



PROBUS Club Of Durham West

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PROBUS MONTHLY MEETING

May 10th 2018, 10 am

SPEAKER

John Mason, President of Friends of Guild Park and Gardens



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Mark Scanlan



The names for the months of the year have all been derived from Greek gods and goddesses. May is no exception! It is named after the goddess, Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility. Some special days this month include May 4th, "May the force be with you" (created by a German newspaper's error in translation – "We are with you on May 4th"), May 8th *Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)* which commemorates the end of fighting in Europe during World War II and of course "firecracker day" on Queen Victoria's birthday May 24th, and this year it is celebrated on May 21st.

However, the most important day after my wife's birthday in May is **Mother's Day**, always on the second Sunday in May. When my mother died in 1951, I was extremely lucky to have an angel on earth in my Mom's sister, Aunt Ellie. She became my mother and as everybody knows no one is more special than mom. Often taken for granted, they are always our strongest supporters. So take this opportunity to show your love to those women in your life who mean so much to you.

Go out and celebrate Mother's Day. First and foremost, spend time with her or a long phone call if you are unable to be with her. Flowers, cards, candy and gifts are all part of the day. But, her greatest desire is always to be with family on this special day!



“INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER “



Our speaker for May is John Mason, the President of “Friends of Guild Park and Gardens” (Guildwood) and he will be talking about recent developments and upgrades at the garden site. John is active in the Toronto community of Guildwood, helping lead a collaborative, grass-roots initiative to revitalize historic Guild Park & Gardens. The 88-acre site atop the Scarborough Bluffs was site of the Guild of All Arts, Canada’s only artists’ colony that operated during the Great Depression.



MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to our new PROBUS member Gail Aziz

Please remember to send us any updates on your address, phone number or e-mail.
Maria & Bob Bawcutt, bamb63e@gmail.com

WEBSITE

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NEW WEBSITE CORRECTION

It was stated in the April Newsletter that if you wanted to access the membership list on the new website, you could still use your old Username and Password (that you obtained from Gord McKay) for the old website. Unfortunately it did not work out that way. If you would like to access the Membership List on the new website, please contact Ian Medford at ismedford1@gmail.com

ASSISTANT WEBMASTER NEEDED

Our new webmaster, Ian Medford, is looking for a backup assistant. If you have I.T. experience or are just an interested computer user who would like to help with the club's website please contact the club vice-president Randy Slein at: randyslein@gmail.com



SOCIAL REPORT

CANADIAN AUTO MUSEUM AND PARKWOOD TOUR

Wednesday May 16th

The 1 ½ hour tour of the Auto Museum with highlights will commence at 10 am. Following the tour lunch will be on your own in the area.

Arrive at Parkwood Estate for the Public Spaces Tour starting at 1.40 pm. Afterwards weather permitting you can visit the gardens. There is ample parking at both venues.

Parkwood tour is full but you may still sign up for the Auto Museum at the May meeting.

Convenors: Dale Thomas (905 723-6862) and Juanita Hogg Devine (416 444-2257)

CAPITAL THEATRE IN PORT HOPE

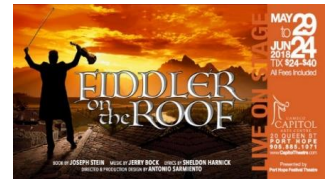
Wednesday June 13th

This year we will enjoy a production of the classic musical “Fiddler on the Roof.” This will be a matinee performance at 2 pm. Self-transport and lunch at a venue of your choice. Price \$33.00.

Signup at the May meeting.

Tickets will be available for distribution at the theatre door the day of performance.

Convenor Giselle Biscof (905 493-3321) and Dale Thomas (905 723-6862)



BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE

Wednesday July 11th

We will travel by bus to the village and enjoy a guided tour with free time to revisit the sites on your own. There are picnic spaces on the grounds so you can bring a lunch or purchase at one of the concession stands.

Time and cost to be announced later. Convenors Marcia Everett and Bonnie Cutten.

Signup at May or June meetings.

PROBUS BBQ

Tuesday August 7th

Our annual BBQ will be catered at Heydenshore Pavilion.

Price and details to be announced at the May meeting.

Signup at May, June or July meetings. Guests are also invited.

Contact: Dale Thomas (905 723-6862)

NINE AND DINE AT ROYAL ASHBURN GOLF CLUB

Wednesday August 22nd

PROBUS Annual Fun Golf Tournament!

Registration will start at the May meeting. You can register individually or as a foursome. Start time will be 3:30 pm. followed by dinner.

