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PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: November 2022

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President’s Message

November is Remembrance Month. Let us pause and reflect on what we are thankful for. Our Canadian Armed Forces protected us during World War 1 and World War 11. Other world conflicts caused our troops to be called to duty to defend and support our territories.

Locally in days past and present, police, firefighters and emergency medical officers risk their lives on a daily basis so the general public may enjoy their day-to-day activities.

Within the Oshawa Probus Club we are thankful of all the members who have volunteered their time and effort to make being a member of our organization an exciting and worthwhile experience.

We have much to be thankful for. Let us appreciate the efforts of others. Continue to stay involved and do your part to promote the successes of not only the Oshawa Probus Club, but all clubs in the region.

So THANKYOU for continuing to support the Oshawa Probus Club:

- Port Perry Mystery Tour Oct.29/30.
- Christmas Luncheon December 7th- already full.
- The many Special Interest Activities (check the sheets at the next general meeting).

Enjoy November!!!

Chuck Keller
President



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NOVEMBER SPEAKER: Bob Chapman

Topic: Bob will be speaking to us about Remembrance and/or Bob's connection to Oshawa's own Ontario Regiment (RCAC). For over 37 years Bob served as a member of the Canadian Army (both Regular and Reserve components) retiring in November 2007 at the rank of Colonel. Bob served as Commanding Officer of Oshawa's Ontario Regiment from 1994 to 1997. In 2016 the Minister of National Defense appointed Bob as the Regiment's Honourary Lieutenant Colonel and he was promoted to Honourary Colonel in 2019.

In addition to his military service Bob served as a member of the Durham Regional Police for over 30 years. He retired in 2010 at the rank of Superintendent.

It is evident that Bob is still a very busy man as he has just been re-elected as Regional and City Councillor for Ward 3 in Oshawa. Bob and his wife Diane have been married for 50 years and have 2 grown sons

New Management Member Bios

Secretary – Anne Smolarek

The beautiful city of Lübeck, Germany, at the shores of the Baltic Sea, is my birth place. Most of my growing up years were spent in Hamburg, Germany, until I married and emigrated to Vancouver. We spent a total of 1-1/2 years there until we came to Toronto for a better job opportunity.

We bought a house in Whitby, where we raised two wonderful daughters. At that time, I was a stay-at-home mom. By the time our daughters were older I returned to work as a school secretary.

During my time at home, I volunteered at school and in the community, taught night school and a Saturday morning class.

After my husband's death I decided to sell the family cottage and looked for a place that would compensate somewhat for the loss of the cottage. This is how I ended up in Oshawa since 2009.

In 2010 I joined Probus and have enjoyed my membership ever since. One of my preferred things to do is Nordic pole walking, as well as many lovely outings so well organized by our members. Brain games is another group that I enjoy very much.

Some hobbies, reading, cooking, gardening, and travel are giving me a great deal of joy, as well as my daughters and grandchildren.

Annelie Smolarek



Some humour:

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman--already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet--who insisted he didn't

need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."



Welcome to new member Bob Haslam. Membership stands at 269. Thanks to the 182 members who have renewed their membership. Membership renewal of \$40.00 payable to PROBUS Club of Oshawa can be mailed to Cindy Fleming.

If you have changes to your contact information, please email oshawaprobustclub@gmail.com Att: Cindy Fleming

PROBUS Clothing:



Since our club started, we have been providing the opportunity to buy jackets, hats, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc. bearing the OSHAWA PROBUS LOGO. John Manuel will provide information and assistance as needed. You can reach John at (905) 922-3457

PROBUS clothing is available online now. See Website link below to Roy's Enterprise. The site is set up for individual orders. No group orders necessary. Prices, colors and club names are on the website.

<http://roysenterprise.com/Probus/Probus.html>

Durham Regional Police Service: (DRPS) recently launched its community input survey.

They want to ensure everyone has a say and the opportunity to provide their opinion on the services they provide and ultimately help them to develop their strategic direction for 2024.

The survey is approximately 5 minutes and is available at www.drps.ca/survey.

