



# PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

[www.probusclarington.com](http://www.probusclarington.com)

## New Executive Confirmed

The slate of officers for the 2017 Management Committee was presented at the AGM. For a list of Management Committee members, see P. 5.

## Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held Wednesday, May 3, 10 am, Salvation Army Community Church, 75 Liberty St. South, Bowmanville.

Start your engines for John Greenwood's presentation on vintage car racing at Mosport.

## Lug-A-Mug

Please remember to bring your own coffee mug to our General Meetings. This cuts down on clean-up time and helps do our part to reduce waste.

If you'd like to help with refreshments, please see Marilyn Munro.



## President's Message for May

A big thank you to everyone who made our Annual General Meeting run so smoothly. We had an excellent turn out and just enough cake to go around!

While you have been enjoying the onset of Spring this month I have been soaking up the sun in Italy. I have been travelling with my daughter who is living in Milan and we have been touring many beautiful cities. I also managed a quick week in the UK visiting family.

Before leaving for Italy I made sure I was partially immersed in Italian culture by watching Letters to Juliet (Verona and Siena), Under the Tuscan Sun (Tuscany), Eat, Love, Pray (Rome), Medici: Masters of Florence TV drama series (Florence). All wonderful shows.

I have missed my PROBUS activities and interacting with so many of you and upon my return I will be ready for all the activities planned for May.

*Cordiali saluti e arrivederci!*



## Christine Elliott addresses April AGM

Christine, Elliott, Ontario's First Patient Ombudsman, gave a presentation on new her role. She explained the responsibilities of her office, and what it means for Ontario families.

Elliott, former MPP for Whitby, proved to be a compelling speaker. She spoke with great compassion about many of the difficulties that people can face when dealing with medical issues.

For more information visit:

[https://  
patientombudsman.ca](https://patientombudsman.ca)

## Every picture tells a story.

Send your photos of PROBUS outings and events to Suzanne Elston for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## Upcoming Speakers

We have a stellar list of speakers lined up for the remainder of the year. Please mark your calendars for the following:

### May 3

John Greenwood on Vintage car racing at Mosport

### June 7

Trevor Charbonneau from Morris Funeral Homes will walk us through the ins and "outs" of funeral planning

### July 5

To Be Announced. (TBA).

### August 2

Robert Doyle, Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) will explain electricity pricing in Ontario

### September 6

Humorist and Newspaper columnist Neil Crone is sure to tickle our funny bones

### October 4

Sophie Hills, Lawyer from Elliott and Hills

### November 1

Sarah White , Mental Health First Aid

### December 6

No regular Meeting - see Social Events for information about our Christmas luncheon (TBA).

If you have an idea for a guest speaker, please contact Karen Cashin.

*Author, actor and Canadian funny man Neil Crone will be our very special guest speaker on September 6.*



## Interest Group Highlights

### Bird Watching Group

On April 10 the Bird Watching Group had a good day at Cranberry Marsh. In total, members observed 27 species. The next meeting is Monday, May 8, 9:00 am , at Thickson's Woods in Whitby.

### Hiking Group

The hiking group had its first walk on April 12 at Orono Crown Lands. Thirteen people participated. Group leader John Windatt told some interesting stories about the history of the Orono Crown lands. Hikers also saw some rainbow trout, as promised.

### What's for Dinner?

George and Lana Rickard hosted the What's For Dinner group in April. At one point the conversation turned to canning fruits and vegetables. Someone suggested starting up a canning group. Anyone interested?

### Golf Group

The golf group is having their first outing on Tuesday, May 9, 9:30 am, at Stonehenge Golf Club. The cost for 9 holes is \$26.00 walking, or \$34.50 riding. Lunch at the course afterwards is optional.

If you have an idea for a new Interest Group, please contact John Muzik



*PROBUS Bird Watchers, taking in the sights at Cranberry Marsh*

## Upcoming Social Events

### Mike Filey Tour of Toronto - May 25

Cost of \$ 107 includes lunch, tour and tip. Leaves from Pickering Recreation Centre. (HNA Travel event). Sign-up by May 3.

### Annual Picnic - Tuesday, June 27 - 11 am to 3 pm

Fully catered event, to be held at the Hungarian Culture Club and Picnic Grounds in Hampton.

### Mariposa Toronto Harbour Cruise - July 7

Enjoy a 3-hour cruise of the Toronto Harbour, including buffet dinner and dancing. \$ 124/person. (HNA Travel event.)

### Westben Festival Arts Theatre - July 26, 2 pm

Paid tickets will be available for pick up at the June and July general meetings. Directions will be sent out by email in early July. A few more tickets are available for the concert only. Contact Lorraine Veroba if interested.

For a complete list of Social Events, please visit:

<http://probusclarington.com/social-events>

### **Cheques only please!**

Please remember to bring your cheque book with you to the general meetings.

Payment for social events sponsored by Clarington PROBUS are payable by cheque only.

## **Name Badges please!**

Please remember to wear your name badges to all social events and interest groups.

## **PROBUS Clothing**

PROBUS Clothing Items will be for sale again this year.

Order forms and clothing samples will be displayed at upcoming meetings in May & June and on the PROBUS Clarington website.

Contact Joan Pumphrey for more information.

## **Dance Group**

If you enjoy dancing, join the multi-PROBUS Dance Group EMAIL LIST.

Let the co-ordinator know about good dances in the area of Durham and an email will be sent to those on the list.

Reservations will be made for the group.

Contact Lorraine Veroba for more information.

### Book Exchange

PROBUS members are invited to bring current titles that they would like to share, or to pick up a book that looks interesting.

Members are not required to bring a book in order to pick one up.

Please note: Unclaimed books will be donated to the Oshawa Public Library.



To join the Clarington PROBUS Facebook group, you must first have a Facebook account.

Send a "friend request" to Suzanne Elston.

Once accepted, send a message to Suzanne, asking to join the Clarington PROBUS group.

## PROBUS Clarington - 2017 Management Team

**President** - Victoria Girling - ([v.girling@can-uk.ca](mailto:v.girling@can-uk.ca))

**Vice President** - George Johnston - ([gjejohnston@rogers.com](mailto:gjejohnston@rogers.com))

**Secretary** - Kevin Pumphrey - ([kpumphrey2016@bell.net](mailto:kpumphrey2016@bell.net))

**Treasurer** - Joan Pumphrey - ([kpumphrey2016@bell.net](mailto:kpumphrey2016@bell.net))

**House Committee** - Marilyn Munro - ([marilynmunro@icloud.com](mailto:marilynmunro@icloud.com))

**Social Chair** - Dawn Aitken - ([dawn.aitken@hotmail.ca](mailto:dawn.aitken@hotmail.ca))

**Interest Groups Chair** - John Muzik - ([john\\_nancy\\_m@rogers.com](mailto:john_nancy_m@rogers.com))

**Membership Chair** - Angela Tibbles - ([aetibbles@gmx.com](mailto:aetibbles@gmx.com))

**Newsletter** - Suzanne Elston ([selston@gmail.com](mailto:selston@gmail.com))

**Speakers Chair** - Karen Cashin ([klcashin@gmail.com](mailto:klcashin@gmail.com))

**Webmaster** - Nancy Muzik- ([john\\_nancy\\_m@rogers.com](mailto:john_nancy_m@rogers.com))

**Past President** - Lorraine Veroba - ([l.veroba@sympatico.ca](mailto:l.veroba@sympatico.ca))