

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: November, 2019



**2019 - 2020
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November brings Remembrance Day, which this year will fall the day before our General Meeting. Last week I very much enjoyed the Social Committee's tour of the Ontario Regiment Museum, a treasure of historical artifacts and the largest collection of operational tanks and military vehicles in Canada. The tour was led by Andy Lyons and John Drygala, long-time volunteers at the Museum, as well as Oshawa PROBUS Club members. They led us through the museum's large collection of artifacts that reflect the long history of the Regiment, which pre-dates Confederation. Then they took us to view the impressive collection of military vehicles from all over the world. After the tour, four of the ladies took a ride in an APC. Our group was also much honoured to have the tour enhanced by Don White, 95 years old, a well-known local WW2 veteran, who too has been a very long-time volunteer at the Museum. Don's knowledge of the history and use of many of the artifacts made the history come much more alive.

What made this experience even more special for me on a very personal level is that Don White was one of the many Canadians who liberated the country of my birth. Although I was born a few months after the liberation of The Netherlands, which happened in May 1945, both sides of my family told many stories of their experiences during the war and the jubilation with the Liberation. The Netherlands has maintained a great love and respect for the sacrifices made by so many Canadians who fought and lost their lives or were injured during that campaign. Ottawa has received a donation of tulips from the Netherlands, every year since 1945, for providing safety for Queen Juliana during the war, where she gave birth to Princess Magriet. The tulips are a gift of gratitude. Next year, 2020, will mark the 75th anniversary of the Liberation and that year, 1,100,000 tulips will be planted all over Canada in commemoration of that many Canadians who served during WW2. The Liberation 75 tulip was named the Don White Tulip, in honour of our local veteran. If you have a garden you may wish to plant this tulip variety this fall so that it will bloom for you in the spring.

Last Friday I also participated in the annual Fun Run. We had a lot of laughs in our car; we had to backtrack a couple of times all the while we were having a lovely time touring part of our Durham countryside on a gorgeous fall day. Many thanks to Moida Wheller and Jackie Frank for all their work creating the route and the clues.



Meet the Team



Al Sawtell, Vice President

It is my pleasure to serve as your Vice President this year. I have been a PROBUS member for the past 15 years, having been part of the initial steering committee back in 2004. A group of us met on a few occasions in Lorraine and Art Veroba's living room to discuss ways and means to form a new PROBUS Club in Oshawa. At that time there was only one PROBUS Club in Durham. Since then, the formation of new PROBUS Clubs in Durham has been amazing thanks to the efforts of Lorraine Veroba.

My teaching career began in 1972 in Scarborough where I taught elementary school for five years. In 1976 my wife Lynne and I purchased a new house in Oshawa. I drove to Scarborough for a year and although the commute was certainly much easier back then, I decided I didn't want that drive for the remainder of my career. In 1977 I began teaching at Lakewoods P.S., followed by placements at Lake Vista Sr. P.S., Epsom P.S., Parkside P.S., Cartwright Central P.S., Beau Valley P.S., Ormiston P.S., and finally Prince Albert P.S. where I was principal for the final eight years of my career.

Lynne and I still live in that same house we purchased in 1976. In our home we have raised our daughter Lisa and son Paul. Lisa has been teaching close to twenty years and has two daughters of her own, while son Paul and his wife own and operate a food distribution company in Toronto and are raising two sons.

Please introduce yourself at one of our meetings or social events. I continue to look forward utilizing Oshawa PROBUS as an effective means to form new friendships and lasting memories.



Garry Christenson, Treasurer

After working 36 years in various roles with The Toronto Dominion Bank, including 15 years in the area of finance, I retired in 2008. I am married and have two kids, four step kids and 10 grandkids. I joined the PROBUS Club of Oshawa in 2017 and my wife Lynda joined soon afterwards. I am a member and Treasurer of The Oshawa and District Shrine Club and Lebanon Masonic Lodge here in Oshawa. I enjoy golf, euchre, gardening and spending time at the trailer.

NOVEMBER SPEAKERS - Beverly Brown and Martha Casson – Port Perry's "Golden Girls"

Beverly and Martha will be speaking about their Co-ownership and shared living arrangement in Port Perry. Their presentation will include the process of selecting a home, how they created their forever home, the benefits, the lessons learned, as well as information about the legal agreement, plus operation rules and costs.

For those who are interested in finding out more about last month's speaker, Rochelle Byrne, here is the link to her website: <https://www.agreenerfuture.ca/>.

There is no Speaker scheduled for December.



We welcome three new members, Maggie Poulter, Beryl Taylor and Linda Thomson. There are still members who haven't paid their annual membership fee. Please send your cheque for **\$30** payable to: **PROBUS Club of Oshawa**. Mail it to: Mary Medley, Unit 1 - 1111 Wilson Road North, Oshawa, ON L1G 8C2.



