

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: June, 2018

## President's Message



**2017 - 2018**

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The month of June brings warmer weather. The gardeners in the club have no doubt been busy getting the gardens and planters ready. Those who spent time at a cottage have been getting them ready to enjoy with family and friends. Those with pools have them open and are ready to relax and enjoy days in the sun. Everyone seems to be in a good mood with the arrival of warmer weather.

This month I went walking with the Urban pole walking group. It surely is great exercise! Walking along Harmony Creek reminded me of growing up in the country. I learned that Ria grew up in downtown Toronto where her dad had a bake shop. I also learned that Connie likes golfing weekly.

Our new members evening was well attended. We found out that one couple learned about PROBUS while visiting in British Columbia. Cruising seem to be a favourite activity of many. Thanks to the people who organized this evening.

Many are looking forward to our annual picnic on June 26. There is still time to sign up. Also, tickets will soon be available for a district barbeque on September 26 at the Jubilee Pavilion in Oshawa. Hopefully the Oshawa PROBUS Club will be well represented. The social committee has several excellent events planned for the summer. Check to see if any spots are still available.

Currently, Nancy and I are visiting Liz, Graham and Ruby in Seattle. We look forward to attending events with PROBUS members when we get back to Oshawa.

### **NEXT SPEAKER: RAY ARGYLE**



Ray has been a journalist, publishing executive, and communications consultant. He is the author of five books of non-fiction, including biographies of notable and fascinating personalities such as French leader Charles de Gaulle, ragtime musician Scott Joplin, and Canada's last Father of Confederation, Joey Smallwood.

*An Act of Injustice* is Ray's first foray into fiction. The novel, set in Victorian era Canada combines courtroom drama, murder mystery, and a meditation on failures in the justice system, racial and religious prejudice.

Mr. Argyle is also a recipient of a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal for his contribution to Canadian life. When not travelling, he lives in Kingston,

Ontario.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Marilyn Thaxter and Nancy Byers**

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

### **UPCOMING OSHAWA PROBUS EVENTS:**

*\*Cheques payable to OSHAWA PROBUS CLUB\**

- **CABBAGETOWN** - Walking Tour in Toronto - Tuesday, June 19. Cost: \$10. Meet at n/e corner of Parliament and Winchester at 9:45 a.m.
- **PICNIC** - Regional Road 57 north of Taunton Road, Hungarian Picnic Grounds, Tuesday, June 26 at 11 a.m. BBQ Lunch, Games and Music. Cost: \$18.00.
- **WESTBEN ARTS FESTIVAL THEATRE**, 6698 County Road 30, Campbellford - Wednesday, July 18, 2 p.m. Cost: \$36. If you're joining the group for lunch: 12 noon at Christ Church Anglican, 154 Kent Street in Campbellford. Cost: \$15.
- **EVERGREEN BRICK WORKS** tour in Toronto. September 5 at 10:30am. Cost: \$12.00
- **PROBUS REGIONAL BBQ** - Join PROBUS Clubs of Durham Region. September 26 from 4-9 p.m. BBQ - music - magician - at Jubilee Pavilion in Oshawa. It's a Western theme so put on your jeans, cowboy hat and dancing shoes. Cost: \$27.00.

### **SAME DAY BUS TRIPS joining Ajax PROBUS Club:**

*\*Cheques payable to AJAX PROBUS CLUB\**

- **PICTON WINE TOUR WITH PICNIC LUNCH** - June 20. Cost: \$99. Wine tasting at 2 wineries. Picnic Lunch at local winery.
- **GRAND RIVER CRUISE** - July 18. Meet bus in Pickering - Entertainment, River Cruise with Lunch. Cost: \$109.00.
- **WOODBINE RACE TRACK** - July 27. Oshawa bus pickup - Buffet - \$10 Slot Play for Casino. Cost: \$99.00.

**\*Please remember to bring your cheque book\***

## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**



### **ART GROUP - Debbie Waker**

We will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 21 at Kinsman Park, Arena Street for "Plein Air Floral Painting."

NOTE – No meetings during July and August.



### **BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell**

Bernice Burke will host the meeting on Tuesday, June 26th at 10 a.m. We will be discussing High Mountains of Portugal, by Yann Martel

Contact: Bernice Burke 905-728-2587 or Judy Bell 905-720-3808

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

The June Bookies meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 6 at 1:15. Bring your book suggestions to that meeting.

### **PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

Helene Daleman will host the meeting on June 20 at 5 p.m.. Janet McNellan will lead the discussion of Home Safe by Elizabeth Berg.

