



PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

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Next Meeting

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

Our guest speaker will be Mayor Adrian Foster. See P. 2 for more information.



President's Message for March

Practically everyone I've talked to in the last few weeks has complained about the weather. I think maybe we had become too accustomed to the milder winters of recent years and the last month has been a bit of a shock. It's been too cold and too dreary. Too much snow. Too much freezing rain. Too windy. A lot of us, I suspect, have been staying indoors more than usual trying to stay warm and cozy and hoping things begin to warm-up soon.

But a couple of nights ago, on a cold evening, after snow all day which dumped close to 10 cm., seventeen of our members braved the elements to come to the trivia night at Copperworks in Bowmanville. We had a great time. Working in four-person teams we tackled six rounds of trivia questions covering 60's movies, food, music, famous couples and a couple of other categories I forget already. It was a blast. Great fun and great fellowship. At one point we were all singing together! I think this kind of fellowship is what PROBUS is about.

In April, we will be celebrating our third anniversary as a club. We have a lot to be thankful for. Our membership is growing as is our attendance at monthly meetings. We have a lot going on in our interest groups and social events. At the April meeting we will be electing a new slate of executive positions (see details P. 4). Please plan to attend to help usher-in the next management committee. Don't forget to bring a cheque to renew your membership.

What does the future hold for Clarington? When Anne-Marie and I moved here in 1997, the population of Clarington was not much over 60,000. Now it's closing in on 100,000 and obviously heading higher. We've seen a lot of changes. There are two 400 level highways being cut through the municipality (one of them just blocks from our house), and planning is underway for the GO Train extension. Given what we have experienced here in the past 25 years, what will the next 25 be like? Adrian Foster, Mayor of Clarington, will be speaking to this at our March 13 meeting. Many of us will likely not be here in 25 years, but we're interested in the future for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

Hope to see you there.

Paul Halliday

Guest Speakers

Mayor Adrian Foster

Adrian Foster is serving his third term as Mayor of Clarington. Adrian and his wife Deborah live in Courtice with their two sons Josh and Lee. Deborah is an ordained Minister with The United Church of Canada.

After graduating from the University of Toronto, Adrian worked as a counsellor helping developmentally handicapped children and their families in a behaviour management setting. Later he started a career as an investment advisor, working in that field for over 26 years. Since making their home in Clarington, the Fosters have been active in the community, supporting numerous groups and causes. Adrian has volunteered with numerous organizations including the ITER Community Council and the Courtice Business Group. He is a past President of the Clarington Board of Trade, a former charter member of the Rotary Club of Courtice and is involved with the Lion's Club of Courtice.

Adrian has been formally recognized twice for his service to the community. He was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal in 2002 and was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Courtice in 2008. Adrian has represented the Municipality on a variety of boards and committees including CLOCA, Veridian, the Library Board as well as many of Clarington's standing committees.

Upcoming Guest Speakers

Donna McFarlane will give a presentation on Clarington Hospice at the April 10 meeting.

Nancy Taylor, the Region of Durham's Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer will be our guest at the May 8th meeting.

We are still looking for a new speaker chair or people who want to be on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Paul Halliday.

Interest Groups

"Your Favourite Wine" was the theme for this month's Premiere Crew gathering at Kathleen and Stuart Brear's home. With twelve people in attendance we blind taste tested several delicious wines, hoping to identify the type of wine and pick the one we brought. We discovered that much more research needs to be done, as only one couple identified their wine. It helped that theirs was the only white wine brought.



Delicious appetizers were also sampled and an enjoyable evening was spent with new friends.



Interest Group News

Movie Club – Change of Date

Please note that this interest group will now be meeting on the first Monday of each month and going to a matinee performance. The preferred location will be Cineplex on Taunton Road, Oshawa. Members of the group will then have the option to go to supper to discuss the movie.

If you have not received an email about this already, and wish to be added to the list, please email Victoria Girling.

Current Interest Groups

Billiards: October – May. Meets on 1st 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 1st Thursday of the month at the Bowmanville Library. **Contacts** *Susan Wood and Susan Hollyman*

Book Club IV: Meets 1st Thursday of the month at the Courtice Library. **Contact:** *Anna Huston.*

Breakfast Meet: Time: 9:00-11:00 AM. 3rd Wednesday of every month. Location TBD on a monthly basis. **Contact** *Joan Pumphrey*

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

Euchre: 3rd 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 4th Monday of the month. If you are interested in needlework of any kind sign up for this group. **Contact** *Stella Dorsman*

Garden Chat: 4th 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 3rd 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. 4th 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*

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 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 1pm. More experienced investors share 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: 2nd Wednesday of the month after the PROBUS meeting. **Contact** *Liola Limeback*

Men's Book Club: Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month. **Contact** *Dave Durbin*

Movie Club: 1st 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** *Victoria Girling*

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. **Contact** *Kathleen Brear - See P. 2 for photos*

Scrapbooking: Meets the 3rd Monday of the month from 4 to 6 pm at members' homes. **Contact** *Nelly Van Veldhuizen*

Interest Groups (Con't.)