DRPS thanks you in advance for taking the time out of your day to provide valuable input and help DRPS align with their vision to have the safest community for people to live, work, and play.

SOCIAL EVENT

Social Committee- Gerry Henderson and Jackie Frank



Little Canada: 7 members attended the event on Saturday October 22nd. Several members visiting Little Canada for the first time were totally fascinated by the very intricate displays, and the finely detailed miniatures. Each view simulated both day and night, with appropriate lighting. In the early afternoon, we adjourned upstairs to Jack Astor's for lunch.





Euchre tournament: Marilyn has negotiated with Thornton Arms Pub for a Progressive Euchre afternoon on November 1st, from 1:30 to 4:30. \$15 per person. Prizes & nibbles.



Billiards: We are looking for member's interest in an afternoon of billiards and food in January. Location is Michelle's Billiards in Whitby. If interested, please sign up at the next meeting. Costs to be determined in later.

Oshawa Fire Dept: a visit at 10:00 AM on November 30th to Fire Hall #5 (Harmony Rd North & Coldstream) to tour the facility, meet the staff and checkout the equipment. This will be followed by an 11:00 AM in-depth safety presentation. Maximum 20 people.





Christmas Luncheon: We have reserved Wednesday December 7th for our noon luncheon at Kedron Dells. Members can arrive starting 11:30 AM. The meal will be a buffet, turkey with all the trimmings, or a vegetarian pasta meal. We now have 101 people signed up, with room for 3 more, cut-off date Nov 3rd. Cost \$50 each. Deliver your cheques to Gerry & Pat Henderson and please specify turkey or pasta.

And a reminder, we must have \$300 in bar sales, or we pay for the bartender(s). If you do not imbibe alcohol, at least purchase a pop. Bar sales are credit/debit only, no cash.

Judy Spring, from the **Port Perry PROBUS Club** is wondering if our members might be interested in going to Herongate Barn.

NEW - Sunday, December 4, 2022 – **Herongate Barn Theatre**, 2885 Altona Rd, Locust Hill - 12 pm to 4 pm.

Tickets are \$69 including lunch, seasonal music, and a comedy **Funny Money** by Ray Cooney. Port Perry club will allow each member to bring one friend, with **proof of full vaccination**.

For your information, Herongate is not fully accessible. The dining area is accessible with washrooms. To transition to the theatre, you must take the stairs or walk around the building to access the theatre directly. There are no washrooms on the theatre level.

To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com and mention you are from the **Oshawa Club**. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Ann Skinner at 905 982-8865.

Trips organized by the PROBUS Club of Ajax

Shirlie van Putten, from the Ajax Club, organizes day trips and is also involved with the travel agency HNA Travels, from Ottawa. You can reach Shirlie at 905-619-8503 or at shirlievanputten@rogers.com

Jackie Frank can send you the flyers on these trips if you want more information.

Day Trips

Wednesday, November 30: St. Jacob's Christmas. The trip includes a visit to the Farmer's Market, lunch and a matinee (The Sound of Music) in Cambridge. Cost: \$150

Tuesday, December 13: Famous People Players, including lunch. Cost: \$120

Overseas Trips

February 9 to March 1, 2023: 12 nights in Portugal (Hotel Brisa Sol, Albufeira) and 8 nights in Spain (Sunset Beach Resort, Benalmadena). Cost from \$3,699 double occupancy to \$4,899, depending on accommodation you choose.

February 28 to March 22, 2023: 21 nights in Portugal (Hotel Brisa Sol, Albufeira). Cost: \$3,449 double occupancy, \$4,499 single



Local events/activities

Every month, Pat Bayus will be listing events and activities happening in the region in the coming month. **If you know of such events, email the information to Pat before the 15 of each month at sunvalleywatch@sympatico.ca**

For those of you looking for something to do in November check out the following events: ---

Saturday, November 5th 10am-4pm – **Festival of Trees and Holiday Market**, Abilities Centre, Whitby

Saturday November 12th, 10am-3pm – **Brooklin's Merry Market**, Lakeridge Links Golf Course, 1355 Brawley Rd. W. Whitby

Thursday November 17th, 5pm-9pm - **Bright and Merry Market**, downtown Oshawa's Civic Centre, Bagot St.

