



Probus Club of Clarington

From our President



I am indeed honoured and humbled at the trust and confidence placed in me by the membership as your newly elected President, Probus Club of Clarington. I would like to recognize and thank our former President Paul Halliday for his outstanding leadership, his passion and dedication. Serving as his Vice President, I was always amazed in his ability to identify issues and seek solutions.

Unless you have served on the Management Committee, it is difficult to appreciate the time, effort and talent needed to ensure the club operates efficiently and effectively. I congratulate and thank Paul and his Management Team for all their hard work over the past year. They have passed on to the newly elected Management Team a well- managed, active, growing and financially sound club.

It is worth noting that the Management Committee is comprised of 12 positions including the President, Vice President and Past President. This year 9 positions became vacant and 6 new members elected to serve. Paul Halliday moves from President to Past President and I will move from the Vice President to President. It is also noteworthy that Joan Pumphrey, our treasurer, is the only member of the Team from the original Management Committee formed back in 2016.

With many new faces elected to the Management Committee (unprecedented in our club's history) there will no doubt be a new energy and new ideas and suggestions to see the club move forward. There will be changes; some you will see and others will not be so noticeable. If as a club we are not looking to make improvements or seek opportunities to do things differently, more efficiently and effectively then our club runs the risk of stagnation and we stop growing and thriving.

But whether you serve on the Management Team or are a member of the club, the one absolute that must be front and centre is that the club must always operate to its mandate – to have “FUN”.

These are exciting times for our club, and I look forward to working with the new team and reporting back to the membership on where we as a club are headed in the year ahead.

Jim Bamford



Happy Spring to all!





Introducing our Speaker for May: Nancy Taylor

Nancy is the new Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer for the Region of Durham. Formerly, she was the Treasurer for the Municipality of Clarington. A significant 52% of our municipal taxes are sent to the Region. It will certainly be interesting to find out just where the money comes from and how it is spent.

Nancy Taylor has dedicated her career to the Municipal Sector, both at the local and upper tier levels of government. She has 26 years of experience at senior leadership levels. In addition, Nancy has been the Chair of the Durham Municipal Insurance Pool for the last 15 years. In 2017, she was President of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario. Taylor's financial acumen is complemented by her Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) from Brock University and CPA designation.

As chief financial officer for the Region, Durham Region Transit and the Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, Nancy is responsible for a robust and accountable framework - one that ensures a financially sustainable corporation. She will also ensure the safekeeping of all Regional assets and long-term financial obligations, while providing sound and timely advice-to Durham Regional Council and the CAO-related to financial management and fiscal responsibility.

Membership Report

A warm welcome to our four new Probus members who joined in April:

Donna Sickinger Bonnie Sokolowski Andrea Babin Sue Tullock

Clarington Probus membership now totals 175. *Eleanor Zadlo*

News from your Social Committee:

The May Probus meeting is your final opportunity to sign up for the July 17th performance of Abba Mia at Westben, the 400-seat barn located in a meadow on the outskirts of Campbellford. The show begins at 2 pm and tickets are \$40 each. Following the show you may choose to attend a turkey dinner prepared by the ladies of Christ Church Anglican which begins at 5 pm and costs \$20. Mmmm....I can taste the pies already!



Why not make a day of it? Campbellford is a picturesque little town on the Trent Waterway. It is the home of Doohar's Bakery, recent winner of the "Sweetest Bakery in Canada" contest. I recommend their Canadian Harvest bread. You might also visit the World's Finest Chocolate Factory or the Empire Cheese and Butter Co-op. Did you know that Campbellford is the home of the Giant Toonie?

The May meeting will also be your final chance to sign up for the visit to Model A Acres farm to view the vintage car and plane replicas constructed mostly from recycled materials. The tour begins at 10:30 on May 28th and the cost is \$10.

Visit us at the Social Events table to learn more about our upcoming activities or you can always go to our amazing website with the listings of all upcoming events.

Stella Dorsman



Were you warmly greeted at the last Probus meeting? I was. This is a new program to welcome everyone, but especially guests and new members who don't know the routine. Such a nice beginning to the Probus meeting
Thank you, greeters!

Interest Groups

“Interest groups are weekly/monthly/bi-monthly groups that gather people of similar interests together.” Just because you are on a list does not mean you have to attend every get-together. We have over 25 Interest Groups. Please visit our sign-up table for more information, or visit the Clarington Probus website. *Kathleen Brear*



Molly and Leslie Soltay held the most recent “Premiere Crew” WINE TASTING in their home. The wines were from “The Eastern Block”. We are such “Oenophiles” (lovers of wine)! Here we are sampling “Sauvignon Blanc” on “Sauvignon Blanc” Day. It was a fun evening sampling wine we normally wouldn't think to buy, and we all found several we will purchase again.

Carla Scholten had a great response to her QUILTING GROUP and they met for the first time on Tuesday April 23rd. The group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at Carla's home. The group has been so popular that we have begun a waiting list for a new group. If you are interested, please sign up at the next meeting.

