



PROBUS Club Of Durham West

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May 2019

PROBUS MONTHLY MEETING

May 9th 2019, 10 am

SPEAKER

Mr. Dave Patterson - "The 1492 Guy"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Randy Slein



MAY FLOWERS

If April showers do bring May flowers, we can expect a bumper crop of flowers this year. Easter long weekend has been dull and rainy with more rain forecast in the next week. However, I did manage to get my bicycle out, pumped up the tires, and did a few laps of the neighbourhood. I'm sure that like me you are glad to see your lawn turning from end of winter brown to green. Summer is coming!

In the last few pages of this newsletter we are providing information on multi-day tours offered by local travel companies. This is the first time we have done this and it is in response to the recent member survey indicating an interest in these tours.

Some local clubs are offering this type of trip via their social committee, others are not offering the trips themselves but are merely gathering information they think will be of interest and passing it on. We have chosen the gathering and publicizing method so these trips are not PROBUS events. Members will book directly with the tour company.

We hope this information will encourage members to travel together and more often, and satisfy the need shown by the survey. This is a first step, where we go from here will depend on feedback from you.

Take a look at what's publicized this month. If you have feedback or would like to become part of the team gathering information monthly, contact me at president@durhamwestprobus.org.



“INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER “

Our Speaker for May is Mr. Dave Patterson who is also known by the title of “The 1492 Guy” - if you remember your history, in 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue. Mr. Patterson’s presentation examines that period of North American history. Given the recent Canadian political excitement involving an indigenous cabinet minister who drew strength from her matriarchal heritage to speak “truth to power” Mr. Patterson’s presentation promises to shed some light on the cultures of indigenous peoples and those of European background.”

MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to our new PROBUS members

Mary Pat Coats, Joanne Freve, Lyn Griffin, Linda Fildes, Joan Lewers, Karen Dryden

Absent: Paul Wealleans, Joy Karney, Lyn MacKendrick, Graham Sideway,
Vanessa Chambers, Joyce Vibert, Annette Wall

Our membership is at the maximum of 340. We currently have 7 names on our waiting list. If you are not going to renew your membership to the PROBUS Club of Durham West please let us know so that we can shorten the waiting list. Thank you.

Remember to send any changes to your address, telephone number or e-mail to
Geoff Cutten at gcutten0809@rogers.com

NEW MEMBERS MEETING

Our New Members Coffee hour was held on April 25th at Pickering Village United Church. We had an excellent turn out of new members who were able to meet the Executive Committee and the leaders of the numerous activity groups. Coffee, Timbits and Vegetarian Samosas (thank you Janany) were provided. A mixer game added to the fun of the meeting.



SOCIAL REPORT

CAPITAL THEATRE - GUYS AND DOLLS

Tuesday May 21st

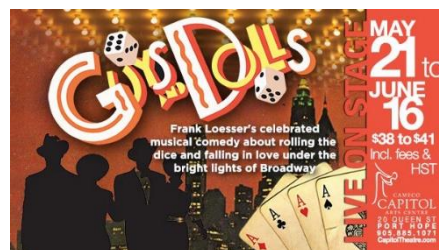
We will travel independently to Port Hope to see this classic musical comedy about rolling the dice and falling in love.

Performance starts at 2 pm

Tickets to be distributed at May meeting

If you are unable to attend and have ordered tickets please have someone pick them up or call Dale to arrange delivery.

Convenor Dale Thomas (905-723-6862)



OLD FASHIONED BBQ

Thursday June 20th

Cullen Gardens Covered Picnic Pavilion

Enjoy an afternoon of old-fashioned fun with games like Bingo and croquet. Bring your guitars and ukuleles and have a jam session and entertain the group.

Dig out your best recipes for **Best Dessert** contest.

All this will be followed by a catered BBQ and a chance to sample the wonderful cakes and cookies offered for judging in the bake-off. Bake-off spots will be limited to the first 5 entry's in the following categories -Cakes/cookies and squares /pies and tarts. So, sign up early. Time: 3:00 pm Dinner 5:30 pm
Cost: \$21.00

Signups for BBQ and entrance into bake contest at May and June meetings.

Note -- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed at this venue.

Convenors: Dale Thomas (905-7236862) and

Juanita Hogg-Devine (416-444-2257)



SS KEEWATIN TOUR with LUNCH IN MIDLAND

Monday July 8th

We will travel by coach for a guided tour of SS Keewatin with lunch on the Midland waterfront at The Boathouse Eatery (optional) There should be free time to explore downtown Midland for the 35 historical painted murals depicting significant times in Georgian bay history.

The bus will leave Walmart parking lot at 9 am

Tour will be from 11am to 12:30 pm. Lunch 1:00-3:00 pm

Cost \$54.00 (lunch cost not included)

Lunch: The Boathouse Eatery restaurant will allow individual bills so you may choose whatever meal and beverage you wish. An example of the menu items will be at the signup table.