Will You Help Out?

We are a volunteer organization, so we are always in need of members to help out... a little or a lot! Currently we need members to step up and help out in the following ways:

House:



If you enjoy the snacks provided during the break at our monthly PROBUS meetings, the House Committee needs your help to make those magically appear!

There are months without volunteers in 2020, so sign up at the next General Meeting or contact Maria Upton, the House Committee Chair, m.upton@sympatico.ca.

Our December General Meeting refreshments have traditionally been "Christmas treats" brought by member volunteers. So sign up on the back table at the November meeting that you will be bringing your treats. We need about 20 volunteers.

Don't forget to bring your own coffee mug or teacup to each meeting.

Social:



As of January 2020, Jackie Bathe and Janet Good will be co-chairing the Durham Central Social Committee and leaving our team. Marilyn Thaxter and the Social Committee will look forward to having new volunteers join the committee. Contact marilyn.thaxter@gmail.com for more information.

Probus Clothing:



Lorraine Veroba has been handling the promotion and ordering of our PROBUS clothing for 15 years and would like someone else to take over!!! She will get you started. This is a twice a year only activity. Contact Lorraine for more information at lorraineverlor66@gmail.com.

Talents: Your management team is also looking to identify members who have hidden talents. If you have or you know of a member with a unique talent that we should know about, please let Maria de Jong know at mariska578@gmail.com.



Lastly, if you are not able to help out in the areas identified above, tell us how YOU can help out!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Marilyn Thaxter

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

- **JAZZ NIGHT AT RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM** – Friday, November 8th, 7 PM to 11 PM. The cost is \$20. Admission includes “Sharks after Dark”. Easy access from GO Train.
- **DISTILLERY DISTRICT TOUR in Toronto** - Thursday, November 28th, 11:30 AM. The cost is \$22. Lunch to follow at Mill Street Brew Club (cost not included) **(Sign up with payment at the November meeting)**
- **CINDERELLA THE PANTO, Adult Version** – Friday, November 22nd, 8 PM. **(Meet Janet in the lobby for your ticket)**
- **JOHN McDERMOTT FAMILY CHRISTMAS** - Sunday, December 8th, 2 PM, Regent Theatre. The cost is \$54. **(Tickets can be purchased from Barry Davis at the November meeting)**
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER** - Wednesday, December 11th, Oshawa Golf & Curling Club, Cocktails 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Buffet Dinner at 6:30 PM, Cash Bar. The cost is \$59 for members, \$65 for guests **(Sign up with payment at the November meeting – 19 spots available)**
- **TRIVIA NIGHT:** Wednesday, January 8th, 7 PM, Thornton Arms Pub, (Rossland Road and Thornton Road). The cost is \$12. **(Sign up with payment at the November meeting)**
- **EUCHRE NIGHT:** Wednesday, February 5th, 7 PM. Thornton Arms Pub, (Rossland Road and Thornton Road). The cost is \$12. **(Sign up with payment at the November meeting)**

- **“WE WILL ROCK YOU” The Music of Queen:** Thursday, February 6th, 7:30 PM
Tribute Communities Centre, Oshawa. The cost is \$89.80. (Sign up with payment at the November meeting) (Contact Jackie Bathe for more information).

CHEESE!



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

We are always looking for photos of our members enjoying our various Social Events as well as showing off what happens at our many Special Interest Group activities. If you are participating and can take some photos, please send them to the oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com.

Please remember to identify the event or SIG involved. JPEGs please!

NON-PROBUS TRAVEL INFORMATION

Information Only

Some of our members are interested in opportunities for travel. The following information about International Travel was researched by Connie White, who is member of our PROBUS Club. The trips described are neither sponsored by, nor exclusive to the members of our or any other PROBUS Club.



International Travel Opportunities with friends and family!

NOTE: Deadline to register for any of these trips is only a few weeks away!!!

If you are interested in one or more trips and would like a copy of the itineraries, please contact – Connie White at cwhite211@sympatico.ca. Discovering new places with like-minded people enriches the whole experience. Each tour is picturesque, fascinating and meticulously planned!

1). **April 23 – May 8, 2020** – 15 nights – **“Transatlantic cruise”** Cost: ranges from \$2,994 - \$3,034 depending on the type of cabin you want. Sails from New York City, 5 days at sea, stops at Ponta Delgada, another day at sea, and then visits the following ports: Lisbon, Cadiz (for Seville), Malaga (for Granada), Palma Majorca, Barcelona, Cannes, Livorno (for Pisa & Florence) and ends in Rome.

