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PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: November 2023



Next Membership General Meeting: November 14, 2023

President's Message

As I write this, it is almost Halloween. We always wait to buy our candy as late as we can so I won't get into it. Regardless, I still ask my husband Rod to hide it somewhere where I won't find it. I just cannot resist chocolate!!! But we have to get this over this struggle before thinking about Remembrance Day, and then we can start thinking about Christmas!

The leaves are falling. Big news, I know, and lots of work for many of us to rake the leaves or put our gardens to bed. The good news is that if we neglect to complete all of this work, it will soon be buried in snow!

Now that the golf season is almost over, we will be able to retreat to our couches and watch hockey, basketball or whatever sports we fancy. Our clock's will be turning back an hour and I am looking forward to an extra hour of sleep. To everything there is a season.

Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause for a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history, and over 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice. Canadian physician, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of Guelph, Ontario in May of 1915 wrote one of the most quoted poems from the war. He wrote it after presiding over the funeral of a friend and fellow soldier who died in the second battle of Ypres. The poem – "In Flanders Fields". I remember being required to commit this poem to memory when I was in grade school. The poem has remained in my memory over the passing years. It is my honour and privilege to include the first two stanzas of this famous poem in my President's Message this month.



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.

God bless our veterans, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Country.
"Lest We Forget"

Please scan this newsletter, and come to the November 14th meeting to find out the latest details for social and interest activities. Don't forget, our Christmas lunch is coming up on December 6th at Kendall Golf Club. I know the price has gone up (as everything has this year). We can't take our money with us so let's have fun and go to the Christmas lunch. A number of us have already signed up, but there is still plenty of room, so please contact the social committee if you can come. There will be great food and fellowship, and live entertainment--maybe a few prizes to take home.

Next month, we'll talk about Christmas.

Marg Miller- President



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

Incoming Management Team 2023-24





Doug Byers' New Jacket

Pictures provided by Garry Christenson

October Speaker: Elaine Charal



Pictures provided by Mary Gibson

Presentation to Volunteers at October Meeting:



MARIA UPTON

First, to date, Management Team member to serve for 10 years!

Joined in 2010

Volunteered as Co secretary in 2011

Took over as secretary 2012 and for 3 years

Volunteered to be co-chair of House and then chair since 2017 to this year

Also participated in several SIGs and has been acting as Co-convenor for Bookworms book club.

All along she has been a very active member of our Management Team.

Picture provided by Brian Jeppesen

JACKIE FRANK



Unfortunately, Jackie was not able to attend the October meeting so a presentation of flowers and gift certificate was made to her at her home.

Joined in 2014

One of first Members at Large in 2015

Became SIG chair in 2016 and served in that role for 3 years

Took on role as Archivist for 3 years and then Co-chair of Social

One year handling both roles

In addition, Jackie has started and coordinated Garden Club, Day Trippers, and Brain Games SIGs. And we all can appreciate the work she has put in many, many activities for Social.

Maria deJong made the presentation at the October meeting and wished to say, "On behalf of myself, the current Management Team and our membership, thank you both for your dedication and commitment to our Probosc Club of Oshawa".

November Speaker: Ted Barris



Our speaker for the November meeting will be Ted Barris. He will be speaking about his 20th book, the national bestseller, *The Battle of the Atlantic*. One of the interesting issues the book discusses is how, during the course of the Second World War, the Royal Canadian navy grew from 13 warships to becoming the 4th largest navy in the world. Ted is an award-winning journalist, author and broadcaster and he has spoken to the Probus Club of Oshawa several times

previously. Ted has regularly appeared in the national press and he has worked as host/contributor to most CBC radio network programs. After 18 years of teaching Ted recently retired as a full-time professor of journalism at Toronto's Centennial College. In 2014 Ted won the Libris Non-Fiction Book of the year award for his 17th book, *The Great Escape: A Canadian Story*. Ted gave a riveting presentation about the Canadian version of the Great Escape to the Oshawa Probus Club.

