

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: November, 2018



2018 - 2019

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President's Message

Change, I've heard it said that the more we age, the less we are able to accept change. Personally, I find if I understand the reason for the change, the easier it is to adapt. Some things are changing at our PROBUS club. The name of the bank account has changed to PROBUS Club of Oshawa. This corresponds with the name on our Constitution, our By-Laws and the certificate issued annually by PROBUS Canada. Those who have been members for a few years will remember that's how we made cheques payable back in the day. Going forward, all cheques payable to the club should read PROBUS Club of Oshawa. Recently we have been asking for a cheque at the time of sign-up for social activities. Some providers have been asking for payment in advance of the event and members of the social committee make payment with their personal credit card. This can complicate things if the member who has signed up changes their mind about attending. The act of issuing a cheque tends to signify a commitment to attend. Last year the sign-up for the Christmas dinner became a little disorganized with some members signing up at more than one table and some even issuing more than one cheque. In some cases, one member signed up a number of members to sit at the same table, paying only for themselves and when the other members paid, they slotted themselves into a different table, thus resulting in duplicates. Also, some of the confusion may result from the sign-up being over more than one meeting. It took approximately two hours to sort out the seating arrangement last year and thus the reason for tighter control this year. Please bear with the organizers as it takes a lot of work to arrange the social activities that we enjoy.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Dr. Ted Brankston speaking on relaxation techniques.



We welcomed five new members at the October meeting – Vivian Ambrose, Donna Arnold, Margaret Cain, June Craig and Nancy Exmouth. We still have a number of members who haven't paid to renew their 2018-19 membership. Please make out a cheque for \$30 payable to the PROBUS Club of Oshawa. You can drop your cheque off at my house or mail it to me - 114 Elizabeth Street, Oshawa ON L1J 8L9. If you are not renewing your membership, please let me know by calling 905-728-4573 or by e-mail at medley_maria@Yahoo.com or marystevemedley@bell.net.

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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

- **CAPITOL THEATRE KING ARTHUR THE PANTO - Adult version!** November 30th at 8 PM. Tickets are \$29. **Sign up with payment at November meeting.**

- **CHRISTMAS DINNER at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club** - December 12th. Cocktails 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Our Club is subsidizing this event. Tickets are \$49 for members and \$55 for Guests. **Sign up with payment at November meeting.**

- **JOHN McDERMOTT** – December 16th, 2 PM, Regent Theatre is **SOLD OUT**. Barry Davis does have some seats available for John McDermott at the Academy Theatre, Lindsay on December 9th at 2 PM. Same price of \$54.

- **TRIVIA NIGHT** – January 16, 2019, 7 PM at the Thornton Arms Pub, 575 Thornton Road North, Oshawa (s/e corner of Thornton Road and Rossland Road) Tickets are \$12. **Sign up with payment at November meeting.**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Suggestions for a new group? Five new groups have been suggested: appetizers, a fourth book club, bridge for beginners, lectures/speakers, and brain games. New groups will be formed if there are a sufficient number of members interested in becoming involved in the proposed activities. Sign-up sheets will be available at the November and December meetings.



ART GROUP - Debbie Waker

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

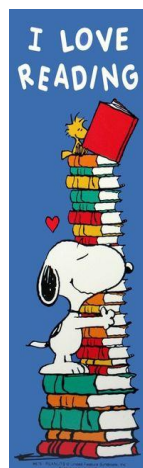
DATE: Thursday, November 15th

TIME: 1 PM

ADDRESS: 581 Brentwood Ave.

ACTIVITY: Autumn Still Life – water colour.

BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell



Next meeting is Tuesday, November 27th at 10 AM. Dawn Pilkington will be hosting and we will be discussing the book "Little Princes" by Conor Grennan. Contact: Bernice Burke, 905-728-2587 or Judy Bell 905-720-3808.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towe

Our next meeting is on Thursday November 1st at 1 PM. We will be meeting in the clubhouse at Teresa's condo. I will send out an e-mail with the address and parking instructions next week. Sylvia will be our discussion leader. Marilyn Peel will have the book bag with our December selection.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

Nan MacKenzie will host the meeting on Thursday, November 22nd at 7 PM and Lindy Kolodzie will lead the discussion of "Quiet" by Susan Cain.

BREAKFAST GROUP - Joanne Lynch

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



BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

Bid Euchre will be held on November 28th at 1:30 PM at the Centennial Retirement Residence, Ritson Road and Hillcroft Street, downstairs in the Gathering Room. Everyone is welcome.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

Euchre group #2 will meet at Centennial Retirement Residence, at 2 PM, on Thursday, November 22nd. New members are welcome.

