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



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

Please Note: No meetings of the Art Group for July, August or September.



### BOOK CLUBS:

#### **BOOKWORMS - Elfrida Jeppesen**

There are no meetings in July and August.

We meet again on September 26<sup>th</sup> with new co-convenors Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

#### **BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towey**

The Bookies will be taking a summer break.

#### **PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

We will begin again in September

*"A writer only begins a book. A reader finishes it" – Samuel Johnson*



#### **BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch**

We will meet on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at Michael Kelly's in Brooklin. Anyone interested in joining the group can email me at [lynchjoanne@hotmail.com](mailto:lynchjoanne@hotmail.com)



### **BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt**

There is no Bid Euchre for July and August but it will begin again on Wednesday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at Centennial Retirement Home.



### **GARDENING - Jackie Frank**

On Saturday, July 8, we are going to the annual Bobcaygeon Garden Tour, Tea and Market - 8 gardens to visit, tea and treats at the Kawartha Settlers Village and a market at the village. Admission is \$15. We will car pool. Contact Jackie Frank if interested in sharing a ride.

On Thursday, August 3, the Garden Club will be visiting Richters Herbs, in Goodwood. Richters Herbs is an internationally known herb nursery with greenhouses, dried herbs, herbal teas, essential oils, lotions, etc. Free admission.



### **PROBUS WEEKLY GOLF - Jack Cadan**

I will once again organize a weekly golf event at various courses throughout the region. The format will follow the previous year's outings. It will be Monday on week 1, then Wednesday on week 2 and Thursday on week 3 with the days then repeating throughout the summer.

I plan to start ASAP and will continue until around Thanksgiving. We will be playing 9 hole courses (i.e., Hawthorne, Lyndebrook and Deer Creek Academy) with a price range of about \$20. I am also willing to consider other courses that the group would like to play. Most of the courses are walkable. All future communication will be via email. This will be a combined activity with Oshawa and Whitby PROBUS clubs. In order to get on my list of participants, please send me an email confirmation at [jackcadan@sympatico.ca](mailto:jackcadan@sympatico.ca)



### **HIKING - Art Veroba**

A new 2017 Hiking List has been made consisting of those who have informed Art that they want to continue with the hiking group. If you are not on the **new hiking list for this year**, please sign up at the Special Interest Group table at the next meeting or contact Art [i.veroba@sympatico.ca](mailto:i.veroba@sympatico.ca)

Please note that all other names have been removed from the list and will not receive new information unless they contact Art directly by email. A new schedule was sent out to the new email list on May 11. Hope to see you on the trails. (An email was sent to the 2016 list but was not deliverable.)



### **LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson**

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 18 at Marwan's Global Bistro, 187 Queen St. Port Perry.

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 email [connienelson@rogers.com](mailto:connienelson@rogers.com) so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number

The lunch group meeting for August will be at the Warkworth Long Lunch from 11:30 to 3:00 PM on Sunday, August 20th (instead of the normal Tuesday Menu consists of barbecued beef or toupie ham, baked beans, tri-coloured pasta, corn on the cob, Warkworth's famous pies and coffee, tea or water. Entertainment is provided by the Long Lunch Rhythm Band.



*.....Life is short...eat more cupcakes!*



### **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).



The **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** is looking for a new convenor. If interested, please contact Jackie Frank.

### **POKER: AFTERNOON GROUP - Vicky and Gerry Paquette**

Orville has stepped down as Convenor of the Afternoon Probus Poker Group, having looked after the group for approximately 5 years. Thanks, Orville, for doing a great job!



The new convenors are Vicky and Gerry Paquette, 7 MacCarl Crescent, Whitby - 905-404-0818. The group will not be meeting in July and August. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19 at the Centennial Retirement Home, Oshawa.

**POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson**

There will be no evening poker in July and August.

**BRIDGE: Joyce Kennedy & Michelle McKittrick**

If there are any PROBUS Members who would like to join our bridge group 2017 – 2018, please add your name to our list. This list will be available at the July and August meetings.

New Members, please provide us with your address, phone number and E-mail address.

If there are present members of our bridge group who are not interested in continuing for 2017-2018 please let either Michelle or Joyce know. [mcmctitt@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmctitt@yahoo.com)

We will contact all listed for the bridge near the end of August.