Signup at the May and June meetings

***Due to overwhelming interest we have ordered a second bus and have a waiting list of 30 people. We need 20 more participants to have a second busload so if you are interested please signup as soon as possible. Convenor Marcia Everitt (416-724-6355)

WESTBEN and WOODLAWN INN

Thursday July 25th

Join Westben and a barnful of fabulous singers and musicians for a rollicking musical review of all your favourite ABBA hits from Mamma Mia to Here We Go Again!

Following there will be an optional dinner at the Woodland Inn in Cobourg.

The delicious buffet price includes tea, coffee, dessert, gratuities and taxes.

Westben -ABBA MIA price --\$40.10

Woodlawn Inn Buffet price-- \$32.75

You may sign up for one or both events at the May and June meeting.

Convenors Jean Jackson (905-420-6410) and Carl Clarke (905-668-2640)



WOODBINE RACES

Saturday August 17th

Enjoy an afternoon of dining and races in the Favourites Dining Room, opens 12 noon to 3pm

Post time is 1 pm

Independent travel to the venue.

Buffet meal and programme is included in cost.

Price. \$49:00 includes taxes and gratuities.

Signup at the May, June and July meetings.

Convenors Juanita Hogg Devine (416-444-2257)



NINE and DINE at ROYAL ASHBURN GOLF CLUB

Wednesday August 28th

PROBUS Annual Fun Golf Tournament!

You can register individually or as a foursome.

Arrive at 3:00 pm, shot gun start at 3:30 pm

Golf, Cart & Dinner - \$75.00

Ride & Dine - \$52.00

Dinner only - \$44.00

Convenor: Juanita Hogg-Devine, 416-444-2257

BLUE JAY GAME



Fifty-four PROBUS members and family/friends enjoyed a very exciting and winning game on April 13th, 2019 between the Toronto Blue Jays and Tampa Bay Rays. Although the game got off to a slow start, it took off at about the 6th inning and we were treated to an exciting game by both teams. Thanks to June Booth and Claire Speed 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

Some groups will not be meeting during the summer months so be sure you check with the leader for information.

Other groups will have more opportunities for participation starting about now. Your newsletter will have updated information on activities through the summer.

If you would like to join any of the following groups, please email me during the month of May:
Ukulele - 2nd dinner group - Book Club (for September)

Please consider joining as many groups as your time permits. They offer an opportunity to socialize while participating in an activity. Catherine Frost: c.frost@sympatico.ca

BOOK CLUBS

THE NOVEL READERS

We will meet on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 to discuss Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things*. In June, we will be planning our 2019-2020 schedule as well as discussing the novel *His Whole Life* by Elizabeth Hay. The Novel Readers will have an opening for one new member. For more information please contact Colleen Lea at 905-686-1629 or colleenlea@hotmail.com.

THE READERS CHOICE

Our selection for May is called "The Marrying of Chani Kaufman" by Eve Harris. The novel focuses on a group of characters from an orthodox Jewish community in north London

Contact: Debra Eckstein at debra@eckstein.com

WORDS WORTH READING BOOK CLUB

In May, the book club is reading "Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis" by J.D. Vance. It is about the Appalachian values of the author's Kentucky family and their relation to the social problems of his hometown of Middletown, Ohio where his mother's parents moved when they were young.

Contact: Jean Jackson at jeanej@rogers.com or 905-420-6410

BOARD GAMES

The board game group gets together on the second Monday of the month at VIVA in Pickering. Our next meeting will be on May 13 at 1:30. For more information please contact Sue Hinnecke at 905-839-5508 or s.hinnecke@rogers.com



BOWLING

Thursday May 23rd at 1:30 pm

Lunch - join us for our "Year End Lunch" at 11:45 am. at Boston Pizza (Salem & Kingston Rd.) Novices to experts are welcome! **We welcome new bowlers.** This is not a league.

Bowling is once a month usually on the fourth Thursday afternoon.

Location: Ajax Bowling Centre, 172 Harwood Ave. South.

Cost: \$10.00 includes 2 games & shoes (\$2.00 for shoes), \$8.00 if you have your own bowling shoes. Payment at the bowling alley.

Monthly sign-ups are by contacting Bonnie Cutten bcutten0809@rogers.com or 905-831-7489 for more information.

BREW CREW

Our first outing will be after the Probus meeting, May 9th. I'm still waiting for confirmations and will send that information out once I receive it. If anyone missed signing up, please call Patsy Leamon at 905 649-2033 in order to add your name to the list. Fun brew tasting to come.

CINAMA CLUB

Cinema Club will meet on the third Friday in May which is the 17th. Hope to see some of you there. Enjoy Spring and the Sun.

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

CREATE AND CHAT

If you wish to join the Create and Chat gals, please let me know.

