

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: October, 2019



**2019 - 2020  
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## President's Message



Presentation of President's Pin to Maria de Jong from  
Past President, Connie Nelson, September 10, 2019

As I sit down to write my first message as President of our Oshawa PROBUS Club, even though it is a beautiful summer-like day, it will soon be October and fall. For me, and perhaps for many of you, a time to reflect on our bounty and all the people and opportunities that enrich our lives.

I am excited to be able to work with the new and returning members of our Management Team, and hope that you too are looking forward to our 16<sup>th</sup> year! Our Management Team is made up of several Charter members, many long-time members as well as several quite recent members. So, a true reflection of the make-up of our club. I am grateful for all who have and who do volunteer.

At our AGM last month, Connie Nelson, now our Past President named and thanked specifically, all of our members who helped out the past year in one way or another. She named over 80 of our members, whose contribution varied from a one-time activity to a longer and fuller role as member of our Management Team, a committee or as convener of a SIG. It takes the contributions of many people to create the many varied and on-going programs and activities offered by our club.

On a personal level, I am very grateful to have been invited to the information meeting in January 2004 that led to the formation of our Oshawa Club. Being part of this club has enriched my life and I treasure the friends that I have made as a result.

Over the time that I have been a member, my involvement has varied due to personal circumstances. During the first four years or so, my husband Alex and I jumped in and participated in all of the social events and joined one of the first SIGs, the Art Club. A few years later, I started the Urban Pole Walking group. Then, from about 2008 till 2015, I had to cut down on my involvement due to elder care responsibilities for my mom who was 100 when she passed. Since then, I have been re-engaged and enjoyed taking on various roles, up to this current one as President. Although I have gotten to know quite a few of you, I don't yet know you all, but I hope to.



### **PROBUS EXECUTIVE 2019-2020**

Maria de Jong (President), Mary Medley, Marlene Allen, Al Sawtell, Garry Christenson, Connie Nelson, Julia Howells, Jackie Frank, Cindy Fleming, Elaine Lopes, Marilyn Thaxter

**MISSING:** Maria Upton, Pat Bayus, Joan Puskas, Judy Sandham, June McLaren, Anne MacKay, Dave Hardy

### **OCTOBER SPEAKER – Rochelle Byrne**

Rochelle is an environmental graduate with a passion for improving the local environment. In 2014, she founded the nonprofit, A Greener Future, which focuses on litter cleanup and prevention. She is the 2016 recipient of the City of Pickering Environment Award and an active ambassador for the zero waste movement. Her presentation “Waste in our Lake” will focus on her journey of awareness surrounding waste, prevalent waste problems and possible solutions, and an explanation of the programs she runs and how residents can get involved.

**NOVEMBER SPEAKERS** - Beverly Brown and Martha Casson will be speaking about their Co-ownership and shared living arrangement in Port Perry.



A warm welcome to two new members, Connie White and Carol Brown, who joined at the September meeting. Thank you to everyone who has paid their **thirty dollar** membership renewal fee for the coming year. Remember to make your cheque payable to: **PROBUS Club of Oshawa**. If you are not renewing your membership, please email or call me: medley\_maria@yahoo.com or (905) 728-4573. If there is any change in your contact information, please fill out a form at the Membership Table at next month's meeting or email me.

If you are sending your cheque by mail, please note that I have a new address: #1 - 1111 Wilson Road North, Oshawa, L1G 8C2.



### PROBUS CLOTHING – LORRAINE VEROBA

Various types of jackets, golf shirts, fleece jackets and hats are available from a local supplier with the PROBUS Logo on them. If you are interested in ordering something, samples will be brought to the October meeting. Anyone interested in helping out with this twice a year, should contact Lorraine at (905) 725-4856.

**STRUT YOUR STUFF-** PROBUS members who already have some of this clothing please wear it to the October meeting.



### Volunteers Needed: House Committee

If you enjoy the snacks provided during the break at our monthly PROBUS Club General Meetings remember that we need volunteers to make that happen.

If you can help out contact Maria Upton, the House Committee Chair, [m.upton@sympatico.ca](mailto:m.upton@sympatico.ca), or sign up on the sheet at our next meeting.

