

PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

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Next Meeting & Speakers

Our April 4th Meeting is our **Annual General Meeting.**

Our guest speaker will be Martha Casson, who will give a presentation on Seniors' Alternative Housing. See P.5 for more info.

At our May 2 meeting, our guest speaker will be Elaine Charal, a handwriting expert.

A special note of thanks...

... to our very first president, Victoria Girling, who has helped our PROBUS Club grow from a good idea to a great group!

We couldn't let Victoria go without giving her the last word (or more accurately, joke): See P. 9 for Victoria's favourites....

President's Message for April

I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter. Once Easter is upon us I think we all start to yearn for better weather. For those of us who do not love winter sports we look forward to the opportunity for walks and some much needed fresh, but not freezing, air. Make sure you view the website for all activities and social events – there is so much to choose from.

This is my last President's message as I step down from this position at the April 4 Annual General Meeting. Thank you for making my two-year term so enjoyable and providing me with the opportunity to develop my oratory skills by adding joke telling to my repertoire. Whether they were funny or not you all laughed – well there were some groans too!! Some were clearly liked and so I thought I would include a few in this Newsletter. I wonder if any of you can remember them? Here's just a sample:

Q: Do you know why they bury lawyers in deeper plots than other people?

A: Because deep down, lawyers are okay!

During the AGM we need to vote on a couple of motions (Minutes of April 2017 AGM, the annual financial report and the appointment of the new Management Committee). Please come to the meeting having read the documents which are attached to this Newsletter so that this can be done swiftly. We have a great speaker and also need time to enjoy cake!

It is wonderful to see the growth that is taking place in our Club and I feel privileged to have been the President. Thank you to all the members who have been part of the Management Team during my tenure, all of whom have worked very hard and willingly to ensure the success of the Club.

Interest Group News from John Muzik

There was a lot of interest shown in the new urban walking club at the March meeting. If you signed up for this interest group, keep an eye out for more information in your email box. I plan on setting up a meeting in early April, perhaps in a meeting room at the Bowmanville library, to get some ideas what everybody wants from this group. If you're interested in joining this group, please sign up at the April meeting.

The golf group has its first outing on Tuesday, May 1. George Aitken will be sending out details to everyone on the list. If you are a golfer of any skill level, please join us for a fun day of golf.

The hiking group will have its first hike of the season on Wednesday, April 11, 10:00 am at the Orono Crown Lands, Taunton Road parking lot.

The What's for Dinner group met at the home of John and Nancy Muzik on March 15. The theme was Ides of March. We planned on having the traditional Roman dinner of wild boar, with door mouse appetizers. Unfortunately, I was unable to get my wild boar hunting license on time, and Loblaws was all out of door mice. We settled for roast pork wrapped in bacon, along with appetizers, side dishes and desserts, supplied by the guests. The highlight of the evening was a showing of the classic Wayne and Shuster skit, "Rinse the Blood Off My Toga", a twist on the Shakespeare play "Julius Caesar".

Interest Groups

The Following is a list of the current Special Interest Groups:

Billiards: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Shooters in Bowmanville.

Bird Watching: Meet monthly to visit bird hot spots to find migrating and resident birds. Monthly meeting date TBD.



On Saturday, March 17, the bird watching group visited Presqu'île Provincial Park for the annual Waterfowl Weekend. Although the temperature hovered around the freezing mark, the sun was shining brightly. Our first stop was the Calf Pasture. Unfortunately, just before we arrived, an otter chased all the ducks away. Not only did we miss an opportunity to observe waterfowl up close, we also missed the otter. A volunteer suggested a trail where barred owls had been reported. The woods were sheltered from the wind and we had a very pleasant walk. We didn't see any owls, but we did get an up-close look at a male purple finch, as well as a pileated woodpecker. After a barbecue lunch put on by the Friends of Presqu'île, we did get a chance to see a large variety of waterfowl on the lake. All in all, we observed 22 species of birds, and everyone had a good time.



Book Club III: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Bowmanville Library.

Breakfast Meet: Time: 9:00-11:00 AM Third Wednesday of every month. Location to be determined on a monthly basis.