Thursday November 17th, 4pm-9pm - Robert McLaughlin Gallery **Holiday Night Market** (indoors) Bagot St.

Saturday/Sunday November 19 & 20, 10am-4:30pm **Eastdale Craft Show**, 265 Harmony Rd. Oshawa Entry \$2.00

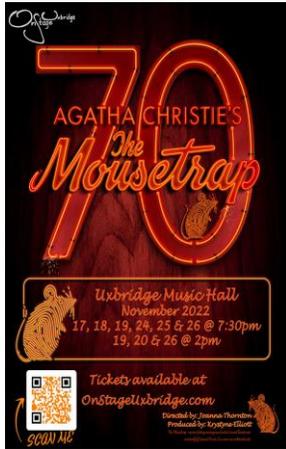
Saturday/Sunday November 26 & 27, 10am-3pm, Parkwood Estate **Friends & Family Holiday Market**

November 12th-December 24th, **A Country Path**, Rural Road Trip through attractions in Clarington, Enniskillen and Bowmanville. Details at acountrypath.com

Saturday November 12th, 3pm-7pm, **ReSound Choir Remembrance Concert**, St. Georges Anglican Church, 51 Centre St., Downtown Oshawa. Details at resoundchoir.com concert November 12

Saturday November 19th, 8pm, **Ontario Philharmonic Orchestra**, Details at Regent Theatre Box Office, 905 723-3399 ext.2 or www.regenttheatre.ca

Saturday November 5th, 12:55pm, Metropolitan Opera, **La Traviata**, live on screen at Cineplex Theatre, Taunton Rd. Oshawa



Join us in celebrating the 70th Anniversary of **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap!** November 17-26th at the Uxbridge Music Hall. Don't Just See It, Solve It!

This thrilling OnStage Uxbridge production is THE genre-defining murder mystery from the best-selling novelist of all time... case closed!

It's quite a thrill, this whole murder solving business! 🕵️🔍

Join the fun! Click <https://bit.ly/3DqTOeX> to purchase your tickets today for The Mousetrap! Tickets are only \$25 each, and groups of 10 or more automatically receive a group discount when purchased together.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

If your group is meeting, don't forget to send photos of your activities to be included in the newsletter. Please send your information/photos to Connie Nelson by the 25th of each month.

Special Interest Groups Chairs-Marlene Owen & Geri Sparkes

We have 3 new groups that have started since Sept:

Coffee and Chat

Bruno Scanga who is a new member, is the Convenor of the Group. The group continues to meet weekly on Thursday at 6:30 at Tim Hortons in the Thornton/ Rossland Plaza. This is a popular group. Check them out

Cribbage

John Manuel a new member is the Convenor. The group is starting to meet monthly on Wed Nov 9 at 1-3 at John's apt

The Travel Group

Convenors are Geri Sparkes and Marilyn Thaxter. They held their first Meeting-on Monday Oct 17 to review the travel wishes of the group and plan for the future

A Second Dinner Group

It is not showing a lot of interest after I contacted the members who signed up. COVID, night driving and Winter seemed to be stumbling blocks.

I will continue to put out the sign up sheet

The **Majhong Group** will start again in the New Year
Convenor Alicia Minosora

All in all, considering we have been in lockdown for almost 2 years, groups are slowly reconvening. Cribbage, Coffee & Chat & Travel are new groups since Sept. Kudos to the new members for taking on these groups and a hearty thank you to the Convenors who keep the other groups active.

Check out the sign-up sheets at our next Meeting. There may be a new challenge or friend waiting to be met.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey



The PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 24th at 1 PM at the home of Nan MacKenzie. Moida Wheller will lead the discussion on "The Great Alone" by Kristen Hannah.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton

We are meeting in November at Bernice BURKE's home and discussing 'A Gentleman In Moscow'.



