



**2021 - 2022
Executive:**

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: November, 2021

**Garry
Christenson,**
President

**Our PROBUS Club of Oshawa has been holding VIRTUAL
GENERAL MEETINGS since September 2020.**

Chuck Keller,
Vice President

President's Message

Maria de Jong,
Past President

I hope this message finds everyone well.

**Marlene Allen
Pat Bayus,**
Secretaries

It is a beautiful sunny but cool morning. Leaves are starting to change. Some have fallen but not many. But the rake and bags are ready to go. Grass needs to be cut but I think I will wait for a while before I start the lawnmower.

Nancy Exworth,
Treasurer

Our COVID challenges remain. With government restrictions being eased, there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. Will we be back to normal, probably not the normal we knew two years ago.

**Marlene Owen
Sharon Smith**
Members at large

We had hoped to have an in-person General meeting before the end of this year but the decision has been made to target January 2022. ZOOM participation will also be available.

**Jacqueline
Frank
Gerry
Henderson,**
Social Committee
Co-Chairs

The management team have completed a safety guideline document for our return to in person meetings. Safety of our members is of utmost importance. Hopefully you have all received a copy but if not, please give me a call and I will ensure you get one. Thanks to our Vice President Chuck Keller for chairing this initiative. I would also like to thank Dave Hardy for putting a shortened version on our website.

**Elaine Lopes
Anne MacKay,**
Special Interest
Groups
Coordinators

Special Interest Groups continue to meet and if you could take a few pictures and forward to Cindy for inclusion in the newsletter it would be appreciated. We would all like to see the fun you are having and perhaps it would generate interest for others to get back together.

Sheila Leonard,
Speakers
Committee

The Christmas Luncheon December 15th at Kedron Dells is sold out at this point with a few members on a waiting list. With the venues now being allowed to open to additional patrons, we are asking Kedron if we can increase our numbers. Hopefully their response will be positive and allow more of our members and perhaps guests to attend. Thanks to the Social Committee for their hard work on this event.

Connie Nelson,
Membership
Chair

Maria Upton,
House
Committee

On November 15th there will be another Trivia game. Jackie has put a lot of effort to make it fun, so please join in.

**Jacqueline
Frank,**
Archivist

In the past the Club has had a volunteer to look after the sale of PROBUS clothing. We are looking for a new volunteer to take over this function. Lorraine Veroba who is currently involved has agreed to tutor anyone that might be interested. If you might be interested, please give me a call. Thanks for your consideration.

David Hardy,
Web Master

Cindy Fleming,
Newsletter Editor

Our guest speaker for this month is Jeremy Blowers, Executive Director of the Ontario Regiment RCAC Museum. I have had the opportunity to hear Jeremy speak in the past and his presentation is very informative

I know we still have to meet via ZOOM but I look forward to seeing as many faces as possible Nov 9th.

Until we meet in person, continue to be safe.

Garry Christenson
President



NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Our next **ZOOM Virtual General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, November 9th at 10 AM.



EASY STEPS TO PARTICIPATING IN OUR GENERAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

- Use your browser to go to the website, **www.zoom.us**
- At the top right corner of the screen that opens up, click on the button, that says **JOIN A MEETING**
- Enter the **Meeting ID code** sent to you by email a day or so before the meeting date.
- Enter the **Passcode** as directed.
- You will be put into a Waiting Room, until you are admitted by the Host.
- Once in the meeting check the toolbar at the bottom of your screen to see that your **Video** is on. If not, click it to on.

- You can also check that your **Audio** is on the same way. You will be asked to **Mute** your audio during the Speaker sections of our General Meeting.

If you need further assistance getting familiar with getting on and using ZOOM, please contact Maria de Jong at mariska578@gmail.com.



NOVEMBER SPEAKER – Jeremy Blowers, Executive Director, The Ontario Regiment, RCAC Museum

Jeremy's involvement with military museums began during his Canadian History studies at Trent University when he volunteered for two years at the Oshawa Camp X Museum. His involvement with the Ontario Regiment began in 1995 when he joined the 1913 Ontario Regiment RCAC Cadet Corps and on returning from his formal education he has been involved with the Regimental Museum and Regimental activities ever since.

Jeremy's presentation INTO THE TRENCHES! will feature the history and development of the Ontario Regiment RCAC. In 1914 Canada is embroiled in a conflict of Global proportions. The Great War. The 34th Ontario Battalion is quick to prepare for War and raises two Canadian Expeditionary Force Battalions to serve overseas for the first time in our history.



Welcome to four new members Irené and Ted Warren and Sally and William Davidson. Our membership number now stands at 261.

In last month's newsletter it was advised that a revised membership list would be emailed mid September, however we are waiting for applications for an additional 2 members so email will be delayed until mid October. If you have changes to your contact information, please email Connie Nelson at connienelson@rogers.com or call (905) 576-9022.



To follow the links within this Newsletter, don't forget to "Ctrl + Click".

SOCIAL EVENTS



Local Discovery Tour!

The last part of our Local Discovery Adventure took place on October 2nd and 3rd. This segment of the activity covered part of northern Oshawa. The winning teams were as follows: first place - Garry Christenson and Lynda Phippard; second place - Judy Brooks, Pam Green, Alecia Minosora and Carol Shewchuk; third place - Allan and Donna Anderson.



A group of club members are going to visit Little Canada in downtown Toronto on Thursday, November 25th. Little Canada is an animated, miniature replica of parts of Canada. It is located at the corner of Yonge Street and Dundas Street. In the building, you will see miniature representations of parts of Toronto, Niagara, Ottawa, Quebec City and the Golden Horseshoe. If you are interested in going, please contact Jackie Frank.



