

# PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

# President's Message for November

There are four big reasons why you should be at our meeting Nov. 7!

# We would like to have a good turnout to vote on the bylaw change required to complete our plan for moving to Hope Fellowship Church in January. The bylaw change is necessary because our meeting day will be changing from the first to the second Wednesday of the month. (See more detail on this amendment, page 6.) Specifically, we need a two thirds majority of our members in attendance to approve the change. Come out and vote.

This will be our last meeting in the Salvation Army Facility. It feels like this represents the end of our first chapter as an organization. Come and join us to celebrate this milestone. As a vital, growing organization with enthusiastic members and popular social activities, we have a lot to celebrate.

As previously announced, since the upcoming meeting will be the last at the Salvation Army facility, the executive is encouraging our members to make a contribution to the Salvation Army at the November meeting. (See P. 4 for ways you can help.)

Last, and most certainly not least, you should come to hear our speaker. Matt Anderson has been President and CEO of Lakeridge Health for two years. He has a stellar reputation. He will be outlining plans for Lakeridge Health with particular emphasis on the Bowmanville hospital expansion. I'm sure this is a topic of great interest to our members. Come and hear Matt. He has a reputation as a dynamic speaker.

On October 23, Anne-Marie and I participated in the first Clarington Probus car rally. We had never done this before and didn't know what to expect. We found ourselves following written instructions to follow a winding route (and answer questions about points of interest along the way) through rural parts of Clarington and Northumberland. We had a blast! It was like a scavenger hunt on wheels. In total we drove just over two hours and 100 km (not counting one time we missed a critical turn due to the inattention of our navigator - me), and afterwards all 14 teams (29 of us in total) had lunch at the Snug in Newcastle. This is one of the most fun things we have ever done in Probus! I really wish that even more of our members had had the opportunity to enjoy this. I encourage everyone to consider joining in more of our activities like this. For example, consider coming to one of our games nights, or a movie night, or potluck dinner, or any of myriad other opportunities to get together as a group and have fun. Having fun together is a big part of what PROBUS is all about.

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# Next Meetings and Upcoming Speaker

The November 7 meeting will be the last meeting at The Salvation Army Community Church Hall, 75 Liberty St. S., Bowmanville.

There is no regular meeting in December. Instead, sign up for our Christmas Luncheon at Bobby C's. See P.5 for more info.



Please remember to wear your poppy to the November meeting.

**Paul Halliday** 

# November Guest Speaker: Matthew Anderson, Lakeridge Health President & CEO



Matt has been working in health care since 1992. He rose quickly to leadership positions, becoming Chief Information Officer of University Health Network (UHN) in 1998.

In 2000, he became a Vice President at UHN and in 2004 was named one of Canada's Top 40 under 40 by the Globe and Mail.

In 2008, Matt was named CEO of the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). In 2010, he became CEO of William Osler - overseeing a \$655 million budget, 5200 full-time and part-time staff and 850 physicians in a hospital system of more than 850 beds.

Matt became President and CEO of Lakeridge Health in November 2016.

Matt and his wife have lived in Brooklin for 15 years and they have three children.

# **Future Guest Speakers**

January's speaker is Richard Pyves, author of WW1 history and its impact on society.

In February, Steven Murphy, the new President of UOIT, will bring us news of what's going on at the university.

# PROBUS Profile: Eleanor Zadlo, Membership Chair

Eleanor Zadlo was born Elenora Harlozinski in Poland. She came to Canada when she was just shy of three years old. Eleanor is fiercely proud of her Polish heritage. She grew up in Hamilton and graduated with her Child and Youth Worker Diploma from Mohawk College at the age of 19 and began her career of caring for others at that time.



Eleanor worked at a treatment centre for emotionally challenged youth for two years. She was then hired as a child youth worker with Toronto Children's Aid Society, where she figured she would also remain for two years, but finished her career there after 37 years. During those first few years working shifts in the group home, Eleanor went to night school to get her BA in Psychology. This was not an easy task, but it helped move her career throughout the Agency. She moved to various positions, as well as teaching part time at Centennial College in the Child and Youth Worker Program. Eleanor's final position at the Agency was supervising two teams of workers who supervised visitation and access visits with children in care, and their biological families.