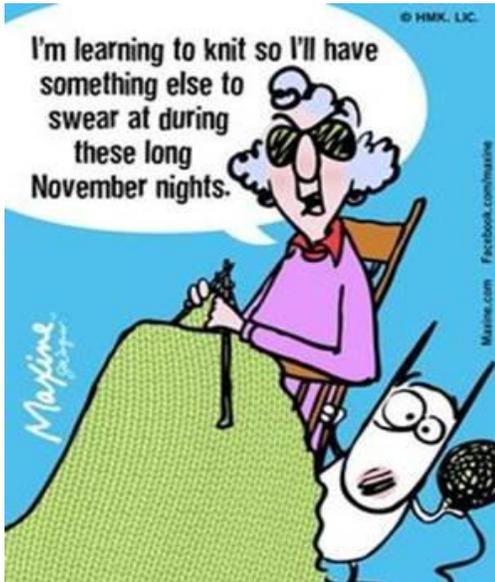
Card Making Group: Mary Gibson

Card making meets once a month, every third Sunday at 2 PM. Just bring scissors and adhesive - things to make two cards will be pre-cut for you. Contact Mary Gibson marmojl245482@gmail.com

BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank



Brain Games: The next Brain Games will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. at Judy Bryson's house. Contact Jackie Frank if you are planning to come.



YARN DIVAS – Barb Jones, Convenor

The next meeting of the Yarn Divas will be at Jo Taylor's house on Wednesday, November 2, at 10 a.m. We're expecting another great turnout and look forward to sharing laughs and knitting ideas.

Our group has welcomed 2 new members this fall. If you love to knit and/or crochet and would like to join us, please contact Barb at barbandpete@rogers.com.

DAY TRIPPERS – Jackie Frank

Day Trippers: On Wednesday, September 28, the Day Trippers went on a three-hour Fall Colours Cruise along the Trent Severn Waterway. The entertaining captain shared information on the history of the waterway and how the liftlocks operate.



GARDEN AND NATURE GROUP – Jackie Frank



Garden and Nature Group:

On Saturday, October 8, the Garden and Nature Group went to visit Richters Herbs in Goodwood and did the Leaksdale Loop. We saw local art studios, farms, markets and more and tasted local foods.



LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon



Thankyou to the seventeen ladies that joined us at the Portly Piper Pub in Oshawa Oct 18, I think it was a real find. Large variety on the menu and the ladies seemed happy with the food and service. What a great group of ladies, and everyone is getting to know each with stories and laughs.

Wishing everyone a safe happy Halloween, and looking forward to meeting again in November. Until then, stay healthy.



MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson

Excitement builds as we watch all the new trailers for coming movies. There are 17 people in this group and we can handle a whole theatre full so if you love going to the theatre to see your movies and are free Fridays for the first showing of new movies join our group - contact Mary Gibson Marmojl245481@gmail.com.

The ZOOM Movie group for Netflix is still going strong though the lockdowns are over. We pick two things to watch and then every second Friday night at 7 PM we get together to discuss the movies/series/documentaries we've all seen. Please contact Mary Gibson if you would like to join the group. Marmojl245481@gmail.com.



CHESS – Ed Taylor

The chess games are every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. until you are ready to leave. It is quite informal.



CRIBBAGE – John Manuel

The next meeting of the cribbage group will be November 9, 1-3pm.

If you'd like to join in the fun, call John Manuel at 905-432-2468 or email him at jolomanuel@yahoo.ca.



Wine and Dine group – Catherine Frost

We had a very enjoyable evening at Belle Notte in Whitby. The food was good and the conversation superb and the service was excellent.

It is our intention to meet again in November. We will not be meeting in December.

This group is presently at capacity.

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



Probus Urban Pole Walking Schedule

Timeframe: November 1, 2022 to May 1, 2023

Days: Monday and Friday mornings

Time: 9:30 am

Contact Information: sharonsmith@sympatico.ca |

Cell: 416-938-7841

Harmony Creek Trail is the preferred trail for the fall and winter months as it is well maintained during this timeframe.

Park at Rossland Square Plaza (Rossland & Wilson Road) near Bollock's Pub (previous known as the Tartan)

Enter Trail by plaza and head south



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, Connie Nelson, (connielson@rogers.com) 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 garry1.christenson 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>

