

PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

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Next Meeting & Speakers

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 2nd. at The Salvation Army Community Church, 75 Liberty Street South, Bowmanville.

Our guest speaker will be Elaine Charal, a handwriting expert.

June 6 - Dr. Amy Barron, Clarington Museums, will speak on Agatha, Archeology, and Alzheimer's.

July 4 - John Thistle, Audiologist and hearing specialist

August 1 -Stefanie McEwan, Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue

A very special welcome to the new members of our PROBUS Clarington family!

President's Message for May

I am very happy to be taking over as President at this time. Our club is well established. We have had two great years and this shows in the smiles and the good cheer and the warm spirit which abound at our meetings and at our events. It will be my mission to ensure more of the same going forward. Good fellowship, good cheer, companionship – all are important in keeping us healthy and active.

Speaking of which, the social committee is working on a terrific list of events and ideas for the next eight or nine months (see information elsewhere in this newsletter). And we continue to expand our array of interest groups. In mid-April, a new urban walking group formed, with 16 members signed-up already, and we have planned walks in various Clarington communities over the next four months. Walking with us is a good way to help shake-off winter cobwebs (and Probus pounds we may have gained through the many activities we organize which involve eating!).

We encourage you to join in these activities and interest groups. Or start a new one! I met a member recently at a games night who is trying to organize a ukulele group.

Our activities are the lifeblood of our club.

Your new executive has met and is working on goals and agenda for the coming year. Stay tuned. In response to many comments from our members, we will have coffee and tea available when you arrive at our meetings (likely available by 9:15). Don't forget to bring a mug. Also, on a trial basis, we will be experimenting with not charging for coffee. The plan is that our Share-the-Wealth will cover the cost of our coffee and food. In order to make this work, we need more of our members to buy Share-the-Wealth tickets every meeting. This is an idea we are borrowing from the Oshawa Probus where this system works well.

In March and April we signed up 13 new members. Join with us in welcoming them (see membership report elsewhere in the newsletter). Introduce yourself.

Fennel Hudson, the British lifestyle writer says that May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive. So may it be for all of us.

Paul Halliday

Interest Groups

We have two new interest groups starting up in April.

Ukulele Group

Susan Wood is coordinating a ukulele group. Here is Susan's description of the group:

We have our first two meeting dates for our NEW PROBUS Ukulele group. Both will be held at my home (13 Gary Court, Bowmanville).

Monday, April 30th at 9:30 am
Wednesday, May 2nd (after the PROBUS General Meeting. New players are welcome - just bring a Ukulele.

Both days are introduction meetings. I would appreciate a phone call if anyone new is attending.

Thanks, Susan

Urban Walking Group

The second new group is the Urban Walking Group. On Friday April 13 a meeting was held at the Courtice Library to determine what the members wanted from the group, when they wanted to meet, and select a coordinator. Lynn Hooper volunteered to coordinate the group. Here are Lynn's notes:

MEETING DISCUSSION NOTES:

Start time: 10:00 am

Duration: Approximately 90 minutes

Walks will continue in rainy weather (Monsoons, Hurricanes, and Typhoons are exceptions to this)

Group members will take turns acting as the walk coordinators (not to be confused with Group Coordinator, i.e. "yours truly")

Thus far we have planned walks and appointed walk coordinators up to the last June walk.

There was some discussion if the walks would continue throughout the summer. If so, the start time may be upped, perhaps to 9 AM to avoid later morning higher temperatures in the hot summer months. This will be decided when the time comes, after our last June walk.

Walk Coordinator Expectations

- Decide starting point and route of walk.
- Provide helpful information such as where to park and any other logistics.
- Email information to Group Coordinator - Lynn Hooper - at least a few days prior to the scheduled walk to allow time to communicate out to the group members.

