

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: May, 2019



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President's Message

As I write this message, it is raining...again!! Hopefully the May flowers will be worth it. We can consider ourselves fortunate as so many areas are seeing flooding, both in Canada and throughout the world.

Durham Central PROBUS orientation meeting was an overwhelming success. The last figure, quoted by President Doug Byers, was 144 paid members with more expected shortly. The Bobby Orr room was packed and a few attendees were standing, due to a shortage of chairs. Doug is in negotiations with other venues as the Bobby Orr room is not suitable for that number of members. The May Foundation meeting scheduled for May 16th will be held in the Bobby Orr room since that is what was advertised. Paid members will be advised of the new location once negotiations are complete.

The PROBUS Canada website states the first PROBUS club was started in 1966 by the Rotary Club of Caterham England. The first PROBUS club in North America was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Galt in Cambridge ON. As stated in the PROBUS Canada newsletter of January 2019 there were 250 active clubs in Canada (including 4 new since October 2018) with 37,600 members with the number of members increasing daily. Durham Central and Richmond Hill make the fifth and sixth new clubs added since October 2018 which, if my addition is correct, should bring the number of active Canadian clubs to 252.

MAY SPEAKER – TED BARRIS, author, journalist and broadcaster

Ted has hosted regularly on CBC Radio and contributed to the *National Post* and *Legion, Air Force* and *Zoomer* magazines. He has authored 18 published, non-fiction books and will present his newest book "Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid against Nazi Germany" at the May meeting.

JUNE SPEAKER – Diane Dupuy, Founder and President of the internationally acclaimed black light theatre company, Famous PEOPLE Players

Diane is also a renowned motivational speaker who has travelled the world inspiring individuals and corporations. Her extraordinary work on both artistic and humanitarian levels has garnered her many prestigious awards, including the Order of Canada.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobust.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

www.probus.org



We welcomed one new member in April – Wilf Hambly. Our current membership is 299.



New members Anne-Marie Beattie, Anne MacKay, Pat Bilenduke, Bernice Caya, and Deb Jones receiving their Name Badges from Maria de Jong. Absent: Barb Anderson.

New Member's Night



Our New Members Night is on Wednesday, May 15th at 7 PM at Three Steps Up Coffee House and Bistro, 605 Brock Street North, Whitby. Email invitations have been sent out to all members who have joined since July 2018. For new members without email, invitations were mailed out last week so you should be receiving it soon. Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling (905) 728-4573 or by email (medley_maria@yahoo.com).

Volunteers Needed: House Committee

If you enjoy the snacks provided during the break at our monthly PROBUS Club General Meetings remember that we need volunteers to make that happen.

Right now, we need volunteers for the **June, July and October** meetings. If you can help out contact Maria Upton, the House Committee Chair, m.upton@sympatico.ca, or sign up on the sheet at our next meeting.



Don't forget to bring your own coffee mug or teacup to each meeting.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Marilyn Thaxter, Jackie Bathe and Janet Good

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

Please remember to bring your cheque book

UPCOMING OSHAWA PROBUS EVENTS:

Cheques payable to PROBUS CLUB OF OSHAWA

- **MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY TOUR**, Toronto, Monday, May 13th, 10:30 AM. The cost is \$10. Meet at the Cemetery gate - east side of Yonge Street, 100 meters or so north of St. Clair Avenue. St. Clair subway station is the closest TTC stop.
- **WESTBEN CONCERT AT THE BARN** - ABBA Mia! July 17th, 2 PM. The cost is \$40 for the show. Very limited space is available for the turkey dinner at the church at 5 PM. The cost for dinner is \$20. **(Sign up with payment at the May meeting)**
- **PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE EVENING** - Wednesday, June 12th 7 PM. The cost is \$12. Thornton Arms Pub **(Sign up with payment at the May meeting)**

SAVE THE DATE:

June 25th 10 AM - Tour of the Aga Khan Museum, 77 Wynford Drive, North York. The cost is \$17.00. Parking is an additional \$10. Lunch will be available but is not included in the ticket price.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Conveners – Please submit your information to the newsletter editor by the 25th of each month to be included in the following month's Newsletter

Suggestions for a new group? Do you have an interest or hobby you would like to share with your fellow club members? Don't hesitate to pass it along to Jackie Frank. She will try to recruit other members to create a group.

