

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: March 2018



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Good morning. March has arrived and some of our members are slowly making their way back from the warmer climates. Hopefully, some of the warmth will come along also.

Nancy and I have been visiting our daughter, son-in-law and Ruby in Seattle. Good time with family!



I would encourage members to sign up for the activities that the social committee organizes. The members put a lot of effort into trying to have successful events. May the Luck of the Irish be with everyone!



NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Interested in serving on next year's executive? We have a job for you! Contact Connie Nelson, Lorraine Veroba or Frank Kelcey to discuss the exciting opportunities available on the Oshawa PROBUS Executive. One of these positions is Archivist, where you get to take pictures of club events & save them for posterity.



We welcomed four new members in February-- Marci Grebenc, Pauline Gubbels, Geri Kamondy and Elaine Lopes. Our membership currently stands at 285.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Nancy Byers and Marilyn Thaxter

The social committee would like to thank members for paying for the events when they sign up for them.

There are 3 theatre events coming up...two at the Capital Theatre in Cobourg and the Westben event in Campbellford on July 18. All events with dates, costs and times are listed on the information board at the meeting.

The Viking Tour at the ROM is on March 28. This should be an excellent experience and there is room for just a few more participants. A night at the races at Woodbine is back the end of May.

The annual Picnic is the end of June. This year we will have live entertainment.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Suggestions for new groups: If you have a particular hobby or interest and would like to share this interest with other members, contact Jackie Frank at jacqueline.frank@bell.net. She will check to see if other members would like to do the same activity and help organize a new interest group.



ART GROUP

On Thursday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m. Liz Gilbert (81 Marica Avenue, Oshawa) will host the lesson on Florals in Qtip acrylics. Contact [mariska578@gmail](mailto:mariska578@gmail.com) for more information.



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

Phyllis Langley will lead our discussion of "Above All Things" by Tanis Rideout on Tuesday, March 27.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towe

Our March meeting is on Thursday, March 1st at 1 p.m. The host will be Cindy Fleming, 765 Somerville Street, Oshawa. We will be discussing "They Left Us Everything" by Plum Johnson. Please let Cindy know whether or not you are attending. Remember to bring your copy of the book.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

On Thursday, March 22, Lindy Kolodzie will host and Moida Wheller will lead the discussion of "The Hero's Walk" by Anita Rau Badami.

BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch

The group includes singles and couples and meets the last Thursday of the month at 9:30 at local breakfast venues. New members are welcome. If interested, contact Joanne Lynch at lynchjoanne@hotmail.com



BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

Bid Euchre will meet again on Wednesday, March 28.



EUCHRE GROUP #2

The next meeting of Euchre group #2 will be at 2:00 pm on Thursday, March 22nd, at the Centennial Retirement Residence, downstairs in the "Gathering Room". Please remember your \$2 and mug.

CHESS - Ed and Jo Taylor

Ed and Jo Taylor would be delighted to welcome you in their home for a game or two of chess. This group would be suitable for beginners and players who need to practise and improve their skills. The convenors would like to play in



the evenings, starting at 7 p.m., and keep the activity enjoyable and informal. Contact Jo Taylor if interested.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP - Julia Howells

The next meeting of the Family History group will be on March 2 at 1 p.m. at Barb Towey's place.



So far we have learned many tips from each other about how to find out information about our ancestors. Everyone was able to attend the last meeting; it was fun and interesting. Thank you to Denise for hosting.

At the moment our group is full, 8 people at a time is the most we can accommodate. If others would like some help with family history, we can start a waiting list.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME - Kathy Brown

The next Hand and Foot card game will be at Kathy Brown's home on March 21st @ 1:00 p.m. Please let Kathy know if you plan to attend: 289-240-6617.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 20, at Portly Piper Pub, 557 King Street East, Oshawa. If you plan to attend, please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the special interest table or call Pat Howell 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, even if the same day as the lunch, please let Pat know so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.

MAHJONG - Come and join this group of players for a fun time. All levels and skills of players welcome. If interested, contact Jackie Frank at jacqueline.frank@bell.net or sign up at the next meeting.



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 is always the third Tuesday of the month, at 1 p.m. at the Centennial Retirement Home.



POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

Our next game will be on Wednesday, March 14 at the home of Allan Anderson.

SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

Thursday, March 15 at 1 p.m. at Judy Bryson's - 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. RSVP: 905-576-0492.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria DeJong

Contact mariska578@gmail.com to be put on the list to receive a more complete listing.

Theatre: Stratford production of **Romeo and Juliet**
Saturday, March 3, 12:55 PM Oshawa Cineplex

Gallery: Cezanne: Portraits of a Life
Thursday, March 8, 7:00 PM Oshawa Cineplex

Concert: A Musical Journey with Durham Chamber Orchestra
Sunday, March 25, 2:30 PM Port Perry Town Hall

Theatre: Beauty and the Beast
Various dates starting March 29, Oshawa Little Theatre



TRAVEL - Connie Nelson

Oshawa Seniors Centre, John Street Branch has a Travelogue on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 2 PM to 3 PM. Subject is Trans-Siberian Railway. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Registration is available online at OSCC website using Code 455591 or contact the Seniors Centre directly.

Northview Library has Armchair Travels on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 2 PM to 3 PM. Subject is Prague. To register, go to events.oshawalibrary.on.ca and click on the March calendar for Northview Library. You will see Armchair Travel underlined on March 20th. Click there for the registration form. You will need your library card and password. You may also be able to register by contacting the library directly.

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



On March 6, Jim and Geri Craigen (905-723-4997) will host our group at 3 p.m.

VINTAGE TASTING (WINE APPRECIATION #2)

Vintage Tasting will not meet again until Thursday, April 12 at 3 p.m., at the

home of Marilyn Thaxter.



WINE AND DINE (New Group!) - Catherine Frost

Wine and Dine will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

In order to participate you must let the contact person know **1 week in advance** of the dinner so a place can be reserved for you. The contact person will be different each month so read the newsletter for information.

We have planned the following:

March 8 - Bistro 238, 1403 King Street East, 905.576.4688 - Contact person is Denise Allick:

dlallick@icloud.com

April 12 - Portly Piper Pub, 557 King Street East, 905.240.9100 - Contact person is Bridget

King: bking832@gmail.com

May 10 - Wolfgang's, 3100 Brock Street North, Whitby, 905.493.7733 - Contact person is Jackie

Frank: Jacqueline.Frank@bell.net

June 14 - Berry Hill, 82 King Street West, 905.240.9055 - Contact person is Marg Miller:

margandrodmliller@gmail.com

Anyone is welcome to come for 1 dinner or for all dinners. If you wish to be added to the list of participants or have a question please contact Catherine at c.frost@sympatico.ca



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria DeJong

March 2018 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. We meet for coffee after our walk.

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Mondays: March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:00 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Rds for Harmony Creek trail or local roads depending on conditions.

Fridays: March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 10:00 AM, Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Rds for Harmony Creek Trail or local roads depending on conditions.

NOTE: No scheduled walk for Friday March 30

Oshawa PROBUS Website:

Steve Bennett: 905-666-8383; p.hall.s.bennett@sympatico.ca
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YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

We will meet on Wednesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 14 from 10 a.m. till noon. Both meetings this month will be at Barb's. All members who love to knit and crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome.

Sincere thanks to PROBUS members who've donated keys for our twiddle muffs. They are very much appreciated!

In February we donated 20 kid-sized sensory muffs ("fidget muffs") to Autism Ontario as well as knit hats for newborns and premies to a local hospital. Coming up next is our second collection of blankets to be donated to Project Linus.

Do you love to knit and/or crochet but don't have time to come to meetings - but still want to do something to help in the community? We're making and collecting handmade washcloths to be given to Whitby Chiropractic and Wellness Clinic. These will be included in toiletry bags which will be given to homeless shelters for men and women next Christmas. All sizes, colours and patterns are welcome! Questions? Contact Barb at 905-430-0141 or barbandpete@rogers.com.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

March 13 - Andrew Jordan and Vrishali Suman from the **Canadian Cannabis Clinic** will be speaking about the benefits of medical marijuana.

At Canadian Cannabis Clinics, the goal is to provide medical marijuana patients with the highest level of medical care and an improved quality of life through the use of cannabis as medicine. There are currently over 235,000 Canadians registered to use medical cannabis to treat their symptoms and Health Canada estimates this number will grow to over 400,000.

April 10 - Mayor John Henry



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

May your troubles be less

**And your blessings be more.
And nothing but happiness
Come through your door.**