Euchre: Third Thursday of the month from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Games will be hosted in each other's homes on a rotating basis.

Fiber Arts: Meets on the fourth Monday of the month. If you are interested in needlework of any kind sign up for this group



The Fibre Arts group met at the Cork and Bean Cafe in Oshawa to meet Kay Lefevre who was displaying some of her rug hooking hangings.



Garden Chat: Fourth Thursday of the month. Meet over a cup of coffee and talk about gardening, tour local gardens and share ideas and experiences. Note: group is currently closed to new members.

Genealogy: Bring your laptops/ tablets to the Courtice library with free access to ancestry.com. Meet on the third day Monday of the month to share tips and help each other with their searches and socialize.

Global Destinations: Members share their experiences of travel destinations around the globe. Fourth Friday of the month at 4 PM.

Golf: May – October. Meet every Tuesday at Stonehenge Golf club for a friendly round of golf. Lunch afterwards for those interested.

Hiking: April – October, Time: 10:00 AM Meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month to hike approximately 2 hours or 5 km at a slow pace. Dogs on leash welcome.

Lunch Meet: First Wednesday of the month after the Probus meeting.

Men's Book Club -Meets the second Thursday of the month.

Movie Club: Third Tuesday of the month. Meet for a matinee movie with a discussion to follow at a local restaurant. Movies will be chosen by members.

Scrapbooking: Meet monthly at members homes.

What's For Dinner: Gourmet Potluck Dinner Club to be held monthly at members homes.

Women's Book Club: Meets the second Thursday of the month.

Upcoming Social Events

April 18 - Games Night - 7pm, \$5
Shoeless Joes's, Courtice

May 11 - Jazz Night - 7 to 11 pm, \$ 18

May 27 - 30 - New York City - \$995

June 13 - Leaskdale Manse Tea & Tour - 1:30 pm, \$ 12

July 18 - Westben Theatre - \$36
Lunch (before Theatre) at 12 pm - \$15

Salads, cold cuts, home-made desserts, tea and coffee prepared by the Church Ladies of Christ Church.



Starring: Caitlin Wood, Marjorie Maltais, Adam Fisher, Clarence Frazer, Brian Finley Favourite Gershwin from Summertime to Plenty of Nuthin'! Stay Tuned.....

August 24 - Kars on King - FREE
3 pm to 10:30 pm



This event is a great way to start a weekend full of cars. Come downtown to this free event where you can see hundreds of classic cars from across North America.

No Registration Required, open to all makes 1986 and older.

Live entertainment, this year features "Pauly and the Good Fellas".

Don't forget to check out the "Touch-a-Truck" at the GM Centre.

There is something for everyone, so mark your calendar now.

September 9- A Day with the Blue Jays! - \$ 168



What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon - with our Toronto Blue Jays!

Travel into the Rogers Centre for the 1 pm game, with lots of time to pick up some of the great ballpark food at the concession stands. We will depart directly after the game for dinner at the Mandarin.

Tentative departure times to be confirmed by email. Bowmanville (10 am), Oshawa (10:15 am), Whitby (10:30 am).

October 11 - Creativfestival - \$ 69
includes coach to the International Centre, Mississauga and admission



Indulge your passion for the creative arts with a visit to the Creativfestival. First stop, Len's Mill Store!

Tentative pick-up times - Bowmanville Mall (8:45 am), Oshawa (9:00 am), Whitby (9:15 am)

Please note: Meals NOT included.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT

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

Cheques please!

Payments for PROBUS social event are payable by cheque.

For more information about current events, check out the posters at the March PROBUS meeting and don't forget to bring your chequebook.

Membership Dues Reminder

If you haven't already done so, please remember to pay your membership dues at the April AGM.

Friends and family are always welcome to join Social Group outings.

Interest Groups are for PROBUS members only.

April's Guest Speaker: Martha Casson



Martha Casson is a retired Ontario College Administrator who moved to Port Perry in 2006. She took an early retirement from Niagara College to live with and care for her Mother.

