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PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: May 2022

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President's Message

I started my April message saying that it was now officially spring, and those big piles of snow were gone. You would not have thought that last Monday evening when old man winter gave us one last surprise. At least we didn't need to shovel it.

April was our second in-person meeting and I thank all those that attended. Still no coffee/treats or 50/50 draws but this will be discussed at the next management meeting.

Your Social Committee has been working hard to come up with some great ideas - Landmark Theatre sold out and there is a waiting list, Kawartha Downs in May for a buffet meal and then lose some money on the ponies, and Westben Theatre for an ABBA tribute in July. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May meeting.

Your Special Interest Groups are getting back together and sign-up sheets will also be available at the May meeting. Please take time to see what is available. You may find something of "special interest".

Our guest speaker in April was Andrés Jimenez. His presentation was about the joy of birds, and I found it to be very informative. Our scheduled May speaker is author Terry Fallis. Terry has spoken to us in the past and has provided interesting topics.

Those with e-mail should have received notification that we found it necessary to increase our membership fees from \$30 to \$40 starting this coming September. For those who do not have e-mail a copy of it is appended below in the newsletter. It will outline the reasons why the increase was necessary.

By now most of you are probably aware of the passing of Ron Allen, Past President, and long-time member of our PROBUS Club. Our condolences to the Allen family.

Coffee and refreshments will not be served at the May meeting so please bring your own and please wear a mask.

Please stay safe and I look forward to greeting you at our meeting May 10th.

Membership Fee Increase

After reviewing our club's current financial position, your management team has determined that it is necessary to increase the annual membership fee from the current \$30 to \$40 for each member. This fee increase will take affect at next renewal date. The current membership fee has been in effect since 2016 increasing from \$15 in 2011.

At the beginning of the COVID pandemic, the Club had sufficient funds in the bank and in 2020 - 2021 we reduced the annual membership fee to \$15. In 2021 - 2022 we forgave the membership fee. However, in both years we still had certain expenses such as insurance, software, speakers and newsletter costs that needed to be covered.

Based on what we knew at the time, I still believe reducing/forgiving the membership fees was justifiable and did not anticipate a change to the current fee. What we didn't foresee, was the Oshawa & District Shrine Club increasing our rent by \$100 per month. Our annual rent to the Oshawa & District Shrine Club is now \$4,750 including taxes.

Our financial estimates were based on 250 members. If the membership fee were to remain at \$30 per member, we would run a deficit of approximately \$1,300. (Membership fees of \$7,500 less projected expenses of \$8,770)

A membership fee of \$35 was also considered, but this would still leave us in a small deficit position.

Increasing the membership fee to \$40 will/should provide the Club with a surplus of approximately \$1,200.

Should we look for a new venue? Perhaps, but I think it would be difficult to find a suitable location that would meet the requirements of our members. We currently have ample space, more the sufficient parking and easy access for our senior members.

Please be assured approving this increase was not taken lightly and also be assured the membership fees will continue to be monitored on an annual basis and adjusted as necessary.

If anyone would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me directly at (905) 728-5305.

Garry Christenson
President

Smiles and Groaners

I went to the liquor store Friday afternoon on my bicycle, bought a bottle of scotch and put it in the bicycle basket. As I was about to leave, I thought to myself that if I fell of the bicycle, the bottle of scotch would break. So, I drank the bottle of scotch before I cycled home. It turned out to be very good decision, because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home.



MANAGEMENT TEAM: Nominations – 2022-2023

It is that time again. Time to look forward and start planning for our Club's opening up fully with the help of our members. Filling positions on our Management Team for the upcoming year starting September 2022 to August 2023, is a key part of that process. Nothing happens in any volunteer organization like ours, without the help and dedication of our members in a variety of roles.

As such we have initiated the search to fill a few positions for next year's Management Team.

We require volunteers to fill the following positions:

1. Vice-President
2. Co- Secretary
3. Members- at-Large (2-3) who attend Management Team Meetings every other month to become aware of positions on the team and corresponding responsibilities, with the intent of moving into a vacant position when needed
4. Co-Chairs for several of our committees
5. Committee members

We encourage all members to give serious consideration to volunteering for one of these open positions. Having Co-Chairs, helps in sharing the responsibility with another member in an effort to exchange ideas and lessen the workload. Whether you are a relatively new member or have been involved for some years, please let us know how you can help.

Job descriptions are available for all of our Management Team positions, plus current or former Team Members are available to help you get started. For more information, please email Maria de Jong mariska578@gmail.com , Garry Christenson garry1.christenson@sympatico.ca or Chuck Keller helmutprob42@gmail.com.

Maria de Jong, Past President

MAY SPEAKER – Terry Fallis, Canadian Humorist and Novelist



Terry will be speaking to us about his latest book, published in October, 2021 titled "Operation Angus". In this book, the two characters, Angus and Daniel that Terry wrote about in his very first book, "The Best Laid Plans" (for which he won the Stephen Leacock medal for humour) return for more adventures.

