



PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 10 am to 12 noon, Hope Fellowship Church, 1685 Bloor Street, Courtice.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Steven Murray, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). See P. 2 for more information.

Wear your heart on your sleeve...

..or wherever you like to let your love shine at our February 13 meeting....

President's Message for February

Our first meeting at Hope Fellowship Church on January 9 was a tremendous success. We had 110 attending, our highest meeting attendance ever. This despite the January weather. Obviously there was a lot of curiosity about our new home. The mood was very buoyant and I have heard numerous positive comments since. This was a great start for 2019! We look forward to a long and productive relationship with Hope. (See story P. 7)

Looking forward to our annual elections in April, we are still looking for volunteers to fill two positions – Speaker Chair and Communications Chair. Besides the specific responsibilities, each position sits on the management committee which meets monthly to plan and coordinate the overall direction of the club. This is an extremely interesting process, one that I personally find very fulfilling, and we often have a lot of fun in the process. If you think you might be interested, or if you have questions, I invite you to give me a call, or arrange to come as a visitor to one of our management meetings. (For more information see P. 6)

It being February, it's time to think about renewing your membership. The annual fees are still a ridiculously low \$30. We prefer cheques (made out to Clarington Probus). We will begin receiving such cheques at our February 13 meeting. Our membership year runs from April through March. (For more information see P. 6)

I am really looking forward to hearing our speaker in February. Dr. Steven Murphy is the relatively new president of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). Universities and colleges are critically important institutions in our society. The 2016 census reports that 54% of Canadians over 25 have post secondary credentials, the highest level of any country in the OECD. The level in the Greater Toronto Area is even higher. This accounts, without doubt, for the rapid economic growth in the GTA and, many argue, for the high level of social cohesion we enjoy, in contrast with some other places. Those who have lived here for the last couple of decades know that UOIT has had an enormous impact on this community since its founding in 2003. And I firmly believe it will have an increasingly important impact in the future. We'll be learning more about the university's plans and directions from Dr. Murphy.

I trust everyone is surviving the winter chill. Spring is not that far away. Hope to see you at our February 13th meeting.

Paul Halliday

Guest Speakers

February Guest Speaker: Dr. Steven Murray, President and Vice Chancellor, UOIT



We are honoured to have Dr. Steven Murray as February guest speaker. Dr. Murphy is the fourth President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

As a nationally recognized expert in organizational behaviour and an accomplished researcher and presenter, Dr. Murphy has published more than 100 papers, book chapters and technical reports in his career. He is a champion of equity, diversity and inclusiveness. This will be a very stimulating and informative morning for sure!

Upcoming Guest Speakers

Mayor Adrian Foster for March. Future guests include, Clarington Hospice, Nancy Taylor, Durham Commissioner of Finance, Terry Fallis (Have you read "The Best Laid Plans"? Absolutely hilarious!).

Watch your newsletter for more information and details. We have an extensive list of speakers yet to be contacted and confirmed.

Thanks everybody for your input and suggestions!

Interest Groups

News from John Muzik

The Craft Beer group held its second gathering at Manantler Brewery in Bowmanville on January 31. Ten members sampled several varieties of craft beer and shared their thoughts on what they liked and disliked. Everyone had a good time and are looking forward to what Mike and Al have in store for the next outing.



Roger Hollyman has taken over as the coordinator of the Genealogy Group. Roger has sent out a survey to members of this group asking if they want to see any changes in how this group is run. I will let you know the results in the near future.

The movie group is looking for a new coordinator or two. I will be setting up a meeting within the next two weeks with those who are currently on the list to select a new coordinator. This meeting will also give everyone an opportunity to voice their opinion on any changes they would like to see.

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

Interest Groups are for PROBUS members only.

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: Meets 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*

Book Club IV: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Courtice Library. **Contact:** *Anna Huston.*

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** *Roger Hollyman*

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*



Global Destinations – next meeting will be held on Friday February 22nd, 4-6pm . Presentation on Africa – South Africa, Botswana and Zambia by road



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

Hiking: April – October, Time: 10:00 AM Meets twice monthly, April to October, to hike approximately 2 hours or 5 km at a slow pace. New days in the New Year. Dogs on leash welcome.
Contact *John Wyndatt*

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: Second 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 TBA**

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 Monday of the month from 4 to 6 pm at members' homes. **Contact Nelly 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 to practice and hone their skills playing the ukulele. **Contact Susan Wood**

Social Committee

Upcoming Social Events



**TRIVIA Night -
February 27th at
Copperworks**

7 Division St.
Bowmanville, Cost \$5
Dinner - 6 pm
Trivia starts at 7:15 pm



Casino Rama - February 28th, departs
Bowmanville at 8: 45 am,
return at 5:30 pm (approx.)
\$ 10, includes transportation and buffet meal.