2). **May 8 – May 18, 2020** – **“Greek Islands and Adriatic Coast Cruise”**- for those of you who absolutely love cruising, and you have just completed the Transatlantic, you can choose to stay on board and continue on for a 10-night Greek Islands and Adriatic Coast cruise. You will visit Kotor, Dubrovnik, Corfu, Santorini, Mykonos, Naples (Amalfi Coast and Pompeii), Livorno and back in Rome on May 18, 2020. Ocean view cabins are limited. Deadline to sign up for these cruises is December 15, 2019. For more information message Herschel Rosen at (905) 576-8833, Ext. 451. Or e-mail him at hrosen@cruiseshipcenters.com.

3). **May 21 – June 2, 2020 – “Ireland, Scotland & England”** Cost: \$4,624 – includes round-trip airfare, hotels, all breakfasts and dinners, tour director, and more. On this bus trip, you will be visiting famous historical cities such as Shannon, Dublin, ferry ride to North Wales, Lake District, Edinburgh, London, Bath and Stratford-Upon-Avon. For more information contact Joe Wyatt at jwyatt@explorica.com or call him at 1 (888) 378-8845. Due date to register is December 15, 2019.

4). **September 25 – October 7, 2020 - “Rome, Amalfi Coast, Capri, and Southern Mediterranean”** - Cost: \$3,900 includes: round trip airfare, hotels, transportation, ferry rides, breakfast and dinners (except for one dinner), and more! You will experience the most magnificent drive along the Amalfi Coast: explore Rome, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Pompeii, Montecassino, Capri (and the Blue Grotto), town of Amalfi, Coast of the Gods: - Pizza, Tropea, ferry across to Sicily: Taormina, Mt. Etna, Mt. Tauro, UNESCO site – Noto, Ortigia, Siracusa, Valley of the Temples, and a wine tour of Principi di Butera, Erice, and finally Palermo. For more information contact Fortunato Febbraro at fortunatobebbraro@sympatico.ca or call (289) 371-2998. Due date to register is December 15, 2019.

NOTE: These trips are for members, their families, and friends and even other interested PROBUS Clubs, so invite who you like. First come first served. In addition, **Bus tours require a minimum of 30 people for the trip to go ahead.** Important you register as soon as you can.

"Live with no regrets. Travel with no excuses. Life is short, live it to the fullest!"

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? Don’t hesitate to pass it along to Elaine Lopes or Anne MacKay. They will try to recruit other members to create a group.

Proposed new groups:

We are trying to set up two new groups. Please feel free to sign up at the next meeting or contact Elaine Lopes or Anne MacKay if you have any questions.

- **Another book club:** This would be our fourth book club. Four members have signed up, but we need more to make the group more viable and interesting.
- **Bridge for beginners:** This group already has seven members signed up, but it will only be set up after the bridge lessons are over. It is aimed at people who don’t play bridge very often or are just learning.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting or contact Elaine Lopes or Anne MacKay if you want more information.



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

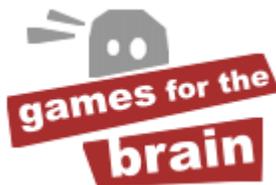
Marlene Gutsole will host our next meeting on Tuesday, November 26th at 10 AM when we will be discussing the book "Call the Midwife" by Jennifer Worth. Contact: Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587 or Judy Bell (905) 720-3808.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens

Janet Good will host our next meeting on Thursday, November 7th, at 1 PM. Pauline Gubbels will lead the discussion on our selection "Brain on Fire - My Month of Madness" by Susannah Cahalan.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

Nan MacKenzie will host the next book club meeting on Thursday, November 28th at 7 PM. Barb Jones will lead the discussion on "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th at 10 AM at the home of Moida Wheller.

BID EUCHRE - Peggy Gibson and Donna Arnold

Bid Euchre is on the fourth Wednesday of the month and will be meeting on Wednesday, November 27th at 1:30 PM at Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, downstairs in the Gathering Room. New players always welcome. If you know how to play euchre, we can teach you how to play bid euchre.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

Euchre group #2 will meet at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, 2 PM to 4 PM, on Thursday, November 28th. 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 Thursday, November 14th at 1 PM at the home of Anne- Marie Beattie, 1104 Ridgemount Boulevard (Main intersection Taunton Road/Grandview Street). The cost is \$2. Please let Anne-Marie know if you will be attending by e-mailing her at annemariebeattie@sympatico.ca or by telephone at (905) 728-6886.



DAY TRIPPER'S – Jackie Frank

Our November outing will be a Country Path Christmas which will consist of a drive in the northern part of the region with a number of spots along the way and lunch in a church.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown

The next Hand and Foot Card game will be held at the home of Kathy Brown on Tuesday, November 19th at 1 PM. If you can attend, please let Kathy know at (289) 240 6617.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon Tuesday, November 19th at Legends of Fazio, 33 Simcoe Street South, 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 plan on having our Christmas lunch at Chatterpaul's, 3500 Brock St., N., Whitby on Tuesday December 17th at 12 noon. There will be a sign-up sheet with menu and pricing attached on the special interest table at the November meeting. Payment will be due at the November meeting.



MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora

The Group is still getting together to play every two weeks. We usually have two tables of four playing. Anyone interested is welcome to come and watch to see if they would like to learn.



MOVIE GROUP - Mary Gibson

NOTE: If you would like to attend, I will be pre-booking seats for the group to see Ford VS Ferrari Nov. 15th showing. If you would like me to book you a ticket I can do that - I book group tickets with Atom.

Other Fridays in the month will be booked on Thursday before.

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 will be on Tuesday, November 19th at 1 PM at the Centennial Retirement Residence. New players welcome, just bring your dimes!

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

Lloyd Murray will host evening poker on Wednesday, November 13th at 7 PM.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will meet on Thursday, November 21st at 1 PM at 481 Masson Street. Everyone is welcome.



THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE – Mary Kelcey

The following is a small sample of the upcoming cultural events being offered in this region for November:

Location	Event	Date	Note
Regent Theatre	Classic Movie Night Harvey	Thursday, November 7 th 7:30 PM	
Cineplex Oshawa & Landmark Whitby	Met Opera	November 9 th 12:30 PM	Madama Butterfly
		November 23 rd 12:30 PM	Akhnaten
Tribute Communities Centre	Arkells with Special Guest Coin	November 14 th 7:30 PM	

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



Vicky Paquette will host the next meeting on Tuesday, November 5th at 3 PM. Contact Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

VINTAGE TASTING – Jane Havens

Donna Henderson and Sheila Leonard will host the next gathering on Thursday, November 21st at 3 PM, 1648 Edenwood Drive, Oshawa, Contact Donna (905) 723-9501.



WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

Wine and Dine will be meeting at Tetra Kitchen and Vines on November 14th, 570 Longworth Avenue, Bowmanville. Please let Catherine know by November 7th if you plan to attend (c.frost@sympatico.ca). We meet at 5:45 PM and plan to order by 6:00 PM.



URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong

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Come and join us when you can and get moving! Poles are not required, but are recommended. Walking with poles gives you more stability, helps posture, and exercises your upper body too when you walk. Just be dressed to be safe for the weather and trail conditions. We go for coffee after our walk.

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Mondays: November 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, 10 AM - Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail South

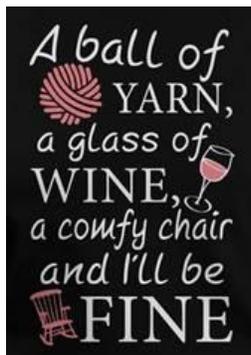
Friday, November 1st, 10 AM – Meet at the bottom of Gordon Street, Whitby for Waterfront Trail

Friday, November 8th, 10 AM – Meet at the bottom of Thickson Road for Waterfront Trail East

Friday, November 15th, 10 AM - Meet at Storie Park, Mill Street for Oshawa Creek Trail South

Friday, November 22nd, 10 AM – Meet at the dirt road east of GM Headquarters on Wentworth Street, for Darlington Park

Friday, November 29th, 10 AM – Meet at Northview Seniors Centre for North Oshawa Rail Trail



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Our next meeting will be at 10 AM on Wednesday, November 6th at the home of Carol Shewchuk. Please let Carol know if you are coming by Monday, November 4th and, if you need supplies, please email Barb by Monday as well. All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome!

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 10 AM



PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobust.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

www.probus.org

PROBUS GLOBAL

There are over 4,000 clubs worldwide with over 350,000 members. Of those there are over 260 clubs operating in Canada. What you may not know that PROBUS also has a **Global Club**.

PROBUS GLOBAL is open to any member of a PROBUS Club and provides an on-line forum to make connections to PROBUS members around the world.

<https://probustglobal.org>

Oshawa PROBUS CLUB November Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	2
3	4 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	5 3 PM Wine Appreciation 6:30 PM Chess	6 10 AM Yarn Divas	7 1 PM Bookies	8 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	9
10	11 Remembrance Day  10 AM Urban Pole Walking	12 PROBUS GENERAL MEETING 10 AM 6:30 PM Chess	13 7 PM Evening Poker	14 1 PM Cribbage 5:45 PM Wine and Dine	15 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	16
17	18 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	19 12 noon Lunch Group 1 PM Hand and Foot 1 PM Afternoon Poker 6:30 PM Chess	20 10 AM Brain Games	21 1 PM Scrabble 3 PM Vintage Tastings	22 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	23
24	25 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	26 10 AM Bookworms 6:30 PM Chess	27 1:30 PM Bid Euchre	28 2 PM Euchre Group 2 7 PM Probus Book Club	29 10 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group	30