

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



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**2016 - 2017  
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PROBUS Canada has just celebrated it's 30th anniversary. We sent two members, Lorraine Veroba and Doug Byers to the celebration held in Cambridge on April 27. During the past 30 years, PROBUS has grown from 4 to 237 clubs in Canada. There are 1900 clubs in Australia and New Zealand, so we have a long way to go to catch up!

From the 2 clubs formed in England in 1965-66, PROBUS has grown to over 4,000 clubs worldwide. Although originally linked to Rotarian clubs, new PROBUS clubs can now be formed with the sponsorship of existing clubs.

The mission of PROBUS is "To have a PROBUS club in every community where retired and semi-retired people seek to be in the company of each other directed solely towards acquaintance, fellowship, and learning, free from the constraints of politics, religion, fundraising, and competition." So the mandate is certainly one of growth. Our statement of values "[It is important] to stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time of life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred." is a rallying call to all retirees!

So why is PROBUS so successful? While all of us would still get along without a PROBUS club, I think we would all agree that our PROBUS club enriches our life. This, and the fact that PROBUS clubs are filled with people who are successful, and who are determined to contribute to making the club work. Keep up the good work!

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Doug and Nancy Byers**

~ Abilities Centre - May 15, 10 a.m., followed by lunch at the Royal Oak Pub if desired.

~ Capital Theatre, Port Hope:

June 7 - My Fair Lady (matinee)

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!

~ Keewatin Trip - June 20. (second day trip date to be determined)



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



**MAY SPEAKER:** Our speaker for May is **Thanh Campbell** who will discuss his book **Orphan 32**.

Thanh was the 32nd orphan loaded onto a Canadian Forces plane on April 12, 1975. Beside him there were 65 other babies who would become possibly the last infants flown from Vietnam as part of Operation Babylift, a frantic effort to save lives before Saigon fell.

Now, 38 years later, Campbell - born Nguyen Ngoc Minh Thanh - has published **Orphan 32**, a book about his life, from growing up in a Canadian family, to tracking down the other orphans who were on the same plane as he was, to being re-united with his Vietnamese family a few years back. It is, as Campbell says, the full story.

### **Membership Report for May 2017 Newsletter**

Welcome to New Members: Garry Christenson, and Barry & Mary Davis

### **Membership 2016-2017**

- Membership is now 280
- 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 me.

**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.*

## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**



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

We will work on Abstract Painting on Thursday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m.  
Bernice Burke will host the group at 79 Tecumseh Avenue, Oshawa..



**BOOK CLUBS:**

**BOOKWORMS - Elfrida Jeppesen**

Next meeting is on Tuesday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Pat Howell will host the meeting at the Centennial Retirement Residence. The book to be discussed is "The Illegal" by Lawrence Hill.

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

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 3 at 1 p.m. The host and discussion leader is Marilyn Peel, 504-700 Wilson Road North, Oshawa, 905-728-0745. The book is "All The Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

The Bookies have room for several new members. If you've ever considered joining a book club, come out to our June social when we discuss our book selections for 2017-18. The Bookies do not meet in July or August. If interested, contact Mary Medley (905-728-4573) or Barb Towey (905-433-9733).

**PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

Next meeting is Thursday, May 25. Mary will host and Lorraine will lead the discussion of "The Red Notebook" by Antoine Laurain.



**BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch**

The next breakfast club will be Thursday, May 4 at 9.30 at Dines at Gibbons and King (400 King West). This is a mixed group and new members are welcome. Members wishing to attend can email Joanne at [lynchjoanne@hotmail.com](mailto:lynchjoanne@hotmail.com) or call her at 905 433 2945, or text 905 244 1050.



**BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt**

Bid Euchre is on the fourth Wednesday, May 24th at 1.30 at the Centennial Retirement centre.

**EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Karen Tobin**

We will meet on May 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Centennial Retirement Residence.



**GARDENING - Jackie Frank**

Our next outing will be to the Toronto Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale on Friday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. Admission is free! Contact Jackie if you are interested in sharing a ride.



**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 get on my list of participants, please send me an email confirmation at [jackcadan@sympatico.ca](mailto:jackcadan@sympatico.ca)

**HAND AND FOOT - Kathy Brown**

The next Hand and Foot game will be at Tina VanAlebeek's house on Wednesday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. Please let her know if you plan to attend: 905-576-9385.



**HIKING - Art Veroba**

Next outing will be May 4 at Thicksen Woods. Meet in Thicksen Road South parking lot by the lake at 10:00 a.m.



**LAWN BOWLING - Gord Terwillegar  
Lawn Bowls Open House**

Members of PROBUS and their friends are invited to try a sport that provides a social opportunity to meet others and that many of us have enjoyed for many years. It is a sport that all ages can enjoy. There is no charge. Lawn Bowling is available from May 23 to May 26 at the Northview Community Centre. Available times are from 2- 4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. on May 23, 24, 25 (Tuesday -Thursday) and the afternoon of Friday, May 26.



**LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson**

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 16 at State and Main, 378 Taunton Road East, Whitby.

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.



### **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, contact Jackie Frank.

### **POKER: AFTERNOON GROUP - Orville Climenhaga**



Our next game will be on Tuesday, May 16 from 1-4 p.m. at Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, Oshawa. Contact Orville Climenhaga at 905-728-0084. New members are welcome.

### **POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson**

Our next meeting will be hosted by Gail Elliott on Wednesday, May10.



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

Here is a selection of cultural events offered locally this May. 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 Youth Orchestra Spring Concert**

Saturday May 6, 7:30 PM , St George's Memorial Church, Oshawa

#### **Hats & Afternoon Tea: Mother's Day Historic Hats and Afternoon Tea**

Sunday May 14, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Parkwood Estate, Reservations required

#### **Opera: Metropolitan Opera production of Strauss' Der Rosenkavalier,**

Saturday May 13, 12:55 PM Oshawa Cineplex and Landmark Cinema, Whitby

#### **Theatre: National Theatre Live production of Twelfth Night**

Saturday May 20, 12:55 PM Oshawa Cineplex

#### **Choral Concert: Durham Philharmonic Choir's production of The Music of Living**

Saturday May 27, 7:30 PM , Hebron Christian Reformed Church, Whitby

### **TRAVEL - Connie Nelson**

The travel group will meet Monday, June 19, 2017. Details to be provided in the June newsletter.





**- Maria DeJong**  
URBAN POLE WALKING Group

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Mondays: May 1, 8, 15 and 29, 10:00 AM . Meet east end of parking lot , Rossland and Wilson Rds. Harmony Creek south trail

Friday May 5, 10:00 AM, meet parking area bottom of Gordon St, Whitby for Whitby Shores trail

Friday May 12, 10:00 AM, meet parking area, dirt road far east end of General Motors Headquarters, off Wentworth for Darlington

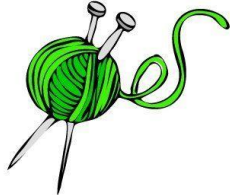
Friday May 26, 10:00 AM meet bottom of Thickson Rd for Waterfront trail

NOTE: No scheduled walk for Friday May 19 or Monday May 22

### **WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke**

The next meeting will be hosted by Vicky Paquette on Tuesday, May 2 at 3 p.m.  
Contact: Bernice Burke, 905-728-2587.

WARNING:  
I HAVE NEEDLES AND  
KNOW HOW TO USE THEM



### **YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones**

Our knitting and crochet group will meet twice in May. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, May 10 at 9:30 at the Centennial Retirement Home. Barb will contact members directly about setting the second date later in the month. New members are always 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)

### **Oshawa PROBUS Website:**

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