



PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

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Next Meeting

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

Marian Timmermans and Donna McFarlane from Clarington Hospice will provide a background on the organization and provide information about the new hospice being built in Newcastle.

A Special Note of Thanks from the Editor...

To Paul Halliday, who has been our fearless leader for the past year. Paul's leadership has helped our Club grow to over 170 members. Paul also spearheaded our move to Hope Fellowship Church, our new home.

President's Message for April

We've had some really interesting outings as a club. About a year ago, we had a tour of the world leading wind tunnel at UOIT. Fantastically interesting!

Last fall, we had an equally interesting tour of the Algoma Orchards processing facility in Bowmanville. Besides its size and scale, the most impressive feature was the incredibly sophisticated technology.

This week we had another such tour – of a robotic milk farm. You might wonder how that would work and it's hard to encapsulate in a few words, but once again the story is the sophisticated technology. About 40 of us had an eye-opening experience. If you're interested in concrete examples of how the world is evolving, come and join us in one of these future outings. I don't know where the next one will be, but I'm sure it will be worth signing up.

Our April 10 club meeting will include our AGM (Annual General Meeting). I hope you will be there. It will be our third anniversary as an organization and our third Annual General Meeting. As a non-profit corporation in Ontario, we are required to fulfil certain annual requirements including having the membership approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Annual General Meeting and our audited financial statement. *(Both of these documents are reproduced in this newsletter on pages 7 - 10.)*

Also, it is a requirement that the membership elect the slate of officers who will be leading the organization over the coming year. *(See information and the slate on Page 5.)*

This will be my final column as president. It has been an honour to serve in this capacity and to work with a group of dedicated, committed volunteers. Clarington Probud is successful because we have so many good-natured volunteers working to make it so. To everyone who is part of this group I say, "Thank you."

We have a good group of new people joining the executive. I am very confident they will bring us continued success.

Paul Halliday

Guest Speakers - Hospice Clarington

Marian Timmermans

Marian began her life in a hurry! She was born in the back of a 1953 Chevy somewhere on the road between Grand Coulee and Regina, Saskatchewan. Her Dad drove like a madman, the RCMP officer fainted and the neighbour lady delivered her. This happened on Mother's Day, 1958 and because she was the first baby born that day, a complete infant layette from the Kresge department store was given to her immigrant parents. What a bonanza for an immigrant family and Marian has been making entrances ever since.

Marian recently retired from nursing after a 37-year career. During her nursing career, she worked in various areas— from high-risk labor and delivery, emergency nursing, long-term care and community/home care. She even had an interesting stint with a pharmaceutical company.

Six years ago, Marian was approached to sit on a committee whose purpose was to get a residential Hospice in the Municipality of Clarington, where she lives. Fundraising and awareness keep her occupied now as well as being "the nurse" to the neighbourhood and farming community. She will be the first to tell anyone that she made the best career choice and her work is truly her joy.

Donna McFarlane

Leading the fundraising efforts for the residential hospices in Clarington and Whitby, Donna worked for 25 years for Ontario Power Generation and nine years for Durham College. Fundraising became a passion in 2008 with Durham College, then Grandview Children's Centre in 2014, and now Durham Region Hospice.

Upcoming Guest Speaker for May

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

Interest Groups

Interest Group News from John Muzik

As a result of the move to our new location and change in meeting day, three interest groups have changed their meeting times. The Breakfast Meet group now meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The Hiking group now meets on the first and third Wednesday on the month.



Our hardy Hiking Group had an early start this year at the Orono Crown Lands.

The Urban Walking group now meets on the second and fourth Friday of the month. All contacts remain the same.

New Probus member Carla Scholten is interested in starting a quilting group. She is interested in knowing if there are any quilters who would like to get together and work on their own projects once or twice a month in her home in Bowmanville. You would need to bring your own sewing machine and tools. Of course, no machine is necessary if you are a hand quilter. A sign-up sheet will be available at the special interest groups table at the April 10 meeting.

Interest News Continued...