They bought a house together and Martha lived one example of a housing model for two seniors. While a great model for her Mother, it was not for Martha, considering the eventual 24/7 live-in-care situation which became necessary for her Mother to remain in their home.

Her friend, Louise, one of her current shared ownership housemates, also moved to Port Perry after retirement and her Mother moved into a Port Perry retirement home. This was not the right aging option for Louise either.

The two friends started on a path to explore alternatives. The presentation to the PROBUS Club of Clarington will outline what they have developed with their other two housemates, how they started, what they created and some of the lessons they learned along the way.

PROBUS Club of Clarington

Annual General Meeting, dated April 5, 2017

Held at: Salvation Army Hall, Bowmanville

Chair: Victoria Girling, President

Secretary: Kevin Pumphrey

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President, Victoria Girling at 10:00 am.

Introductory Remarks by the Chair, President Victoria:

- Members and guests were welcomed; there were approximately 85 in attendance.
- A slide show, prepared by Nancy Muzik, was presented to members in celebration of the club's first anniversary.
- Victoria thanked those who took leadership roles as members of the Management Committee over the past first year of the club (names were displayed on a slide).
- Informed members that no charge for coffee/tea/anniversary cake at today's meeting.
- Noted that there were sign-up sheets at back tables to solicit members for the Speakers, House and Social Committees.
- Noted that membership dues for upcoming PROBUS year are to be paid by April 30.

Treasurer's Annual Report:

- Treasurer Joan Pumphrey presented the annual financial report for the period January 28, 2016 to December 31, 2016 as is required by the by-laws. Report contained statement by member Paul Halliday that he had performed a review of the 2016 Financial Transactions Summary and supporting documentation and has found them to be correct and in good order (financial report attached).

Nomination and Approval of Officers for the 2017-18 Management Committee:

• **MOTION:**

AS CHAIR OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, I, LORRAINE VEROBA, MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2017-18 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, BE APPROVED:

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; Second by Moida Wheller; carried unanimously by all in attendance.

Social Events:

- Chair Dawn Aitken presented slide of upcoming social events and noted that there are sign-up sheets at the back of the room. Informed members that in between General Meetings upcoming social events are posted on website and in newsletter, and that some events do sell out quickly so members need to keep

current so as not to miss out on being able to sign up for an event. Noted that today's meeting date is cut-off date to sign up for Westben.

Speakers:

- Chair Karen Cashin highlighted past speakers and outlined list of speakers that have been booked for future meetings.

Interest Groups:

- Chair John Muzik recognized those members who co-ordinated interest groups through-out past year (names were displayed on a slide). Announced that there is a sign-up sheet for a Golf Group and which is being co-ordinated by George Aitken. George provided details of where and when group might like to golf. Hiking group next outing is on April 12. Also there is a Bridge Group in the works.

Member Announcement(s):

- Brian Reid announced an upcoming event (non-Probus) that was taking place in Newcastle, "Come Fly With Me"; brochures were made available to those interested.

Facebook:

- Suzanne Elston reminded members that there is a private Facebook Account for the Clarington PROBUS members; member needs to have a Facebook account of their own and send Suzanne a Friend Request (to her personal Facebook account) if they wish to be added.

Guest Speaker:

- Karen Cashin introduced the guest speaker, Christine Elliott, who is the Patient Ombudsman for Ontario. Christine provided an overview of the mandate of her office and outlined many of the issues she and her team have dealt with.
- Dawn Aitken thanked the speaker who was presented with an honorarium of \$50.00, made payable to the Clarington East Food Bank.

Share the Wealth:

- Winner was Lynda Wood, who won \$38.50.

Next General Meeting:

- May 3, 2017, Salvation Army Hall, 10:00 am to noon. Speaker(s) will be member John Greenwood talking about vintage cars and the VARAC Vintage Grand Prix being held at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park during the weekend of June 16 - 18.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** to adjourn made by Karen Cashin; second by Suzanne Elston; carried.

