

Newsletter: February, 2019

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Excitement is building regarding the formation of a new PROBUS Club for Oshawa and surrounding area. Steering committee meeting was held in January with 13 attending. The name of the club was chosen as Durham Central and potential costs and revenues were discussed. Bobby Orr Room at the Oshawa Civic was selected due to its economic advantage and parking capabilities. The Oshawa Civic has a ramp out front and an elevator to the second floor. The room can accommodate 80 members with tables or 200 maximum theatre style. The third Thursday of every month was selected as a meeting date to not interfere with other PROBUS club meeting dates. A second steering committee meeting is scheduled for February.

An information flyer has been prepared and distributed to the membership to share with friends and family. Newspaper ads will follow and flyers will be placed in appropriate community locations. In addition, an email address has been established at durhamcentralprobus@gmail.com if you have enquiries or wish to help. An information meeting for those interested in joining and or helping or just wishing more information will be held at the Bobby Orr Room on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10 AM. A well- attended meeting will be a good indication the club will move forward.

The PROBUS Canada website was updated in 2018 and the address is now www.probus.org.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER - Diane Dupuy

Diane Dupuy is the 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.



We welcome our newest member to the club, Pat Bilenduke. Our membership currently stands at 295.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobus.com

Oshawa PROBUS Club is pleased to sponsor another PROBUS Club. An information meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18th, 10 AM in the Bobby Orr Room at the Civic Auditorium, 99 Thornton Road in Oshawa. Please remind your neighbours and friends about this new PROBUS Club. The poster attached to the newsletter can be sent by email to interested semi-retired or retired people living anywhere in Durham Region.

Bridge Lessons: We are trying to organize a six-week bridge lessons course. The course will start on Thursday, April 18th at 2 PM with instructor Alan Tibbles. The cost will be \$40 per week for the group. For example, if there are 8 participants, it will cost them \$5 a week or \$30 for 6 weeks. If there are more participants, the cost per person will be less. If you ever wanted to learn how to play bridge or want to brush up on your skills, sign up for this class at the next 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

- **BOWLING and PUB FOOD** – Wednesday, February 13th, 4 PM. Five pin bowling at NEBS, 1300 Wilson Road North, followed by dinner at Fionn MacCool's in the Costco Plaza. The cost is \$9 for bowling with shoe rental extra (if required) and Pub dinner extra. Bowling, Bragging and Food. **(Sign up with payment at the February meeting)**

- **ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO**, Toronto - Thursday, March 28th - 10:45 AM. It is a timed event – "Impressionism in the Age of Industry and Photography of the First World War". The cost is \$25. **(Sign up with payment at the February meeting)**

- **CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM**, 910 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, Monday, April 29th 10:30 AM, The cost is \$15. ****please note date change** (Sign up with payment at the February meeting).**

UPCOMING OSHAWA PROBUS EVENT WITH AJAX PROBUS CLUB:

Cheques payable to Ajax PROBUS Club

FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS THEATRE - Friday, April 26th, lunch, theatre, and bus included. The cost is \$119. **(Sign up with payment at the February meeting)**

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? Contact Jackie Frank and she will see if such a group can be created.

Proposed new groups:

Appetizers Group - Do you like to eat appetizers? Are you interested in tasting a variety of them? Join the Appetizers Group. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Book Club - We are trying to create another book club. If you like to read and talk about the books you read, sign up for this book club at the next meeting.

Bridge for Beginners - If you have played bridge before but have not done so in a while and would prefer to play with players in a similar situation as you, consider joining the Bridge for Beginners Group. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Anyone interested in joining any of these groups should sign up at the February meeting or contact Jackie Frank.



