

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: October, 2018



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## President's Message

Let me introduce myself. I grew up on a dairy farm north of Colborne ON. I left home to work in a plumbing shop in town, bookkeeping and selling appliances. After a year I came to Oshawa to work for Royal Bank holding various positions in Durham Region retail branches and then in commercial offices in Scarborough and downtown Toronto. My last years of employment were in the Toronto Automotive Finance department supervising staff across Canada. A retired co-worker was responsible for introducing me to PROBUS and I joined in 2014. I recall the first meeting I attended, I did not know a soul in the room and all the tables seemed full. Someone kindly asked me to grab a chair and join them. At the next meeting someone suggested I try the Pole Walking group and that was the start of meeting new people and forming new friendships.

PROBUS has added so much enjoyment to my retirement life and I look forward to serving as your President and working with our management team to add to your enjoyment of life.



### PROBUS EXECUTIVE 2018-2019

Gail Elliott, Erni Vallee, Maria de Jong, Keith Pateman, Maria Upton  
Nancy McDowell, Mary Medley, Cindy Fleming, Ellen Clarke,  
Connie Nelson (President), Doug Byers

**MISSING:** Jackie Frank, Steve Bennett, Jackie Bathe, Janet Good,  
Marilyn Thaxter

**OCTOBER SPEAKER:** Dorota Simpson, Cochlear Canada Inc., will speak about implantable hearing solutions. Ms. Simpson, in her role as Engagement Manager, advocates and supports families throughout their hearing loss experience.

**Oshawa PROBUS Website:**

**Steve Bennett:** 905-666-8383; p.hall.s.bennett@sympatico.ca



We had 303 members as of the September General meeting welcoming three new members - Carol Ann Jeffers, Judy O'Neil, and Jo Ann Stuart. Following the September General meeting, Joan Cicci and Mario Cicci joined on September 25, 2018, bringing our total membership to 305. Please remember to pay your 2018-19 membership dues. It's \$30 to renew. Make cheques payable to **Oshawa PROBUS Club**. You can drop your cheque off at the Membership Table at the October meeting or mail it to Mary Medley, 114 Elizabeth Street, Oshawa, ON L1J 8L9. We would like all cheques in by the October monthly meeting. Thank you to the over 200 members who have paid. 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](mailto:medley_maria@yahoo.com).



### **PROBUS CLOTHING – LORRAINE VEROBA**

PROBUS clothing will be offered at the October meeting. There will be samples to try on at that meeting only. Please bring your cheque book if interested.

### **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 OSHAWA PROBUS CLUB\***

- **CAMP 30 - POW CAMP/BOWMANVILLE BOYS TRAINING SCHOOL** - October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM - \$7.00. Canadian-run POW Bowmanville camp for German soldiers during World War II. Designated in 2013 as a National Historic Site of Canada. Walking tour is approximately 1 km. Not suitable for walkers or wheelchairs. Parking is limited so carpooling is suggested. Directions: North on Mearns Avenue past school and right on Sprucewood. **Sign up with payment at October meeting.**
- **ROYAL WINTER FAIR HORSE SHOW** at the CNE – November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 PM – **SOLD OUT – Pick up your tickets at the October meeting.**
- **CAPITOL THEATRE KING ARTHUR THE PANTO - Adult version!** November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM. **Sign up with payment at October meeting.**
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER at the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club** - December 12<sup>th</sup>. Club is subsidizing this event. Tickets are \$49 for members and \$55 for Guests. **Sign up with payment at the October meeting.**
- **JOHN McDERMOTT** – December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Regent Theatre. Tickets are \$54. **Sign up with payment at the October meeting.**

**SAME DAY BUS TRIPS joining Ajax PROBUS Club:**

**\*Cheques payable to AJAX PROBUS CLUB\***

- **ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW at STRATFORD FESTIVAL** - November 8<sup>th</sup> - \$169, includes lunch at The Parlour Inn. It's the most fun you can have in fishnets! Rock and roll musical extravaganza score. Shirly vanPutten will contact members with pickup details. **Sign up with payment at the October meeting.**

**SAVE THE DATES - Details to follow...**

➤ **TRIVIA NIGHT** – January 16, 2019 at the Thornton Arms Pub

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**Suggestions for a new group?** If you have an interest or hobby that you would like to share with other members of the club, mention it to Jackie Frank. She will check if other members are interested and get a group going.