Urban Walking: Meet the 1st and 3rd 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 2nd Thursday of the month. **Currently closed to new members.**

Ukulele Group: Members meet Tuesdays to practice and hone their skills playing the ukulele. **Contact Susan Wood**



Membership

Membership Renewals

PROBUS Clarington Memberships are due April 1st. The annual fee is \$ 30.

Anyone who wishes to pay their renewal membership at the March meeting, please make your cheque made payable to PROBUS Club of Clarington, and deposit it in the container at the Reception table marked Membership renewal.

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

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
- Speaker - VACANT
- Communications - VACANT

(Newsletter Production - Susan Wood)

Vacant Positions

The Management Committee as a whole will assume the duties of vacant roles until volunteers can be found to join the team.

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

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.

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

Life Membership



In recognition of her service to the PROBUS Club of Clarington, the Management Committee would like to confer a Life Membership on Lorraine Veroba.

Lorraine was a charter member and the driving force behind the creation of our Club in April 2016. She was on the Management

Committee for two years and continues to provide crucial support to our Club.

Lorraine has recently established another PROBUS Club in Oshawa, further demonstrating her commitment to PROBUS and all that it offers to retirees.

A Life Membership will give Lorraine all the privileges of membership, including voting and election to office, without having to pay annual membership fees.

The Management Committee will present the following motion to the membership at the Annual General Meeting on April 10th and the members present will be able to vote on the motion.

“Motion that member Lorraine Veroba be offered a Life Membership, in recognition of her many outstanding contributions to our Club.”

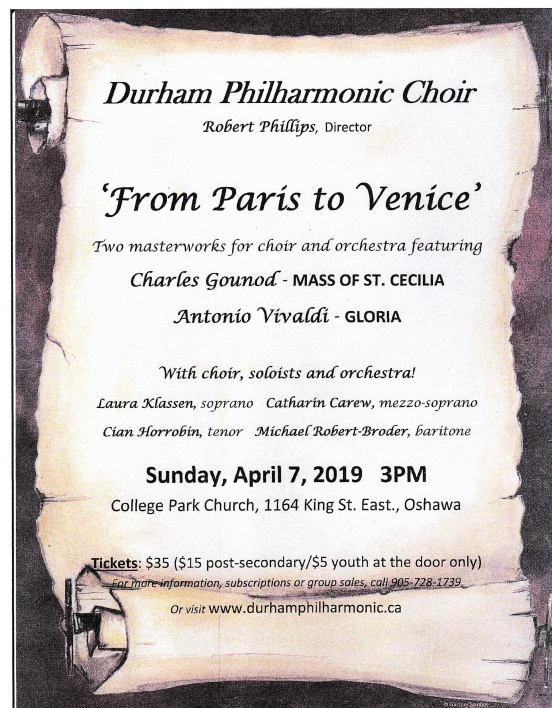
HELP WANTED

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

Member Milestones

PROBUS Members Liola Limeback and Alice Chase will be singing their hearts out with Durham Philharmonic Choir at the Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 7, 3 pm, College Park Church, 1164 King Street East, Oshawa.

The concert, “From Paris to Venice”, which features guests soloists and orchestra will include ***The Mass of St. Cecilia*** by Paris born composer Charles Gounod and Italian Antonio Vivaldi’s exuberant ***Gloria***.



Tickets are \$ 30 in advance and can be purchased from Liola or Alice, or \$ 35 at the door.

If you have a Milestone you'd like to share, please send a description, along with photo, to the Newsletter Editor.

Social Committee

Upcoming Social Events



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.

If you purchased tickets for the Footloose performance at the Oshawa Little Theatre these can be collected from Victoria Girling at the General Meeting or upon arrival at the theatre on Thursday, April 4th. Performance commences at 7.30pm

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.

Other Upcoming Events

St. Jacob’s Market, May 23, \$99, includes lunch



Merry Wives of Windsor, September 18, Stratford, \$ 159 includes theatre ticket, lunch and return coach from Bowmanville.



Members enjoying a little Murder Mystery with their wine at the February 23 event.



Despite the blowing snow - 17 hardy souls turned up at CopperWorks, Thursday evening for good food and fun. Teams competed for prizes and bragging rights with Trivia Questions on music, 60s movies, Canadiana, food and general knowledge. Lots of laughs.

Congrats to the winning team of Alice, Liola, John and Dave. Thanks to George and Dawn for organizing. Hope to see more folks at the next one!

