

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: January, 2018



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As we begin 2018 many of us reflect on the past year with memories that we will hold dear forever. We also look forward to activities, experiences and new adventures in 2018. As we move forward, let us think about how lucky we are to be able to continue to meet with the great group of people that we have in Oshawa PROBUS. Let us all try to get to know some of the members that we do not already know.

We thank all those who supported the Christmas Dinner . We hope that everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

Nancy and I wish good health and prosperity to the members in 2018.



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

The social committee would like to remind members that they should pay for the event when they sign up. This will guarantee a spot in the event. We would like to thank members in advance for following this practice.

1. Million Dollar Quartet @ Panasonic Theatre - Sunday, January 7, 2018. SOLD OUT! Bus pickup at 12 noon at Walmart parking lot - Stevenson Road and Highway 401.
2. Path Walking Tour - Toronto - 10 a.m. on Monday, January 15 and Friday, January 19. Cost is \$10 per person. We are meeting at Shoppers Drug Mart entrance to the PATH going north from Union Station.
3. Trivia Night - Wednesday, January 24 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, snacks and soft drinks included. Location: 900 Wilson Road North.
4. Axe Throwing in Pickering - Wednesday, February 7 at 12 noon. Cost is \$40.00. Lots of instruction @ BATL, 813 Brock Road North, #11, Pickering.
5. Craft Beer/Socialite Drink Tasting @ Brock St. Brewing, 1501 Hopkins Street, #3, Whitby - February 20 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.
8. ROM Tour - The Vikings - March 28. Cost is \$34.50 and includes 11 a.m. tour and general admission.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We welcomed two new members in December, June McLaren and David Brown.

Membership is now 277.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**New groups:** Some of our members would like to start three new groups: chess, weekday dinners and mahjong. If you share one or more of these interests, sign up to join the group(s) at the next meeting or contact Jackie Frank at [jacqueline.frank@bell.net](mailto:jacqueline.frank@bell.net). Special interest groups are a great way to meet people with similar interests and to make new friends.

**Suggestions for new groups:** If you have an idea or suggestion for a new group, contact Jackie Frank. She will check if other members are interested and will help organize the group.



### ART GROUP - Catherine Delhaise (905-655-3483)

On Thursday, January 18 at 1 p.m. Libby Moore will host the Art Group at 410 Jane Avenue, Oshawa. The activity for this meetings is "Snowscapes".



### BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

Maria Upton will host our group at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23. We will be discussing Adventures of an Undertaker in Training by Tom Jokinen. Contacts: Judy Bell 905-720-3808 or Bernice Burke 905-728-2587

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

The January 4th meeting is cancelled. We will reconvene on February 1. Mary has the book bag with the February selection, Every Fifteen Minutes. Call her if you didn't pick up the book at the December meeting.

### PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

Lorraine Veroba will host the next meeting on Thursday, January 26. Carol Cadan will lead the discussion of the novel The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapena.

### 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, January 24th, 2018.



### EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

The next meeting of Euchre Group #2 will be at 2:00 pm on Thursday, January 25th, at the Centennial Retirement Residence. We'll be meeting downstairs in the "Gathering Room". New members are welcome.



### **CHESSE - 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.

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

The next meeting of the family history group will be on Thursday, January 11th at 1 p.m. Please call or email Julia Howells for directions to her home, where the meeting will be held.



### **HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME - Kathy Brown**

The next Hand and Foot card game will be at: Kathy Brown's place on the third Wednesday of January (January 17) at 1:00 p.m.. Please let Kathy know if you are able to attend - 289-240-6617.



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

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 16, at Chatterpaul's Restaurant, 3500 Brock Street North, Whitby.

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](mailto:connienelson@rogers.com) so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



### **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**

The next game will be on Tuesday, January 16 at 1 p.m. at the Centennial Retirement Home. New members welcome!



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

The next game will be held at the home of Mike Angelakis on Wednesday January 10.



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

Following is a selection of TCOD events offered in the Durham region in January, 2018. For an expanded listing, contact Maria de Jong at [mariska578@gmail.com](mailto:mariska578@gmail.com) to be put on the distribution list. This is for your information only. Members make their own contacts with others in the group to attend specific events and buy their own tickets.

**Concert:** **ABBAMania** and Night Fever: Tribute Concert to ABBA and BeeGees on Saturday, January 6, 8:00 PM, Regent Theatre

**Theatre:** Stephen Sondheim's **Follies** on Saturday, January 20, 12:30 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

**Ballet:** Bolshoi Ballet production of **Romeo and Juliet** on Sunday, January 21, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex and Whitby Landmark

**Opera:** Metropolitan Opera production of Puccini's **Tosca** on Saturday, January 27, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex and Whitby Landmark



### **TRAVEL - Connie Nelson**

Oshawa Seniors Centre, John Street Branch, has a Travelogue on Thursday, January 11, from 2 PM to 3 PM. The subject is Romania. Advanced registration is strongly recommended. Registration is available online using Code 455589. Any questions or for registration assistance, please call Connie at 905-576-9022.

Northview Library is holding Armchair Travel on Tuesday, January 23, from 2 PM to 3 PM. The subject is Victoria, British Columbia. To register go to [oshlib.ca](http://oshlib.ca) and click on register for programs under Current Newsletter.

### **VINTAGE TASTINGS - Donna Henderson**

Vintage Tastings (formerly Wine Group #2) will meet on Thursday, January 11, at 3 p.m. The hosts for the January tasting are Diane and Don Rowe. Please email or call the Rowes if you plan to attend. All members attending should bring \$5.00 to help defray costs.

RSVP: Diane and Don Rowe: 905-436-0053 or [ddrowe@bell.net](mailto:ddrowe@bell.net) Meeting location is: 63 Central Park Blvd. South, Oshawa.

Probus members interested in joining should call Donna Henderson, 905-723-9501. PLEASE NOTE - MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD EVERY MONTH.



### **WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke**

This group will not meet in January. The next meeting will be hosted by Jackie Finn on February 6 at 3 p.m.



### **URBAN POLE WALKING: January 2018 Schedule - Maria DeJong**

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. We meet for coffee after our walk.

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting:

**Mondays:** January 8, 15, 22 and 29 - 10:00 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek trail or local roads depending on conditions.

**Fridays:** January 5, 12, 19, and 26 - 10:00 AM. Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek Trail or local roads depending on conditions.

No walk scheduled for January 1. Happy New Year!!!



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

Meetings will be held on the first two Wednesdays of the month - January 3 and January 10. Both meetings will be held at the Centennial Retirement Residence from 10 a.m.-noon. All PROBUS members who love to knit and/or crochet – or who want to learn – are welcome.

If you have keys that open things you no longer have, please consider donating them to the Yarn Divas to use in making twiddle muffs for seniors with Alzheimer's. Thanks!

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS:**

**Tuesday, January 9** - Conrad Kipping: Rosalee Peppard and Conrad Kipping are two professional musicians who have toured both nationally and internationally and who have now joined forces to become a dynamic duo.

**Tuesday, February 13** - Chris Allum: Ontario Securities Commission

### **Oshawa PROBUS Website:**

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