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



## 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\***

- **QUEEN'S PARK TEA & TOUR** – Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 PM (1:30 PM, in the Lobby) **Bring Identification.** For further info contact Jackie Bathe **SOLD OUT**

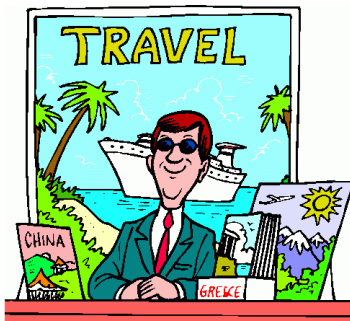
- **TOUR of TANKS and MUSEUM** - Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM. Ontario Regiment Museum, 1000 Stevenson Road North, Oshawa. The cost is \$7. Additional cost to ride in a tank but must be pre-arranged with the Museum.
- **AUTO FUN RUN** – Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM. The cost is \$10 per person. Contact Moida Wheller for information. **(Sign up with payment at the October meeting)**
- **JAZZ NIGHT AT RIPLEY’S AQUARIUM** – Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM to 11 PM. The cost is \$20. Admission includes “Sharks after Dark”. Easy access from GO Train. **(Sign up with payment at the October meeting)**
- **CINDERELLA THE PANTO, Adult Version** – Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8 PM. The cost is \$35. Always a fun night!! **(Sign up with payment at the October meeting)**
- **JOHN McDERMOTT FAMILY CHRISTMAS** - Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM, Regent Theatre. The cost is \$54. **(Tickets can be purchased from Barry Davis at the October meeting)**
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER** - Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 October meeting)**



### SAVE THE DATE

TRIVIA NIGHT: Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM. The cost is \$12.

EUCHRE NIGHT: Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM. The cost is \$12.



### International Travel Opportunities with friends and family!

If you are interested in one or more trips, please feel free to contact me – Connie White at [cwhite211@sympatico.ca](mailto:cwhite211@sympatico.ca).

**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 20, 2019. For more information you can message me, Connie White at [cwhite211@sympatico.ca](mailto:cwhite211@sympatico.ca) or contact Herschel Rosen at 905-576-8833, Ext. 451. Or e-mail him at [hrosen@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:hrosen@cruiseshipcenters.com).

3). **May 21 - June 2, 2020 – “Ireland, Scotland & England”** Cost: \$4,624 - includes round-trip airfare, hotels, all breakfasts and dinners, 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 Connie White at [cwhite211@sympatico.ca](mailto:cwhite211@sympatico.ca) or Joe Wyatt at [jwyatt@explorica.com](mailto:jwyatt@explorica.com) (1-888-378-8845). Due date to register is December 20, 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 be visiting 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 Connie White at [cwhite211@sympatico.ca](mailto:cwhite211@sympatico.ca) or Fortunato Febbraro at [fortunatobebbraro@sympatico.ca](mailto:fortunatobebbraro@sympatico.ca) or call (289) 371-2998. Due date to register is December 20, 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 and a maximum of 45-48 people.

## **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**Conveners – Please submit your information to the newsletter editor by the 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Three members have signed up, but we need more to make the group more viable and interesting.

- **Bridge for beginners:** This group already has a good number of 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**

Barb Jones will host our next meeting on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM when we will be discussing the book ""Irma Voth" by Miriam Toews.

Contact: Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587 or Judy Bell (905) 720-3808.

### **BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens**

Marilyn Peel will host our next meeting on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 1 PM.

Kathy Brown will lead the discussion on our selection "The Baker's Secret" by Stephen P. Kiernan.

### **PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

Barb Jones will host the next book club meeting on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Helene Daleman will lead the discussion on "Educated" by Tara Westover.



### **BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the home of Jo Anne Thackeray.



### **BREAKFAST GROUP – Catherine Frost**

We meet at 9:15 AM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. Please join us to get your coffee and good food. There is room for more members to join this group, please contact Catherine ([c.frost@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.frost@sympatico.ca)) if you want to join us.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> members of both Oshawa PROBUS Club and the Durham Central PROBUS Club will meet at Johnny's Eatery, 850 King Street West, (King and Thornton) Oshawa at 9:15AM and order at 9:30 AM. Please contact Janet Good ([janet\\_rimar@rogers.com](mailto:janet_rimar@rogers.com)) by October 1<sup>st</sup> if you will be joining us.