**ART GROUP - Debbie Waker**

Convener: Debbie Waker ([d.waker@sympatico.ca](mailto:d.waker@sympatico.ca))

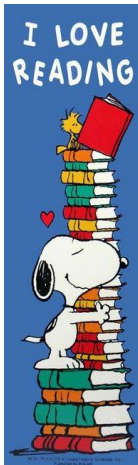
DATE: Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 10.00 AM

ADDRESS: 801 Fernhill Blvd

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**BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell**



Next meeting is Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM. Marlene Gutsole will be hosting and we will be discussing the book "Lookaway, Lookaway" by Wilton Bernhardt. Contact: Bernice Burke, 905-728-2587 or Judy Bell 905-720-3808.

**BOOKIES BOOK CLUB - Mary Medley and Barb Towe**

Our October book selection is "Educated" by Tara Westover. We will be meeting at the Centennial Retirement Residence, on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Jane Havens will be leading the discussion.

**PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

Barb Jones will host the meeting on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and Helene Daleman will lead the discussion of "Being Mortal & What Matters in the End" by Atul

Gawande.

**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](mailto:lynchjoanne@hotmail.com)



## **BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt**

Bid Euchre will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 PM at the Centennial Retirement Residence, Ritson Road and Hillcroft Street, downstairs in the Gathering Room. We would love to see some new faces coming to play bid euchre. Just a reminder that our games are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, NOT the last Wednesday of the month.



## **EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson**

Euchre Group #2 will be meeting on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM at Centennial Retirement Residence. Please remember to bring \$2, a small mug and wear your PROBUS Nametag. 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**

We are trying to get a group of cribbage players going but we need more players. If you like playing cribbage, please do not hesitate to join the group. Contact Jackie Frank if interested.

## **HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – KATHY BROWN**

The next Hand and Foot card group will be at Kathy Brown's on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. If you can attend, please call Kathy at 289-240-6617.



## **FAMILY HISTORY - Julia Howells**

Due to lack of interest, the Family History group has disbanded.



## **LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson**

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at The Piano Cafe, 217 Queen St., Port Perry. 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.

The Christmas lunch will be held at 12 noon Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Sunnybrae Golf Club, 1430 King St., Port Perry. 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**

We are up to three tables when everyone shows and have been having fun and getting better at the game each time. We are getting together again on October 1<sup>st</sup>. (See photos in separate e-mail)



### **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 October 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Peter Belsey is hosting on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.



### **SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson**

The next meeting will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> 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 TCO events being offered locally. To be added to an expanded listing, contact Maria de Jong at [mariska578@gmail.com](mailto:mariska578@gmail.com).

#### **Comedy: Durham Comedy Month**

October 6<sup>th</sup> - Melanie Pringles, Whitby

October 13<sup>th</sup> - Brooklin Pub, Brooklin

October 20<sup>th</sup> - Regent Theatre, Oshawa

#### **Opera: Metropolitan Opera production of Verdi's Aida**

Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

#### **Concert: Durham Philharmonic Choir: Celtic Colours**

Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM Hebron Christian Reformed Church, Whitby





### **TRAVEL - Connie Nelson**

The Travel Group is looking for a new Convenor.

### **WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke**



Bernice Burke is hosting the next meeting on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3 PM. Contact: Bernice Burke: 905-728-2587.

### **VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson**

The group will meet at Archibalds Orchard and Estate Winery, [www.archibaldswinery.com](http://www.archibaldswinery.com). The tasting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM. **Please note the date change.** Minimum of 10 required. Please confirm with Donna (905-723-9501 or email and mention if you wish to car pool.).



### **WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost**

Next event is on October 11<sup>th</sup>, at the East Grill, 555 Rossland Road East (south/east corner of Rossland Road and Wilson Road). Group meets at 5:45 PM and tries to order by 6 PM. Contact Jane Havens by October 4<sup>th</sup> ([havensrj@gmail.com](mailto:havensrj@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend. New members are welcome.

Contact Catherine Frost ([c.frost@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.frost@sympatico.ca)) if you would like to join.



**URBAN POLE WALKING**

### **URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong October 2018 Schedule**

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

**Please note change in start time last part of the month.**

Monday: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM.

Mondays: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> **10:00 AM**

Meet east end of parking lot, Rossland and Wilson Roads for Harmony Creek South Trail

Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM, meet parking area of Northview Senior Centre, Beatrice Street for North Oshawa Rail Trail

Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> **10:00 AM**, meet at Storie Park, Mill Street for Oshawa Creek Trail South

Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> **10:00 AM** meet at bottom of Thicksen Road for Thicksen Woods

**NOTE: No scheduled walk for Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> or Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>.**



## **YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM at the home of Carol Shewchuk. Please RSVP by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

In September, the Yarn Divas donated a dozen twiddle muffs to the Geriatric Transitional Unit of Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences. This unit provides specialized services to meet the mental health needs of individuals with dementia who also present with challenging behaviour or severe psychiatric symptomatology.

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, OCTOBER 9, 10 AM**