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 conveners would like to play in the evenings, starting at 7 PM, and keep the activity enjoyable and informal. Contact Jo Taylor if interested.



CRIBBAGE

This group needs at least two new members. If you like playing cribbage, join this group by signing-up at the November meeting or contact Jackie Frank.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – KATHY BROWN

The next Hand + Foot card group will be at the home of Tina Van Alabeek on Tuesday, November 20th at 1 PM. If you can attend, please call Tina at 905-576-9385.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon, Tuesday, November 20th at Fionn MacCool's, 214 Ritson Rd. N., Costco Plaza, 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 let Connie know so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.

We are looking for additional members to sign up for the Christmas lunch which will be held at 12 noon, Tuesday, December 4th at Sunnybrae Golf Club, 1430 King St., Port Perry. Currently we have 10 members planning to attend but in order to make it a viable event, we need at least 20. They have an excellent chef which your President and Vice President can attest to personally. The venue will be decorated for Christmas and should be quite festive. They have hosted other PROBUS clubs. Menu consists of bread basket, choice of soup or market salad, roasted chicken stuffed with spinach and wild rice, roasted potatoes, fresh vegetable, Christmas dessert and coffee and tea. Cost is \$40.00 which includes tax and tip. Cash bar. Sign-up sheet is at the back on the special interest table or contact Connie Nelson directly. As in previous years, payment must be made by the November meeting.



MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora

The next game is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 5th at 1PM. If anyone is interested in checking it out, call Alecia at 905 720-0233, then we will probably meet again on November 26th. All dates are subject to change.



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 PM at the Centennial Retirement Residence. We will meet on November 20th and new members are welcome. If you are new to the game, please come ½ hour earlier for an introductory lesson.

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

Evening Group Poker is held on the second Wednesday of each month. Bob Towey is hosting on Wednesday, November 14th.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 15th at 1 PM at Judy Bryson's, 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. Please RSVP 905-576-0492.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria de Jong

A sampling of events available in our area during November 2018. For a more complete listing contact mariska578@gmail.com to be put on the email list.

Gallery: Klimt and Schiele: Eros and Psyche, Wednesday, November 7th, 7:30 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

Ballet: Bolshoi Ballet production of La Sylphide, Sunday, November 11th, 12:55 PM Oshawa Cineplex

Theatre: The Adams Family, Various dates starting November 22nd, Oshawa Little Theatre

Concert: Durham Youth Orchestra Fall Concert, Saturday November 25th, 7:30 PM, Hebron Church, Whitby



TRAVEL - Connie Nelson

The group needs a new convenor and some new members. If interested, contact Jackie Frank.

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



Bernice Burke is hosting the next meeting on Tuesday, November 6th at 3 PM. Contact: Bernice Burke: 905-728-2587.

VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson

Our next meeting will be at the home of George and Judy Marlow on November 15th at 3 PM *******Note date change to accommodate**

people that are away.



WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

This group is for both men and women so please feel free to join us. We welcome new members. We will meet on Thursday, November 8th at 5:45 PM. Belle Notte, 3570 Brock Street North in Whitby is the restaurant for this month. Excellent Italian food. Please let Catherine know by

November 1st if you plan to attend at c.frost@sympatico.ca.



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

November 2018 Schedule

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting. Please dress for weather and road conditions. Come out and join us!

Mondays: November 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 10 AM, meet at the east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek South Trail.

Friday November 2nd, 10 AM, meet at the bottom of Gordon Street, Whitby, for Waterfront Trail.

Friday November 9th, 10 AM, meet at the Jubilee Pavilion for Oshawa Creek Trail North.

Friday November 16th, 10 AM, meet at Mill Street for Oshawa Creek Trail.

Friday November 23rd, 10 AM, meet at dirt road east of GM Headquarters for Darlington.

Friday November 30th, 10 AM meet at Northview Seniors Centre for North Oshawa Rail Trail.



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7th at 10 AM at the home of Tina Van Alebeek. Please RSVP by November 5th.

In October, the Yarn Divas donated over 70 knit and crocheted washcloths to Whitby Chiropractic and Wellness Centre for inclusion in the toiletry bags they distribute to shelters for the homeless at Christmas.

If you're a crafter and having difficulty with a pattern, bring it with you and there's sure to be help available. All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome!

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 10 AM