

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: April, 2018



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Well the first day of spring has come and gone and so far, we have not seen spring-like weather. Reports indicate that it will be a couple of weeks yet before we can break out the spring wardrobe and activities. Perhaps if we think "spring", our moods will improve.

April is PROBUS Month. Let's make a special effort to talk about PROBUS and what belonging to PROBUS means to us when we are talking to friends and neighbours. For those who are reluctant to become actively involved, let's try to attend an outing or an activity.

PROBUS started in England in 1965. There are now PROBUS Clubs in 20 countries worldwide. Canadian PROBUS Clubs started in the late 1980s. There are now over 244 clubs and 32,000+ members in Canada. The PROBUS clubs reflect a sense of goodwill, a sense of fellowship and a diverse background of interests.



Nancy and I hope that our Probus members make happy memories during Easter and Passover celebrations.

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:

- **CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM TOUR** - 99 Simcoe Street South - Friday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$7.00.

- **WOODBINE RACETRACK** - **cancelled due to quota not reached.

- **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** at Capitol Theatre, 20 Queen Street, Port Hope - Wednesday, June 6, at 2 p.m. Cost: \$33.

- **CABBAGETOWN** - Walking Tour in Toronto - Wednesday, June 13. 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.

- **THE 39 STEPS** at Capitol Theatre, 20 Queen Street, Port Hope - Thursday, July 12 at 2 p.m. Cost: \$33.

- **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. Sign up at the April meeting.

***NEW* - SAME DAY BUS TRIPS:**

- **MUSIC MAN** in Stratford - May 14. \$169. A musical-comedy classic with lunch included.

Joining Ajax Probus

- **TRENT HILLS FLAVOUR** - Wednesday, May 30. \$99 Bus Tour during lilac season through scenic rolling areas of Northumberland County and Trent Hills. Food and drink locally produced, locally grown. Sample award winning cheeses and bakeries. Lunch is included.

Lakeshore Tours

- **PICTON WINE TOUR WITH PICNIC LUNCH** - June 20. Cost: \$99. Wine tasting at 2 wineries. Picnic Lunch at local winery. *Joining Ajax Probus*

- **COME FROM AWAY** tickets available for the matinee on Wednesday, August 22. Orchestra level seats and coach included. \$149. Be dropped off and picked up at the Theatre front door!

Joining Ajax Probus



A warm welcome to our two newest members, Sandra Fletcher and Irene Thompson. We now have 287 members.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Suggestions for new groups: If you have a particular hobby or interest and would like to share this interest with other members, contact Jackie Frank at jacqueline.frank@bell.net. She will check to see if other members would like to do the same activity and help organize a new interest group.



ART GROUP

Libby More will host the next meeting on Thursday, April 19 at 1 p.m. (410 Jane Avenue, Oshawa). The activity will be Bird Portraits. Contact

mariska578@gmail for more information.



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

Elfrida Jeppesen will host the next meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at 10 a.m. The book to be discussed is Paper Garden by Molly Peacock.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towe

Our next Bookies meeting will be on Thursday, April 5th at 1 pm. Marilyn Kellar is hosting. Please remember to bring your copy of this month's book the book bag can be returned. The May selection will be available at the meeting.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

Janet McNellan will host the next meeting on Thursday, April 26. Michelle McKittrick will lead the discussion of The Wonder by Emma Donoghue.

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



BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

Bid Euchre will meet again on Wednesday, April 25.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

The next meeting of the Probus Euchre Group #2 will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, at Centennial Retirement Residence.

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. This group would be suitable for beginners and players who need to practise and improve their skills. 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



FAMILY HISTORY GROUP - Julia Howells

At our last meeting we were able to use our laptops and iPads to research individually on ancestry.ca. It worked very well, so we will split into small groups at our next meeting to do the same again. Our last meeting of this session will be Thursday, April 26th. We will start the next session in September.