Dorothy Green at captain.kirby@sympatico.ca

DINNER GROUP

Dinner in April was at MacKenzie Pub and we had a very enjoyable evening. This group is at its limit; however, Catherine Frost is hoping to set up a second group. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Frost: c.frost@sympatico.ca.

GENEOLGY

The Genealogy group will continue, at its May 14th meeting, the St. George's cemetery project started last year by Jim Hinnecke. Members of the group photographed and recorded all the inscriptions of the grave stones and will be submitting them to Find a Grave and to the church when completed.

As usual, we will have a video on a current family history topic followed by discussion and work on our own individual family tree project.

For more information: Judy Feeney jepf@rogers.com or 905-427-9543



GOLF

Spring has sprung and the golfers are excited. We play on Tuesday mornings at Hawthorne Valley. It is a non competitive league so any level of golfer can join up and have a good time. For more information e-mail marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca

MARATHON BRIDGE

Our Marathon Bridge wind up party is on Tuesday May 28th 2019 at noon at The Mandarin Restaurant on Highway 2 in Pickering.

NATURE LOVERS

Nature lovers picked up litter around the Ajax Community Centre on a cold and windy Saturday. A spring and fall nature scavenger hunt, a tour of a primate sanctuary, turtle conservation facility and a fall nature hike are planned for 2019.

Our monthly field trips are usually the third Thursday morning of the month (dependent on when an activity is available. Contact Geoff Cutten: gcutten0809@rogers.com or 905-831-7489.



NIBBLES AT NIGHT

We will meet on Friday, May 17th at the home of Patsy Leamon at 5:00 p.m. for their usual delightful evening of tasting and conversation. For further information about this interesting group contact: Dru Carter, carterdr34@gmail.com.

POLE WALKING

We meet every Monday at 10:00 am, rain or shine, at Rotary Park main parking lot off of Lake Driveway in Ajax.

On Fridays we meet at 10:00 am at the end of Lake Driveway and McClarnan Road in Ajax parking lot.

We walk for 60 minutes. Just show up

Eileen Nixon eileennixon8585@gmail.com or cell 905-409-3942

SNAPPED PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Snapped members had a great visit to Hamilton to see seven different waterfalls. Hamilton is known as the city of 100 waterfalls. We had a great time taking pictures of these magnificent cascading waterfalls. We ended our venture with dinner at Turtle Jacks in Waterdown.

Our May outing will be to downtown Toronto to photograph architecture and anything else Toronto presents. 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 Lorna Smith at: lsmith1@bell.net



WALKING on WEDNESDAYS

Now that spring is finally here, there are no doubt people who want to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Why not come walking with us? Each Wednesday at 10 am a group of us meet at different locations in the region to walk and socialize.

Are you worried that you won't be able to keep up? No worries, we are going to have a Slow Walker group that walks at their own pace as well as a Fast Walker group. And you can always start out fast and then hang back and complete the walk with the slower walkers if you like.

We generally walk on paved paths which have washroom access and we walk for 60 to 75 minutes. But you can always turn back sooner if that is too much for you. Some walks are designated as Split Walks, where we walk in one direction for a shorter time before returning to our start and walking in another direction for an additional shorter walk. These would be perfect for people who are new to walking and are not sure how they will cope. If you are interested in joining us on any of the walks, just send me your name and email address. Once a week I send out the location of the next walk. No pressure or need to commit. If you can make the walk, you just show up at the time and place indicated. If you can't make it, no worries, you just ignore the notice. No attendance taken!! But we do leave promptly at 10 so do not be late unless you like to walk alone!!! Hope to see you on the trails!

To be put on the email list, just send your name and email address to Bernice Pyke at billandbernicepyke@hotmail.com

Additional Activity Groups and Contact Information

If you would like more information about when and where these groups meet or what they are doing for fun and learning, please contact the leader or Catherine Frost at c.frost@sympatico.ca

<u>Breakfast Club</u>	-Linda Robins	Richard.robins@sympatico.ca
<u>Garden Club</u>	- Geoff Nie	geoff.nie@sympatico.ca
<u>Indoor Golf</u>	- Elizabeth Long	elizabeth.long97@yahoo.ca
<u>Ukulele Strummers</u>	- Sue Porter	s.e.porter@rogers.com

MESSAGE BOARD

AJAX LIBRARY

Social 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.) Social bridge will be held on Thursday **May 9, 16, 23 and 30**. This is social bridge so HAVE FUN. Social bridge will continue every Thursday through the summer.

Free Bridge Lessons

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.) Lessons will be held on Thursday **May 2 (New Minor Forcing - NMF)**. This completes the lessons for this year.

Euchre

The May Euchre will be held on the **10th and 24th** of May 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. Coffee and cookies are available for a small donation.

