

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa

## Newsletter: March 2017



**2016 - 2017  
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### President's Message

I think most PROBUS clubs are filled with friendly people. After all, we are a social club, and it is hard to be social without being friendly! But I am going to claim that our club is one of the friendliest, although I have only anecdotal evidence of this. More than one person has told me our members are friendlier than some other PROBUS groups. No mean feat when you see how friendly other clubs are! Further evidence is the length of time it takes everyone to settle down after I announce "Good Morning Oshawa PROBUS!" to start the meetings.

Why is this so? It starts with the greeters who welcome us all to the meetings. Then it continues in the venue, where we talk across tables, looking into each others' eyes. Making eye contact is so important when you are talking. Then we have a short business meeting, followed perhaps, by our own humorist, John Cooper. Standing in line for coffee and snacks, we get a chance to greet old friends and meet new ones. After the snacks we are ready for our speakers, who are interesting, humorous and informative. Throughout the month we have numerous opportunities with social events and Special Interest Group meetings.

I think our club does an excellent job welcoming new members. We send them an e-mail, with the written information they will need, followed by a phone call from our SIG Coordinator to discuss their interests. This effort has paid off, with new members becoming quickly involved with the club. We introduce them at meetings. But it is you, our members, who make them feel most welcome.

So, it is you, the membership, who must solidify our hold on the ground I have staked out! Please take the time to welcome new members, and meet new people. Remember PROBUS clubs are full of friends, some of whom you haven't met yet!

Frank Kelcey

### **A special St. Paddy's Day Edition from your Interim Editors, Ted and Linda:**

*An Irishman was flustered not being able to find a parking space in the Oshawa Centre's parking lot. "Lord," he prayed, "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up drinking me whiskey, and I promise to go to church every Sunday."  
Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking spot.  
Without hesitation, the man said, "Never mind, I found one."*

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**  
**Doug and Nancy Byers**

1. **March 7:**           **Bowling** at NEBS; 10 am  
Cost: \$4.25 per game and shoe rental if needed; Total \$11.50 (please have exact amount).
2. **April 3:**           **Escape Room**; Cost \$20.00. Jackie Frank is organizing.
3. **May:**                Trip to **Woodbine**-Sandy Hawley. Date to be determined.
4. **Wed. June 7:**   **My Fair Lady**
5. **June 20:**         **Keewatin Trip**. Cost: \$123.00 per person.  
First bus is full (we are looking into a second bus for those on a waitlist).  
Please bring a cheque, payable to Lakeshore Tours and Travel, to the next meeting.
6. **June 27:**         **Picnic** at the Hungarian Picnic Grounds
7. **Tues. July 12:**   **Capital Theatre: Steel Magnolias**
8. **July 26:**         **Westben**. Broadway Water Theme. Cost \$36.00 per person.  
Dinner to follow at a local church if desired. Cost \$20.00 per person.  
Cheques payable to PROBUS Club of Oshawa.
9. **August 11:**       **Beauty and the Beast**. All matinee performances cost \$32.00.

*From your editors: A smorgasbord of delights! Sign up!!  
Thanks Doug and Nancy!!*

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:**  
**Peggy Gibson and Jackie Frank**



**ART GROUP - Catherine Delhaise** (905-655-3483)  
**Date:** Thursday **March 16**  
**Time:** 1:00 PM  
**Host:** Marion Stevenson  
**Address:** 10 Barrington Place  
**Activity:** Negative painting



**BOOKWORMS - Elfrida Jeppesen**  
**Date:** Tuesday, **March 28th** at 10 a.m.  
**Host:** Phyllis Langley 905 655 4823  
**Book:** "Alias Grace" by Margaret Atwood

**BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towey**  
***We still have room for several new members!!***  
**Date:** Wednesday **March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Location:** At Barb Towey's.

Our discussion of "My Secret Sister" by Helen Edwards & Jenny Lee Smith, will be led by May Cooper.

If interested, call Barb Towey at 905-433-9733, [b.towey@sympatico.ca](mailto:b.towey@sympatico.ca) or Mary Medley at 905-728-4573, [medley\\_maria@yahoo.com](mailto:medley_maria@yahoo.com)

### **PROBUS BOOK CLUB – Mary Kelcey**

**Date:** Thursday, **March 23rd.**  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Book Title:** Lost & Found.  
**Author:** Brooke Davis  
**Host:** Michelle  
**Leader:** Moida.



### **BREAKFAST GROUP – Joanne Lynch**

Thursday **March 2**; 9:30 a.m.: Meeting at **Eggsmart**, 710 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby . This is a mixed group and ***new members are welcome!*** Anyone interested in attending in March can email Marilyn Thaxter.



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

The Bid Euchre group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Centennial Retirement residence, Hillcroft and Ritson, at 1.30 pm.  
**Next game: March 22, 1:30 pm**

### **HAND AND FOOT - Kathy Brown**

Will meet on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month.  
**Next meeting: March 15**



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

The lunch group will meet:

**Date:** Tuesday **March 21**, 2017 at 12 noon  
**Location:** Avanti Trattoria, 17 King St E., Oshawa

***If you plan to attend, please indicate on the sign up sheet on the special interest table at the March PROBUS meeting or call Pat Howell (in Connie's absence) at 905-655-3113 so she can book a reservation. If you find that you have signed up and subsequently are unable to attend for any reason, please let Pat know so that she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.***



### **MOVIE GROUP - Mary Gibson – 905-435-2441**

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).