Eleanor took early retirement and is enjoying the time she has to spend with family and friends. She is the proud mother of two lovely daughters. Samantha lives and works as a Social Worker in Ottawa and Emily is completing her final year with her BA in Psychology at Trent. Eleanor says that being involved with PROBUS is a wonderful addition to traveling, attending the theatre and socializing with friends. Eleanor does an excellent job as our Membership Chair.

# Interest Groups - News from John Muzik

There will be a meeting of the fourth book club interest group on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Courtice public Library at 10:00 am, in the Great Room. We will be discussing how the group is to be run, meeting day, etc. We will be sharing those details at the next general meeting on Wednesday, November 7.

The hiking and urban walking groups have decided to extend their season and will be having walks in November. All walks are subject to cancellation due to bad weather.

# **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. Contact Caroline Charman

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

**Book Club III:** Meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Bowmanville Library. Contacts Susan Wood and Susan Hollyman

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

**Craft Beer:** New group. Members meet regularly to visit and taste craft beers in and around Durham Region. Contacts Allan Vincent and Mike Wolnik

**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. Contact Joan Pumphrey

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

**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. Contact Lorraine Veroba

**Global Destinations:** Members share their experiences of travel destinations around the globe. Fourth Friday of the month 4:00-6:00 PM. Contact Victoria Girling

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

Friends and family are always welcome to join Social Group outings.
Interest Groups are for PROBUS members only.

**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. Contact John Wyndatt



The hiking interest group hiked the Orono Crown Lands on Wednesday October 24. The group met at the Orono Park, and John Windatt led a brisk 90-minute walk through the Orono Crown Lands. It was a cool but dry day. After the walk some of the hikers met at the Orono Café for lunch.

Investing in The Market: The Probus Investment Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month, at 1pm. It's a casual group, where more experienced investors talk about their experiences, strategies and favourite stocks, to help newer investors build up the confidence to start making their own investment decisions. New members welcome! Contact Heather Griffin

**Lunch Meet:** First Wednesday of the month after the Probus meeting. Contact Liola Limeback

Men's Book Club: Meets the second Thursday of the month. Contact Dave Durbin

**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. Contact Rhoda Wraith

**Premiere Crew:** A wine tasting group that meets every 6 to 8 weeks in members homes. Half the members bring a bottle of wine, and the other half bring appetizers to match with the wine and

the theme chosen by the host. Contact Kathleen Brear

Scrapbooking: Meets the third Thursday of the month 6:30 PM at members homes. ContactNelly Van Veldhuizen

**Urban Walking:** Meet the first and the third Friday of the month. Members meet at various urban locations throughout Clarington. Contact Lynn Hooper

What's for Dinner: Gourmet Potluck Dinner Club to be held monthly at members homes. Contact Dawn Aitken

**Number 1 Ladies Book Club**: Meets the second Thursday of the month. This group is currently closed to new members.

Ukulele Group: Members meet Tuesdays, beginning October 2 to practice and hone their skills playing the ukulele. Susan Wood.

#### **Salvation Army Donations**

The Salvation Army has been our host since our inaugural meeting in April 2016. As a way of saying thank you, we are inviting PROBUS members to support this worthwhile organization to help the community this holiday season in the following ways:



#### Non-perishable food items

- •(please ensure items are not expired!)
- New, unwrapped toy
- Winter coats and accessories
  - (clean, and in good condition)
- Monetary donations
  - (complete with tax receipt)
- Pancake syrup!
  - The SA is putting together Christmas breakfast packages for families in need. They have tons of pancake mix but no syrup.

#### **Social Events**

Your Social Committee continues to offer adventure, fun and opportunities for camaraderie.



# Algoma Tour, November 8, 6 pm, \$5 201 Regional Road 42, Newcastle (905)-987-4961

The Gibson and Kemp families have been growing apples in Durham Region as Algoma Orchards since 1964. Come for an in-depth tour of their state of the art automated farm fresh juice ,apple cider facility and apple packing facility shipping to grocery stores across Canada.



Games night, November 14 – 6pm - \$5.00 THE SNUG 28 King Ave. E., Newcastle, ON L1B 1H6 905 987 1961

Participants are encouraged to have dinner there – with the games portion starting at 7pm – Come for some good food, good company & lots of fun!! Door prizes!

"Under the Stars" -Astronomy Event at the Ganaraska Forest Centre, November 16, 7 to 9 pm. \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child.