Proposed new groups:

We are trying to set up four new groups. Please feel free to sign up at the next meeting or contact Jackie Frank if you have any questions.

- **Appetizer group:** for people who love to eat appetizers and are interested in tasting new ones and sharing recipes
- **Another book club:** this would be our fourth book club. Three members have signed up, but we need more to make the group more viable and interesting.
- **Bridge for beginners:** this group already has a good number of members signed up, but it will only be set up after the bridge lessons are over. It is aimed at people who don't play bridge very often or are just learning.
- **Day-tripper group:** this group is for people who enjoy half-day or full-day trips. Members would take turns choosing an outing and sharing rides would be promoted.

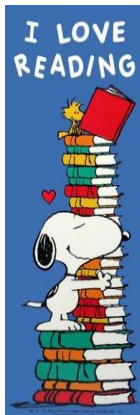
Suggestion for a card-making workshop

Card-making workshop at someone's home. The instructor would provide the needed materials. The workshop could be an all-day, an afternoon or an evening session. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.



ART GROUP - Debbie Waker

Convener: Debbie Waker - d.waker@sympatico.ca
 DATE: Thursday, May 16th
 TIME: 1 PM
 ADDRESS: 79 Tecumseh Avenue
 ACTIVITY: Zentangle



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21st, 10 AM, hosted by Judy Bell. The group will be discussing "A man Called Ove" by Fredrick Hackman. Contact Judy Bell (905) 720-3808/ Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens

Our next meeting is on Thursday, May 2nd at 1 PM. Jane Havens will host (642 Grierson Street) and the group will discuss our May selection "The Lost Girls of Paris" by Pam Jenoff.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 23rd at 7 PM. Kathryn Brown will be hosting and Carol Cadan will lead the discussion of our selection "The Jane Eyre Project".



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The next games will be on Wednesday, May 15th, at 10 AM at Jo Ann Thackeray's house. Please contact Jackie Frank to confirm. Bring some paper and a pen/pencil.



BREAKFAST GROUP – Catherine Frost

On May 2nd the group will meet at 9:30 AM at Hooksey's Fish and Chips, 3052 Garden Street, (Garden Street and Rossland Road) Whitby. Please contact Catherine Frost (c.frost@sympatico.ca) if you plan on attending.

BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

Bid Euchre is on the fourth Wednesday of the month and will be meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd at 1:30 PM at Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, downstairs in the Gathering Room. Everyone is welcome. The group would love to see some new players.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

Euchre group #2 will meet at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, at 2 PM, on Thursday, May 23rd. New members are always welcome.

CHESS - Ed and Jo Taylor

Our Chess club meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM at 51 White Cliffe Drive, Courtice. Phone number: (905) 404-2440.



CRIBBAGE – June McLaren



The cribbage group will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 1 PM at the home of Anne- Marie Beattie, 1104 Ridgemount Boulevard. The cost is \$2. Please let Anne-Marie know if you will be attending by e-mailing her at annemariebeattie@sympatico.ca.

Garden/Nature Club – Jackie Frank



Plant exchange: Tuesday, May 21st between 10 AM and noon: plant exchange at Jackie Frank's house. Bring up to 5 plants, labelled if possible.

Edwards Gardens: Wednesday, May 29th, 10 AM: visit to Edwards Gardens, home of Toronto's Botanical Gardens. Come and see the gardens in their Spring splendour!

Second Marsh: Monday, June 10th, 9:30 AM: join Friends of Second Marsh as they provide a guided tour of the area and share information about Second Marsh's wildlife and fauna. Donation of \$5.

GOLF – Jack Cadan



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Calling all golfers. For those interested in participating in a weekly golf activity, please take note.

Once again this summer, I will be organizing a weekly golf date as follows. It will be on Tuesday or Wednesday morning of each week beginning sometime early in May. The dates will alternate between Tuesday on one week and Wednesday the next and continue until late September or early October. The format will be on Wednesday, the courses will be a walkable 9 hole course of executive length like Hawthorne, Lyndebrook, Salem Ridge, etc. Whereas on Tuesday the courses will be a longer more challenging type of either 9 or 18 hole courses which may or may not be walkable, but power carts will be available for those who wish to play. The courses will include the likes of Carruthers Creek, Stonehedge, Markham Green, Riverside, Whispering Ridge, etc. All future communication will be via email. People may participate in either or both sessions. Just register once and you will receive emails for the complete activity. To have your name included in the activity, simply send an email to jackcadan@sympatico.ca by April 30th.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown

No information was available on the next Hand and Foot card game as of the time of publication of the newsletter.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 21st at Azian Cuisine, 1365 Wilson Road North, #2, Oshawa. 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 let Connie know so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora

The Group is hoping to develop a more structured schedule and could use some more members. Anyone interested is invited to come, sit in and get a feel for the game.