**Loa-De
Mede
Dairy
Farm
Tour,
March
28th, 2
pm, \$5.**
Take a
tour of
this



unique *state of the art* robotic dairy farm – where the ROBOTS milk the cows. After the tour, enjoy coffee or tea and chat with the owner, *Cindy Werry* about life on a dairy farm.

**Oshawa Little Theatre presents
FOOTLOOSE on April 4. Tickets are \$31 for
this performance.**

FOOTLOOSE celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

**Hotel California salute to the Eagles, April
13th at the Newcastle Town Hall. \$35**

Price includes reserved seating and hors d'oeuvres. A Martini bar is available. For almost 3 decades Hotel California has been recreating the legendary sound of the Eagles.

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.



Probus members had a great time cheering on the Oshawa Generals at the February 1 game!

Membership

Nominations for the 2019-2020 Management Committee

At the Annual General Meeting on April 10, 2019 the following candidates will be presented to the membership for approval.

- President – Jim Bamford
- Vice President – George Aitken
- Past President – Paul Halliday
- Secretary – Laurie Allum
- Treasurer – Joan Pumphrey
- Membership – Eleanor Zadlo
- Webmaster – Lynn Hooper
- Social – Stella Dorsman
- Interest Groups – Kathleen Brear
- House – Anna Huston

We are still trying to find volunteers for the positions of Communications and Speaker.

Don't be shy – here's what's involved:

COMMUNICATIONS – This person heads a committee who will produce the newsletter and also promote the Club in community calendars. The newsletter content is provided by the Management Committee and members at large. This needs formatting for the newsletter. The Membership coordinator distributes the newsletter to members.

SPEAKER – this person leads a committee to book speakers for the General Meetings. Speakers are already lined up into the summer and there is a comprehensive list of recommended speakers received from other PROBUS clubs and our own members.

The Management Committee meets once a month where ideas are shared and being part of the committee is an excellent way to make a positive contribution to making our Club successful.

The term is for one year only but all previous members have enjoyed the camaraderie so much that they have held positions for subsequent years.

All of the Position Descriptions can be found on the website.

Please contact any of the Nominations Committee (Victoria Girling, Paul Halliday or Eleanor Zadlo) if you are interested in joining the team. Thanks.

N.B. The Bylaws allow for further nominations for Management Committee positions up to 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting on April 10th (i.e. March 26th). If there are additional nominees for any position there will be an election for the specific position.

Welcome New Members!

Our PROBUS Family is growing! Please welcome the following new members:

- Bill Humber
- Izabelle Fracz
- Jackie Stoddart
- Hetty Thompson

HELP WANTED

**Our membership committee is need of members.
If you'd like to help out, please contact Eleanor Zadlo**

Membership Renewal time...

Probus Clarington Membership renewal of \$30 is due April 1st. 2019.

Anyone who wishes to pay their renewal membership at the February or March meeting please deposit your cheque in the container at the Reception table marked Membership renewal.

Those paying by cash are asked to get a receipt from Joan Pumphrey, treasurer.

Move-in Day!

Our general club meeting on January 9, in our new venue, represented the culmination of a long journey. We'd been working on moving to a larger venue for many months and it finally happened.

It's always fun to move into a new home (or buy a new car) and a record high 110 people came out on January 9 for the test drive. Our experience at Hope that day went wonderfully well. As you can see from the pictures, our members enjoyed the spacious lobby where we could circulate and chat before moving into the beautiful big auditorium.



We were welcomed to Hope by the senior Pastor, Brian Bylsma, who spoke admiringly of the energy and cheerfulness of our club and of the jolt we brought to the building. He expressed hope that Hope and PROBUS would develop a long-term partnership. He also pointed out that he, himself, would shortly become eligible to join us as a member.

Another guest was Brenda Andrews, Ontario District 2 Director, who brought greetings from PROBUS Canada. She recognized this as an important milestone in the development of our club, and reported that PROBUS in the Durham region, and indeed across Canada, is growing

strongly. She also stated that we now have one of the nicest meeting venues of any PROBUS club in the region.



Our move was also recognized by Ron Hooper and Janice Jones, two Clarington municipal councillors, who attended our meeting. Janice, the recently elected councillor for the ward, spoke warmly of our club, and offered congratulations on our growth and our move.

There have been many positive comments about the beautiful auditorium, the big spacious lobby, the multiple washrooms, the big parking lot, and, not least impressive on a winter's day, the long coat racks.





Many thanks to Brian Reid for providing these great shots of our first meeting at Hope.

If you have photos you'd like to share of PROBUS events and outings, please send them to the Newsletter coordinator, along with a caption.