Participants need to register direct at 905-885-8673

https://kawarthanow.com/event/39857/under-the-stars/

# Wednesday December 5, - Christmas Luncheon at Bobby C's \$30.00



Turkey Dinner, Entertainment, Cash Bar & Door Prizes. Instead of our regular monthly meeting we will celebrate the festive season with our PROBUS Friends!

# A Christmas Carol, Wednesday, Dec. 12, Shaw Festival \$159.00

Enjoy time with Ebenezer Scrooge at the historic Royal George Theatre in Niagara on the Lake, includes dinner at Hernder Estate Winery following Performance.

Offered by Lakeshore Travel and Tours - Bus departs Bowmanville at 8:45 am.



Abbamania & Night Fever 2019, Saturday, January 19, 2019, \$ 53, Regent Theatre, Oshawa, 8-11 pm

Tribute band presents the music of ABBA and The Bee Gees.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Tickets are only available at the November Meeting.



Footloose, April 4, Oshawa Little Theatre, 7:30 pm, \$31

For more information on upcoming events, check out the events online at <a href="http://probusclarington.com/social-events">http://probusclarington.com/social-events</a>

#### **Bylaw Amendment**

In accordance with our Bylaws which require at least 30 days written notice, this is to inform the membership that a vote to amend one of our bylaws will be held at our November 7 meeting.

This change is necessary because our meeting days will be changing from the first Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday. (The new facility is not available the first Wednesday.)

Bylaw 5.1 currently states:

General Meetings of the club will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at the designated venue, except for Decembers.

We will be asking the membership to vote on amending this to the following:

General Meetings of the club shall be held monthly at the designated venue, subject to venue availability.

#### Welcome New Members!

Our PROBUS Family is growing! We currently have 155 members. The following people joined our PROBUS family in October:

- Barry Pedwell Alvina and Kelvin Hare
- Wendy Kamstra
- Ginny Lock Kathy and Jim Clarke

#### HELP WANTED!

When we move to Hope Fellowship Church in January, we'll need volunteers to help set up and take down tables before and after meetings. We'll also need people to help run the AV system during meetings. Training provided. Please sign-up at the November meeting.

# A Special Note of Thanks to our **Founders**

Before there was the PROBUS Club of Clarington, there was a lot of support and hard work from neighbouring PROBUS clubs. Before our inaugural meeting on April 6, 2016, there were five planning meetings and much work done to bring the Club to official status as a PROBUS Club of Canada.

The first meeting took place in November 2015. Attendees were from Oshawa PROBUS, Whitby/ Brooklin PROBUS and interested people from Port Perry, and Clarington Bowmanville areas.

Bob Ashdown, founding president of Whitby Brooklin, and Lorraine Veroba, founding president of Oshawa, co-chaired the meetings and became the Steering Committee chairs of two new clubs instead of one. As a result of the terrific interest from both Clarington and Port Perry areas, these two new clubs were established in 2016. Clarington was sponsored by Oshawa and Port Perry by Whitby Brooklin.

A huge thank you goes out to the many people who stepped forward to take on the development of these new clubs including people from Oshawa- Jim Murray, Ron Allen, Betty Dubowski, Ernie Vallee, Art Veroba, Frank Kelcey, Moida Wheller, Maureen Fowler, Judith Spring, Marg & Rod Miller and Whitby/ Brooklin -Russ Caple, Karen Martin, Trudy Semenuk, Val Randall, Denis & Patricia Bailey. Marg Miller and Patricia and Denis Bayley took on Publicity for both clubs.

Carla Foote and Lucia Kzanoski took on the role of Membership for Clarington since names were pouring in as soon as publicity began. There was an

> amazing response to all Executive positions.

All of this amazing hard work and dedication paid off. At our inaugural meeting we had 118 members. Now that our numbers have swelled to over 150, and we've outgrown our meeting venue, it seemed like a great time to thank everyone involved for their encouragement, along with their ideas and expertise.

# **Photo Gallery**

Every picture tells a story. Send us photos of your PROBUS events to share with members. Please remember to include a caption describing where you are and what you're up to!

This month we're featuring those daring young men (and women) who participated in our first (and hopefully annual) Car Rally!

Joan Seaton and Merv Bolton organized this very successful event. This amazing race meandered through100 kilometers of countryside in and around the Clarington area. We met at the Bowmanville McDonald's where we given our directions and questions we needed to answer along the way. The route took us to places most of us had never been to. The rally ended at the Snug in Newcastle where we had lunch and prices were handed out. A great time was had by all.







