

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: March, 2021



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Our PROBUS Club of Oshawa will start to hold VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETINGS as of September 2020. As Provincial Health Regulations evolve, these may include a combination of in person and virtual meetings until we can all meet again in person.

Management Team Update

Al Sawtell has asked me to let our members know that he is temporarily stepping down as President, to deal with a recent serious health diagnosis. Our thoughts and prayers are with Al and his family as they deal with this challenge.

We would ask our members to respect his wish for privacy.

Maria de Jong
Past President



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Our next ZOOM Virtual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9th 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.

MARCH SPEAKER – Daniel Aonso - Icons of Canadian Music



Daniel studied piano from an early age. He then went on to complete a Bachelor's and later Master's degree in music from York University with Classical Piano as primary instrument. His main areas of interest are in Popular Music and Film Music. He will be speaking to us about icons of Canadian Music.



A warm welcome to our new member Ron Smith and to long time member Betty Dubowski who has re-joined from her residence in Ottawa. Membership now stands at 257.



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



Trivia Game: We are hosting our first trivia game on ZOOM on Wednesday, March 3rd at 2 PM. Register at socialregisteroshawa@gmail.com by March 1st. Everyone is welcome to play!

Looking for new experiences while sitting at home? Here are two options for you:

Viking TV (www.viking.tv) provides free to watch livestreams as well as short documentaries, lectures, musical performances, etc. This site will be of particular interest to those of you who love to travel and/or learn about some countries in the world.

Airband.ca (<https://www.airbnb.ca/s/experiences/online>) provides quite a selection of online experiences from listening to music, learning how to make cocktails, bake and cook, to virtual tours of various cities, exercise and meditation, talks on history, etc. You can join an event at a specific time and date or you can book a private tour. Costs vary but a fair number of the experiences are under \$30.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Lockdown 2.0

"Social Distancing"

I hope all members have signed up!

Location: Your Home
Time: 24/7
Cost: Priceless



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

Bookworms will hold a ZOOM meeting on March 23rd at 10 AM to discuss the book "They Left Us Everything" by Plum Johnson. Plum Johnson will be joining the group discussion.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS book club will meet virtually on Thursday, March 25th at 1 PM. Lorraine Veroba will lead the discussion on "Fire in the Stars" by Barbara Fradkin.

BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank



The brain games have gone "online". Two to three times a week, members get a puzzle to solve. The solution is sent to them the next day. If you are interested in receiving these puzzles, contact Jackie Frank.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

New* FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES*New

On February 19th, we had our first **Friday Night at the Movies ZOOM Meeting**. There were nine in attendance. The group discussed "Clive Davis: Music of My Life". Each member viewed the movie prior to the Meeting. We decided that we would hold meetings every second Friday.

Our next meeting will be Friday, **March 5th at 7 PM**. The movie we will be discussing will be - **"Pretend Its a City: commentary with Fran Lebowitz and Martin Scorsese"**.

Please contact Mary Gibson, at marmojl245481@gmail.com for the ZOOM Meeting ID and Password if you wish to attend. The movie is available on Netflix. Please watch it before the meeting.

URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong



Now that Durham Region has come out of lockdown, we can continue to walk with a partner or two pairs may wish to walk as a small group. Members are picking the trail, and walking at a time and on a day of their choosing.

YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones



The Yarn Divas are continuing to keep in touch and share crafting ideas via ZOOM. Our next ZOOM Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 3rd at 10 AM. We look forward to another great turnout!

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.



COVID-19 Vaccines for Ontario

The following is a link to the Provincial Government's Website on [What You Need to Know](#) about the Province's three-phased vaccination distribution implementation plan.



Revision of 60s and 70s songs...

They just don't make the songs like they used to anymore!!!!!!!

Some of the artists of the 60's and 70's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers who can remember doing the "Limbo" as if it were yesterday. They include:

Bobby Darin - Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' A Flash
Herman's Hermits - Mrs. Brown, You've Got A Lovely Walker

Ringo Starr - I Get By With A Little Help From Depends
The Bee Gees - How Can You Mend A Broken Hip
Roberta Flack - The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face
Johnny Nash - I Can't See Clearly Now
Paul Simon - Fifty Ways To Lose Your Liver
The Commodores - Once, Twice, Three Times To The Bathroom
Procol Harem - A Whiter Shade Of Hair
Leo Sayer - You Make Me Feel Like Napping
The Temptations - Papa's Got A Kidney Stone
Abba - Denture Queen
Tony Orlando - Knock 3 Times On The Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall
Helen Reddy - I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore
Leslie Gore - It's My Procedure, And I'll Cry If I Want To
And Last but NOT least...
Willie Nelson - On the Commode Again.



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.



Look who is 90 years young
Congratulations!

Happy 90th Birthday Moida

For those of you who are lucky enough to call Moida Wheller your friend, you will know that she is an amazing woman with a sparkling personality and a zest for life. She is a leader, an organizer, a hard worker, a kind and thoughtful person and a loyal friend. She has a voracious appetite for knowledge, a quick mind and is afraid of nothing.

But did you know how much she has contributed to the success of local PROBUS clubs? Especially the PROBUS Club of Oshawa.

Moida and Jim Wheller were on the planning committee for the first executive of the Oshawa PROBUS Club. They both belonged to the Ajax club and a group of them including Lorraine and Art Veroba, decided to band together to start the Oshawa club back in 2004.

Moida chaired the first Social committee. The first Social event, a Pot Luck dinner, was held at Moida and Jim's home and was a great success. Both Moida and Jim were very active in the club. They organized Car Rallies together and were involved on the executive, organizing the Annual Christmas dinner dances. Jim was the first Speaker Chair. They also belonged to many interest groups, as does Moida today, and were part of the backbone of the Oshawa Club. Moida and Lorraine for many years ran the annual trivia event. In later years Moida was back as Social Committee Chair again and also helped with membership.

When Moida was asked to be President of our club, she declined because her other activities, travel adventures and visits to her family in Europe, didn't leave her enough time to do the job as well as she would want to. However, Moida was always there when help was needed. She was on Steering Committees to start up new clubs, helped on Social and House committees and often joined for the first year until others could take over.

Moida is an outstanding person who has always supported the PROBUS Clubs. When we open up again she will be there offering to help as always. She is an inspiration to us all and a friend to many members of the Oshawa PROBUS Club.

Happy 90th Birthday Moida,
from all your friends at the PROBUS Club of Oshawa



(Thank you to Lorraine Veroba, for her help with the history of Moida's involvement with our PROBUS Club and other local clubs.)



Scam Alert

Just a reminder not to open any email that sounds like it might be a scam. Here's a link to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. The Centre collects information on fraud and identity theft and provides information on past and current scams affecting Canadians. If you think you're a victim of fraud, [report it!](#) [RCMP Official Website - How to Protect Yourself](#)

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobus.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.

<https://probusglobal.org>



In 2021, the spring equinox occurs on Saturday, March 20th. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere when the Sun crosses the equator line, heading north in the sky. After this date, the Northern Hemisphere begins to be tilted more toward the Sun, resulting in increasing daylight hours and warming temperatures.

This year our hope for spring will bring about the ability for us all to gather together safely and enjoy the many friends we've met through our PROBUS Club of Oshawa.