Cost: Nine Holes/cart/dinner = \$76.00

Ride & Dine = \$52.00

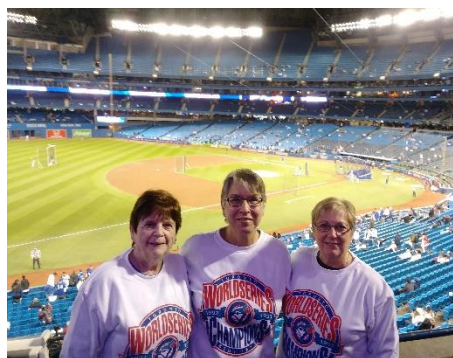
Dine only = 43.50

Signup at May, June or July meetings.

Convenors Bonnie Cutten and Juanita Hogg Devine.

“April” SOCIAL REPORT

BLUE JAY GAME



Fifty lucky PROBUS members enjoyed a very exciting and winning game on April 18th which included an extraordinary Grand Slam home run. Some were also fortunate to score a Blue Jays World Series Champions sweatshirt. Go Jays Go.! Thanks to June Booth (905 686-1477) and Claire Speed 9905 428-6356) for convening this fun event.

REMINDERS: There are NO REFUNDS. If you sign-up for an event and are unable to attend you may have someone go in your place by getting payment from them and notifying the Convener of the event of the change along with the name & phone number of the person replacing you.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHEQUE BOOK as you must pay for the event at the time of sign- up since cash is not accepted.

NAME TAGS

Wearing names tags on social outings is helpful for new members and those of us who have a momentary lapse in memory.

Please use the suggestion box for feedback and ideas for social events.

Please be aware that many people are very allergic to scents so please DO NOT wear perfume or aftershave to gatherings.





ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Breakfast group and Dinner group are gatherings where a reservation is necessary. If you will be attending, please let the contact person know one week in advance. Should you not be attending, do not respond to the reminder.

Board Games: We are in need of a leader. Will someone please step up and get a meeting place for this group. Interested members were sent the results of the meeting in April so let's work together to get this organized.

Mystery book group is looking for new members. Let me know if you are interested.

Remember that you can sign up for any group with me at the meetings. Your information will be passed on to the leader who will then contact you.

Please contact me if you have an interest you would like to pursue.

Catherine Frost: c.frost@sympatico.ca

BOOK CLUBS

THE NOVEL READERS

The Novel Readers will meet on Wednesday, May 2nd for a discussion of the novel *Amazing Grace* by Lesley Crewe. In June, we will be meeting to plan our 2018-19 reading schedule. The Novel Readers will not meet during July or August. For more information, please contact Colleen Lea at 905-686-1629 or colleenlea@hotmail.com

THE READERS CHOICE

We have spaces for an additional 2-3 members, please email the coordinator directly and join us for our May and June book discussions prior to our summer hiatus. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:30 PM

Our book for May is called "The Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman, a story about a Swedish curmudgeon. Contact: Debra Eckstein at debra@eckstein.com

WORDS WORTH READING BOOK CLUB

Our May book is the "Seven Days in May" by Kim Izzo. Several lives intertwine in a story set in World War 1 as a ship, the Lusitania crosses the Atlantic.

Happy reading. Contact Joice McKay: joicemckay@rogers.com or 905-683-8432

BREAKFAST CLUB

On the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30am, the breakfast group meets at a local restaurant. Members pick their favourite restaurant which enables members to enjoy light conversations and laughs over a delicious breakfast and coffee.

May 1ST at 9:30 am we will be meeting at Sunset Grill, 235 Bayly St W, Ajax

Contact: Cindy or Ron Bingley at: masterbingley@rogers.com

Please C.C. me (Linda Robbins) at Richard.robbins1@sympatico.ca

****Bring your restaurant suggestions for next year**.**

BOWLING

Join us for our final bowling afternoon until September.

Our last bowling afternoon will be **Thursday, May 17th**. 1:30 pm.

We will go to Boston Pizza (Salem and Kingston Rd./Hwy 2) for our year end lunch at 11:45 am.

Please contact Bonnie to say you will join us for our final day of bowling and if you are attend the lunch.

Bowling cost is \$9.50 and includes 2 games and shoes or \$8.00 if you have your own bowling shoes. Pay at the bowling alley.

Bonnie Cutten: bcutten0809@rogers.com or 905-831-7489.

CINEMA CLUB

The last movie the club saw was "I Can Only Imagine". It was a true story that was very inspiring. Our next movie date is Friday, May 25th.

Contact: Joanne Bullen jvarty@hotmail.com or 905-686-1945



DINNER GROUP

Our recent outing to Symposium was a great success. If anyone wishes to join our group, please send an email to Bruce Green at meandchester@bell.net."

GARDEN CLUB

On April 9th sixteen members of the Garden Club enjoyed a visit to Richter's Herb Garden. After a general lecture on Herbs in our gardens we had an opportunity to look through the greenhouse and purchase herbs for our spring plantings. Thanks to Sharon for organizing this outing.

On May 25th we will be making our annual visit to John's Garden in Uxbridge. This will be an opportunity to pick-up some unique plants for the coming season. Thanks to Deborah for organizing this event.