In 2018, The Royal Canadian Airforce Association awarded Ted's book, *Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid Against Nazi Germany* the NORAD Trophy for unequalled contribution to the preservation of Air Force values, tradition, history and heritage.

Following the publication of his recent book, *Battle of the Atlantic: Gauntlet to Victory*, Ted received word he'd won the Queen Elizabeth 2nd Platinum Jubilee Award.

On December 29th 2022, Rideau Hall announced that Ted will be appointed Member of the Order of Canada for advancing our understanding of Canadian military history as an acclaimed historical author, journalist and broadcaster.

PLEASE NOTE:

Ted will be selling his books at the meeting; he will gladly accept cash or cheques but he does not accept credit cards.



Some humour:

- Why don't angry witches ride their brooms? *They're afraid of flying off the handle.*
- What do you use to fix a broken pumpkin? *A pumpkin patch.*
- What do you call a witch who lives at the beach? *A sand witch.*
- What kind of music do mummies love most? *Wrap music.*



MEMBERSHIP – CINDY FLEMING

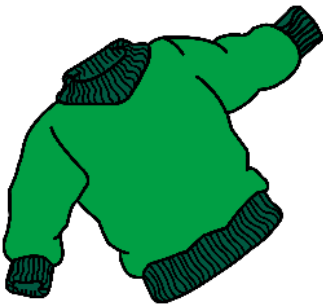
Current membership remains at 245. In October, we welcomed new members Ashley Brown and Carol Frisque.

A reminder that the **2023-24 membership fees of \$40 were due October 31, 2023.**

To keep your membership active, please CONTACT Cindy Fleming. **Remember, in order to participate in Special Interest Groups and most social events, you must be an up-to-date member.**

Thanks to the 199 members who have paid to date.

If you have changes to your contact information, please contact Cindy Fleming



PROBUS Clothing

Profess your pride in PROBUS with casual clothing bearing the PROBUS logo including jackets, hats, t-shirts sweatshirts, etc., available in various sizes and colours. Order through John Manuel at any monthly meeting.

The supplier, Roy's Enterprise in Whitby, will notify you when your order is in. If you don't drive, John can pick it up for you.

ALZHEIMER'S PREVENTION PRESENTATION

Imagine a world without Alzheimer's disease. Join Dr. Sharon Cohen, Medical Director at Toronto Memory Program, for an update on Alzheimer's disease prevention at the Ontario Science Centre.

Event Details:

Date: November 15, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM EST

Location: Ontario Science Centre

Highlights:

- Limited Genetic Testing
- Free Memory Testing Sign-Up

Limited seating - Register today: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/alzheimers-disease-prevention-tickets-722060441217?aff=oddtcreator>

There are also lots of programs and information available from our local Durham location that may be useful. <https://alzheimer.ca/durham/>



11:00 AM on Wednesday October 18th Oshawa Probus members enjoyed a delightful luncheon at the Slabtown Cider Company on Wednesday, October 18th. It was such a good outing; we may put this on our social committee agenda for another visit in the future.

Slabtown is a family owned and operated cidery, orchard and eatery. Located on the Oak Ridges Moraine just south of Uxbridge and surrounded by forest, trails and rolling fields. Slabtown, got its name historically from the lumber and sawmill hamlet of Randallville which soon became known as “Slab Town” due to the piles of wood slabs stored around the mill. Preserving the history of the area and the acquired orchards of Siloam, Slabtown the cidery was created. First the store and cider processing began and later expansion to the eatery.





Pictures provided by Sharon Smith

Saturday, November 25, 2023
Whitby Courthouse Theatre
LOST IN YONKERS by Neil Simon

2:00 PM Matinee

Tickets: \$28.00 each

12 Tickets will be available for purchase at the next Probus meeting

Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday December 6th. We have reserved 11 tables of 8 each. Currently, there are 65 members signed up! We're getting close to capacity, so if you are interested, don't delay.

