



**2021 - 2022  
Executive:**

## **PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: October, 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

Today is the first day of Autumn but I do enjoy the cooler weather.

**Nancy Exworth,**  
Treasurer

The COVID challenges are still with us, but things are getting better albeit slowly. We all need to continue to do our part and to follow the guidelines issued by our Health Departments. As I mentioned in my last message, I really look forward to meeting in person.

**Marlene Owen  
Sharon Smith**  
Members at large

Regarding in person General Meetings, members of the Management Team met with The Oshawa and District Shrine Club to review their in-house constraints. We need to come up with our own requirements for the safety of our members. A committee is being established to meet all guidelines.

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

The Oshawa and District Shrine Club have upgraded their audio, visual and WIFI system and our intent is to investigate the possibility of establishing Hybrid meetings. This would allow more of our members to attend our General Meetings.

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

You all should have received a survey regarding a return to in-person meetings and our Christmas luncheon. We received responses from a little under half of our membership and about 2/3rds of those would be willing to attend in person meetings and more favour the winter rather than the fall.

**Sheila Leonard,**  
Speakers  
Committee

Our Christmas luncheon at Kedron Dells Golf Club scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> will be going ahead as planned. This will be our Club's first get together and it should be a lot of fun. Due to restrictions, it will be necessary to limit attendance to 66 people so don't delay once tickets sales are announced. Gerry Henderson and his committee have done a great job putting this together and we owe them a vote of thanks.

**Connie Nelson,**  
Membership  
Chair

When you read this message, phase 3 of the Adventure Tour will have been completed. No idea what Jackie and group have in store for this go round, but if it is anything like the first two, there will no doubt be a lot of things you had no idea existed in Oshawa and surrounding area.

**Maria Upton,**  
House  
Committee

**Jacqueline  
Frank,**  
Archivist

Our guest speakers continue to be very informative. This month's speakers are from the McMichael Canadian Art Museum who will be providing us with a virtual tour of their collection of Early Indigenous Art.

**David Hardy,**  
Web Master

**Cindy Fleming,**  
Newsletter Editor

Until we can have in person meetings, we will continue our General meetings via ZOOM. It is all we have for now. If you are able, please give it a try. We would be glad to have you join us.

Until we meet in person, please stay safe.

*Garry Christenson*  
*President*



### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Our next **ZOOM Virtual General Meeting** will be on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.



### EASY STEPS TO PARTICIPATING IN OUR GENERAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

- Use your browser to go to the website, [www.zoom.us](http://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](mailto:mariska578@gmail.com).



### **OCTOBER SPEAKERS – EARLY DAYS: INDIGENOUS ART at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg, Ontario**

A guide from the gallery (with an additional guide as backup) will virtually present to us the remarkable Indigenous Art Work that the McMichael Gallery has collected from its beginnings and tell us about the stories that go with the collection.

The show will also include recent acquisitions reflecting the diversity and vitality of Indigenous Art in Canada today.

Click [McMichael Art Collection](#) for a sneak preview.



Welcome to new members Sandra Howells-Hercia and Donald (Don) Hercia. Our membership number now stands at 257.

Renewal of membership for 2021-22 has been completed and a membership list was emailed to members. There have been some changes since and a revised list will be emailed later this month. If you have changes to your contact information, please email Connie Nelson at [connienelson@rogers.com](mailto:connienelson@rogers.com) or call her at (905) 576-9022.



### **GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEWER MEMBERS**



Marilyn and Wayne Lannon

Bio of Marilyn Lannon:

Born in Medicine Hat, Alberta on June 23, 1949 to John and Martha Krauss (both who came from families of 16 and 14 siblings), I was the younger of two children. My 6-year old sister, Joanne, promptly told my mom when she arrived home from the hospital: “I knew you would wait until all the boys were gone!” My dad loved to buy and sell houses so our family of four moved every four years over the next 15 years.

