

2023 – 2024
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PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: May 2024



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Next Membership General Meeting May 14, 2024

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President's Message

The names for the months of the year have all been derived from Greek gods and goddesses. May is no exception! It is named after the goddess, Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility. Some special days this month include May 4th, "May the force be with you" (created by a German newspaper's error in translation – "We are with you on May 4th), May 8th Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) which commemorates the end of fighting in Europe during World War II and of course "firecracker day" on Queen Victoria's birthday May 24th, and this year it is celebrated on May 20th.

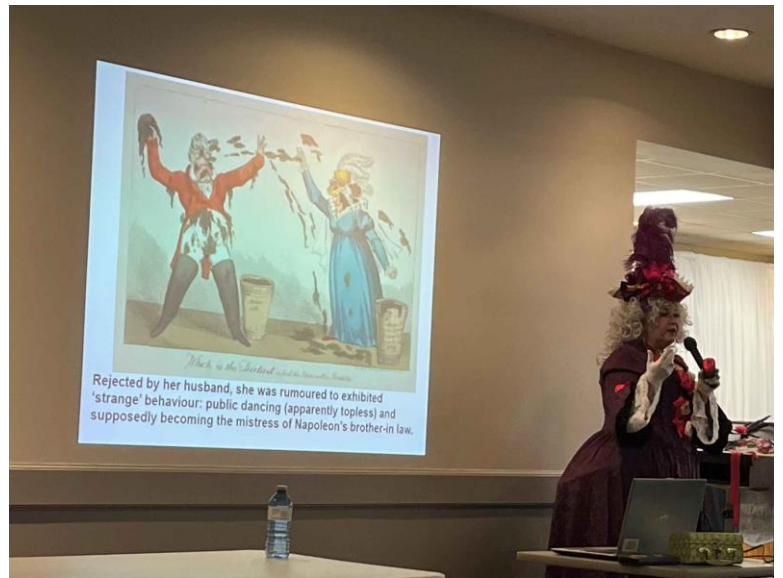
However, the most important day in May is Mother's Day, always on the second Sunday in May. As everybody knows no one is more special than mom. Often taken for granted, they are always our strongest supporters. So take this opportunity to show your love to those women in your life who mean so much to you. Go out and celebrate Mother's Day. First and foremost, spend time with her or a long phone call if you are unable to be with her. Flowers, cards, candy and gifts are all part of the day. But, her greatest desire is always to be with family on this special day! Not everyone has a living mother these days. I am very fortunate to have my mother. She will be turning 95 in a couple of months.

Marg Miller- President



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APRIL MEETING: Lianne Harris, "Royal Scandals"



Pictures provided by Mary Gibson





Pictures provided by Donna Keller

MAY SPEAKER: Rob Stimpson



Our May speaker is Rob Stimpson, an internationally renowned nature photographer and outdoorsman with a background in tourism. He teaches photography, writes for various publications and maintains his personal photo gallery.

He has a special love for the wilderness, especially the world's polar regions.

Rob will speak to us about his adventures photographing Ontario's beautiful provincial parks.

Some humour:



Parade

“Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes.”

— JACK HANDEY —



MEMBERSHIP – CINDY FLEMING

Our current membership is 228. In April, we welcomed Rose Marie Patterson.

Members who joined the PROBUS Club of Oshawa since our last New Members Event in 2023, have been invited to the 2024 New Members Event being held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Invitations were sent out to new Members by e-mail on April 12th. A response by May 7th indicating whether or not you are able to attend would be appreciated.

As always, if you have changes to your contact information, please contact Cindy Fleming

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith

When it's raining, there is always coffee as a backup.



Picture provided by Sharon Smith



SOCIAL COMMITTEE- Sharon Smith and Peggy Gibson

**PROBUS CLUB OF OSHAWA
SOCIAL EVENTS 2024**

Social Committee Co-Chairs: Peggy Gibson & Sharon Smith

Social Committee Team: Lester Allick, Pat Bayus, Karen Beier, Judy Bryson, Donna Keller, Bridget King, Wayne Lannon, Marilyn Thaxter