GARDEN/NATURE CLUB

Our first outing of the season is the Peterborough Garden Show on Saturday, April 14 at the Evinrude Centre. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$9 online. If interested in sharing a ride to go to the show, contact Jackie Frank at jacqueline.frank@bell.net. We will be carpooling.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Wildfire Steakhouse, 540 King St. W., 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 email connienelson@rogers.com so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.

MAHJONG - Come and join this group of players for a fun time. All levels and skills of players welcome. If interested, contact Jackie Frank at jacqueline.frank@bell.net or sign up at the next meeting.



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

Our next game will be on Wednesday, April 11 at the home of Ralph Sweet.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria DeJong

Contact mariska578@gmail.com to be put on the list to receive a more complete listing.

Concert: Durham Philharmonic Choir: **Music for the Masses**
Sunday, April 8, 3:00 PM - College Park Church

Ballet: Bolshoi Ballet production of **Giselle**
Sunday, April 8, 12:55 PM - Oshawa Cineplex

Musical Theatre: **All Shook Up**, featuring songs by Elvis Presley
Various Dates starting April 19 - Town Hall Port Perry

Opera: Metropolitan Opera Production of Massenet's **Cendrillon**
Saturday April 29, 12:55 PM - Whitby Landmark



TRAVEL - Connie Nelson

Oshawa Seniors Centre, John Street Branch, has a Travelogue on Thursday, April 12 from 2-3 p.m. The subject is Mexico. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Registration is available online at OSCC website using Code 475140 or contact the Seniors Centre directly.

Northview Library has Armchair Travels on Tuesday, April 17 from 2 -3 p.m. The subject is Thailand. To register, go to events.oshawalibrary.on.ca and click on the April calendar for Northview Library. You will see Armchair Travel underlined on April 17th. 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



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

Our April 12th, 3pm gathering will be at Marilyn Thaxter's home, 34 Canadian Oaks Dr., Whitby, L1N6W8. (905- 434-1424). Please RSVP by Marilyn, before April 5th if possible.

VINTAGE TASTINGS AT THE OLD FLAME BREWERY IN PORT PERRY, NOV. 2017



WINE AND DINE (New Group!) - Catherine Frost

Wine and Dine will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

In order to participate you must let the contact person know **1 week in advance** of the dinner so a place can be reserved for you. The contact person will be different each month so read the newsletter for information.

May 10 – dinner will be at Wolfgang's, 3100 Brock Street North in Whitby. The contact person is Jacqueline Frank jacqueline.frank@bell.net Please let Jacqueline know by Wednesday, May 2nd if you are planning to come.

This will also be a planning meeting so bring your suggestions of places to meet. Any questions, please contact Catherine Frost c.frost@sympatico.ca **New members are welcome!**



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria DeJong

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting. Be appropriately dressed for weather and road conditions. Poles are optional.

No scheduled walk Monday April 2.

Mondays: April 9, 16, and 26 - Meet 10:00 AM, at east end for parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads

Friday, April 7, 10:00 AM - Meet dirt road east of GM HQ parking lot for Darlington

Friday, April 13, 10:00 AM - North Oshawa Rail Trail. Meet at Northview Seniors parking lot.

Friday, April 20, 10:00 AM - Meet at bottom of Thickson Road for Thickson Woods Trail

Friday, April 27, 10:00 AM - Meet at Storie Park, Mill Street, for Oshawa Creek Trail South



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

This month's meetings will be on Wednesday, April 4 at the home of Jo Taylor and April 18 at the home of Joan Puskas. All members who love to knit and crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome.

Sincere thanks to PROBUS members who've donated keys for our twiddle muffs. They are very much appreciated!

Do you love to knit and/or crochet but don't have time to come to meetings...but still want to use your skills to help in the community? We're making and collecting handmade

washcloths to be given to Whitby Chiropractic and Wellness Clinic. These will be included in toiletry bags (created by staff and clients) and given to Durham homeless shelters for men and women next Christmas. All sizes, colours and patterns are welcome! Questions? Contact Barb at 905-430-0141 or barbandpete@rogers.com.

NEXT SPEAKER: April 10 - Mayor John Henry

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