### **PROBUS BRIDGE MARATHON - Joyce Kennedy and Michelle McKittrick**



The Oshawa PROBUS Bridge Club had their annual finale on Wednesday, May 23 in the party room at 900 Wilson Road North. There were 29 of the 36 members of the group at the gathering. Upon arrival, appetizers were served followed by a catered dinner from Sabrina's on Stephenson Rd. N. For dessert there was a decorated theme cake and ice cream. Afterwards the club members played a rather boisterous 4 rounds of bridge. There was lots of camaraderie, laughter and fun. Finally, the prizes were awarded for the games played throughout the year and for the games played at the party.

Here are the winning teams for 2017-2018:

- 1st Place: Barb and Pete Jones
- 2nd Place: Joyce Kennedy and Michelle McKittrick
- 3rd Place: Marion Stevenson and Janice Cutting



The winning players for the games played at the party (from 1st to 6th place) were Judy Brooks, Ron Robbins, Bev Keith, Shawn Moore, Julia Howells and Pete Jones. Sometimes you just don't get cards so we awarded a prize to the bottom 2 players - Barb Jones and Valerie Denman.

Finally, we would like to add that this night would not have been possible

without the help of the volunteers who gave us a hand. A crew showed up around 1 p.m. that day and helped us set up the room. Then others arrived around 4:30 to put in the finishing touches. Throughout the evening many people helped gather dishes and used items. Many helped to clean the kitchen and others stayed behind to finish gathering all that was left behind. To all of you, many thanks for your assistance. It was greatly appreciated by both Joyce and Michelle.

We are looking forward to another great season next year. It looks like everyone is planning on coming back. Thank you all for making this year such a great success. Enjoy the summer!

**Editors' Note:** On behalf of all the players, a huge "thank you" to Michelle and Joyce for their outstanding organizational skills throughout the year and for their tremendous effort to create a wonderful finale for all players. It was a great year and a wonderful party! Bravo!! Additional photos from the event are attached to the newsletter email.

### **BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch**

The group includes singles and couples and meets the last Thursday of the month at 9:30 at local breakfast venues. New members are welcome. If interested, contact Joanne Lynch at [lynchjoanne@hotmail.com](mailto:lynchjoanne@hotmail.com)



### **BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt**

Bid Euchre will meet again on Wednesday,.



### **EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson**

We will be taking the summer off - no Euchre Group #2 in June, July or August. See you in September!.

### **CHESS - Ed and Jo Taylor**

Ed and Jo Taylor would be delighted to welcome you in their home for a game or two of chess. The convenors would like to play in the evenings, starting at 7 p.m., and keep the activity enjoyable and informal. Contact Jo Taylor if interested.



### **CRIBBAGE**

If you are interested in playing cribbage, one of the most popular games in North America, sign up at the next Probus meeting or contact Jackie Frank at [jacqueline.frank@bell.net](mailto:jacqueline.frank@bell.net)



### **GARDEN/NATURE CLUB - Jackie Frank**

Our activities for the next three month are as follows:

**June:** On Monday, June 18, we are going on a guided tour of Ward and Algonquin Islands.

**July:** On Tuesday, July 24, we are heading to Meadow View Gardens in Roseneath (near Cobourg). This property has 7 acres of gardens, including a

Victorian kitchen garden, a poi pond, a waterfall and Devon cream tea. The 1 1/2 to 2 hours guided tour costs \$12.

**August:** On Monday, August 20, we are visiting the Dare2Dream Farm in Kendal, Clarington.

The farm provides a beehive observation room, a view of the process to bottle honey, and a property tour. They sell honey and maple products and have alpacas. The guided tour is \$10.



### **GOLF**

Jack Cadan is once again organizing 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, Wednesday on week 2 and Thursday on week 3 - with the days then repeating throughout the summer. He plans to start as soon as possible and will continue till around Thanksgiving.



The group will be playing 9 hole courses with a price range of about \$20. Jack will also 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 the list of participants, please send Jack an email confirmation at [jackcadan@sympatico.ca](mailto:jackcadan@sympatico.ca)



### **FAMILY HISTORY - Julia Howells**

The Family History group is taking a break for the summer months and will resume in September. Anyone interested in continuing or new people wishing to join can contact Julia Howells. Watch the newsletter for the new September date. Enjoy your summer!



### **LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson**

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon, Tuesday, June 19 at Bistro 238, 1413 King Street East, Courtice. If you plan to attend, please indicate on the sign up sheet on the special interest table or call Ria de Jong at 905-433-3947 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 Ria know so she can advise the restaurant of

the amended number.



### **MAHJONG - Alecia Minosora**

We have had three sessions to learn the game of American League Mah Jongg. Twelve members are signed up and we have had 2 tables of play. It's not the easiest game to learn so we have had a lot of laughs I am pleased to say that the members keep coming back for more. We look forward to introducing Mah Jongg to more members come September.