ART GROUP - Debbie Waker

Convener: Debbie Waker - d.waker@sympatico.ca
DATE: Thursday, February 21st
TIME: 10 AM
ADDRESS: 231 Drew Street
ACTIVITY: Card making with flower motif



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 26th, 10 AM, hosted by Maria Upton. The group will be discussing “Emotions” by Barbara Walters. Contact Maria Upton.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 7th at 1 PM. Janet Good will host the meeting and Teresa Fleming will be the discussion leader for our February selection “A House in the Sky” by Amanda Lindhout.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 28th at 7 PM. Janet McNellan will be hosting and Mary Kelcey will lead the discussion of our selection “The Alice Network” by Kate Quinn.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20th at 10 AM at Moida Wheller's home. Bring a pad and a pen/pencil. Please let Jackie Frank know if you are planning to attend.

BREAKFAST GROUP – Catherine Frost

The breakfast group will meet on Thursday, February 7th at Coco Fruiti at 9:30 AM. There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting for those interested in going out for breakfast. Feel free to contact Catherine for more information.



BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

Bid Euchre is on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We will be meeting on February 27th at 1:30 PM at Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, downstairs in the Gathering Room.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

Euchre Group #2 will meet at the home of June Puskas, 416 Safari Drive, Oshawa, at 2 PM, on Thursday, February 28th. Phone number: (905) 579-2899. 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, February 13th at 1 PM at the home of Anne- Marie Beattie, 1104 Ridgemount Boulevard. Please let Anne-Marie know if you will be attending by e-mailing her at annemariebeattie@sympatico.ca.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown

The next Hand and Foot card game will be held on February 20th at 1 PM at the home of Mary Gibson. Please let Mary know if you are able to attend. Phone number: (905) 435-2441.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 19th at The Brock House, 918 Brock Street North, Whitby. If you plan to attend please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the special interest table or call Patricia (Pat) Howell at (905) 655-3113 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 Pat know so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora

The Mah Jongg group is planning on meeting on February 5th and February 25th at the home of Alecia Minosora. If you are interested in joining, please e-mail Alecia at asm9@sympatico.ca .



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 group will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, 1 PM, at Centennial Retirement Residence. New players are welcome.

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

PROBUS evening poker in February will be on Wednesday, February 13th at 7 PM at the home of Gerry and Vicki Paquette.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 21st 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 cultural events being offered in this region during the end of January and February, 2019:

Theatre: Oshawa Little Theatre production of “OFFICE HOURS” by Norm Foster (comedy)
January 31st to February 16th, Oshawa Little Theatre.

Opera: Metropolitan Opera production of “CARMEN”
February 2nd - Cineplex Oshawa (check theatre for time).

Concert: BRYAN ADAMS
Tuesday, January 29th, Tribute Community Centre.

Ballet: Bolsoi Ballet production of “SLEEPING BEAUTY”
Sunday, February 3rd, Cineplex Oshawa (check theatre for time).

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



Jackie Finn will host the Wine Appreciation Group on Tuesday, February 5th at 3 PM. Contact Jackie Finn.

VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson

The Vintage Tasting Group **WILL NOT** be meeting in February or March. Please note that we will be meeting in the future, on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3 PM. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 18th at 3 PM.**



WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

The Wine and Dine Group **WILL NOT** be meeting in February. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 14th. New members are always welcome. Contact Catherine Frost c.frost@sympatico.ca.



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

February 2019 Schedule

Come and join us when you can and get moving this winter. Poles are not required. Just be dressed to be safe for the weather and trail conditions. Crampons are good to have on hand. We meet for coffee after our walk.

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Mondays: February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 10 AM
Fridays: February 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, 10 AM

Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail or local roads depending on conditions.



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 6th at 10 AM at the home of Jo Taylor. Please RSVP by February 4th.

The Yarn Divas were busy in January! Kid-sized twiddle muffs (sensory muffs) were donated to David Bouchard Public School and Queen Elizabeth Public School, both in Oshawa. Feedback from the schools indicates the muffs help students with behavioural issues to focus in class and in large group situations. We also donated some adult-sized twiddle muffs and sensory lap blankets to Fairview Lodge in Whitby.

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

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 10 AM