WALK SCHEDULE (April 20 - June 22, 2018)

All walks will begin at 10:00 am, unless advised otherwise

April 20 (Friday)

- Walk Coordinator - Lynn Hooper
- Location - Downtown Bowmanville

May 7 (Monday)

- Walk Coordinator - George Rickard
- Location - Newcastle

May 25 (Friday)

- Walk Coordinator - John & Nancy Muzik
- Location - Courtice

June 4 (Monday)

- Walk Coordinator - Anna Huston
- Location - Whitby

June 22 (Friday)

- Walk Coordinator - Dawn & George Aitken
- Location - TBD

Other Interest Group News

Book Club III is now full. I will be starting a waiting list at the next meeting. If there is enough interest perhaps we can start a fourth book club. Also, for all our male members, there is still room in the men’s book club. At the AGM I had two suggestions for two new groups. A second canning group and a wine group. If you are interested in either of these groups, please see me at the interest groups table at the May 2 meeting.

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, the hiking group held its first hike of the 2018 season at the Orono Crown Lands. Nineteen brave souls showed up for cool, but dry conditions. The group leader, John Windatt, led the hike, stopping at points along the trail to give us interesting history lessons about the Crown Lands. After the hike some members met at the Orono Café for lunch, and I’m sure a visit to the Orono Bakery.

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.

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

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, 4:00 to 6:00 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 Monday of the month. Meet for a matinee movie with a discussion to follow at a local restaurant. Movies will be chosen by members.

Scrapbooking: Third Thursday of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Meets at members homes.

NEW Urban Walking: Members meet at various urban locations throughout Clarington. (See P. 2 for more info.)



Ten PROBUS members participated in the first urban walking outing on Friday, April 20. Lynn Hooper led us on a five kilometre walk around the streets surrounding downtown Bowmanville. After the ninety minute walk, five members met for coffee at the Toasted Walnut in downtown Bowmanville.

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.

NEW Ukulele Group: New group, meeting dates to be determined. (See P. 2 for more info.)

Social Committee - Events

There's something for everyone, so mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

May 11 - 7:00 pm - Jazz Night at the Aquarium - \$ 18 (Covers entry and live music only)



This is NOT your average class field trip!

Take the GO Train to Toronto and enjoy a spectacular evening of jazz while enjoying the wonders of the Ripley's Aquarium.

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

June 20 - Picton Wine Tour - \$99

Tour Prince Edward County's wine country, enjoy wine tasting at Black Prince Winery and Sandbanks Winery, where you'll also enjoy a picnic lunch. Price includes return motor coach and driver's tip.

**June 26, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm - \$ 18
Oshawa & Clarington Annual
Picnic**

**July 18, 2 pm - Westben Arts
Festival Theatre, Crazy for
Gershwin - \$ 36/person (show)
Lunch (12 pm, before show) - \$15**



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

Deadline - June 6 - No refunds after that date.

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). Meals NOT included.



Playing games is serious business (NOT!) at the PROBUS Games night!



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

If you are unable to come to a monthly meeting and wish to sign up for a social event, please contact any social committee member or send an email to dawn.aitken@hotmail.ca, or visit the website at:

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

Cheques please!

Payments for PROBUS social events are payable by cheque.

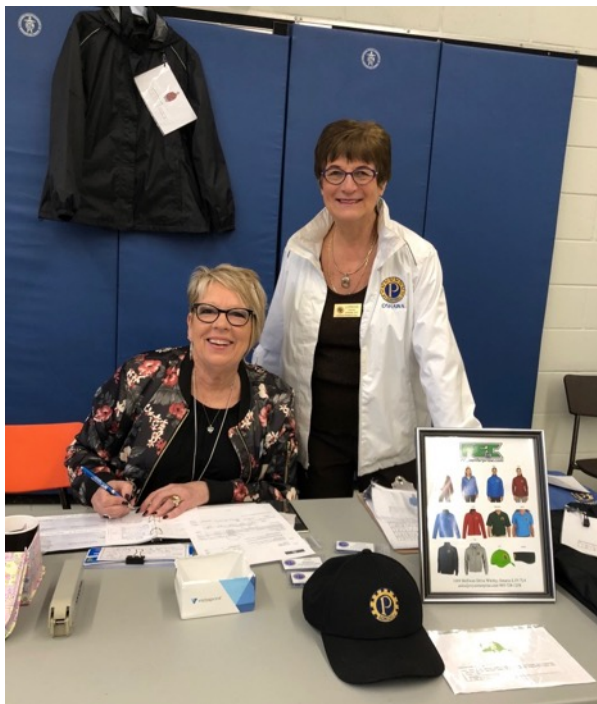
Friends and family are always welcome to join Social Group outings.

