

# PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON



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## Next Meeting

September 6



Humorist and Newspaper columnist Neil Crone is sure to tickle our funny bones at the next General Meeting, Wednesday, September 6, 10 am. Salvation Army Community Church, 75 Liberty St. South, Bowmanville.

For a list of upcoming speakers, see Page 4.

## President's Message for September

A group of us were discussing the book we had read for Book Club and once that conversation was exhausted it turned inevitably to the subject of weather. What a surprise!!! We decided this is a safe subject and always one on which everyone has an opinion. For me personally the latest storm has caused major expense and disruption. Although no one really knows exactly, it would appear that a lightening strike travelled underground and erupted in our front yard leaving an 18 inch hole and a mess of broken cables. The surge took out power to our outlets in the basement, fried the bar fridge, 2 cable boxes, our network switch that runs our 6 computers and all of the Rogers services. We spent an entire day trying to work out why we could not get power to the basement sockets (no breakers had been tripped), finally establishing that when we unplugged the fridge all the sockets worked again. Not sure how! I say we, when in reality it was Kevin and I just kept supplying the coffee and praise! We have now had to purchase new power packs for the cable boxes, the network switch, a new phone system (we have 6 handsets) and a few more surge protectors.

My husband Kevin has now dealt with the implications of 3 lightening strikes – one in the middle of the Mediterranean when we were on a yacht and the mast took a direct hit (resulting in damage to the yacht, the radio and navigation system), one in the Algonquin Park when 2 young people were hit and he went to the rescue (this necessitated an airlift from the park after he provided medical assistance for 5 hours) and now this!! Luckily, the outcomes for each were not disastrous but it certainly gives one a greater respect for the power of nature.

Another challenge this month was when I tried to register for some programs with Clarington. The process on line was so complex and I ended up registering for three instead of two classes. My friend also found she had accidentally registered for boot camp and not aquafit!

## PROBUS Upcoming Social Event

### Halloween Trivia Night at Bobby C's - October 25

Cost \$3/members, \$5/guests - Deadline October 4

### CreativFestival & Lens Mills Craft Shopping - October 27

Cost \$ 69/person, Deadline October 4

### Games Night at Walsh's Snug - November 22

Deadline November 1

### Watertown Shopping Trip - November 25

Cost \$ 55/person, Deadline November 1

### Robin Hood the Panto - Nov. 30, 8 pm

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 - Nov. 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](http://probusclarington.com/social-events) or contact Dawn Aitken.

## Help Wanted!

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 by 9 am to set-up.

Please see Marilyn at the September meeting if you are willing to help or sign-up on the sheet provided.

### 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.

**PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM**  
For contact information for the PROBUS Management Team, please visit [www.probusclarington.com](http://www.probusclarington.com)

## Interest Groups

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 the PROBUS meeting. **Contact Paul Halliday**
- **Genealogy** - 3rd Thursday. Bring your laptops/ tablets to the Courtice library with free access to [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com). Share tips and help each other with their searches and socialize. **Contact Lynda Wood**
- **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**. August location: Traditions Family Restaurant, 1053 Simcoe St North, Oshawa. NOTE: This is a change of location for the summer. **Contact Joan Pumphrey**
- **Hiking: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10 am**. Approx. 2 hour hike at a slow pace. Dogs on leashes are welcome. **Contact John Windatt**
- **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.

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

## Upcoming Speakers

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

### October 4

Sophie Hills  
Elliot and Hills on Will & Powers of Attorney

### 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.

### January 3, 2018

Monique from  
Organizing Lives

### February 7

Melanie Whitfield  
Such Maude Montgomery House

### March 7

Jake McKinnon  
Bethesda House

### April 4

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Seniors Alternative Housing

**If you are interested in introducing or thanking a speaker, please contact *Karen Cashin***



Just a gentle reminder to turn off or mute your phone during our meetings. It is only courteous - especially to our speakers

Invite a friend to a PROBUS meeting  
We have some great speakers and social events coming up in the Fall so why not encourage a friend or two to come as your guest to see what a busy club we are. We would love to increase our membership since we are all having such FUN.

### 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.



## NEWS & VIEWS

### **PROBUS Members & Johnson Inc. Insurance**

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PROBUS Canada has arranged with Johnson Insurance [ [www.johnson.ca/probus](http://www.johnson.ca/probus) ] to allow any Probus Club member a chance to enrol for their Prestige Travel Plan under the Extended Health Care programme.

This can be done without providing evidence of good health.

Contact them toll free at 1-877-989-2600 or by e-mail - [pbservewest@johnson.ca](mailto:pbservewest@johnson.ca)

### **Calling all Interest Group Leaders**

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Interest Group leaders are invited to speak at the September 6 meeting (not mandatory!)

Following the summer break we thought it was a good time for any interest group leader who wanted, to address the membership briefly on the success of their group and to provide an opportunity to promote it to members. Maybe by providing a little information about what takes place each month.

### **Purple USB Key**

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A purple USB key was left on the Membership table at the August Meeting.

If this belongs to you, please see Victoria at the September meeting.

