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PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: July 2022

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President's Message

What a beautiful sunny day. Hot, and even if it snows it will melt in about five minutes.

I would like to thank all those that attended our June meeting. I am hoping each month we will see more members attend and we will return to normality by September.

I know you miss it, but still no coffee/treats or 50/50 draws. We hope to have both at our September meeting.

This past Thursday we held a small get together for our new members at the 420 Wing. Thank you to the 13/14 new members who attended and thank you to the management team for showing their support. It was a great way to personally meet our new members. Thanks, Ria, for arranging the venue and snacks

If you attended the last general meeting or have read in the newsletter you will see your social committee has been working hard to come up with planned activities. I think they have at least two activities planned for each month into the fall.

Last weekend saw a few of us make the journey to Kawartha Downs to enjoy a good meal and watch a few horse races. You didn't have to bet but I think we all did. Most of us were losers but I think there was a guy name Fred who may have won. He refused to confirm or deny.

Your Special Interest Groups are getting back together, and sign-up sheets are available at each meeting. Please take time to see what is available. You may find something of "special interest".

If you have any social activity or special interest group suggestions, please do not hesitate to pass them along.

Our guest speaker in June was Dr. Patricia Wheeler. Her presentation the magic of music in film was very informative. We all watch movies, but I had no idea as to the relationship between music and the actual movie itself.

Our July speaker is Jill Passmore from the Oshawa Museum.

Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you at our July 12th meeting.

Garry Christenson
President

Smiles and Groaners

A secret to happiness is letting every situation be what it is. Instead of what you think it should be.

Until you are retired, you never really know what you can get done in your pajamas.

Vegetarians live up to 9 years longer than meat-eaters. Nine horrible, worthless, years without bacon.

I think I need to lose a little weight. I tried to sit up in bed and ended up rocking myself back to sleep.

Just sold my homing pigeon on EBAY for the 22nd time.

And finally

Saw it Liked it Told grandma Got it!



EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS 2022 - 2023 – Maria de Jong

A slate of officers will be nominated at the August 9th meeting and ratified at the September 13th meeting. Additional nominations may be made up until August 16th, three weeks prior to the September AGM. If additional nominations are made, an election will be held at the AGM.

The positions of co-secretary - to share in the taking and preparing minutes of bi-monthly Management Team meetings and monthly General meetings and the position of Member-at-Large: a non-voting position, who attends Management Team Meetings every other month to become aware of positions on the team and corresponding responsibilities, with the intent of moving into a vacant position when needed are still open for the coming year.

Job descriptions are available for all of our Management Team positions, plus current or former Team Members are available to help you get started. For more information, please email Maria de Jong mariska578@gmail.com , Garry Christenson garry1.christenson@sympatico.ca or Chuck Keller helmutprob42@gmail.com.

Maria de Jong, Past President



JULY SPEAKER – Jillian Passmore, Visitor Experience Co-Coordinator, Oshawa Museum

Jillian will speak to us about "Canada 150- An Oshawa Perspective".

July 1, 2017, marked an important milestone in the history of Canada. It was 150 years since the *British North America Act of 1867* came into effect. Discover how Oshawa participated in events leading up to 1867 and how we celebrate the holiday now.



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Our current membership number stands at 268.

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



GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEWER MEMBERS

We had a very successful New Member Event held at the 420 Wing in Oshawa on Thursday, June 23rd. Thirteen members who joined our club since the last New Member Event attended. They learned a little more about our Management team and the Management team learned a little more about the new members. New members also learned about some of our special interest groups and social events. There was much laughter and social mingling.



(Photos courtesy of Garry Christenson)

PROBUS Clothing:



Since our club started, we have been providing the opportunity to buy jackets, hats, sweatshirts, t shirts, etc. bearing the OSHAWA PROBUS LOGO. The position is open for anyone interested in looking after this for Oshawa PROBUS Club. Lorraine Veroba will provide information and assistance as needed. Please consider taking on this task which is limited in time required to do it. For more Information, contact Lorraine.

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](#)



Puzzle exchange

Friends in the Richmond Hill PROBUS Club advise their club has success with a puzzle exchange. Pat and Gerry Henderson are willing start an exchange in our club. The rules are quite simple – If you bring puzzles, you must take an equal number of puzzles. Please, help us keep this under control. Let's see if we can duplicate Richmond Hill's success.



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



Kawartha Downs - Saturday, June 18th

We had a great time and three ladies adorned with fascinators. Prizes, two were awarded and one is owed. The waitress forgot to deliver it. We will pay it. The biggest problem was the service but they cannot find help. The food was great. The races were, at least, fun. I saw nothing but smiles. A good, fun night. Hope to do it again next year.