Interest Groups are for PROBUS members only.

PROBUS Clothing

PROBUS Clothing items are now on sale.

Order forms and clothing samples will be on display at the upcoming May meeting.



Check out pricing and available items on the website at <http://probusclarington.com/clothing>

PROBUS Profile: Paul Halliday

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Paul moved to the United States as a teenager. He was educated at the University of Iowa, and moved to Canada in 1969. He and his wife AnneMarie have been married for 37 years. They have one daughter, Bronwyn, who is getting married this summer.

Retiring in 2016, at age 70, Paul had an almost 50 year career in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

He began his career in publishing with Prentice Hall in 1969 after coming to Canada. He later spent 20 years in higher education - various management positions with Humber College and later a senior management position at Sir Sandford Fleming College.

From 1997 to 2016, he was President of Nash Crossing Inc., a management company through which he and AnneMarie owned and operated Bulk Barn stores in Clarington and Oshawa.

Over the years, he has served as a volunteer on numerous boards and task forces. He was President of the West Metro Skills Training Council, Executive Committee, United Way of Peterborough and District, President of the Clarington Board of Trade, and Chair of the Clarington Higher Education Task Force.



DYNAMIC DUO- Paul presented outgoing president Victoria Girling with flowers at the April AGM. For more AGM photos, see P. 7

PHOTO GALLERY - April's AGM



Clockwise from top right - AnneMarie Halliday and Marilyn Munro getting ready to cut the cake, Angela Tibbles and hubby Al welcoming members, outgoing president Victoria Girling shares one more joke, 2017 executive pose for a final group shot., Victoria and Lorraine Veroba. For more photos visit

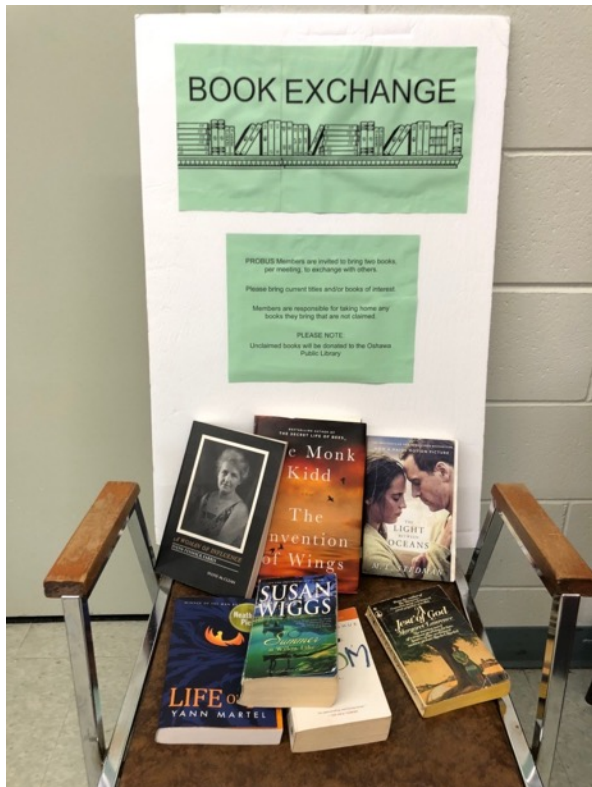
<http://probusclarington.com/gallery>



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Perfumes, body sprays and men’s colognes can trigger serious allergic reactions for some of our members.

Please refrain from wearing scented products to General Meetings and ask your guests to do the same. Thank you!



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 Clarington Public Library.

Coffee, Tea or Free?
 Double your money and save money, too.
 Proceeds from the Share the Wealth ticket sales will be used towards covering the cost of tea and coffee on a trial basis - so drink up!
 Your refreshments will be free - at least until further notice!

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.



A reminder to everyone to turn off cell phones during the speaker portion of our meetings

PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM
 For contact information for the PROBUS Management Team, please visit www.probusclarington.com