Spring (April/May)	DATE	COST	ORGANIZER	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
District 9 Euchre Tournament CLOSED FOR PROBUS OSHAWA	Monday April 29	\$5.00	Karen Beier	karenbeier15@gmail.com	Karen: 647-302-3144
Durham Craft Beer Festival Children's Arena, Oshawa https://www.durhamcraftbeer.ca https://mcmichael.com	Saturday May 11	\$37.22	Bridget King	bking832@gmail.com	
McMichael Art Gallery, Kleinburg <i>Tours: Ghosts of Canoe Lake Collection & McMichael Highlights</i> https://mcmichael.com	Thursday May 23	\$19.00 tour (tax incl) Lunch @Cafe in the Gallery	Sharon Smith Peggy Gibson	sharonsmith@sympatico.ca pmg.gibson@gmail.com	Sharon: 416-938-7841 Peggy: 905-410-1645
PICOV Downs Horse Races, Ajax Gateway Restaurant https://ajaxdowns.com	Wednesday May 29	No entry fee Lunch - Individual bills	Donna Keller Sharon Smith	donnachuckkeller@gmail.com sharonsmith@sympatico.ca	Donna: 416-451-8401 Sharon: 416-938-7841
Summer (June/July/August)					
Open Doors Ontario Markham Heritage Walking Tour https://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/pages/events/markham	Saturday June 8 (10:15am tour)	No entry fee Lunch – individual bills. Restaurant TBD	Lester Allick	allick@sympatico.ca	
Tribute to Johnny Cash <i>We Walk the Line</i> - Oshawa Little Theatre https://cashtributeshow.com/contact	Thursday June 22	\$49.65	Peggy Gibson Sharon Smith	pmg.gibson@gmail.com sharonsmith@sympatico.ca	Peggy: 905-410-1645 Sharon: 416-938-7841
Canoe Museum, Peterborough https://canoemuseum.ca	TBD	TBD	Lester Allick	allick@sympatico.ca	
Trent Canal Lift Locks, Peterborough Lunch – Jack's Fish/Chips Restaurant https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern	August TBD	\$33.00	Donna Keller	donnachuckkeller@gmail.com	Donna: 416-451-8401
The Full Monty, Capital Theatre Port Hope https://capitoltheatre.com/events/the-full-monty-2024-07-20-200-pm/seats	Tuesday July 16	\$43.20	Karen Beier	karenbeier15@gmail.com	Karen: 647-302-3144
WESTBEN – “Best of a Barnfull of Broadway” (Campbellford) Dinner at Warkworth Church (no tax and no gratuity on dinner) https://www.westben.ca/barnful-of-broadway-2024	Tuesday July 23	\$58.00 \$30.00	Marilyn Thaxter & Bridget King	marilyn.thaxter@gmail.com	

Fall (September/October/November)					
La Cage aux Folles, Stratford https://www.stratfordfestival.ca/WhatsOn/PlaysAndEvents/Production/La-Cage-aux-Folles	Wednesday Sept 4	\$160-\$170 bus & ticket	Karen & Peggy	karenbeier15@gmail.com pmg.gibson@gmail.com	Karen: 647-302-3144 Peggy: 905-410-1645
Epic Eagles – Regent Theatre, Oshawa https://tickets.regenttheatre.ca/eventperformances.asp?evt=989	Friday Sept 13	\$55.00	Peggy	pmg.gibson@gmail.com	Peggy: 905-410-1645

INFORMATION

TBD – to be determined
TBC – to be confirmed
Expression of Interest Sheet >>>
Sign-up Sheet – officially sign up and provide a cheque for the cost of the event
Cheques payable to: **Probus Club of Oshawa (separate cheques for each event)**

SUGGESTIONS: Please provide your suggestions below or contact us as we want to ensure we bring interesting “group” events to you.
Suggestions are entered on an Expression of Interest Sheet to determine how many are interested in the event. If we have 10 people interested, we will proceed to a **Sign-up Sheet**



Local events/activities

Every month, Pat Bayus will be listing events and activities happening in the region in the coming month. **If you know of such events, email the information to Pat before the 15 of each month at sunvalleywatch@sympatico.ca**

There will be no Local Events for May. Pat Bayus is on vacation and Local Events will return for June.

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 Connie Nelson by the 25th of each month.

Special Interest Group Chair- Marlene Owen

CONVENORS ARE OUR STRENGTH!!!! Thank You

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey



The PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 23rd at 1 PM at the home of Kathryn Belsey. Barb Jones will lead the discussion on “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The Bookworm’s Book club is meeting on May 28th this month with Pat Howell hosting. The book we will be discussing is ‘The Maid’ by Nita Prose.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

Brain Games: The next games will be on Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Wyndfield Retirement Residence. Please confirm with Jackie Frank if you are planning to come.