"Operation Angus" is a comic thriller with Angus and Daniel trying to thwart an assassination attempt on the life of the Russian President during a visit to Ottawa. Please come and join us to hear Terry tell us about the development of this interesting story.



Follow up from Last Month's Speaker, Andrés Jiménez:

In a note, after his talk, Andrés described the Probus Club members in attendance for his talk as "amazing and enthusiastic".

He sent along the following website links:

www.birdgarden.ca

www.torontobirdcelebration.ca

birdscanada.org

Andrés is producer and co-host of the podcast: The Warblers.



Welcome to new member Linda Dixon. This brings our membership number to 263.

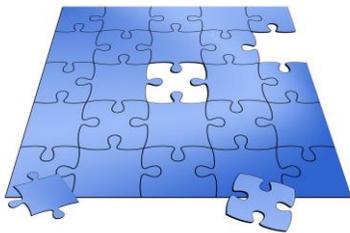
If you have changes to your contact information, please email Connie Nelson at connienelson@rogers.com or call (905) 576-9022.

PROBUS Clothing:



Since our club started, we have been providing the opportunity to buy jackets, hats, sweatshirts, t shirts, etc. bearing the OSHAWA PROBUS LOGO. The position is open for anyone interested in looking after this for Oshawa PROBUS Club. Lorraine Veroba will provide information and assistance as needed. Please consider taking on this task which is limited in time required to do it. For more Information, contact Lorraine.

PROBUS clothing is available online now. See Website link below to Roy's Enterprise. The site is set up for individual orders. No group orders necessary. Prices, colors and club names are on the website. [Roy's Enterprise](#)



Puzzle exchange

Friends in the Richmond Hill PROBUS Club advise their club has success with a puzzle exchange. Pat and Gerry Henderson are willing start an exchange in our club. The rules are quite simple – If you bring puzzles, you must take an equal number of puzzles. Please, help us keep this under control. Let's see if we can duplicate Richmond Hill's success.

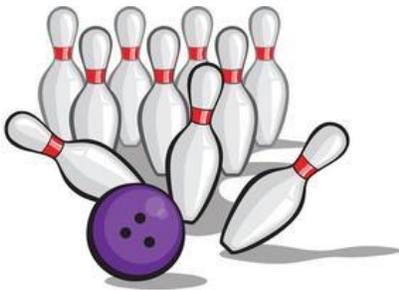


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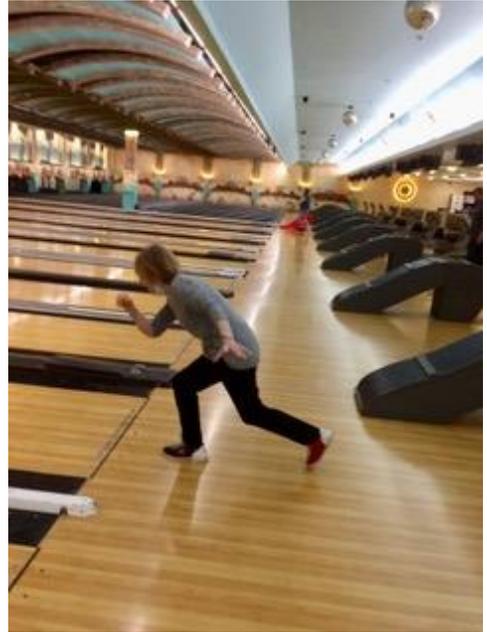
MOVIE - Downton Abbey

We are joining with Durham Central for a private screening of Downton Abbey on Wednesday, May 25th at noon. The Landmark Theatre is located at 75 Consumer's Drive, Whitby. As the event has been fully subscribed, there are no more seats. To get on the waitlist, please contact Jackie Frank.



BOWLING TIME!

We held a fun event at Neb's Fun World on Wednesday April 20th. There were eight members bowling. The 1st game top score was 194 by Gerry Henderson; the 2nd game top score was 159 by Lorna Wells. We adjourned to Azian Cuisine restaurant for supper and socializing.





(Photos courtesy of Jackie Frank)



The event is a musical review of Abba's music, presented by six Westben Theatre singers. The club has a hold on up to 130 seats for the July 20th 2 PM performance. The cost is \$55, payable by cheque to the PROBUS Club of Oshawa, dropped off at either Jackie Frank or Gerry Henderson's home, or at the May 10th or June 14th meetings. If you want to sit with friends, please let us know by including that with your cheque. This year, there is NO follow-on supper, as the church no longer provides.



Kawartha Downs

Join us on Saturday June 18th at 6 PM for dinner, followed by racing at 7 PM at Kawartha Downs. There is a \$10 buffet deposit, to be paid by cheque payable to the PROBUS Club of Oshawa, by the May 10th meeting. The dinner buffet is \$29.99 + tax + 15% gratuity (minus the \$10 deposit), which we pay onsite. There is no admission charge to the track.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



If your group is meeting, don't forget to send photos of your activities to be included in the newsletter. Please send your information/photos to Cindy Fleming by the 25th of each month.



