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President's Message

Our Club is in its second year now and we look forward to another year of fun filled days when groups of members can congregate and enjoy mutual interests.

Do not forget to pay your annual \$30 subscription before the end of April. I think this is great value for all the opportunities PROBUS membership provides. If you are not able to attend the General Meeting maybe you can ask a friend to bring your cheque or mail it to Joan Pumphrey, Treasurer. Cheques payable to PROBUS Club of Clarington.

I have just finished eating my Christmas and Valentine's chocolate (I am quite good at keeping boxes unopened as long as I cannot see them!!!). Now of course I am going to be tempted by the Easter treats. My solution? Leave Canada and travel to Europe. Trouble with that choice is that I cannot resist English chocolate bars and I know that Italy includes chocolate in almost every pastry!

When I first moved to Clarington it was quite rural without any major roads. Now all is changing and it is truly mind boggling how fast the landscape is changing between Courtice and Bowmanville with the new 418 extension well underway. Naturally it is a compromise that we have to accept if we want to benefit from a more rapid transport system. The increase in housing prices is nice too as long as you are in a position to downsize. I am worried that we will never do that since many of us still have grown up children at home, who do not see a house purchase being a viable option any time soon. Maybe we will not need to go into a nursing home – we'll just become sitting tenants for our kids who never left home!!!

So my current philosophy is to not worry about anything I cannot change but simply enjoy everything possible (including eating chocolate) and have FUN.

Please join us for our AGM on April 5th when the new Management Committee will be approved by the members present. We have a great speaker and would like you all to share in consuming the celebratory cake.

Victoria Girling

Our next meeting is **APRIL 5, 2017**

**at 10 a.m. at the Salvation Army Community Church Hall, 75 Liberty St. S. in
Bowmanville**

**Our Guest Speaker will be Christine Elliott. Our new Patient Ombudsman will
explain her role and how it fits into our Provincial health care system.**

What about Car-Pooling?

As we get better acquainted why not consider carpooling to events, especially the
General Meetings where we do know that parking at the Church is often
inadequate to accommodate all the cars.

We can play our part in keeping down emissions.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR CLARINGTON

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Suzanne Elston

**Paying by cheque is preferred. A separate cheque for each event should
be made out BEFORE lining up for sign up.**

Cheques should be made payable to “ Probus Club of Clarington”

UPCOMING JOINT SOCIAL EVENT

Mike Filey Tour – May 25

- Discover Toronto on a guided tour with popular historian Mike Filey
 - Tour leaves from Pickering Recreation Centre
 - Cost \$ 107 includes lunch, tour and tips

➤ **Deadline for sign-up – May 3**

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VARAC Vintage Grand Prix weekend of June 16 to 18

The 2017 VARAC Vintage Grand Prix, featuring beautifully restored race cars from the past 50+ years of motorsport will take to Canadian Tire Motorsport Park's legendary circuit.

The 38th annual vintage racing festival will feature the Diamond Jubilee Formula Junior World Tour, special races for MG and Triumph and much more.

Cost and date TBA

Further details to follow. Member John Greenwood will be speaking to this event at the May General Meeting

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Picnic – Tuesday, June 27

To be held at the Oshawa Hungarian Culture Club & Hungarian Picnic Grounds in Hampton – time, price and details to follow.

Westben Arts Festival Theatre

Westben Theatre **Wednesday, July 26- 2:00 p.m.**
Campbellford,

Waves of Broadway (songs from South Pacific and Showboat) featuring Donna Bennett, Gabriella Prata, Colin Ainsworth, Robert Longo, and Brian Finley. Group tickets are **\$36 per person**, including taxes.

Soprano Donna Bennett and Pianist/Composer, Brian Finley, initiated the Westben Arts Festival Theatre several years ago. It is a fantastic newly built modern Barn Theatre which was built to showcase professional Canadian musicians. It is located in the rolling hills outside Campbellford, 1 1/2 hour drive from Oshawa/Bowmanville.