The Bird Watching group had its first outing of 2019 on Saturday, March 16 at Presqu'île Provincial Park for the annual Friends of Presqu'île Water Fowl weekend. Eight hardy souls headed out on a sunny, but frigid day. The walking at times was icy and a little treacherous, but we managed to get through the day without any injuries. There was still ice on the lake and at times the shores of Lake Ontario looked more like the shores of Hudson Bay! We did get to see lots of migrating water fowl that rest here on their way to their breeding grounds in the Arctic. After our day of bird watching the group decided to stop at the Big Apple for some sweet treats.



The World of Flavours group met at The Tuscan Wolf Pizzeria in Whitby on Thursday, March 21. The restaurant has over 100 pizzas to choose from. Our group of seven shared 5 different pizzas ranging

from sweet and savoury to spicy. Our waitress was surprised and impressed that we belonged to a group that travelled around trying different foods from around the world. After dinner the chef/owner joined us and told us of his journey from his roots in Italy to owning a restaurant in Whitby. We all agreed that we would all be returning to visit The Tuscan Wolf again.

Finally, this will be my last newsletter report as chair of the special interest groups. After three years it is time to let someone else take the reins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the coordinators, executives and of course all the members, past and present, of Probus Clarington I have met over the past three years. Of course, I'm not going anywhere, I just get to see what it is like on the other side of the table.

Current Interest Groups

Note: Some Interest Groups are not accepting new members. There are waiting lists available for these groups. If there are enough people interested, an additional group will be formed.

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. **This group is currently closed to new members.**

Book Club IV: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Courtice Library. Contact: Anna Huston. **This group is currently closed to new members.**

Breakfast Meet: Time: 9:00-11:00 AM Fourth Wednesday of every month. Location to be determined 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: 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. **Note: this group now closed to new members.**

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. **This group is currently closed to new members.**

Genealogy: Bring your laptops/ tablets to the Courtice library with free access to ancestry.com. Meets on the fourth 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**

Golf: May – October. Meets 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 two times a month to hike approximately 2 hours or 5 km at a slow pace. Meet on the first and third Monday of the month. 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: First 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**

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

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, 4:00 – 6:00 pm at members homes. **Contact Nelly Van Veldhuizen**

Urban Walking: Meets the second and fourth Friday of the month. Members meet at various urban locations throughout Clarington. **Contact Lynn Hooper**

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

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

World of Flavours: Sample foods from around the world. This group will visit restaurants in the GTA. Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. **Contact Molly Soltay**

PROBUS Clothing

PROBUS Clothing samples and order forms will be on display at the April meeting.

Don't forget to bring your cheque book.



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
- 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.

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

Membership Renewals

PROBUS Clarington Membership renewals are due at the April 10th meeting.

Please make your cheque made payable to PROBUS Club of Clarington. If you are paying by cash, please ensure that you get an receipt.

Cheques can also be mailed to Joan Pumphrey, Treasurer, 31 Arnold Johnston St. Courtice L1E 0C6.

Welcome our New Members

Please take a moment to seek out new members at the April meeting and welcome them to our growing PROBUS family:

- Laurel Bell
- Tony Day
- Bob Scholten
- Carla Scholten
- Betty Smith
- Norm Smith
- Rick Spratley
- Ronalda Vanderveen

Social Committee

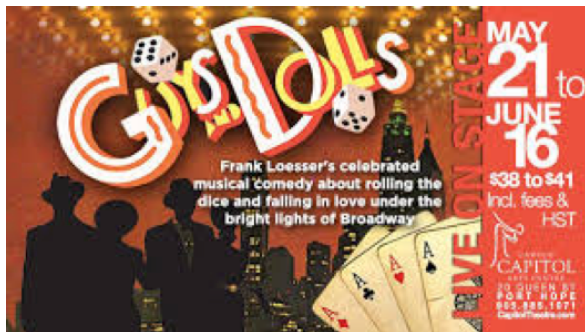
Mark your calendars for these amazing upcoming events in 2019

May 28 - Model A Acres - \$ 10



Spend an hour with Ian walking the grounds and hearing the amazing history of the life-size replicas masterfully crafted.

Tuesday, June 4 - Guys & Dolls, Cameo Capital Arts Theatre, Port Hope - \$38



Wednesday, June 19 - Foul Play at The Old Mill - \$139

Mysteriously Yours has been entertaining audiences for over 30 years and is the world's largest producer of interactive murder mystery entertainment.