**PROBUS Club of Clarington
Financial Transactions Summary
January 01, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

Opening Bank/ Book Balance January 1, 2017 \$2,371.23

Cash Inflows

Members Dues	\$ 4,375.00
Share The Wealth	\$ 354.65
Coffee Proceeds	\$ 142.72
Social Events	\$ 350.22
	<u>\$ 5,222.59</u>

Cash Outflows

Bank Charges	\$ 21.30
Website	\$ 79.80
Sympathy/Get Well Cards	\$ 10.53
PROBUS Canada Fees	\$ 315.00
Name Badges	\$ 488.16
Director Liability Insurance	\$324.00
Administrative Costs	\$ 278.48
Advertising	\$ 338.14
Hall Rental	\$ 1,100.00
Speakers Costs	<u>\$ 875.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,830.41</u>

Net Inflow 2017 \$ 1,392.18

Book Balance December 31, 2017 \$3,763.41

Bank Reconciliation

Book Balance as at December 31, 2017 \$3,763.41

plus: Cheques not yet cashed:

Oct 22, 2016	Marilyn M	\$ 15.92	Chq # 039	
Dec 18, 2017	Dawn A	\$ 153.18	Chq # 121	

\$ 169.10

Bank Balance December 31, 2017 \$ 3,932.51

I HAVE REVIEWED
THE FINANCIAL REPORT
AND FOUND IT COMPLETE
ID IN GOOD ORDER.

PAUL HALLIDAY

Prepared by:
Joan Humphrey
Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S JOKES

A lawyer named Strange died, and his friend asked the tombstone maker to inscribe on his tombstone, "Here lies Strange, an honest man, and a lawyer." The inscriber insisted that such an inscription would be confusing, for passersby would tend to think that three men were buried under the stone. However he suggested an alternative: He would inscribe, 'Here lies a man who was both honest and a lawyer'. "That way" he said, "whenever anyone walked by the tombstone and read it, they would be certain to remark: "That's Strange!"

My husband is completely lost in the kitchen and only eats cereal or toast unless someone prepares a meal for him. When I was ill recently, however, he volunteered to go to the supermarket. I gave him a carefully numbered list of seven items. He returned shortly, very proud of himself, and proceeded to unpack the grocery bags. He had one bag of milk, two dozen eggs, three blocks of cheese, four boxes of crackers, five boxes of dish detergent, six cucumbers, and seven green peppers.

A Canadian went into a Tim Horton's and noticed there was a "Roll Up The Rim to Win" contest. So he rolled up the rim of his coffee cup and started yelling, "I've won a motor home! I've won a motor home!" The girl at the counter said "that's impossible. The biggest prize is a car." The person shouted "No it's not a mistake. I've won a motor home!" He handed the cup to the girl who read "WINABAGEL"

Teacher: John, how do you spell "crocodile"?

John: "K-R-O-K-O-D-A-I-L"

Teacher: No, that's wrong

John: Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it!

A retired couple had dinner at their friends' house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went to the kitchen. The two men were talking and one said, "We've been going to a new restaurant and it's really great. I'd recommend it very highly." The other man asked, "What's the name of the place?"

The first man thought awhile and finally said, "What are those flowers you send a woman you love? The ones with red petals and thorns?"

"You must mean roses," he replied.

"That's it," said the man. He yelled to his wife,

"Rose, what's the name of the new restaurant we like?"

A wife and a husband sit in the room and enjoys a bottle of wine. Suddenly the wife says:

- I love you.

Husband asks in surprise:

- Is that you or the wine talking?

- This is me, I'm talking to the wine.

A man and his wife were driving their recreational vehicle across the country and were nearing a town spelled Kissimee. They noted the strange spelling and tried to figure how to pronounce it – KISS-a-me; kiss-A-me; kiss-a-ME. They grew more perplexed as they drove into town. Since they were hungry, they pulled into a place to get something to eat. At the counter the man said to the waitress "my wife and I can't seem to be able to figure out how to pronounce this place. Will you tell me where we are and say it very slowly so that I can understand "

The waitress looked at him and said "Buuuurrgerrr Kiiinnng"

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

The wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

The husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.'

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages,

That it indeed says 'HEBREWS'