Join your fellow PROBUS members and take a leisurely drive by car to Westben for a concert you won't forget! Carpooling is recommended.

If you wish to attend a local church dinner with the group, a full turkey dinner and trimmings, complete with salad, dessert, tea and coffee if being offered for \$20 each. Please sign up quickly. The dinner follows the concert around 5:00-5:15 p.m.

Sign up Deadline for Concert is April 5.

Make cheques payable to: PROBUS Club of Clarington (\$36- concert- \$20 - dinner, \$56 for show and dinner).

PROBUS DANCE GROUP

The Oshawa, Whitby Brooklin and Clarington PROBUS Clubs have a Dance Group email list. If you wish to be informed about dances the group is attending, please contact Lorraine to add your name to the email list.

Non- PROBUS guests are welcome to join you at these events.

l.veroba@sympatico.ca

Next Dance April 29- SwingShift Big Band, Oshawa

See website www.swingshiftbigband.com

Trivia On March 17!

This event was a great success with lots of brain teasers, laughs and prizes. We also discovered some people of a genius calibre amongst us. Victoria and her group took first prize again!! Thanks to all for participating in the "wearing of the green" which gave a party atmosphere to the event. The CHALLENGE is to beat Victoria's group next time!!



INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Spring is here! So put away the parkas, dust off the golf clubs, tune up the bikes, and put on your hiking boots and enjoy the great outdoors.

The first hiking club hike is Wednesday, April 12 at Samuel Wilmot Waterfront Trail at 10:00 am. New members are welcome. Sign up sheets will be available at the interest groups table at the next meeting.

The bird spring migration has started. Our first meeting will be on Monday, April 10. Time and location to be determined.

As always, we are always looking for new ideas for new groups. I look forward to seeing you all at the April 5th Annual General Meeting. Our first anniversary!

John Muzik

PHOTOS

If you are part of an Interest Group, maybe you could take a photo of your group, not necessarily posed! We are keen to put some photos on the website to share the camaraderie.

PLEASE BRING A MUG TO the GENERAL MEETINGS – this cuts down on the cleanup for our House Committee. If anyone is interested in helping this committee with the refreshments set up and clean up please see Marilyn Munro at any of the General Meetings. Any help is gratefully appreciated.

NAME BADGES

Just a reminder to all members to wear your name badges to all social events and Interest groups. This is good way to get to know each other. Suggestion - If you leave it in your car it will always be there when needed.

Dear members of the PROBUS Club of Clarington:

The Following is the Slate of Officers for the coming year 2017-18.

President- Victoria Girling

Vice President- George Johnston

Secretary- Kevin Pumphrey

Treasurer- Joan Pumphrey

House Committee- Marilyn Munro

Social Chair- Dawn Aitken

Interest Groups Chair- John Muzik

Membership Chair- Angela Tibbles

Newsletter- Suzanne Elston

Speakers Chair- Karen Cashin

Webmaster- Nancy Muzik

Volunteers are needed for the following committees. Please sign up to help at the April 5 meeting.

Social Committee

Speakers Committee

House Committee

FACEBOOK PAGE

PROBUS Clarington has its very own Facebook page. To join this private group, please send a request to Suzanne Elston to her Facebook account or email her at selston@gmail.com.

Please note: You must already be a member of Facebook to join the PROBUS Clarington group.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Remember to bring current titles of interest to the monthly PROBUS meeting.

Members are invited to bring maximum of two books, per meeting, to exchange with others. Unclaimed books will be donated to the Oshawa Public Libraries' Annual Book Sale.

Future Speakers for Clarington Probus:

May John Greenwood will rally all you vintage race car enthusiasts and perhaps this will curve into an interest group with trips to Mosport.

June Trevor Charbonneau from Morris and Newcastle Funeral homes will walk us through the ins and outs (pun intended) of his profession.

Coming up: The beat goes on with an author's panel and Sandy Hawley is in the process of being confirmed. The wait list is never stagnant!

Karen Cashin, Speaker chair

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