(Photos courtesy of Fred Ford)



Local Discovery Tour - Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st.

Our next discovery destination is Clarington, in particular Courtice, Bowmanville and Newcastle. Get into your car with friends and/or family and explore these beautiful communities. Admission fee is \$5 per car. You will have two days to complete the route. You can sign up at the general meeting

or drop your fee at Jackie Frank's house

Aga Khan Museum, Toronto - Wednesday, July 13th

The Museum is located at 77 Wynford Drive, North York. You can go to their website [Aga Khan Museum](#) and preview some of the marvelous things to see. Admission is \$15 and parking is \$10/car. The tour starts at 11 AM., on a first come first served basis to a maximum of 12 people and costs \$5 or you can be your own tour guide if you wish. We should arrive about 10 AM There is a very fancy dining room that will cost a lot but there is other food available at a more reasonable price. The grounds are beautiful and we are free to roam there too. Carpooling is suggested. If someone needs a ride call Fred Ford, he can take up to four more.



Westben Theatre: ABBA Mia – Wednesday July 20th

Showtime for the musical revue of ABBA’s work is 2 PM on July 20th. Please check in at the theatre before 1:30 PM to receive your tickets. The barn doors will be opened for air circulation, and masks are optional. There are golf carts staffed by volunteers for PROBUS members requiring transportation assistance. As of 12:30 PM, Westben have picnic tables available, along with beverages and snacks for sale. Westben have a few tickets available for any more Probus members wishing to attend.



Parkwood Estate – Wednesday, August 10th

A 2 ½ hour combined tour of the main floor and second floor is planned for August 10th at 1 PM.

NOTE: this date is subject to filming priority cancellation. The group rate is \$10 + HST each. Group maximum is 40 people, which will be split into guided smaller groups.



Pine Ridge Model Railroaders – Thursday, August 18th

Our tour of their model railway setup is set for Thursday Aug 18th at 2 PM. Admission is \$2 donation to Pine Ridge. Please sign up at the general meeting so Pine Ridge will know how many of their members they should have on hand.



Orono Fair - Saturday, September 10th.

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It's time to go the fair again! There will be a talent competition, western classic country music, a magical comedy mentalist, various exhibits, a midway, antique tractors, a blacksmith demonstration, birds of prey, axe throwing, chainsaw carving, food and much more. The tickets are \$12 per



September 21st Trenton

This museum is dedicated to preserving and telling the history of Canadian military aviation. From its first flight on a frozen lake in Nova Scotia, through to today's humanitarian relief missions, the Museum captures the spirit, the daring and the courage of the men and women of the RCAF. There are 35 aircraft on display in the 16-acre outdoor air park.

The indoor museum tells the stories of Canadian air force personnel that are the real treasures of the Museum the POW aircrews who plotted the Great Escape; the gold medal winning RCAF Flyers hockey team; or the efforts to create the massive, hugely successful British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. To avoid the summer tourist crush, we are planning on a visit on September 21st. This is a self-guided tour. Cost is \$8 for seniors. Veterans and spouse by voluntary donation.



Saturday October 22nd, 10:30 AM

Little Canada consists of a miniature scale recreation of many geographic areas and landmarks throughout Canada.

Located in downtown Toronto at 10 Dundas Street East, right at the subway stop. "Timed Tickets" are \$25 each +HST.

There is an excellent article about Little Canada starting on page 57 in the July edition of Maclean's magazine.



Whitby Discovery Tour

The winning team was Marlene Allen, Lorna Wells and Pat Bayus. Congratulations! And thank you to all of you who participated in this event. See you in August at the Clarington Discovery Tour.



Port Perry Discovery Adventure - Saturday, October 29th and Sunday, October 30th.

This is another of Jackie's explorations of Durham Region. You'll have two days to complete the route. Admission is \$5 per car. Please sign-up at the general meeting or drop off your registration and admission at Jackie's home.



Euchre Tournament

Marilyn is soliciting your participation to determine date and costs for a November event. Please sign up at the next general meeting so Marilyn may plan the event.



Christmas Luncheon

We have reserved Wednesday, December 7th for our luncheon at Kedron Dells. As in last year, setup starts at 11AM, member arrival at 11:30 AM, with the meal at noon. The meal will be a

buffet, turkey with all the trimmings, and vegetarian pasta. Maximum seating is 100 with eight per table. Costs to be determined in the fall.

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 next meeting of the Bookies will be in September.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The Bookworms are not meeting in July or August.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS Book Club is not meeting in July or August.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

There are no Brain Games scheduled for July.