Wednesday, July 17 - ABBA Mia at Westben - \$40 (show only)

This show is a musical review of all your favourites from **Mamma Mia** to **Here We Go Again!**

Tuesday, July 23 - ABBA Mia at Westben - \$128 (includes dinner buffet)

Saturday, November 16 - Closer to Home Shopping \$53

Calling all shoppers! Come join **Lakeshore Tours** today as we do shopping closer to home at the Cooktown Outlet Mall and Vaughan Mills.

Friday, December 6 - Victorian Christmas - \$89, Kitchener

Savour the seasonal delights of a Victorian Christmas and learn how the King family celebrated this festive time of year. Feel the magic of the season as you walk through the richly decorated rooms of **Woodside** in its Victorian splendour, home of William Lyon Mackenzie King. We are then off to the village of Millbank for an included lunch at the Mennonite restaurant and bakery '**Anna Mae's**'. Following lunch, we will warm your holiday spirits and visit historic **Castle Kilbride**. A tour through the castle is truly a magical time. Each room throughout the 1877 Victorian mansion sparkles.

Tuesday, December 10 - Christmas in the City - \$95

As the holiday season is in full swing, we will venture into Toronto for some Christmas spirit.

Wednesday, December 11 - Olde Tyme Christmas Splendour - \$123

This magical tour begins with Toronto's Downtown Abbey at the Spadina Museum, followed by a buffet lunch at the historical Old Mill. The afternoon will include a tour of Casa Loma, fully decorated in all of its Christmas splendour.



For more information about these events, visit <https://www.probusclarington.com/social-events>.

PROBUS Club of Clarington

Annual General Meeting, dated April 4, 2018

Held at: Salvation Army Hall, Bowmanville

Chair(S): Victoria Girling & Paul Halliday
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Secretary(s): Kevin Pumphrey & Laurie

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President, Victoria Girling at 10:00 am.

Introductory Remarks by Chair, President Victoria:

- Members and guests were welcomed; there were approximately 82 in attendance, including 2 guests.
- Victoria noted that it was PROBUS Canada Month and recited the words of the PROBUS song.
- Nancy Muzik was thanked for the slide show that she prepared for the annual meeting and Joan Pumphrey was thanked for her efforts in providing themed decorations for the coffee/snack table throughout the year.
- Informed members that no charge for coffee/tea/cake at today's meeting.

Membership Committee:

- Chair Angela Tibbles noted that membership currently stood at 142 members. She mentioned that membership dues for upcoming PROBUS year are to be paid by April 30. New members and guest were introduced.

Speakers Committee:

- Chair Karen Cashin outlined the speakers that have been booked over the next several months. She thanked those members who have introduced and thanked speakers throughout the year. Details were provided to members in a slide.

Social Events Committee:

- Chair Dawn Aitken thanked her committee members for their hard work. She noted that 24 social events took place over the past year and that 19 have already been scheduled for the current year. Members were asked to provide any suggestion they might have for social events that they would like to see take place. Details were provided to members in a slide.

Interest Groups:

- Chair John Muzik noted that there are 16 active interest groups. He recognized and thanked those members who co-ordinated those interest groups throughout past year (names were displayed on a slide). He noted that several groups were starting up again now that spring has

arrived. John encouraged members to come forward to start up a group re something of interest to them and perhaps other members.

PROBUS Apparel:

- Joan Pumphrey informed members that she would be taking orders for PROBUS apparel at this meeting and at the May meeting, and that clothing samples would be on display.

Member Announcement(s):

- Several members made announcements of non-PROBUS events that were taking place around the community in the near future.

Minutes of the April 5, 2017 Annual General Meeting re. Approval:

- Minutes of April 5, 2017 Annual General Meeting were presented in a slide and previously presented in the Newsletter.
- Motion by Karen Cashin to approve the minutes as presented; Second by Angela Tibbles; carried.

Treasurer's Annual Report:

- Treasurer Joan Pumphrey presented the annual financial report for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 as is required by the by-laws. Report contained statement by member Paul Halliday that he had performed a review of the 2017 Financial Transactions Summary and supporting documentation and has found them to be correct and in good order. Copy of report was presented in a slide and previously displayed in the Newsletter.
- Motion by Suzanne Elston to approve the Financial Report as presented; Second by Mary Novak; carried.