Card Making Group: Mary Gibson

There has been an interest shown by a few people who want to try their hand at making homemade cards. If you are interested in this, as things open up please contact Mary at Marmojl245481@gmail.com.



BOOKIES – Jane Havens and Barbara Towey

The Bookies will meet on Tuesday, May 17th at 1 PM. Barbara Towey will host. The group will discuss the book “Home for Unwanted Girls” by Joanna Goodman.

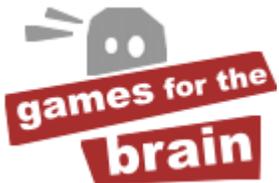
BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The Bookworms are reading the “Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane” this month and Marlene Gutsole is hosting. Next month we are discussing a Podcast and Judy Bell will be hosting.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS book club will meet on May 26th. Helene will host and Kathryn will lead the discussion on the book “The Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah.

BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank



The next Brain games will be on Wednesday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. Jackie Frank's house.



DAY TRIPPERS – Jackie Frank

On Wednesday, June 22nd, the Day Trippers are heading to Lucy Maud Montgomery House, in Leaksdale (Uxbridge) for a tour of the house and lunch. The cost is \$20. Please contact Dorothy Shrigley if you wish to attend.



GARDEN AND NATURE GROUP – Jackie Frank

On Monday, May 30th, the group will be visiting Edwards Gardens and the Toronto Botanical Garden. We will ride share. If interested, contact Jackie Frank.



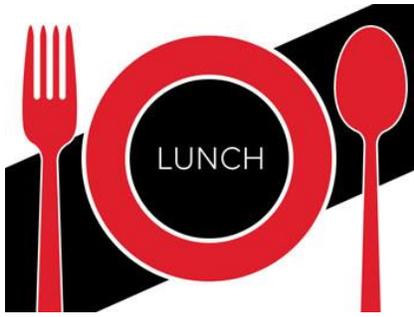
GOLF – Jack Cadan

Calling all golfers 🏌️ Who shoots a 6, yells "fore" and writes 5.

It's that time of year that the yearning to frustrate oneself by spoiling a good walk chasing a little white (or sometimes coloured) ball around a golf course. The time has come to let me know who wants to join us once a week for 9 holes of golf. The format will be the same that I have used the last couple of years.

We will play either Tuesday or Wednesday morning (around 9 AM) at Spring Creek or Hawthorne golf courses. Simply send me an email to register for this activity. All future correspondence will be through email. I expect that we will begin in early May and run through to about Thanksgiving. Jack Cadan - jackcadan@sympatico.ca

Spring has sprung the grass 🌱 is riz
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I wunda how many there are 😊



LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Our ladies group met April 19th, at the Mandarin restaurant in Oshawa for a "small bites lunch". Ten ladies were in attendance for our two hour chat session. So nice to be able to sit, visit and get to know everyone on a more personal basis.

Thank you for those that were able to attend, we promise, no more snow. Next month you will be able to wear your spring

bonnet!

Thanks, suggestions for more eating places is greatly appreciated, the search is on. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it!! See you in May.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

As of February, our in house movie theatre group has been back seeing movies at the Landmark theatre.

Normal time is Friday, first showing of the day for new movies. It may switch back to morning showings, but for now, due to limited numbers, the first showing is in the afternoon.

Our Landmark Movie group is 21 people now. Excitement is building as we watch all the new trailers for coming movies.

As of March 1st things are opening up more this will probably mean the earliest movie will be in the mornings again. We'll have that confirmed going forward.

ZOOM Movie group for Netflix is still going strong. We pick two things to watch and every second Friday night at 7 PM we get together to discuss the movies/ series/ documentaries we've all seen. Please contact me if you would like to join the group. Mary Gibson.

Marmojl245481@gmail.com



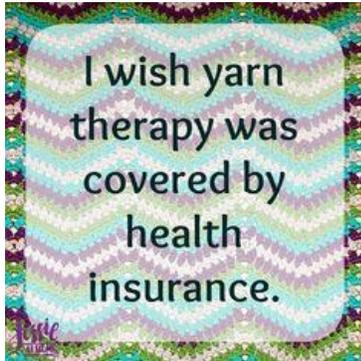
SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will be meeting on Thursday, May 12th at 1 PM at 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. All are welcome. Please RSVP Judy (905) 576-0492.

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



For the winter months until further notice, we will be walking the Harmony Creek Trail on Mondays and Fridays starting at 9:30 AM. Meeting at the Rossland/Wilson plaza near the Bollock Pub (previously the Tartan). This trail is the best for winter as it is well maintained, sheltered and safe. Contact information: sharonsmith@sympatico.ca



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

The Yarn Divas look forward to an in-person meeting at 10 AM on Wednesday, May 4th.

Members will be advised of the location of this meeting via email.

All Oshawa PROBUS members who like to knit or crochet are welcome to join us. Please contact Barb Jones for more

information.

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.



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 oshawaprobustclub@gmail.com.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobust.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>

March Winds and
April Showers
Bring forth May Flowers