Growing up, I enjoyed playing the piano at church but especially enjoyed student teaching. The year 1968 was very eventful: graduation from Medicine Hat High in the four-year matriculation program with a Business Minor, Royal Conservatory of Toronto (Teacher) exam, and wedding with one-day honeymoon before husband resumed work as a trainee in the bank management program in Lethbridge, Alberta . Over the next 12 years, and seven transfers later (all in Alberta) – and many office experiences as well as many piano students - , our family (including a son born in 1971 and daughter born in 1977) came to Westlock. Here our children graduated, and we settled in, putting down roots. For the next 25 years, I enjoyed a career with seniors, first as the Secretary-Treasurer and then as the CEO. During this time, my husband and I fell in love with PEI, where we travelled each September. And we enjoyed getting to know our grandchildren: granddaughter Abigayl born in Edmonton, Alberta in 2008, and Cole born in Whitby, Ontario in 2009. Retired in 2013, I enjoyed having more time for friends, reading, and volunteering. During the next nine years, we spent at least one month a year in our granny suite in Whitby, enjoying our annual visits and watching our grandson grow and thrive.

Then, after fourteen months of COVID, I began to realize that if we were going to be totally isolated, we might as well be in our granny suite, surrounded by family. And so in May 2021 (with our daughter's help), we drove to Whitby, Ontario and over the next three months, found places for our “treasures” not only in our granny suite but also in our trailer at Pioneer Point Resort at Buckhorn Lake.

This is a beautiful province and I look forward to discovering more of its beauty while making new friends!



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

## SOCIAL EVENTS



### Local Discovery Tour!

The second part of our Local Discovery Adventure was held on September 11 and 12. The winning teams were Garry Christenson and Lynda Phippard in first place, Julia Howells, Moida Wheller, Jo Anne Thackeray, Linda Thompson and Beryl Taylor in second place, and Judy Brooks, Pamela Green, Alecia Minosora and Carol Shewchuk in third place. Congratulations!



(Photos courtesy of Jackie Frank)

The last part of the Local Discovery Tour will take place on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. As before, you do the activity at your own pace. You can complete it in one day or over the two days. The completed sheets must be dropped off before 6 PM on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$10 per car and non-PROBUS members can participate. You have to register at [socialregisteroshawaprobus@gmail.com](mailto:socialregisteroshawaprobus@gmail.com) by Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and mail or drop your entry fee to Marilyn Thaxter or Jackie Frank also by that date. Come and join the fun!



## Christmas Luncheon

This year, we are having a Christmas luncheon at Kedron Dells Golf Club, Ritson Road North, from noon to 3 PM on Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Price is \$35 per member, \$40 per non-member. The meal is a staff served

buffet.

Due to the venue's COVID restrictions, we are limited to 65 attendees. The Social Committee will be accepting reservations and cheques after the October meeting.



## Trivia Game

Time to stir up your memory!! On Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM, the Social Committee will host a trivia game on ZOOM. To participate, you will need to register at [socialregisteroshawaprobus@gmail.com](mailto:socialregisteroshawaprobus@gmail.com). Anyone interested in being a reader for the game should contact Jackie Frank.

## 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](mailto:Marmojl245481@gmail.com).



### BOOKIES – Jane Havens and Barbara Towey

The Bookies met for the first time since the start of the Pandemic on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> outside at Kathy Brown's home. The group agreed to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM and will meet outside again at Kathy's on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.



(Photo courtesy of Cindy Fleming)

## **BOOKWORMS – Maria Upton and Barb Jones**

Our next meeting on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> (10 a.m.) will be hosted by Barb Jones - either outdoors, in person - if the weather cooperates - or on ZOOM. The book to be discussed is “Bush Runner” by Mark Bourrie.

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

The PROBUS book club will meet on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM hosted by Janet. Barb will lead the discussion on “Good Night from London” by Jennifer Robson.



## **BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank**

The Brain Games Group met at Lakeview Park on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We exercised our brain cells a bit! Weather permitting; the next meeting will again be at Lakeview Park on Wednesday, October 20 at 10 AM.



(Photos courtesy of Jackie Frank)



## **CLASSICAL MUSIC – Elfrida Jeppesen**

The Classical Music Group started meeting again on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of our convener, Nan Mackenzie. We listened to our music in the Mackenzie's beautiful back yard, socially distanced, on a warm, sunny, day. Our music selections were from Mozart, Liona Boyd, Jeremiah Clark, and others. We were also entertained by the little birds who chirped along to Mozart. What a lovely way to start the season.