The meal will be a sit down plated (not buffet) meal, consisting of a Traditional Turkey dinner, (Vegan pasta option) with Holiday salad, Apple Cranberry crumble desert, with coffee & Tea. Cost is \$62 each (\$67 for spouses who aren't members).

For luncheon signups,

- 1) Please make cheque's payable to "the Probus Club of Oshawa.
- 2) Please indicate for whom the cheque is payment.
- 3) Please indicate seating preferences
- 4) please specify if you prefer the vegan pasta.

Monday 1:00 PM Jan 15th: We have booked the Thornton Arms for an afternoon of TRIVIA! Signup starting November meeting. Costs to be determined later.

Monday 1:30 pm February 12th 2024: We have booked the Thornton Arms for another Progressive Euchre tournament. Signups starting at the November meeting. Costs to be determined later.



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**

CHRISTMAS MARKETS & CRAFT SHOWS

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16th BRIGHT AND MERRY MARKET 5PM-9PM Centre St. Oshawa City Hall to Memorial Park area. Tree Lighting: 7:00pm Memorial Park FREE festive evening including our annual tree lighting, holiday vendor market, food vendors, caroling, live entertainment and Santa. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Feed the Need in Durham.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 & 19TH EASTDALE CVI CRAFT SHOW 10AM-4:30PM 265 Harmony Rd. N. \$2.00 admission 100+ vendors Proceeds to support Eastdale C.V.I. Athletics Dept.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH NORTH POLE CHRISTMAS FAIR 10AM-5PM The Oshawa Convention Centre 67 Simcoe St. S. (Holiday Inn Express Hotel) 40+ vendors, photos with Santa (12N-3pm) Fundraisers via raffles, food, entertainment, Christmas giveaways. handmade & local crafts FREE admission

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH COLUMBUS COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS MARKET 10AM-3PM 3285 Simcoe St. N. Columbus Over 40 vendors selling unique gift items FREE admission. Please bring non-perishable food donation to support Columbus Outreach Programs & receive free raffle ticket. All proceeds benefit Columbus Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH KINGSWAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW 10AM-4PM 1200 Leland Rd. Oshawa (Townline Rd. & King St. E.) Oshawa Over 100 unique vendors One of Durham Region longest running and most diverse craft shows.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH BELLS OF CHRISTMAS CRAFT & ARTISAN SHOW 10AM-4PM LEGENDS ARENA Harmony Rd North of Taunton Rd. Oshawa. Vendors showcasing a wide range of handmade products, soaps, knitting, honey, toys, wind chimes, clothing.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH ABILITIES CENTRE FESTIVAL OF TREES & HOLIDAY MARKET 10AM-4PM Abilities Centre 1 Jim Flaherty St. Whitby Join us at Abilities Centre for our annual Festival of Trees & Holiday Market. OVER 100+ Vendors Visit "Eventbrite" for tickets.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH & SUNDAY 19TH WINTER FEST VENDOR MARKET 10AM-4PM Parkwood National Historic Site, 270 Simcoe St. N. Visit over 18 local vendors in two locations on-site. Enjoy holiday tunes and apple cider and 15% off in the gift Shop. Vendors will be in the Sunroom (located in the mansion) and the McLaughlin Room (beside the Gift Shop) Support Parkwood and a host of local artisans for your gifts. Admittance is \$5.00

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH BLISSFUL & BRIGHT HOLIDAY MARKET 11AM-4PM Garnet B. Rickard recreation Complex, Bowmanville Gifts from a great selection of local artisans and vendors, one of a kind, handmade and so much

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE & WHITBY LIGHT THE NIGHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 4PM-9PM WHITBY will be held at Civic Recreation Centre, 555 Rossland Rd E. This location is central to the community, located between Town Hall and Civic Recreation Centre. Holiday lights, the Farmers' Market at Night as well as successful Holiday pop-ups.