GARDEN/NATURE GROUP – Jackie Frank:



On Thursday, June 13, we are going to visit the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington and the Whistling Gardens in Wilsonville with tour operator, canXplore. Tickets for this Spring Garden Tour can be purchased at canxplore.com

On Tuesday, June 25, we are planning a guided walking tour of Toronto Island. The tour is provided by two women who reside on the island. The cost is \$30. Anyone interested in joining this tour should contact Jackie Frank.



DAY TRIPPERS – Jackie Frank:

On Sunday, June 2, some Daytrippers are going to the Homes for Scholarships Tours in Orillia. The event funds scholarships for young women pursuing post-secondary education. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at cfuwhomestour.ca. This day trip was suggested by Donna Henderson.

On Sunday, July 7, group members are heading to Orangeville to visit the town's public art collection. There are more than 70 public art installations on display throughout Orangeville. If interested, contact Lester Allick. Ride sharing will be organized.



Wine and Dine – Jackie Frank:

Our next dinner outing is on Tuesday, May 9 and is being organized by Bridget King.



YARN DIVAS

We will meet at Rose's at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1 to knit, crochet, catch up and laugh! Our final meeting for this season will be at Wendy's on June 5.

If anyone has yarn to share or finished items ready to donate to a local charity, please bring them to the next meeting.

Yarn Divas is open to all Probus members who enjoy crafting with yarn. For more information, contact Barb at barbandpete@rogers.com.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

If you want to get back into seeing movies in the theater, join us on Fridays -the first showing at the movie (usually between 10:30 and 1pm). contact Mary Gibson: marmojl245481@gmail.com



CHESS – Ed Taylor

The chess games are every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. until you are ready to leave. It is quite informal.



SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson

Scrabble date: Thursday May 9 1;15 p.m.

COFFEE AND CHAT – Bruno Scanga



We meet every Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00pm at the Tim's at Rossland & Thornton location. Everyone is welcome for chats and fellowship.

Contact Bruno Scanga

LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Today was spring bonnet day for our lunch group, thank you ladies for making it special. We met at Vandermeer's greenhouse, with 21 ladies present, all decked out with bonnets. Christine Steele won for best bonnet, it was adorned with rabbits, flowers and bows, great job. Another fun get together, see you next month. Where, you'll have to wait and see!

Donna Keller





Pictures provided by
Donna Keller



URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



Probus Urban Pole Walking Schedule - May, 2024
Days: Monday and Friday
Time: 9:30 am

May 3 Friday	Cullen Gardens Trail. Taunton Road West to Cochrane, turn north on Cochrane. Follow road straight ahead to as far as it goes then bear left around corner to parking lot. (new housing area). <i>Tim Horton's at the Superstore Smart Centre/Walmart on Taunton by TD Bank for coffee is optional.</i>
May 6 Monday	Waterfront Trail at Whitby Shores. Gordon Street South (off Victoria Street west) to the end, turn left parking and entrance. <i>Tim Horton's coffee shop in Scotia Plaza on Gordon Street after our walk is optional.</i>
May 10 Friday	North/South Rail Trail. Meet at Connaught Park Clubhouse at 435 Jarvis Street, Oshawa (via Connaught Street off Simcoe Street North or along Jarvis). Walk north on the trail to Beatrice Street.
May 13 Monday	Darlington Park Trail – Col Sam Drive past GM Corporate building. Go to <u>very end of road and turn right on dirt road</u> - follow dirt road all the way to parking at the end of the road.
May 17 Friday	Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek. <i>Coffee/Tea @ Coffee Culture afterwards is optional</i>
May 20 Monday	Waterfront Trail. Meet at UNIFOR building on Phillip Murray Drive and walk east to Stone Street. Park to left and back closest to the lake.
May 24 Friday	North/South Rail Trail. Meet at Connaught Park Clubhouse at 435 Jarvis Street, Oshawa (via Connaught Street off Simcoe Street North or along Jarvis). Walk north on the trail to Beatrice Street.
May 27 Monday	Thickson Point to Heydenshore. Meet at end of Thickson Road South to parking area (as far as you can go before lake).
May 31 Friday	Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek. <i>Coffee/Tea @ Coffee Culture afterwards is optional.</i>
<i>Please note: We will try to find coffee shops near the walks indicated on this schedule so we can continue to enjoy a coffee/tea/chat after our walk as we have done during the winter months at Harmony Creek/Coffee Culture.</i>	



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, Connie Nelson, (connienelson@rogers.com) 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 oshawaprobustclub@gmail.com

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobustclub.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

www.probus.org

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