

PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

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Next Meeting & Speakers

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 6, at The Salvation Army Community Church Hall, 75 Liberty Street South, Bowmanville.

Our guest speaker 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,

President's Message for June

June is busting out all over! Everything is suddenly a lot greener and the sun is making everyone you meet more cheerful. We're seeing people in convertibles with the roof down. I love this time of the year.

Our Probud-organized trip to the Aquarium was a big success and lots of fun. Twenty-three of us travelled into the city, most of us on the Go Train. The energy in the city on a Friday evening is big and loud and insistent. Adrenalin to go around. Restaurant noisy. Everyone found the aquarium a fantastic experience. On the way home, several in our group were playing word games on the train. (Others of us were trying to sleep.) Great outing!

A very different, but enjoyable, experience was the walk through Newcastle (organized by our new urban walking interest group). It was a beautiful sunny day. I was shedding layers as we went. Great conversation. I talked with two or three of our members (Annie and Vera and Jack) whom I hadn't previously met. I would like to get to know all of our members.

Our Management Committee has decided that we should be growing the club. (A larger club will provide more financial stability and allow for more flexibility in terms of our meeting venue, speakers, interest groups, etc.) You will be hearing more about this over time, but one early manifestation is the establishment of a task force to research and recommend a new, larger meeting venue with more parking. Under the leadership of Jim Bamford (our vice-president) we are looking for volunteers to join the task force. Jim will be addressing this at our June meeting.

I want to put in a plug for our speaker in June. Dr. Amy Barron is an archeologist and the relatively new Program Coordinator for the Clarington Museums. (She's also a Professor of Museum Studies at Fleming College.) Her talk is entitled "Agatha, Archeology and Alzheimer's" and I'm plugging it because I have seen her deliver it before and it is terrific. The Agatha of the title refers to Agatha Christie who figures prominently. If you're a whodunit fan (and who isn't) you will definitely want to see this.

Also at the June meeting you will hear about new social events being planned including, I understand, a car rally in the fall. I hope you will be joining us at the meeting!

A very special welcome to the new members of our PROBUS Clarington family. For a list of our newest members, turn to Page 6.

Interest Group News from John Muzik

Susan Wood has informed me that the new ukulele club will not be meeting again until the fall. We will continue to accept new members.

As always, I am always looking for new ideas for new groups.

Interest Groups

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

Billiards: October – May. 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 at 4 to 6 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.



The Orono Crown Lands was the destination for our Hiking Group's May 9th walk. For more photos, check out the Photo Gallery on P7.

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: Meet monthly at members homes.

Urban Walking: Meets the first Monday and the third Friday of the month. Members meet at various urban locations throughout Clarington.

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.

Ukulele Group: New group, meeting dates starting in the fall.

Social Committee - Events

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

June 13, 1:30 pm - Leaskdale Manse Tea and Tour - \$ 12 **11850 Durham Regional Rd. #1**

DIRECTIONS: Proceed west along Taunton Rd. either to Hwy.12 OR continue west to North Lakeridge Rd. (#23). Turn right on either road and proceed north to Road 13. Turn left onto Road 13. Continue to the town of Leaskdale and turn left onto Road #1/Concession 7. The Manse is a short way south. There is parking there, albeit a somewhat limited number of spaces, so car-pooling is encouraged.

The tea will be served with scones, jam and cream. Please contact Susan Hollyman (905-240-1153) with questions or concerns. See you there!

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.

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>

PROBUS Profile: Dawn Aitken



Dawn and George moved to Bowmanville August 2015, after Dawn retired from Humber College.

Dawn was a Professor and Program Coordinator for both Hospitality and Tourism programs for 30 years.

Prior to her teaching career, she worked for travel agencies and tour operators, as well as in the catering industry. During her teaching years she was able to secure secondments to teach in France, and in Taiwan and escorted students on 12 trips around the world.

Dawn was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and grew up in the Montreal area. Married in 1977, George and Dawn moved to

Mississauga and lived there while raising their three children for 38 years.

Daughter Jenn and her family now live in Courtice, son Andrew and his family live in Cambridge and son James lives in Victoria, BC.

When not visiting their family and their three “perfect” grandkids, Dawn and George enjoy traveling, especially on cruises. After the next two trips to Newfoundland and the Mediterranean - Australia, New Zealand and Africa will still be on the bucket list. So far Dawn’s travelling count will be all provinces and one territory, 43 of the 50 United States, and 45 of 197 countries. Still lots to visit!

When Dawn and George moved to Bowmanville to be closer to their grandchildren they had no social contacts or network. They saw a notice at the swimming pool advertising that a PROBUS club would be starting in Clarington. Going to the first meeting and getting involved with several interest groups and the social committee has mostly defined their friends and activities over the past two and a half years. Dawn does an amazing job of chairing our Social Committee.