**AFTERNOON POKER:** - Orville Climenhaga – 905-728-0084

**Date:** Tuesday, **March 21**, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m

**Location:** Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, Oshawa

***New members welcome!!***



**POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson**

**Please Note:** Changes to the Evening Poker hosting schedule:

**March 8:** Ralph Sweet  
**April 12:** Alan Anderson  
**May 10:** Gail Elliott  
**June 14:** Peter Belsey  
**Sept. 13:** Ed Taylor  
**Oct. 11:** Bob Towey  
**Nov. 8:** Lloyd Murray  
**Dec. 13:** Gerry and Vicky Paquette

**TRAVEL GROUP: Connie Nelson**

This group is not meeting until April. Stay tuned!!



**GARDENING: Jackie Frank**

***The Gardening Club is open to new members!***

If you would like to visit gardens/parks/special nurseries with other PROBUS members, please let Jackie Frank know



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

Here is a small selection of cultural events offered locally this March.  
Contact Maria de Jong at [majong@rogers.com](mailto:majong@rogers.com) to be put on the list to receive the full line up.

**Concert:** Durham Chamber Orchestra **A Visit to the British Isles**  
Saturday **March 4**, 2:30 PM , Port Perry Town Hall  
High Tea available

**Opera:** Metropolitan Opera production of Verdi's **La Traviata**  
Saturday **March 11**, 12:55 PM , Oshawa Cineplex

**Theatre:** Stratford production of **Macbeth**,  
Saturday **March 18**, 12:55 PM , Oshawa Cineplex

**Ballet:** Bolshoi Ballet : **A Contemporary Evening**  
Sunday **March 19**, 12:55 PM , Oshawa Cineplex

*Gallagher is watching the traffic cop, Ted, on a busy street crossing in downtown Oshawa. Officer Ted stops the flow of traffic and shouts, 'Okay pedestrians'. Then he allows the traffic to pass. He did this several times, and Gallagher is still standing on the sidewalk. After Officer Ted has shouted 'Pedestrians' for the tenth time, Gallagher approaches him and says, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'*



**URBAN POLE WALKING: March 2017 Schedule**

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.

*All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.*

**Mondays:** March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:00 a.m. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek trail or local roads depending on conditions.

**Fridays:** March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 10:00 a.m. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads.



**YARN DIVAS: Barb Jones**

*New members are welcome!*

Our knitting and crochet group will meet on Friday, **March 4** at 1:30 and Wednesday, **March 9** at 9:30.

Both meetings will be held at the Centennial Retirement Residence.

**CLASSICAL MUSIC: Nan Mackenzie**

**Date:** Tuesday **March 7**, 10:00 a.m. at 10.00

**Location:** The home of Elfrida Jeppesen

**Date:** Tuesday **April 4**, 10 a.m.

**Location:** The home of Sandy and Nan Mackenzie (with John Cooper presenting the programme.)

*4 groups looking for leaders and members! Get involved....  
you'll love it!*

*Please contact Art Veroba with your interest  
in getting involved with this group!:*

**HIKING GROUP:**

The group has gone fairly well for the past years, however, the attendance is slowly dropping. An email was sent to the group members to ascertain their interest in remaining in the group, and to see if there is anyone who would be willing to take over the leadership. Hopefully there may be others in the general membership who would like to join. *Interested?? Respond through the sign-up sheet at the March meeting.*

**Please contact Jackie Frank if you are interested in becoming involved in these 3 activities!**

**BILLIARDS:** The group is on hold for the time being.  
It is in need of new participants and a convener.  
**COMPUTER:** The group is in need of a convener.  
**PHOTOGRAPHY:** This group is looking for a convener.

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### **Special Interest Groups Summary:**

*Please check above for further details, to confirm dates and get contact info!*

**Urban Pole Walking:** Mondays: March 6, 13, 20 and 27  
Fridays: March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

#### **Theatre, Concerts, Opera & Dance:**

**Concert:** March 4  
**Opera:** March 11  
**Theatre:** March 18  
**Ballet:** March 19  
**Movie Group:** Friday mornings  
**Breakfast Group:** March 2  
**Yarn Divas:** March 4  
**Classical Music:** March 7  
**Evening Poker:** March 8  
**Yarn Divas:** March 9  
**Hand and Foot:** March 15  
**Art Group:** March 16  
**Lunch Group:** March 21  
**Afternoon Poker:** March 21  
**Bid Euchre:** March 22  
**PROBUS Book. Club:** March 23  
**Bookworms:** March 28

*What an incredible array of activities to become involved in!! Something for everyone! This reflects tremendous dedication from the Special Interest Group Coordinators over the past few years (Ria, Jackie and Peggy) as well as the Conveners for each activity. Add in the wonderful activities from the Social Committee and the hospitality each week from the House Committee and you can see why this is such a popular club! Take a moment to express your appreciation. Better yet...become involved!!*

**Your Interim Editors:  
Linda and Ted**

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### **SPECIAL ACTIVITY!!**

**Easter is in the air!! Easter egg decorating!**



Mary Jean Sponder is interested in hosting a workshop in her home on Easter egg decorating (Pysanky). You will need a steady hand and will be working with wax and dye. The only cost would be the eggs and the bees' wax. Please contact Mary Jean for more information and/or if you would like to learn this wonderful craft.



## MEMBERSHIP:

Joan Martin, Membership Chair

### A warm PROBUS welcome to our recent New Members:

Gerry and Pat Henderson, Allen Wright

**Membership 2016-2017:** We now have 277 members!!

Please advise if any of your contact info changes; ie, phone, email address.

Please contact Joan for an **updated 2016-2017 Members List:**

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

### A REMINDER!!

- **GUEST BOOK: Membership Table**  
*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.*
- **NAME TAGS:**  
*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.*

### OSHAWA PROBUS WEBSITE:

[www.oshawaprobust.com](http://www.oshawaprobust.com)

Brian Jeppesen: 905-668-2379:

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### UPCOMING MEETING DATES:



March 14

April 11

May 9



*Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on  
you.*

*– Irish Blessing*