Clockwise from top left: Gary, Ab, Judy, Nan, Elfrida, Liz. (missing from picture-Sandy Mackenzie)  
(Photo courtesy of Elfrida Jeppesen)



### **DAY TRIPPERS – Jackie Frank**

On Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, the Day Trippers went to ZimArt Rice Lake Gallery. This outdoor display of Zimbabwean stone sculptures is amazing. Art lovers should make this one of their future destinations.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Day Trippers and the Garden/Nature group will be visiting Pickering's public art in open spaces. Anyone interested should contact Jackie Frank.



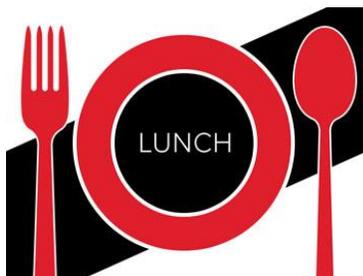


(Photos courtesy of Jackie Frank)



### **GARDEN/NATURE GROUP – Jackie Frank**

On October 14th, the Day Trippers and the Garden/Nature group will be visiting Pickering's public art in open spaces. Anyone interested should contact Jackie Frank.



### **LUNCH GROUP – Connie Nelson**

The lunch group met on the patio of The Courtyard, 1437 King Street East, Courtice at noon on Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup>. All attendees had been fully vaccinated and COVID precautions were observed.



(Photo courtesy of Maria de Jong)

In October the group plan to meet indoors at a restaurant, showing proof of vaccination and wearing masks until seated.

This is my farewell as convenor of the lunch group as Donna Keller and Marilyn Lannon have kindly offered to organize the lunch group.



### **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](mailto: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, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. All are welcome. RSVP Judy (905) 576-0492.

## URBAN POLE WALKING – Sharon Smith



Contact information: [sharonsmith@sympatico.ca](mailto:sharonsmith@sympatico.ca)

<b>PROBUS Urban Pole Walking Schedule for October, 2021</b> <b>9:30 AM start  Monday and Friday mornings.</b>	
October 1 Friday	Waterfront Trail at Whitby Shores. Gordon Street South (off Victoria Street west) to the end, turn left parking and entrance
October 4 Monday	Cullen Gardens Trail. Taunton Road, Turn north on Cochrane. Right at 2nd dirt road toward Pickleball courts.
October 8 Friday	Oshawa Creek Trail. Simcoe South, right on Mill Street drive to STORIE Park Clubhouse for parking (on the left at crest of hill after bridge)
October 11 Monday	THICKSON POINT to HEYDENSORE. Meet at end of Thickson Road South to parking area (as far as you can go before lake)
October 15 Friday	Waterfront Trail. Meet at UNIFOR building on Phillip Murray Drive. Park to left and back closest to the lake.
October 18 Monday	Harmony Creek Trail. Parking at Rossland and Wilson Plaza near Bollock Pub (previous Tartan). North on path first and then south to Adelaide up to construction where it is blocked from going further.
October 22 Friday	Darlington Park Trail – Col Sam Drive past GM Corporate building. Turn right on dirt road - follow to parking at the end
October 25 Monday	Cullen Gardens Trail. Taunton Road, Turn north on Cochrane. Right at 2nd dirt road toward Pickleball courts.
October 29 Friday	North/South Rail Trail. Park at Senior's Centre at Beatrice & Ritson Roads. Connect to trail behind Centre



## YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

The Yarn Divas enjoyed a great outdoor in-person meeting at Jo Taylor's in September and we hope for another at Retta Hartley's in October. The date of the meeting is Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> (10 AM.). The long-range weather forecast looks good but a ZOOM meeting will also be scheduled in case the weather doesn't co-operate.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:mariska578@gmail.com) or [oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com](mailto:oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com).

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

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

The September issue of the PROBUS Global Newsletter includes contributions from Canada, Ireland, Australia, Scotland, England, Belgium and New Zealand.

Read how the clubs have survived the pandemic and their plans for opening up, how speakers and guests from around the world have enlivened ZOOM meetings and the latest developments at PROBUS Global.

Stay safe and healthy,  
The PROBUS Global Management Team

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<https://probusglobal.org>

