



PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

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PROBUS Profile

To get to know your fellow PROBUS members better, we'll be profiling a member each month in the newsletter. Who better to start with than our president, Victoria Girling! Victoria immigrated to Canada in 1988, leaving behind a career as a litigation lawyer. Together with her husband Kevin, they established a company which develops Legal Expense Insurance products. Victoria has developed many individualized policies for professionals, corporations and associations and as a licensed loss adjuster, handles claims. She is determined to be semi-retired so that she can work and play!! Victoria has always been heavily involved as a volunteer including Chair of Bowmanville Hospital, Vice Chair of Lakeridge Health, participant on the government appointed Health Restructuring Committee, Chair of school councils, President of Newcomer Club of Oshawa/Whitby, member of a church council, youth group leader and member of several foundations. Victoria has two daughters and the rest of her family lives in the UK and Asia.



President's Message for June

One thing I have learned in the last month is not to rely on weather predictions. One day we are basking in beautiful sunshine, later the same week we are bundled up in winter coats and another day we are coping with flooded gardens. What we do know is that sooner or later (and maybe later!) we will be able to put away our winter wardrobe. Is it just me or did anyone else's clothes shrink while at the back of the closet? Thank goodness we can join the hiking group and enjoy walking off some of the extra pounds!

We have some great outdoor events planned during the summer months and the annual summer picnic on June 27th is a wonderful opportunity to socialize not only with our own members but also members from Oshawa PROBUS. The location is the Hungarian Culture Picnic grounds in Hampton, which are beautiful. I hope to see many of you there.

I encourage anyone who attends any of the social events or interest groups to share your experiences with all of us by contributing a small article for inclusion in the Newsletter. Photos are always good to share. Feedback is very important for everyone who has planned and organized an activity, so please try to do this immediately after the event while it is fresh in your minds.

Here's to lots of salads, ice cream and spritzers!!!



John Greenwood gets us revved up for the VARAC Vintage Races

Our own John Greenwood gave an high-powered presentation at the Mary 3rd PROBUS Meeting. John provided us with the history of the VARAC Vintage Races as a warm-up for this year's event at Mosport, June 16 to 18.

For more information about joining the group attending this year's event, please see John at the June PROBUS meeting.

Marilyn Munro, our hard working house committee chair, needs your help! We are looking for one volunteer, per month, to help Marilyn with the coffee and treats. Volunteers should be able

to arrive at 9:00 am.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the June meeting if you are willing to help.



Upcoming Speakers

We have a stellar list of upcoming speakers. Please mark your calendars for the following:

June 7

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

July 5

Marilyn Morawetz, chair of the Jury Land Foundation (formerly known as Camp 30 in Bowmanville will be giving a talk about this historical site.

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

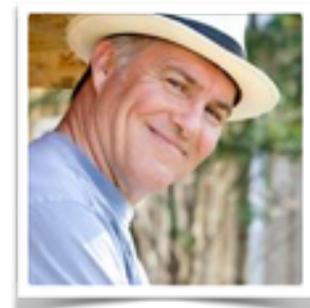
Sarah White , Mental Health First Aid

December 6

No regular meeting. Join us for a Christmas luncheon at Bobby C's. See Upcoming Social Events for more information.

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

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



Interest Group News

The following is a list of current interest groups, meeting day of the month, and contact person:

- **Global Destinations** 4th Friday of the month, 4:00 pm. Members share their experiences of travel destinations around the globe. **Contact Victoria Girling**
- **Fiber Arts:** If you are interested in needlework of any kind sign up for this group. **Contact Stella Dorsman**
- **Lunch Meet:** 1st Wednesday, after PROBUS meeting. **Contact Paul Halliday**
- **Geneology:** 3rd Thursday. Bring your laptops/ tablets to the Courtice library with free access to ancestry.com. Share tips and help each other with their searches and socialize. **Contact Lynda Wood (currently on summer break)**
- **Euchre -** 3rd Thursday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Games will be hosted in each others home on a rotating basis. **Contact Joan Pumphrey**
- **Movie Night:** 3rd Tuesday. Meet for a matinee movie with a discussion to follow at a local restaurant. Movies will be chosen by members on a rotational basis. **Contact Anne-Marie Halliday**
- **Bird Watching:** 2nd Monday. Visit bird hot spots to find migrating and resident birds. **Contact John Muzik**
- **Garden Chat:** 4th Thursday. Meet over a cup of coffee and talk about gardening, tour local gardens and share ideas and experiences. **Currently closed to new members**
- **Scrapbooking:** 3rd Thursday of the month, at members' homes. **Contact Nelly VanVeldhuizen**
- **What's For Dinner:** Monthly. Gourmet Potluck Dinner Club held at members' homes. **Contact Dawn Aitken**
- **Bridge:** *Currently on hiatus.* Stay tuned for updates
- **Book Club:** *Currently closed to new members*
- **Men's Book Club:** 2nd Thursday. **Contact Paul Halliday**
- **Breakfast Meet:** 3rd Wednesday, 9:00 - 11:00 am. Location: Bistro 238, 1413 King St. E., Courtice. **Contact Joan Pumphrey (currently on summer break)**
- **Hiking:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10 am. Approx. 2 hour hike at a slow pace. Dogs on leashes are welcome. **Contact John Windham.**
- **Golf:** Meets every Tuesday at Stonehenge Golf Club for 9 holes of fun. **Contact George Aitken.**
- **Chess:** There has been some interest in starting a chess interest group. If you are a chess player, and would like to get together with other chess players in our group, please see **John Muzik at the next general PROBUS meeting on June 7.**