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE CLASSES - Pete and Barb Jones

Bridge classes will be offered to members of the Oshawa PROBUS Club and the Durham Central PROBUS Club for six consecutive Friday afternoons, beginning on September 9th.

These classes are for INTERMEDIATE players only and will be free of charge but there will be a small materials fee (for photocopy expenses, etc.).

Classes, which will be held in our kitchen, will be very limited in size and will last approximately an hour and a half. Watch your e-mail for registration instructions which will be sent out to both PROBUS Clubs on the morning of Wednesday, July 20th. If you're interested in joining us, please mark your calendars! First come, first served!!

Knowing that intermediate players use a variety of bidding systems, the lessons will focus on the play of the hand and/or defence. The lesson topics will be chosen from the following:

- To pull or not to pull trump...that is the question!
- Ducking
- Loser on Loser Play
- Unblocking
- Throw-in plays
- Lavinthal Discards and coded Jacks and Tens
- Frozen Suits
- No five card suit in dummy should ever be ignored!

We promise minimal “teacher talk” and maximum playing time! A handout will be provided for each lesson.



DAY TRIPPERS – Jackie Frank

On Wednesday, June 22nd, the Day Trippers visited Lucy Maud Montgomery Manse and Church, in Leaksdale north of Uxbridge for a tour and lunch.





(Photos courtesy of Jackie Frank)



(Photo courtesy of Jackie Frank)



(Photo courtesy of Sheila Leonard)



GARDEN AND NATURE GROUP – Jackie Frank

On Monday, July 18th, the group is going to visit the School House Gardens in Warkworth - four acres of perennials, herbs and vegetables in a park-like setting. The guided tour starts at 1:30 PM., takes about 1 1/2 hours to do and costs \$20 per person. Anyone wishing to come should contact Jackie Frank.



The following photos are of the Group's visit to Edwards Garden on May 30th and are courtesy of Jackie Frank:





LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Our lunch group met at Belle Notte, an authentic Italian restaurant in north Whitby. Nice to get to know everyone on a much more personal basis, sharing stories and laughs, with the odd glass of wine! We had 13 ladies present, with one new member, and one birthday.

Thank you ladies for making our lunches a fun outing.



(Photos courtesy of Donna Keller)



MARTHON BRIDGE – Frank Kelcey

Oshawa PROBUS Marathon Bridge had a successful banquet with 18 people attending. Barb Jones won the 12 hand tournament played at the banquet. We will be restarting in September. Anyone interested in playing bridge should contact Frank Kelcey at (905) 723-5737.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

Our Landmark Movie group is 21 people now. Excitement is building as we watch all the new trailers for coming movies.

ZOOM Movie group for Netflix is still going strong. We pick two things to watch and every second Friday night at 7 PM we get together to discuss the movies/ series/ documentaries we've all seen. Please contact Mary if you would like to join the group. Mary Gibson.

Marmojl245481@gmail.com

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



PROBUS Urban Pole Walking Schedule for July, 2022
 9 AM start Monday and Friday mornings weather permitting sharonsmith@sympatico.ca (416) 938-7841.

July 1 Friday	Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek.
July 4 Monday	Darlington Park Trail – Colonel Sam Drive past GM Corporate building. Turn right on dirt road - follow to parking at the end
July 8 Friday	Oshawa Creek Trail. Simcoe Street South, right on Mill Street drive to STORIE Park Clubhouse for parking (on the left at crest of hill after bridge)
July 11 Monday	Thickson Point to Heydenshore. Meet at end of Thickson Road South to parking area (as far as you can go before lake)
July 15 Friday	Cullen Gardens Trail. Taunton Road West to Cochrane, turn north on Cochrane. Follow road straight ahead to as far as it goes then bear left around corner toward a new parking area (construction in subdivision)
July 18 Monday	Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek.

July 22 Friday	North/South Rail Trail walk from Connaught Park to Beatrice Street. This parking spot is new for this trail. Meet at Connaught Park Clubhouse at 435 Jarvis Street, Oshawa (Connaught Street can be reached off Simcoe Street North)
July 25 Monday	Thickson Woods Trail. Meet at end of Thickson Road South to parking area (as far as you can go before lake). Cross road to Thickson Woods - walk east.
July 29 Friday	Waterfront Trail at Whitby Shores. Gordon Street South (off Victoria Street west) to the end, turn left to parking near entrance.



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

The Yarn Divas look forward to more in-person meetings and have decided to meet over the summer. Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday, July 6th, 10 AM at the home of Barb Jones

All Oshawa PROBUS members who like to knit or crochet are welcome to join us. Please contact Barb Jones for more information.

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 oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobus.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

www.probus.org

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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>