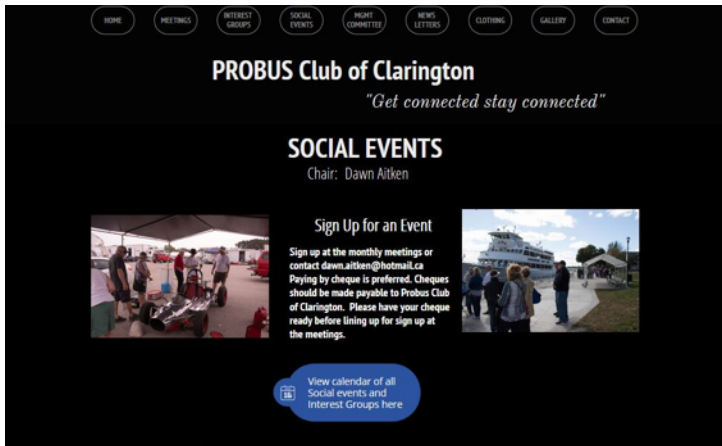
Dawn and George are also members of the Oshawa Curling Club.



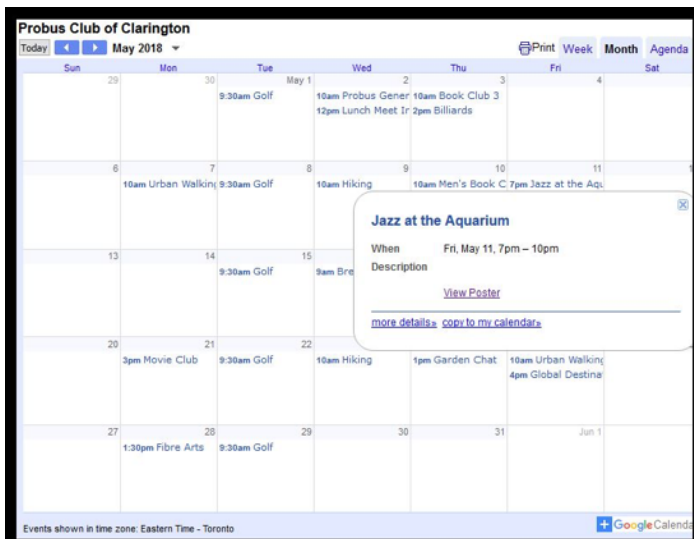
2018 PROBUS Management Committee (sitting, from left) Dawn Aitken, Jim Bamford, Victoria Girling, Anne Marie Halliday, (standing) Joan Pumphrey, Laurie Allum, Paul Halliday, Angela Tibbles, Patti Bamford, Nancy and John Muzik, Karen Cashin, Suzanne Elston

New Social and Interest Groups Event Calendar

A new calendar has been added to the Probus Club of Clarington website (probusclarington.com). It may be accessed via the View calendar of all Social and Interest Group events button located on the Social Events page and on the Interest Group page.



Click on the button to view the calendar. You may scroll to future months by clicking of the forward arrows in the top left corner of the calendar. If you click on a social event in the calendar it will bring a pop up. Under description it will say view poster. Click on this link to display the poster for the social event.



Note: when viewing on a smart phone or tablet turn your device sideways to view the entire calendar.

The calendar is meant for planning purposes. Full descriptions of social events with posters will be located on the Social Event page. A full descriptions of the Interest Groups will be located on the Interest Groups page.

Coordinators of Interest Groups should notify Nancy Muzik of any changes in their schedules to ensure the accuracy of the calendar e.g. summer hiatus, special events, changes due to holidays.

A “Moving” Message from our Vice-President

When our club first organized two years ago, The Salvation Army welcomed us and graciously offered their community hall for our meetings. At first this worked very well but as our club has grown and become very active, space and parking has become an issue.

On direction of the Management Committee, I have been asked to form a small group to assess various facilities within Clarington that may better meet our present and future needs.

The committee will comprise two representatives from the executive and two members from our membership at large. I will Chair the committee and am asking for two members to volunteer their time, knowledge and talent to help in the search. I anticipate the committee will meet several times to accomplish our task.

If serving on this short term committee interests you please contact me direct at pjbamford@hotmail.com or 905-446-0506

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

Member Milestones

This new Newsletter feature will highlight some of our member's recent milestones.



This month, we congratulate Victoria and Kevin Girling for finally making it official and becoming Canadian citizens on Wednesday, May 2nd!

If you have a milestone (new grandchild, marriage in the family, new home or other exciting news), that you would like included in an upcoming newsletter, please send photo and caption to Suzanne Elston at selston@gmail.com.

"Scent"sitive Issue

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!

Welcome to Our New Members!

Our PROBUS Club is growing. Please take a moment to welcome our newest members at the June meeting:

- Gwentyth Bongard
- Kathleen Brear
- Stuart Brear
- Kathy Cousins
- Lori Douglas
- Nancy J. Hill
- Lynn Hooper
- Carol MacEwan
- Dan MacEwan
- Christine Morgan
- Susan Ryan
- Susan P. Simpson
- Linda Townsend
- Mike Townsend
- Mike Wolnik
- Margaret Woolsey
- Franklin Wu

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!

Photo Gallery

John Windatt gave the PROBUS hiking group an informative, guided tour of the Orono Crown Lands on our May 9th hike. Everyone (two and four-legged bikers) had a wonderful time.



The Social Committee organized a trip for our members to the Ripley Aquarium for an evening of jazz and underwater wonders - everyone had a splashing good time!