CONCERTS, MOVIES AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

RESOUND CHOIR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND 3:00PM at Hebron Church (near Taunton & Anderson) Tickets will be available through Eventbrite after November 1st or from a choir member. for more information visit resoundchoir.com

DURHAM PHILHARMONIC CHOIR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 3:00PM at St. Mark's United Church in Whitby. 201 Centre St.S. Whitby. Tickets are \$35.00 at the door or from a choir member for more information visit Durham Philharmonic Choir website.

RESOUND CHOIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH O'NEILL CHOIR AND RESOUND For more information on these 2 concerts please visit the resoundchoir.ca website

CINEFEST WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH 4PM & 7PM showings at Cineplex Oshawa, 1351 Grandview St.N. \$10.00 cash at the door. Showing on Nov. 29th "Riceboy Sleeps" English & Korean All profits go to fund special projects for Oshawa Public Libraries. hosted by "The Friends of the Library".

CINECHAT EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 6:30PM at Ontario Tech University & Durham College Motion pictures to engage your mind & and your emotions followed by informal conversations Call 905 576-0359 or visit artsforum_magazine@yahoo.ca for more details.

ONTARIO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AT 8PM at Regent Theatre, King St. E., Oshawa. Performing "Celebrating Rachmaninoff's 150th. Pianist Eva Gevorgyan.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 8PM at Regent Theatre, King St. E., Oshawa. "Pops Series" "Rockin" the Holiday Spirit with "Lighthouse" & Ontario philharmonic strings. For tickets to these two performances visit Regent Theatre box office at 905 721-3399 ext 2 or Regent Theatre website

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 3PM AT KING ST. COMMUNITY CHURCH, Oshawa. performing Handel's Messiah with Amadeus Choir. For tickets visit ontariophil.ca

REGENT THEATRE UPCOMING EVENTS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 7PM. showing "The Untouchables" original 1987. \$5.00 at the door + draw ticket. Refreshment concession available. Classic movies shown first Thursday of every month. For more upcoming events at the Regent Theatre visit www.regenttheatre.ca

FABULOUS 4TH FRIDAYS EVERY 4TH FRIDAY EVENING AT 7PM-9PM Northview Community Centre Free to everyone to attend Next performance is **November 24th**, Frances Duo (Latin music) Registration encouraged, refreshments & cash bar. For more information call 905 576-6712 ext 2837, or visit oscc.ca/fourthfridays

METROPOLITAN OPERA SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH showing at Cineplex Theatre, Taunton & Harmony Rd. N. (check showtimes) HD live performances on screen. **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH** also at Cineplex Theatre, Taunton & Harmony Rd. N. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre or online at website for cineplex theatre. Start times are usually either 12:30pm or 12:55pm.



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 Group Chair- Marlene Owen

Presently there are 28 Special Interest Groups up and running. A special thank you to the Convenors for keeping these groups vibrant.

Euchre has resumed on the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 1:30 at various members homes. They are looking forward to more male participation. Sandra Hunt and Dorothy Shrigley are the Convenors

Remember to submit photos of Special Interest Group activities to Connie Nelson for the newsletter.

The Supper Club has reached the groups limit of 20 members. The Wine and Dine group are still open for more members.

Has anybody taken the Luncheon signup sheet in error? Just put it on the signup sheet table at our next meeting.

Get to know more members of the Probus Club by being an active participant in the many Special Interest Groups that are available. There is much FUN and FRIENDSHIP to be had. ENJOY!!!

Submitted by Marlene Owen

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey



The PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 23rd at 1 PM at the home of Barb Jones. Mary Kelcey will lead the discussion on "A Twist of the Knife" by Anthony Horowitz.

BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones

The November meeting of the Bookworm's Bookclub will be held at Elfrida Jeppesen's home and our discussion book is entitled 'Yellowface' by F. Luang.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

The next Brain Games meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Jo Anne Thackeray's place. Please confirm with Jackie Frank if you are planning to come.