On June 4th we will visit the Lucy Maud Montgomery House for a tour and lunch. Thanks to Pat McKay for organizing this event. Contact Geoff Nie: geoff.nie@sympatico.ca



GOLF

Spring is finally here and we can get back to the links as of Tuesday May 1ST. Hawthorne Valley is a little wet but will be open next week. Please call the course at 905-686-2028 for a tee time. If you want to be added or deleted from the golf list, e-mail me, Marcia Everitt, at marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca

MARATHON BRIDGE

The annual "Marathon Bridge Luncheon" will be on Tuesday May 22 at 12:00 noon at the Mandarin Restaurant, 1725 Kingston Rd., Pickering.
Contact: Julie Trebilcock at: julietrebilcock@rogers.com

NATURE LOVERS

Our February outing was to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. A fantastic place to visit and a great insight into Canada's history.

Our next outing will be on May 3rd and/or the 4th for a nature hike in Walker Woods near Coppins Corners (weather and trail condition dependent).

On May 24, we will be going on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Toronto Zoo.

Our plans for the rest of the year include an Ostrich farm tour, Jungle Cat World, Reptilia Whitby, Mennonite Farm Tour and a Nature scavenger hunt at Heber Downs.

Our monthly field trips are usually the third Thursday morning of the month. Come join us loving nature! Contact Geoff Cutten for more details gcutten0809@rogers.com 905-831-7489.



NIBBLES AT NIGHT

We will meet on Friday, May 18th, 5:00 p.m. at the home of Glen & Beth Fraser, 33 Chatfield Drive, North York for our usual snacking and conversation.



Meeting at the home of Kay Hubbard and Ulf Neidhardt, our April hosts.

For information about our group please call Dru Carter at carterdru34@gmail.com
905-683-9677



SNAPPED PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Our April outing was to photograph the Cherry Blossom's but since Spring did not arrive in time there are no blooms. This outing will be postponed till a later date.

In May we are going to try "water photography" in the Uxbridge area.

We are an amateur photography club where all types of cameras and levels of photography are welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in trying photography contact Ann Buffett at: annbuffett@sympatico.ca

WALKING on WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday at 10 am a group of us meet at various locations around Durham. We walk on mostly paved trails for about 75 minutes. Our walks normally have washrooms available to us. No need to commit. You just show up when it is convenient for you. You will find that the time flies by when you are chatting with the other walkers. We walk rain or shine. If you would like to be put on the once weekly email list for the next week's location, just send me your name and email address. We look forward to seeing you on the trails!! Bernice Pyke billandbernicepyke@hotmail.com

Additional Activity Groups and Contact Information

Create & Chat	- Dorothy Green	captain.kirby@sympatico.ca
Genealogy.	- Judy Feeney at:	jepf@rogers.com
Pole Walking	- Eileen Nixon	eileennixon8585@gmail.com
Ukulele Strummers-	Sue Porter	s.e.porter@rogers.com



NON-PROBUS CLUB OF DURHAM WEST EXCURSIONS / EVENTS

WESTBEN AND WOODLAWN INN

“Crazy for Gershwin”

On **Thursday July 19th**, at 2:00 p.m., Westben is presenting Crazy for Gershwin. Some of the songs that will be performed are from Gershwin’s musicals *Crazy for You* and *Porgy & Bess* as well as *Summertime*, *I Got Rhythm*, *The Man I Love* and others. This year we have excellent seats quite close to the stage priced at **\$36.00**. The initial allotment of tickets has already been sold and a limited number of a second order will be available at the May meeting.

For those interested, a buffet dinner will follow at the Woodlawn Inn in Cobourg and the cost is **\$32.75**, which includes dessert, tea or coffee, taxes and gratuity. The **total cost is \$68.75 pp** for this day of wonderful music and great food. It is necessary for two separate cheques to be written for this event.

Travel to the venues will be on your own. Sign up will be at the **May** meeting and if necessary in June. Convenors are Karl Clarke, Jan Massey and Jean Jackson.



MESSAGE BOARD

AJAX LIBRARY

Bridge

Thursdays at the Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at 2:30pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.)
Next dates are May 10, May 24. This is social bridge so HAVE FUN.

Free Bridge Lessons

There will not be any lessons until September.

Euchre

Next games are on Friday, May, 11th and 25th at the Ajax Library Main Branch from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. BUT come a little earlier because it can fill up quickly.
May 25th is the last date for the spring season.

Cribbage is at the McLean's Recreation Centre.

Further information can be found at, www.ajax.ca/library

All of the above are free and everyone is welcome.

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Happy
Mother's
Day



Comments, articles and photographs from Social Events and Activity Groups would be appreciated.

Please send to: annbuffett@sympatico.ca

For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada go to www.probus.org/canada.htm