Every picture tells a story.
Send your photos of PROBUS
outings and events to Suzanne
Elston for inclusion in the next
newsletter.

PROBUS Upcoming Social Events

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. \$ 17/person.

Deadline - June 15.

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.) - **Deadline - June 15.**

Westben Festival Arts Theatre - July 26 - SOLD OUT!

Paid tickets will be available for pick up at the June and July PROBUS meetings. An email will be sent prior to the event with directions to the Westben venue.

Uxbridge Dinner and Music in the Park - August 18

Dine at the historic Tin Mill followed by an outdoor concert by professional musicians (Chris Saunders) at the Thomas Foster Memorial Temple, a must see historic architectural building in Uxbridge fashioned after the Taj Mahal. \$ 60/person. **Deadline - August 2.**

Whale Watching Tour - September 3 to 7

Includes return motor coach transportation, four nights accommodation, whale watching on the St. Lawrence, tours of Old Quebec City, Montreal and Ottawa. Some meals. \$999+/person (taxes & single acc. extra) **Deadline - July 4.**

Robin Hood the Panto - November 30

See the naughty version of the classic tale at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope. This social event is back by popular demand. Cost \$ 35.50/person. **Deadline - November 1.**

Christmas Luncheon at Bobby C's - December 6

Celebrate the season with a full turkey lunch and entertainment. \$ 30/person. **Deadline - November 15.**

For more information on all of the events, go to:

probusclarington.com/social-events

Name Badges please!

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

Last chance to order PROBUS Clothing

Order forms for PROBUS clothing will be available at June meeting. Please bring your cheque book if you wish to place an order.

Prices and photos are 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.

PROBUS Canada Celebrates 30th Year!

In April, Past President Lorraine Veroba attended a meeting in Cambridge celebrating PROBUS Canada's 30th year. Here is Lorraine's report:

There were members of PROBUS Clubs from across Canada.

The first PROBUS Club was formed in 1966 by the Rotary Club of Caterham, England. In 1974, PROBUS expanded to New Zealand and to Australia in 1976.

The first PROBUS Club in North America was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Galt (Cambridge), Ontario in 1987. Today, Canada has 240 clubs with over 34,000 members. PROBUS is now in over 23 countries around the world. Internationally, there are over 4,000 clubs with over 400,000 members.

Canada's 240 clubs are comprised of 41 women's clubs, 42 men's clubs, and 157 mixed clubs.

The theme of the celebration was Spread the Word about PROBUS. Managing Director, Reg Whynott has been in his position for 30 years. He spoke of the successes of PROBUS and the wonderful changes in many people's lives after joining a PROBUS Club.

In the latest PROBUS Canada newsletter, President Richard Furlong reported the importance of PROBUS Clubs for Retirees and Seniors. He said BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND. Identify one friend, neighbour or family member who might enjoy the friendship of PROBUS, and invite them to a meeting.

PROBUS is meeting other retirees in similar circumstances with similar levels of interest, maintaining and expanding interests, renewing old acquaintances, and MAKING NEW FRIENDS.

CHEQUES, PLEASE!

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

Remember to bring a cheque with you if you are planning to register for an event.

LUG-A-MUG!

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

NEWSLETTER REMINDER:

If you don't have email, please remember to pick up your copy of the newsletter at the General Meeting. A copy with your name on it will be at the registration desk.

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.

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