### **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).

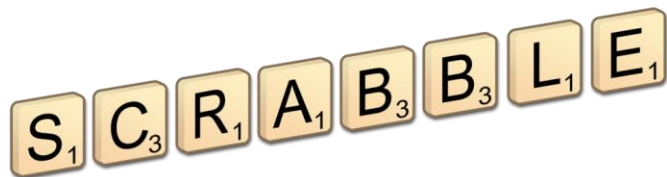
### **POKER: AFTERNOON GROUP - Vicky and Gerry Paquette**

Afternoon Poker is always the third Tuesday of the month, at 1 p.m. at the Centennial Retirement Home.



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

Gail Elliott will host our group on Wednesday, June 13.



- **Judy Bryson**

PROBUS Scrabble will be held on Friday, June 14 at 1 p.m. at Judy Bryson's home, 481 Masson Street, Oshawa.



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

June 2018 Sampling of Events offered locally. Contact [mariska578@gmail.com](mailto:mariska578@gmail.com) to be put on the list for a more complete listing

**Ballet: Bolshoi Ballet production of Coppelia**

Sunday, June 10, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex and Whitby Landmark

**Gallery: Van Gogh: Of Wheat Fields and Clouded Skies**

Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 PM and Sunday June 17, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

**Music in the Park: A Night at the Opera**

Wednesday, June 20, 7:30 Oshawa Memorial Park

**Cirque du Soleil: Corteo**

Various dates starting June 21 - Tribute Communities Centre



**TRAVEL - Connie Nelson**

Oshawa Seniors Centre, John Street Branch, has a Travelogue on Thursday, June 14, from 2 - 3 p.m. The subject is Canada 150. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Registration is available online at OSCC website using Code 475142 or contact the Seniors Centre directly.

Northview Library has Armchair Travels on Tuesday, June 19 from 2 - 3 p.m. The subject is Greece. To register, go to [events.oshawalibrary.on.ca](http://events.oshawalibrary.on.ca) and click on the June calendar for Northview Library. You will see Armchair Travel underlined on June 19. Click there for the registration form. You will need your library card and password. You may also be able to register by contacting the library directly.

**WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke**



Jack and Carol Cadan will host the next meeting on Tuesday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

**VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson  
(formerly WINE APPRECIATION #2)**

The next meeting of Vintage Tastings, will be on Thursday, June 14 at 3 p.m. at the home of Pat and Gerry Henderson, 47 Seneca Ave., Oshawa. Please phone 905-436-1696 or email before June 7, if possible, to confirm.



### **WINE AND DINE (New Group!) - Catherine Frost**

June 14<sup>th</sup> at Berry Hill, 82 King Street West. Contact Marg Miller one week in advance if you are attending (by June 7<sup>th</sup>)

July 12<sup>th</sup> at Wild Fire Steak House, 540 King Street West. Contact Deb Kilburn by July 5<sup>th</sup> if you are attending.

If you wish to have your name added to the list of participants, please contact Catherine Frost [c.frost@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.frost@sympatico.ca)



### **URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria DeJong**

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

**NOTE: Change in start time for scheduled walks.**

Mondays: June 4, 13, 18, 25, **9:00 AM** . Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads. Harmony Creek South trail.

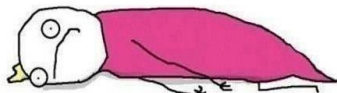
Friday, June 1 meet at **9:00 AM** at bottom of Thicksen Road for Thicksen Woods.

Friday, June 8, meet **9:00 AM** meet at Unifor, Phillip Murray Drive, at southeast side of parking lot for Waterfront Trail.

Friday, June 15, meet at **9:00 AM**, at Kinsmen Park, Arena Street parking lot for Peony Gardens and Parkwood Estate.

Friday, June 22, meet at **9:00 AM**, Jubilee Pavilion for Waterfront Trail.  
No scheduled walk on Friday, June 29

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YOU FINISH AN AFGHAN**



**AND JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT  
TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE ANYMORE**

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

This month's meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6 at the home of Nora Black . All members who love to knit and crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome.

In June our group will donate at least 9 hand-crafted blankets to Project Linus. Some of our blankets will go to children and teens in hospital (or ambulance) and others will go to seniors in hospital.

### **MEMBERSHIP**



A warm welcome Sharon Edgar, John and Janet Kraan, and Joseph Pegg who have recently joined our club.

We currently have 293 members. Thank you to all the people who helped to make the New Members' Night a success.

At the next two monthly meetings, there will be a copy of the Updated Membership List for those without email. Please get a friend to pick this up for you if you are not going to be at the

meetings as we are not mailing them out this time around. We will try to call members without email and an announcement will be made at the monthly meetings to remind people to pick up the list.

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