Trivia Game

It's Trivia Game Time on November 15 at 2 PM on ZOOM! Everyone is invited to play. You will be grouped with other club members to form different teams. All you have to do is register to play, pay the entry fee of \$5 and join your friends in trying to find the right answers to trivia questions! Register online

at socialregisteroshawaprobis@gmail.com and bring your entry fee (cash or cheque) to Jackie Frank's house by Friday, November 12.



Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas luncheon is at Kedron Dells Golf Club, from noon to 3 PM on Wednesday December 15th. Price is \$35 per member, \$40 per non-member. Due to Covid, seating is restricted to 66 attendees.

As of today, the luncheon is fully subscribed. Sometimes people must drop out, or the province may allow Kedron to increase the seating. If you wish to add your name to the waiting list, send an email to Gerry Henderson.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



If your group is meeting, don't forget to send photos of your activities to be included in the newsletter.



Card Making Group: Mary Gibson

There has been an interest shown by a few people who want to try their hand at making homemade cards. If you are interested in this, as things open up please contact Mary at Marmojl245481@gmail.com.



BOOKIES – Jane Havens and Barbara Towey

The Bookies will meet on Tuesday, November 16th at 1:30 PM at the home of Jane Havens. Jane will lead the discussion on the book “Unbearable Lightness” by Portia de Rossi.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 23rd on ZOOM. Pat Howell will host the discussion on “The Gathering” by Anne Enright. The Bookworms will not be meeting in December.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

The PROBUS book club will meet on Thursday, November 25th at 1 PM hosted by Moida. Carol will lead the discussion on “The Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes.

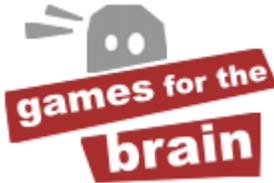
MARATHON BRIDGE – Frank Kelcey



Marathon Bridge is a social bridge group, dedicated to putting ace's on our opponents kings! Our members range from rank amateurs to expert players, but we are all dedicated to enjoying playing bridge! We are open to new members. If you need a partner, we will try to find you one. Our schedules are quite flexible, as you arrange date & time with the opposition. We play in members homes. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Because of the pandemic, I'm not sure when we will be starting again, but I hope soon. Any current members who will not be returning, could you please let me know.

BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank



The next Brain Games will be on Wednesday, November 17th at 10 AM at Jackie Frank's house. Anyone interested in attending should confirm with Jackie.



DAY TRIPPERS – Jackie Frank

On October 14th, the Day Trippers went to explore Pickering public art at Alex Robertson Park, Progress Freshman's Bay East Park, Millennium Square and Esplanade Park.





(Photos courtesy of Jackie Frank)



LUNCH GROUP – Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

On October 19th, the lunch group met indoors at the Crepe Castle, 1272 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa at noon. Proof of vaccination and COVID precautions were observed. The third Tuesday of each month has been set aside for this gathering. Please contact Donna Keller or Marilyn Lannon if you are interested in having your name added to the Luncheon list. All ladies are welcome!



(Photo courtesy of Marilyn Lannon)



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

The Friday Night at the Movies ZOOM group chat is now at 14 people. Movies are suggested by the members for the next meeting - (every two weeks).

Please contact Mary Gibson, at marmojl245481@gmail.com on the Monday prior to the group chat for the ZOOM Meeting ID and Password if you wish to attend. The movies are available on Netflix. Please watch them before the meeting.



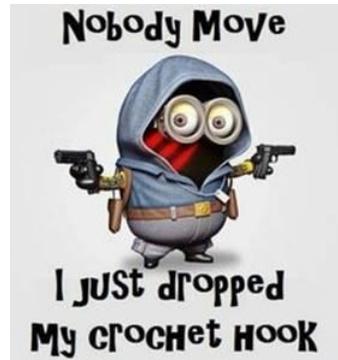
SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will be meeting on Thursday, November 11th at 1 PM at 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. All are welcome. Newcomers please RSVP Judy (905) 576-0492.

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



Contact information: sharonsmith@sympatico.ca



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Barb was delighted to drop off a trunk full of crocheted blankets to Project Linus last month as well as a huge collection of quilted mats to be used for sensory blankets for dementia patients to Ajax Hospital. Hats off to all of our creative crafters!

We had an outdoor in-person meeting in October and we're moving indoors in November. The meeting will be at 10 AM. on Wednesday, November 3rd at the home of Jo Taylor.

TidBITS

If any of our members have a favourite recipe, puzzle, photos of previous events, ideas on how interest groups are staying connected or any other information that might be of interest to others in our Club, please submit them to our newsletter editor, Cindy Fleming, (clf0808@yahoo.ca) for inclusion in the newsletter.



Member Care

With a Club such as ours, we need your help to let us know if one of our members is experiencing a serious illness or is hospitalized. Our Club would like to let our ill members and their families know that they are in our thoughts as they deal with their illness with respect to the family's wishes for privacy.

In the same way, we need you to let us know if you become aware that a member, their spouse or close family member has passed on. Often the family does not think to contact our Club, or know who to contact under these difficult circumstances. We would like to respect the wishes of family and give our members the opportunity to express their condolences to the bereaved. Please let us know so we can respond appropriately. Email mariska578@gmail.com or oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com.

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobus.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://probusglobal.org>

Remembrance Day

11 NOVEMBER

In Flanders Fields

poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 3 May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

lest we forget