Nomination and Approval of Officers for the 2018-19 Management Committee:

As there was only one person nominated for each 2018-19 Management Committee position no elections needed to take place and the following motion was made:

AS CHAIR OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, I, LORRAINE VEROBA, MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2018-19 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BE APPROVED; President- Paul Halliday, Vice-President- Jim Bamford, Past President- Victoria Girling, Secretary- Laurie Allum, Treasurer- Joan Pumphrey, House Committee- AnneMarie Halliday and Patti Bamford, Social Chair- Dawn Aitken, Interest Groups Chair- John Muzik, Membership Chair- Angela Tibbles, Communications- Suzanne Elston, Speakers Chair- Karen Cashin, Webmaster- Nancy Muzik; Second by Mary Novak; carried unanimously by all in attendance.

Management Committee Recognition:

- Victoria thanked those who took leadership roles as members of the Management Committee over the past year and for the support she received from them. She also acknowledged those who were leaving the committee and those who were coming aboard.
- Victoria introduced the newly acclaimed President Paul Halliday who took over as Chair of the meeting.

Remarks by President, Paul Halliday:

- Paul thanked Victoria for her leadership role as the first President of the club as well as the others who took executive roles in the forming of the club. Victoria was presented with a Past President pin and a bouquet of flowers.

Guest Speaker:

- Paul Halliday introduced the guest speaker, Martha Casson of Durham Alternative Housing, who spoke of her experience in having a Shared Home Ownership Living Arrangement with 3 other unrelated persons as a way of continuing to live in a traditional style home space and having costs shared by others. Martha was joined later in her presentation by one of her three housemates, Beverly Brown. Martha noted that she would make available, for free, the legal agreement document that was used by her and her co-owners of the house. Handouts were available.
- Paul Halliday thanked the speaker(s) and presented a thank-you card.

Share the Wealth:

- Winner was Laurie Allum, who won \$24.50.

Next General Meeting:

- May 2, 2018, Salvation Army Hall, 10:00 am to noon. Speaker will be Elaine Charal, Handwriting Expert.

Motion to Adjourn:

- **Motion** to adjourn made by Suzanne Elston; second by Dawn Aitken; carried.

**PROBUS Club of Clarington
Financial Transactions Summary
January 01, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

Opening Book Balance January 1, 2018 \$ 3,763.41

Cash Inflows

Members Dues	\$ 5,509.00
Share The Wealth	\$ 532.00
Coffee Break Proceeds	\$ 145.35
Social Events	<u>\$ (11.98)</u>
	\$ 6,174.37

Cash Outflows

Venue Security Deposit Hope	\$ 200.00
Coffee Break Costs	\$ 458.36
Bank Charges	\$ 25.18
Website	\$ 95.80
Sympathy/Get Well Cards	\$ -
PROBUS Canada Fees	\$ 397.50
Name Badges	\$ 674.81
Director Liability Insurance	\$ 324.00
Administrative Costs	\$ 629.31
Hall Rental	\$ 1,650.00
Float re. Social and STW	\$ 140.00
Speakers Costs	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,194.96</u>

Net Inflow 2018 \$ 979.41

Book Balance December 31, 2018 \$ 4,742.82

Bank Reconciliation and Cash On Hand

Book Balance as at December 31, 2018 \$ 4,742.82

plus: Cheques not yet cashed:

Hope Fellowship Security Deposit	\$ 200.00	
B. Andrews re Licence Plate Holders	\$ 14.00	<u>\$ 214.00</u>

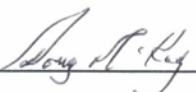
Bank Balance December 31, 2018 \$ 4,956.82

Plus: Cash Float \$ 140.00

Total Cash Balance as at December 31, 2018 \$ 5,096.82

Prepared by Joan Pumphrey Treasurer

I have reviewed the Financial Summary and records of the PROBUS Club of Clarington for the calendar year 2018 and have found them to be correct and in good order:

Signed: 

Dated: Jan 16/2019