

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: March, 2019



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President's Message

Greetings from sunny Florida. Weather here has been excellent, golf game not so much.

A meeting of the steering committee for the Durham Central PROBUS Club was held February 4, 2019. It was decided that the initiation fee would be \$20.00 and the membership fee \$30.00. Bob Ashdown will provide a Power Point presentation at the Thursday, April 18, 2019 orientation/information meeting at the Bobby Orr lounge to be held at 10 AM. Many have volunteered for management positions for the new club but we are still looking for a Vice President. Also the positions of Newsletter, Speaker Committee and Social Committee are being filled temporarily so we would need volunteers for these positions going forward. At this point it looks like we have over 50 individuals interested in joining the new club. A member may bring a guest to two meetings after which the person must join the club to continue attending.

Due to the cancellation of the February general meeting because of the winter storm, our 15 year anniversary celebration will take place at the March general meeting. A 15 year certificate will be presented and cake will be served. March is also PROBUS month.

MARCH SPEAKER - Dr. Mike Daley

Dr. Mike Daley holds a Ph.D. in music from York University and has been a professional musician for over 30 years. He has taught undergraduate courses and later-life courses at various Universities and Colleges, he has published articles on American popular music, he has toured Canada, the United States and England and has recorded extensively in a variety of musical styles. Presently, Mike and his wife Jill are leading music-themed tours to New York, Nashville, St. John's and New Orleans.



As we had no new members in February our membership remains 295.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobust.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

www.probus.org

Bridge Lessons: For those of you wishing to learn how to play bridge or wanting to brush up on your playing skills, we are organizing a six week bridge lessons course. The course is scheduled to start on April 18th at 2 PM at 1430 Gord Vinson Avenue, Courtice (Bloor/Townline area). Each week, the class will be 2 to 2 ½ hours long and will include practice time. The cost is \$40 per week for the group. The more people we have, the less the cost to each member. If interested, contact Jackie Frank or sign up at the March meeting.

Volunteers Needed: House Committee

If you enjoy the snacks provided during the break at our monthly PROBUS Club General Meetings remember that we need volunteers to make that happen.

Right now, we need volunteers for the **April, June, July and October** meetings. If you can help out contact Maria Upton, the House Committee Chair. m.upton@sympatico.ca, or sign up on the sheet at our 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** – The bowling night in February was cancelled due to bad weather but will be rebooked in April – stay tuned.
- **ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO** on March 28th **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**
- **OSHAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY TOUR** – March 28th. The cost is \$7. **(Sign up with payment at the March meeting ONLY or contact Jackie Bathe)**
- **CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM**, 910 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, Monday, April 29th 10:30 AM, The cost is \$15. ****please note date change**** We will book a luncheon spot depending on attendance (lunch not included in cost of event) **(Sign up with payment at the March meeting)**
- **OSHAWA LITTLE THEATRE-** Production of **FOOTLOOSE**, Sunday, April 7th, 2 PM. **(Sign up with payment at the March meeting ONLY. Will be subject to seat availability)**
- **WESTBEN CONCERT AT THE BARN** - ABBA Mia! July 17th, 2 PM. The cost is \$40 for the show and an additional \$20 for those who wish to attend the turkey dinner at the

church at 5 PM. **(This is a very popular event so sign up early to avoid disappointment)**

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 March meeting)**

SAVE THE DATES - Details to follow...

- Mount Pleasant Cemetery Tour in Toronto

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 March 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 March 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 March meeting.

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



ART GROUP - Debbie Waker

Convener: Debbie Waker - d.waker@sympatico.ca

DATE: Thursday, March 21st

TIME: 1 PM

ADDRESS: 10 Barrington Place

ACTIVITY: Painting on Screens



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26th, 10 AM, hosted by Jacquie Muzik. The group will be discussing "The Woman in the Window" by Katie Quinn. Contact Judy Bell (905) 720-3808/ Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens

Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 7th at 1 PM. Mary Medley will host and lead the discussion on our March selection "Love and Ruin" by Paula McLain.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 28th at 7 PM. Lorraine Veroba will be hosting and Janet McNellan will lead the discussion of our selection "An Inconvenient Indian" by Tom King.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 10 AM at Judy Bryson'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, March 7th at Coco Fruitti, 1 Warren Avenue, Oshawa, at 9:30 AM. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please let Catherine (c.frost@sympatico.ca) know by March 1st if you intend to be there.



BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

Bid Euchre is on the fourth Wednesday of the month and will be meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at 1:30 PM at Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, downstairs in the Gathering Room. Everyone is welcome. The group encourages new players to attend.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

Information on Euchre Group #2 was not available as of the time of publication.

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, March 13th at 1 PM at the home of Anne- Marie Beattie, 1104 Ridgemount Boulevard. The cost is \$2. 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 Wednesday, March 20th at 1 PM at the home of Kathy Brown. Please let Kathy know if you are able to attend. Phone number: (289) 240-6617.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon, Tuesday, March 19th at Milestones Grill and Bar, 75 Consumers Drive, Whitby (behind Landmark Cinemas). 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 NOT** meeting in March.



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



Information on afternoon poker was not available as of the time of publication.

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

PROBUS evening poker in March will be on Wednesday, March 13th at 7 PM at the home of Allan Anderson.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 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 month of March, 2019:

Location	Event	Date	Note
Cineplex Oshawa	Coriolanus Stratford Festival on Film	March 23 rd 12:55 PM	
Tribute Communities Centre	2019 Oshawa Spring Home Show	March 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd	
	Blue Man Group	March 5 th and 6 th – 8 PM	
Regent Theatre	Ontario Philharmonic Bold, Beautiful Bach	March 2 nd 8 PM	
	Classic Movie Night Mr. Smith Goes to Washington	March 7 th 7 PM	Classic movie nights first Thursday of each month
	The Johnny Cash Experience	March 17 th 3 PM	
	Kolio: Classical Guitar Concert Live	March 29 th 8 PM	

Location	Event	Date	Note
Oshawa Little Theatre	Footloose, The Musical	March 28 th , 29 th , 30 th , April 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 11, 12 th , 13 th 7:30 PM	
Forest Brook Community Church 60 Kearney Dr. Ajax	Durham Chamber Orchestra Classics: Past & Present	March 3 rd 3 PM	Grieg, Beethoven and Bizet
Capitol Theatre Port Hope	The Drowsy Chaperone	February 22 nd to March 3 rd 8 PM	A loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another.
	BeeGees Night Fever Tribute	March 8 th 8 PM	

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



Marlene and Reg Gustsole will host the Wine Appreciation Group on Tuesday, March 5th at 3 PM. Contact Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson

The Vintage Tasting Group **WILL NOT** be meeting in 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**.



WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 14th at Avanti, 17 King Street East, Oshawa. New members are always welcome. Please let Diane Buchanan (dilizkin@gmail.com) know by March 7th if you plan to attend.



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

March 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. We meet for coffee after our walk.

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Mondays: March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 10 AM

Fridays: March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 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, March 6th at 10 AM at the home of Carol Shewchuk. Please RSVP by March 4th.

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

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 10 AM