Cribbage is at the McLean's Recreation Centre at 2:30 till 4:30.
Further information can be found at www.ajax.ca/library

All of the above are free and everyone is welcome.

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NON PROBUS Club of Durham West Travel Information

The following multi-day tours are offered by the respective tour companies. This information is provided for your interest.

HNA TRAVEL www.hnatravels.com



1) **Quebec Garden Tour – July 14 to July 19, 2019**

Return motor coach, 5 nights accommodation, tours/admission to all attractions

Meals: 3 lunches and 3 dinners.

Featuring: Reford Gardens – home of the Himalayan Blue Poppy, Domaine Joly de Lotbiniere, Parc Marie Victorin, Jean D’arc Garden Quebec City, plus amazing private gardens. Cost: \$1299 double or \$1799 single, plus HST.

2) **Cape Cod & Boston – September 9 to 14, 2019**

Return motor coach transportation, 3 nights at the Riviera Beach Resort, 1 night in Springfield and 1 night in Providence R.I. Tour of the Breakers Mansion in Newport R.I., Cape Cod including Provincetown with local guide. Tour of Martha’s Vineyard including ferry ride and guided tour. Tour Boston and Cooperstown New York and the Baseball Hall of Fame. 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners. Taxes and baggage handling. Cost: \$1299 per person double.

3) **Nashville – November 17 – 23, 2019**

Roundtrip airfare Toronto to Memphis, 3 nights in Memphis including breakfast, 3 nights in Nashville including breakfast. City tours of Nashville and Memphis, tours of Sun Studio, Graceland, Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry and Ryman Auditorium. Transfers from airport to hotel, motor coach during tour, services of an HNA Travels Tour Director. Cost: \$2699 per person double.

Please contact Shirly at 905-619-8583 or shirliewanputten@rogers.com directly to book or for further information. Ensure you tell her you are from PROBUS Club of Durham West.

LAKESHORE TOURS & TRAVEL WWW.LAKESHORETOURS.CA

Newfoundland and Labrador July 31 to August 11, 2019 (12 days)

Lakeshore says this is the most comprehensive tour of the province available and it will provide an authentic experience for everyone. A local guide provides stories, humour, and history at every mile of the journey. The 12 day tour includes 11 nights accommodation, return airfare, 8 midday meals, breakfast daily, 3 dinners, baggage handling and much more. A valid Canadian passport is required for this tour. Cost: \$ 4795 double, single supplement \$800, triple reduction \$100. Taxes included.

Taste of Vermont and New Hampshire August 26 to August 30, 2019

Return motor coach transportation. Tour Vermont teddy bear company, Norman Rockwell museum, vineyard tour & tasting, train ride on 150-year-old Cog Railway train. Visit Ben & Jerry's original location. Cost \$1445 double, \$1395 triple, \$1895 single. Valid Canadian passport required.

Quebec City with Via rail – October 21 to 24, 2019

One of the most popular tours offered by Lakeshore riding the rails to Quebec City. Stay 3 nights within the walls of old Quebec at the Hotel Manoir Victoria. Included is breakfast daily, guided city tour, luggage handling and a farewell dinner.

Cost: \$995 double or \$1245.00 single, tax included.

For more information contact Jim Knight or Marilyn Glassford at Lakeshore Tours 905-623-1511. Ensure you tell them you are from PROBUS Club of Durham West.



DENURE TOURS www.denuretours.com

Tobermory and Manitoulin Island – 3 days September 3rd departure

Deluxe motor coach transportation, 2 nights accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners. Tour highlights include Bridal Veil Falls, Old Mill Heritage Centre, Church of Immaculate Conception, 10 Mile Point trading post, Assiginack Museum and church, plus Flower Pot Island cruise.

Cost: \$995 double or \$1195 single, taxes included.

Stratford and Shaw Festivals – 3 days, August 27th departure

Experience theatre in two of Canada's best venues.

Deluxe motor coach transportation, 1 night Stratford, 1 night Niagara-on-the-Lake. 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners.

Stratford Festival archives tour, Stratford Festival performance of Billy Elliott the musical. Shaw Festival performance of Brigadoon, St Jacobs and Fort George, vineyards tour, wine tasting & lunch.

Cost: \$1,495 double or \$1795 single



Vermont – 5 days – October 15th departure

Deluxe motor coach transportation, 4 nights accommodation at Stowe Vermont Golden Eagle resort, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, Tour Director services.

In October, Vermont's rolling hills are ablaze in oranges and reds. See quaint villages and historical attractions nestled in gorgeous scenery. Highlights include wine tasting and a maple syrup family business. Cost: \$1595 double or \$2095 single.

To register for these tours, contact De Nure Tours at 1-800-668-6895. Mention that you are from the PROBUS Club of Durham West.

Comments, articles and photographs from Social Events and Activity Groups would be appreciated. Please send to: annbuffett@sympatico.ca
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