### **BID EUCHRE - Peggy Gibson and Donna Arnold**

No information on Bid Euchre was available at the time of publication of the newsletter.



**EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson**

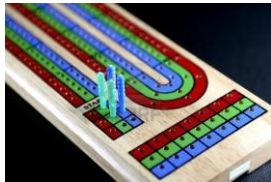
Euchre group #2 will meet at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, 2 PM to 4 PM, on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. New members are always welcome.

**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, October 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:annemariebeattie@sympatico.ca) or by telephone at (905) 728-6886.

**DAY TRIPPER’S – Jackie Frank**



In October, the group is going to Peterborough for a luncheon cruise along the Trent Severn Waterway.

**GARDEN/NATURE CLUB – Jackie Frank**



Our last outing of the season will be to the Allan Gardens Conservatory, Toronto on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Admission is free. If interested in joining the group. Please contact Jackie Frank.

## **HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown**

The next Hand and Foot Card game will be held at the home of Alecia Minosora on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. If you can attend, please let Alecia know at (905) 720-0233.



### **LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson**

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Nice Bistro, 117 Brock Street North, Whitby. 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 Street North, Whitby on Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. There will be a sign-up sheet with menu and pricing attached on the special interest table at the October meeting. Payment will be due by the November meeting.



### **MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora**

The Group is still meeting twice a month, but is not accepting new players at this time until it is determined who will remain part of the group following the introductory learning and playing sessions.



### **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 will be on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at the Centennial Retirement Residence. New players welcome, just bring your dimes!

## **POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson**

Bob Towe will host evening poker on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.





### **SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson**

The Scrabble group will meet on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 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 September:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Note</b>
Regent Theatre	Red Green's "THIS COULD BE IT!" Tour	October 12 <sup>th</sup> 7 PM	
	Classic Movie Night	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7:30 PM	Cabaret
	Carte Blanche For Matt Haimovitz	October 26 <sup>th</sup> 8 PM	Presented by Ontario Philharmonic
Cineplex Oshawa & Landmark Whitby	Met Opera Turandot	October 12 <sup>th</sup> 12:55 PM	
	Manon	October 26 <sup>th</sup> 12:55 PM	

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



Judy Bell will host the next meeting on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 PM. Contact Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

### **VINTAGE TASTING – Jane Havens**

George and Judy Marlow will host the next gathering on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.



## WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

For information on the next gathering, please contact Catherine ([c.frost@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.frost@sympatico.ca)).



## 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.**

**No scheduled walks for Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> or Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Monday: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM - Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail South

Mondays: October 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM - Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail South

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – Meet at the parking area of Northview Community Centre, Beatrice Street for North Oshawa Rail Trail

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM – Meet at Storie Park, Mill Street for Oshawa Creek Trail South

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM - Meet at bottom of Thickson Road for Thickson Woods



## YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Our next meeting will be at 10 AM on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet in the third floor lounge (library) at Centennial Retirement Home on the corner of Ritson Road and Hillcroft Street. All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome! Have a great summer and happy crafting!

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 10 AM**

# Welcome Autumn!



**PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:**  
[www.oshawaprobus.com](http://www.oshawaprobus.com)

**PROBUS CANADA Website:**  
[www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)

## Oshawa PROBUS Club October Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 3 PM Wine Appreciation  6:30 PM Chess	<b>2</b> 10 AM Yarn Divas	<b>3</b> 9:15 AM Breakfast  1 PM Bookies	<b>4</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking  Movie Group	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking  Garden & Nature	<b>8</b> <b>PROBUS GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>10 AM</b>  6:30 PM Chess	<b>9</b> 7 PM Evening Poker	<b>10</b> 1 PM Cribbage	<b>11</b> 9 AM Urban Pole Walking  Movie Group	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Eat TONS and take a nap.</b>	<b>15</b> 12 noon Lunch Group  1 PM Hand and Foot  1 PM Afternoon Poker  6:30 PM Chess	<b>16</b> 10 AM Brain Games	<b>17</b> 1 PM Scrabble  3 PM Vintage Tastings	<b>18</b> Movie Group	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	<b>22</b> 10 AM Bookworms  6:30 PM Chess	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 2 PM Euchre Group 2  7 PM Probus Book Club	<b>25</b> 10 AM Urban Pole Walking  Movie Group	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 AM Urban Pole Walking	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Chess	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 		