

PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: September, 2019



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President's Message

My last President's message. The year has gone by quickly and has been very enjoyable. I would like to thank all those who make this club such a success; the management team, the special interest conveners, the greeters, the 50/50 ticket sellers, the volunteers purchasing treats for break period, the volunteers helping with the social committee, the volunteers helping with membership, the volunteers introducing and thanking speakers. Because of your participation, this club thrives.

Approximately 65 members from both PROBUS Oshawa and Durham Central PROBUS attended the picnic at the Hungarian picnic grounds. The weather cooperated and we were entertained by Art Veroba who did a great job singing many familiar songs. Many participated in the games and from all appearances; a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Marilyn Thaxter and her assistants for all their hard work.



There will be a slight change to the slate of officers presented at the September annual meeting. Anne MacKay will replace Jo-Anne Thackeray as co-chair of Special Interest Groups. Elaine Lopes will be the spokesperson for Special Interest with Anne MacKay providing computer support. Many thanks to Anne for accepting this role.

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.



No new members joined in August so our membership remains at 302.

Membership dues of \$30 are due in September. Remember to make cheques payable to: **PROBUS Club of Oshawa**. Sorry, but we do not accept e-transfers or cash as with over 300 members, cheques are still the easiest way of keeping track of who has paid. If you can't be at the September meeting, you can send your cheque to: Mary Medley, 114 Elizabeth Street, Oshawa, ON L1J 8L9.



EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS 2019 - 2020 – Doug Byers

Past President - Connie Nelson
President - Maria (Ria) de Jong
Vice President - Al Sawtell
Co-Secretaries - Marlene Allen & Pat Bayus
Treasurer - Garry Christenson
Members-at-Large - Joan Puskas, Judy Sandham, June McLaren

Committee Chairs:

House Committee - Maria Upton
Membership Chair - Mary Medley
Newsletter Editor - Cindy Fleming
Social Committee - Marilyn Thaxter
Speaker Committee - Julia Howells
Special Interest Groups Co-Conveners – Elaine Lopes & Anne MacKay
Web Master - Dave Hardy
Archivist - Jacqueline Frank



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, or sign up on the sheet at our next meeting.

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





NEW CONVENERS are required for the Bid Euchre and Vintage Tastings Groups. Contact Jackie Frank if you can take over as Convener for these groups.

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 PROBUS CLUB OF OSHAWA

- **SCENES FROM THE CEMETERY** – Saturday, September 7th, 2 PM, Union Cemetery, 760 King Street West, Oshawa (Park Vehicles at Civic Auditorium) – **SOLD OUT**
- **LOA-DE-MEDE Farms** – Monday, September 23rd, 10 AM - 3572 Townline Road North, Oshawa. The cost is \$10. **(Sign up with payment at the September meeting)**
- **ONTARIO REGIMENT RCAC MUSEUM TOUR OF TANKS AND MUSEUM** – Wednesday, October 9th, 1 PM – 1000 Stevenson Road North, Oshawa. The cost is \$7. Additional cost to ride in a tank. **(Sign up with payment at the September meeting)**
- **OSHAWA FUN RUN** – Thursday, October 24th, 10 AM. The cost is \$10 per person. Contact Moida Wheller for information. **(Sign up with payment at the September meeting)**
- **JAZZ NIGHT AT RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM** – Friday, November 8th, 7 PM to 11 PM. The cost is \$20. Admission includes "Sharks after Dark". Easy access from GO Train. Suggest dining at nearby restaurants as Ripley's only has a snack bar. **(Sign up with payment at the September meeting)**
- **CINDERELLA THE PANTO, Adult Version** – Friday, November 22nd, 8 PM. The cost is \$35 **(Sign up with payment at the September meeting)**
- **JOHN McDERMOTT FAMILY CHRISTMAS** - Sunday, December 8th, 2 PM, Regent Theatre. The cost is \$54.00. **(Tickets can be purchased from Barry Davis at the September meeting)**



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, December 11th – Christmas Dinner at the Oshawa Golf Club
(Sign up with payment at the October meeting)



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.

1). **APRIL 23 - May 8, 2020** – 15 nights – “**Transatlantic cruise**” Cost: ranges from \$2994 - \$3034 depending on the type of cabin you want. Sails from New York City, 5 days at sea, stops at Ponta Delgado, 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. I would strongly recommend you book ASAP. Ocean view cabins are limited. Deadline to sign up for these cruises is December 15, 2019. For more information you can message me, Connie White at cwhite211@sympatico.ca or contact Herschel Rosen at 905-576-8833, Ext. 451. Or e-mail him at 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 or Joe Wyatt at jwyatt@explorica.com (1-888-378-8845).

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 or Fortunato Febbraro at fortunatobebbraro@sympatico.ca or call (289) 371-2998.

NOTE:

These trips are for members to get together and travel with other PROBUS Club 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. Check these trips out, register and surely you will have an awesome time!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Conveners – Please submit your information to the newsletter editor by the 25th 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 Jackie Frank. She 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 Jackie Frank 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 Jackie Frank if you want more information.



BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell

Judy Bell will host our next meeting on Tuesday, September 24th at 10 AM when we will be discussing the book “Finding Home” by Eric Wright.
Contact: Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587 or Judy Bell (905) 720-3808.

BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens

Pauline Gubbels will host our next meeting Thursday, September 5th, at 1 PM.
Jane Havens will lead the discussion on our selection “Becoming” by Michelle Obama.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey

Mary Kelcey will host the next book club meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 7 PM. Carol Cadan will lead the discussion on “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah.



BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18th at 10 AM at the home of Julia Howells.



BREAKFAST GROUP – Catherine Frost

We meet at 9:15 AM on the 1st 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) if you want to join us.

On September 5th the group will meet at 9:30 AM at Eggs Crepe, 633 King Street East, Oshawa. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Dave Marlow (d.marlowe@sympatico.ca) by August 29th if you plan to attend.

BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt

This Group needs a new Convener.



EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson

Euchre group #2 will meet at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, at 2 PM, on Thursday September 26th. 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 Wednesday, September 11th 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 or by telephone at (905) 728-6886.



DAY TRIPPER'S – Jackie Frank

On September 9th, the group is going to the Toronto Zoo during Discovery Days for Seniors. We will be carpooling. Members of the group wishing to go should confirm with Lynn Majoros as soon as possible.

GARDEN/NATURE CLUB – Jackie Frank



On September 11th, the group is going to Thicksen Woods with our own bird watcher, Judy Bryson. Judy will share her knowledge of the birds to be seen in Thicksen Woods. On September 23rd, we are going to the Second Marsh for the outing rescheduled in the spring due to the rainy weather.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown

The next Hand and Foot Card game will be held at the home of Tina Vanalabeek on Tuesday, September 17th at 1 PM. If you can attend, please let Tina know at (905) 576-9385.



LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon Tuesday, September 17th, at Queen's Castle Restobar, 570 Longworth Avenue, Bowmanville. 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 17th at 12 noon. There will be a sign-up sheet with menu and pricing attached on the special interest table at the September 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 resume on the third Tuesday of September (September 17th) at 1 PM at the Centennial Retirement Residence. New players welcome, just bring your dimes!

POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson

Ralph Sweet will host evening poker on Wednesday, September 11th at 7 PM.



SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson

The Scrabble group will meet on Thursday, September 19th 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:

| Location | Event | Date | Note |
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| Regent Theatre | Red Green's "THIS COULD BE IT!" Tour | October 12 th 7 PM | Sales to Public Start: Friday, August 30, 2019 10 AM |
| | Classic Movie Night | September 5 th 7:30 PM | The Diary of Anne Frank |
| Cineplex Oshawa & Landmark Whitby | Met Opera Turandot | October 12 th 12:55 PM | |

WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke



The Wine Appreciation Group will not be meeting in July, August or September. Judy Bell will host the next meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 3 PM. Contact Bernice Burke (905) 728-2587.

VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson

The next gathering will be on Thursday, September 19th at 3 PM. This group is looking for a new Convener.



WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost

For good food, drink and conversation, please join us at Pickles and Olives, 110 Water Street, Port Perry on September 12th. We gather at 5:45 PM and do our best to order by 6:00 PM. Please contact Marg Miller (margandrodmliller@gmail.com) by September 4th so a reservation can be made for you. Should you like to have your name added to the master list, please contact Catherine (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 walk for Monday, September 2nd

Mondays: September 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 9 AM - Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail South

Friday, September 6th, 9 AM – Meet at Unifor Hall, Phillip Murray Drive for Waterfront Trail East

Friday, September 13th, 9 AM – Meet at dirt road parking, east end of GM Headquarters, off Colonel Sam Drive for Darlington Provincial Park

Friday, September 20th, 9 AM – Meet at bottom of Gordon Street, Whitby for Waterfront Trail West

Friday, September 27th, 9 AM - Meet at Northview Community Centre, Beatrice Street for North Oshawa Rail Trail



YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones

Fairview Lodge in Whitby was pleased to receive a donation of 20 twiddle muffs from The Yarn Divas in August.

Our next meeting will be at 10 AM on September 11th, after which our meetings will revert to the first Wednesday of the month. 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, SEPTEMBER 10, 10 AM



PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:

www.oshawaprobus.com

PROBUS CANADA Website:

www.probus.org

Oshawa PROBUS Club September Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 | 2  labor day | 3 6:30 PM Chess | 4 | 5 9:15 AM Breakfast 1 PM Bookies | 6 9 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group | 7 |
| 8 | 9 9 AM Urban Pole Walking Day Trippers | 10 PROBUS GENERAL MEETING 10 AM 6:30 PM Chess | 11 10 AM Yarn Divas 1 PM Cribbage 7 PM Evening Poker Garden/Nature | 12 5:45 PM Wine & Dine | 13 9 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group | 14 |
| 15 | 16 9 AM Urban Pole Walking | 17 12 noon Lunch Group 1 PM Hand and Foot 1 PM Afternoon Poker 6:30 PM Chess | 18 10 AM Brain Games | 19 1 PM Scrabble 3 PM Vintage Tastings | 20 9 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group | 21 |
| 22 | 23 9 AM Urban Pole Walking Garden/Nature | 24 10 AM Bookworms 6:30 PM Chess | 25 | 26 2 PM Euchre Group 2 7 PM Probus Book Club | 27 9 AM Urban Pole Walking Movie Group | 28 |
| 29 | 30 9 AM Urban Pole Walking | | | | | |