**Looking to join a special interest group?** Several groups are looking for new members - bid euchre, the Bookies, bridge marathon, second euchre group, afternoon poker, and evening poker. You can also join our “come when you can “ groups: the breakfast club, gardening club, hiking, luncheon group, movie group, urban pole walking and yarn divas. Contact the convenors if interested.

**Do you have suggestions for a new special interest group?** If you have a hobby or interest that you would like to share with other PROBUS members, contact **Jackie Frank**. She will check if other PROBUS members might be interested in the same activity and organize a new group.



**THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria DeJong**

Here is a small selection of cultural events offered locally during June.

Contact Maria de Jong at [majong@rogers.com](mailto:majong@rogers.com) to be put on the list to receive a fuller listing.

**Concert: Bob Dylan and His Band**

Tuesday July 4, 8:00 PM Tribute Communities Centre

**Musical: Mamma Mia**

Various dates and times starting July 5, Regent Theatre

**Music: Concerts in the Park, Oshawa Civic Band,**

Wednesdays July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7:30 PM, Memorial Park, Oshawa

**Theatre: Mary’s Wedding**

Various dates and times starting July 18, Port Perry Town Hall



**TRAVEL - Connie Nelson**

The travel group has decided it will meet quarterly, selecting the months of September, November, April and June. Also it was agreed that if a special travel event was being held, that could also count as a meeting. Details for the September meeting will be provided in the September newsletter.





**- Maria DeJong  
URBAN POLE WALKING**

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

**NOTE: Change in start time for scheduled walks.**

Mondays: July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, **9:00 AM**. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads. Harmony Creek South trail.  
Friday, July 7 - Meet at **9:00 AM** south end of Thicksen Rd. for Thicksen Woods.  
Friday, July 14 - Meet **9:00 AM** for McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Preserve. Meet at dirt road parking Past end of GM Headquarters, off Col. Sam Drive.  
Friday, July 21, meet 9:00 AM at Unifor Hall, Phillip Murray Dr. , for Waterfront Trail East.  
Friday July 28, meet 9:00 AM, Mill Street, Storie Park for South Oshawa Trail.

**WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke**

No meetings scheduled for July, August and September.



**WINE APPRECIATION #2**

Donna Henderson will be hosting the next meeting of the wine club on Thursday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m. Please let Donna know if you are planning to attend. She can be reached at 905 723-9501 or nurseforyou28@hotmail.com



**YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones**

The Yarn Divas will only meet once in July at the Centennial Retirement Home - Wednesday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. All PROBUS members who love to knit and/or crochet – or who want to learn to knit – are welcome.



**INVITATION TO ALL CARD PLAYERS**

If you like to play cards but do not want to commit to a regular monthly card game, consider putting your name on a list of players who could be contacted when some of the PROBUS card groups are in need of extra players on occasions. These groups include one bid euchre group, two euchre groups, one hand and foot game group and two poker groups. Interested? Contact Jackie Frank at [jacqueline.frank@bell.net](mailto:jacqueline.frank@bell.net)

**MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome to New Members: **Lynda Phippard and Judy Roebuck**

Membership 2016-2017

- Membership is **284**
- Please advise if any of your contact info changes; ie, phone, email address.
- **If you would like an Up-to-Date Master Membership List, please contact a member of our Committee**

Thank you.

Joan Martin, Membership Chair

Email: [jgm0113@sympatico.ca](mailto:jgm0113@sympatico.ca) or Phone: **905-579-0261** (leave message)

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

- When you bring a guest, please have him/her sign the **Guest Book** at the **Membership Table** and pick up a temporary **PROBUS** name tag. A record of our visitors is needed for insurance purposes.

*Guests and New Members, who have not yet received their formal Oshawa PROBUS name tags, can be identified by a temporary name tag. Please return this to the Membership Desk at the end of the meeting*



**June 13<sup>th</sup> Speaker**



Thank you to our fellow PROBUS member, Jim Craigen, for his second presentation to us about the brain. He shared with us how brain research is constantly evolving. His knowledge on the topic clearly showed in his presentation.  
Well done, Jim.

*“The weight of an average human brain is about 1300-1400g or 3lbs. i.e. almost one bag of sugar and about the size of a cantaloupe and wrinkled like a walnut.”*



Happy Canada Day,  
Brian and Elfrida Jeppesen, Editors for this month.

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