Day Trippers

On Tuesday, October 3, the Day Trippers went on a Fall Mystery Tour with Lakeshore Tours and Travel. We stopped in Campbellford where we visited the World's Finest Chocolate outlet, Empire Cheese co-op, and had a buffet lunch at Chubby's. We spent a good part of the afternoon at Farmtown Park, Hastings County Museum of Agriculture in Stirling. We learned a lot about the cheese making process as well as agricultural and rural life in that part of Ontario.





Pictures provided by Jackie Frank

On Saturday, October 14, the Day Trippers went to see Calendar Girls at the Oshawa Little Theatre and on Sunday, October 22, Newfoundland's The Ennis Sisters in Concert at The Regent Theatre.

Ghostly characters on Spirit Walk in Bowmanville



Picture provided by Marilyn Thaxter



YARN DIVAS – Barb Jones, Convenor

We will be meeting twice in November. Our first meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1 at Wendy's. To avoid a conflict with the Probus Christmas lunch, we will hold our December meeting at Tina's on Wednesday, November 29 at 10 a.m.

Yarn Divas is open to all Probus members who enjoy crafting with yarn. For more information, contact Barb Jones.

MOVIE GROUP – Mary Gibson



If you want to get back into seeing movies in the theater, join us on Fridays -the first showing at the movie (usually between 10:30 and 1pm). contact Mary Gibson

Netflix Zoom Friday Night Group had our first meeting Oct 27, 7:00pm. Fair Play was discussed. Some also watched new Wes Anderson shorts that came especially on Netflix in Oct. Great to see the sets and see famous actors ply their acting skills under Wes's specific stories.

The zoom site (from Anne and future dates- every two weeks):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88269617249?pwd=OEUrdWxSNjlyOTkWa0tla0dVZGZGZz09>

Every 2 weeks on Fri, until Jan 5,2024, 6 occurrence(s)

Oct 27,2023 07:00 PM
 Nov 10,2023 07:00 PM
 Nov 24, 2023 07:00 PM
 Dec 8,2023 07:00 PM
 Dec 22,2023 07:00 PM
 Jan 5,2023 07:00 PM



CHESS – Ed Taylor

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



SCRABBLE – Judy Bryson

Probus Scrabble Date: November 9 1:15 p.m.
R.S.V.P Judy Bryson

COFFEE AND CHAT – Bruno Scanga



We meet every Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00pm at the Tim's at Rossland & Thornton location.
Everyone is welcome for chats and fellowship.

Please have individual RSVP Bruno Scanga.

LUNCH GROUP - Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon

Our monthly ladies group met at the Big Zen in Whitby to sample some Thai/ Asian cuisine. Twelve ladies attend, with our usual comradary and laughs. We were even serenaded by one of the ladies and our waiter, great voices ! 😊 Happy to welcome two of our new members to the group.

See you next month at a new location, enjoy the beautiful fall. Donna Keller





Pictures provided by Donna Keller

SUPPER CLUB – Marlene Owen



Pictures provided by Marilyn Thaxter



Wine and Dine: On November 9, the Wine and Dine Group is going to the One Eyed Jack Pub and Grill at 33 Taunton Road West, Oshawa. Let Jackie Frank know before November 4 if you are attending.

URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



Days: Monday and Friday mornings

Time: 9:30 am

Contact Information: Sharon Smith

URBAN POLE WALKING SCHEDULE – November

1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

For the fall, winter and spring months, we will walk the Harmony Creek Trail only as it is well maintained and safer to walk during these months. We will meet at 9:30am on Monday and Friday mornings.

Harmony Creek Trail. Park at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollocks Pub (previous Tartan). Enter trail and head south along the creek. Coffee/Tea @ Coffee Culture afterwards optional

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, 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 at 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>