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 the third Tuesday of each month at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street at 1 PM. New players are always welcome.

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

PROBUS evening poker in May will be on Wednesday, May 8th at 7 PM at the home of Peter Belsey.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 16th at 1 PM at Judy Bryson's, 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. Please RSVP (905) 576-0492.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE – Mary Kelcey

The following is a small sample of the upcoming cultural events being offered in this region for April, May and June:

Location	Event	Date	Note
Tribute Communities Centre	Jerry Seinfeld	May 31 st 7:30 PM	
Regent Theatre	Classic Movie All About Eve (1950)	May 2 nd 7 PM	Check the website for additional events: Regent Theatre Website
	Ontario Philharmonic Orchestra	April 27 th 8 PM	Lighthouse – 50 Years of Canadian Hits with Lighthouse and OC Strings

Location	Event	Date	Note
Forest Brook Community Church 60 Kearney Dr. Ajax	Durham Chamber Orchestra Ciao! Italian Favourites	May 26 th 3 PM	Final Concert
Capitol Theatre Port Hope	Guys and Dolls	May 21 st to June 16 th	Matinee 2 PM and Evening 8 PM Performances
Whitby Courthouse Theatre	Music Man	June 6 th to 8 th June 9 th , 13 th , 14 th , 15 th , 16 th	7:30 PM 2 PM
Simcoe Street United Church 66 Simcoe Street S. Oshawa	Resound Choir	June 9 th 2 PM and 7 PM	Check the website for additional information Resound Choir Website
Oshawa Little Theatre	Walk the Line	April 27 th 7:30 PM	
Townhall 1873 Port Perry	AC/DC Tribute Show	April 27 th 8PM	
	Brothers Gibb	May 3 rd 8 PM	The Bee Gees Story

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



Bernice Burke will host the Wine Appreciation Group on Tuesday, May 7th at 3 PM. Contact Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson

The Vintage Tasting Group will be meeting will be on Thursday, May 16th at 3 PM hosted by Don and Diane Rowe. If possible please confirm a week in advance.



WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

Our next get together will be on Thursday, May 9th. We will meet at 5:45 PM at Corrado's, 38 Baldwin Street, Brooklin. Please contact Denise Allick dlallick@icloud.com by May 1st if you intend to join us. New members are always welcome. If you find that you are unable to come, but had asked Denise to make a reservation for you, please contact the restaurant.



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

May 2019 Schedule

It is spring! Come and join us when you can and get moving! Poles are not required, but are recommended. Walking with poles gives you more stability, helps posture, and exercises your upper body tool when you walk. 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: May 6th and 13th 10 AM - Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail South

Friday, May 3rd, 10 AM - Meet at the parking area, dirt road far east end of General Motors Headquarters, Wentworth Street for Darlington Park

Friday, May 10th, 10 AM - Meet at the parking area at the bottom of Gordon Street, Whitby, for Whitby Shores Trail

NOTE Change in Time

Friday, May 24th, 9 AM - Meet at Northview Seniors Centre, Beatrice Street for North Oshawa Railway Trail

Monday, May 27th, 9 AM - Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail

Friday, May 31st, 9 AM - Meet at the bottom of Thickson Road for Waterfront Trail

NOTE: No scheduled walks for Friday May 17 or Monday May 20



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1st at 10 AM at the home of Tina Van Alebeek. Please RSVP to Tina by April 29th.

The Divas recently added up the twiddle muffs they've made and donated – adult-sized muffs to nursing homes, Ontario Shores and the Alzheimer's Society and kid-sized muffs to the Autism Society and individual schools for students with behavioural issues. We've hit the 200 mark and continue to be busy making more! If anyone has ribbon that they're not using, we would love to put it to good use and incorporate it in our next batch of twiddle muffs.

All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome!

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 14, 10 AM