HIKING GROUP starts up for season on May 1 at 10:00 am

GOLF GROUP begins in May, as soon as the weather allows.

The INVESTMENT GROUP had a great meeting last Wednesday with 8 of us joining Al Davidson at his home. There was a lot of lively discussion about many topics including having a certified financial planner or accountant, subscribing to a newsletter such as Investment Reporter or The Successful Investor, and our favourite stocks. We also talked about Berkshire Hathaway and SNC Lavalin.

Our next meeting is set for Wednesday May 15 at 1pm, at my home in Bowmanville. I'll send a reminder a few weeks before. If interested in joining us, please sign up at the Interest Group table. *Heather Griffin*

THE URBAN WALKING GROUP



Here are some of the Urban Walking Group members taking a break after struttin' their stuff along the Soper Creek path on their first invigorating spring walk of the year. Join them anytime!

If you can walk, if you can talk, and better yet, if you can do both these things simultaneously, then you will love our Urban Walking Group. Walk when you can. There is no commitment to come out for every walk.

We walk on flat, mostly paved surfaces in Clarington and beyond. Thus far we have enjoyed walking in historic areas of Bowmanville, scenic neighbourhoods in Newcastle and Courtice, the lovely Whitby waterfront, and verdant Oshawa walking paths. Group members take turns determining the route and leading walks.

When we walk, we discover interesting things about locales that we typically don't notice when driving by.

This year our walk dates will be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 10 AM (summer hours vary). The duration of walks is about 1.25 - 1.5 hours and the group typically goes for coffee afterwards. Sign up at the Interest Groups table at Probus monthly meetings.

Lynn Hooper - lynnmhooper@gmail.com

Happy 3rd Anniversary Clarington Probus!



About your Management Team:



Treasurer. I was part of the formation of Probus Clarington in November of 2015. I volunteered to be the Treasurer and have remained being so. I moved to Courtice 6 1/2 years ago from Oshawa. I tried to join the Oshawa Probus but it had a wait list. When I saw that Clarington was starting up, I jumped on board. I have enjoyed the social events, speakers, meeting new friends and taking the lead on organizing the euchre and breakfast groups. I am originally from Nestleton and moved to Oshawa forty years ago as a single parent with three children 8, 6 and 3 years of age. I met my wonderful husband Kevin Pumphrey and have enjoyed almost 24 years of marriage. *Joan Pumphrey*



Communications. I love Probus. I have joined social outings, golf, one of the Book Clubs and the ukulele "band". And now I have joined the Probus Management group. I am married to Roger and together we have four adult children and four and a half grandchildren. We get together nearly every Sunday for bagels. We are blessed that all the family lives nearby. I volunteer at our church, at the Oshawa soup kitchen and at Marnwood nursing home. I also enjoy yoga, bridge, travel and our Saturday date night at the movies. *Susan Wood*



I am the organizer of the Interest Groups, as well as the Wine Club, Premier Crew. My husband Stuart and I have two grown children, married with two children each. I count myself very lucky to have them all living within 10 km of our home. Our interests are family first, but a close second is travelling. We have a large bucket list of places we want to travel, which may require winning a lottery and living to 120 years old. We belong to the Wine Group, Golf, Dinner Club, and Fibre Arts. Probus has opened new possibilities for us and taken up spare time we didn't have. I have enjoyed meeting all the lovely Probus members. *Kathleen Brear*



House. I'm a retired Elementary school teacher. One of my main and very enjoyable activities is spending time with my 3 wonderful grandchildren. I became involved with Probus after a discussion about the club with Lorraine Veroba and I have enjoyed every minute of my association with Probus and its friendly and active members. I was happy to volunteer for the House chair position. Really, it should be called the "coffee and treats committee". We will gladly welcome any volunteers. You are not necessarily committed to helping at every meeting but when regular helpers go on a holiday or are ill on the meeting day, we will need assistance. The meetings just wouldn't be the same without a coffee and a treat ! Please help our environment by bringing a coffee mug with you to our meetings. Thank you in advance! *Anna Huston*

If a rooster laid a brown egg and a white egg, what kind of chicks would hatch?

Answer: None. Roosters don't lay eggs.



Spring Fever. Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?" (Best test question ever!)

What's Irish and comes out in Spring? - Paddy O'Furniture



There is a Probus Clarington Facebook group, where you can post pictures and messages about our activities. To join this private group you must first be a member of Facebook. Then just click on the link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1810331362570458/about/> and join the group. (It's easy to do and you don't have to allow any personal information to be given out.)



You can order your Probus Clothing at the next meeting Say hi to Grant and Ron, happy Probus members.

–Very Comfy!



Bring a book – Take a book – OR just take a book!

NEXT MEETING DATES ARE

Everything you need to know about the Clarington Probus group can be found on our amazing website at www.probusclarington.com It includes information about the Interest groups, Social

outing, the monthly msg committee, luncheons, and more.

Just Click the website address now & come visit!

WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH & WEDNESDAY JUNE 12TH 2019