



PROBUS Club Of Durham West

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March 2019

PROBUS MONTHLY MEETING

March 7th 2019, 10 am

SPEAKER

Eric Conroy and the story of the S.S.Keewatin.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **Randy Slemin**



The poet T.S. Eliot claimed that "April is the cruelest month." Having endured February, I think he was mistaken, February is the cruelest. Winter begins to drag in February, however, if you are an early riser you will notice the days getting longer and that it's not as dark in the morning as two months ago. Very cold temperatures plus lots of snow can be discouraging. The snowbanks at the edges of my driveway are so high it's hard to pile new snow any higher.

There is light at the end of this winter tunnel. The good news is that major league baseball pitchers and catchers have reported for spring training in Florida and Arizona. We now have tickets available for the Saturday April 13 Toronto Blue Jays home game against the Tampa Bay Rays. Game time is 3:07 p.m.

Get your tickets early as this is a very popular event and a good way to celebrate the end of winter.

If we are buying Blue Jays tickets, spring cannot be far away or get here too soon.

MARCH

“INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER “

Eric Conroy has achieved many things in his 50+ years career but his first job, and his current job, may be the most notable.

In 1963 and 1964 teenager Eric Conroy worked summers as a waiter aboard one of the last ships of the of the Canadian Pacific Great Lakes Fleet, the S.S. Keewatin, and found it to be the defining experience of his life. In July 2011 the newly retired Eric undertook the return of the century-old ship to her home port, which he completed in June 2012, and now acts as captain of the charity which operates her as an historical attraction.



MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to our new PROBUS members
Pat Bolger, Christine Maxwell Adams and Bernie Twyman,
Absent: Michael Adams, Paul Wealleans

We currently have 332 members and 8 vacancies.
The fee for membership as of March 1st is prorated at \$35.

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



PROBUS CLUB OF DURHAM WEST 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On February 14th, our club marked the 10th Anniversary with a special event at our monthly meeting. We marked the occasion with speeches, guests, a presentation, a slide show, and a look back. It is amazing how far our club has come in a decade. The event was followed by a delicious potluck lunch.

I want to thank all those that helped with the planning and support for this event.

Those charter members not on hand to pick up their certificates please contact me or see me at our March meeting. Jim Hinneke



CHARTER MEMBERS

Ernst Bucheler, Janet Bucheler, Norm Campbell, Terence Fleming, Carrie Green, Frank Green, Betty Hennings, Allan Marshall, Valerie Marshall, Joan Osborne, Glenda Varty, Bernie Rosebush, Tom Rosebush



Jim Hinneke



**Bob Boone,
Pres. PROBUS Canada**



**Randy Slein &
Brenda Andrews,
District 2 Chair**



**Shaun Collier,
Mayor of Ajax**



**President Randy Slein
cutting the celebration cake**



10th ANNIVERSARY POT LUCK LUNCH



SOCIAL REPORT

RIPLEYS AQUARIUM WITH BUS Thursday March 21st 2019

Time: 8:30 am. The bus will pick us up at the Walmart parking lot (east of Salem + Hwy2)

Return: About 3 pm

Cost: \$44.00 per person

Lunch is not included in the price. Lunch will be on your own. We will provide suggestions on possible restaurants on the bus.

Signups in March

Convenors are Lorna Smith (905-837-0875) and Dale Thomas (905-723-6862)



BLUE JAYS GAME Saturday, April 13th

Fifty tickets have been reserved for the Saturday, April 13th game at 3:07 pm between Toronto Blue Jays and Tampa Bay Rays. The cost is \$46.00 for the game only.

Sign up will take place at March meeting. Tickets will be available for pick up at the April 11th meeting. If you are unable to attend the April meeting please arrange for someone to pick it up on your behalf. Due to timing of the game, lunch or dinner will be on your own.

Convenors: June Booth (905-686-1477) and Claire Speed (905-428-6356)

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.

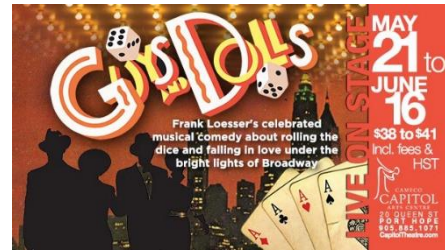
Performance starts at 2pm

Cost \$35.00

Signups are in March and April

Tickets to be distributed at May meeting

Convenor Dale Thomas (905-723-6862)



Socials to come!

June- Toronto tour (possible bus tour with Mike Filey)

July- SS Keewatin with St Marie Among the Hurons or Orillia boat cruise

July 25- Westben and Woodlawn Inn (music-ABBA-Mia)

August - Picnic / BBQ AND Nine and Dine

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 Convenor 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.

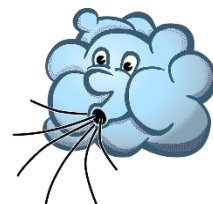
Please be aware that many people are very allergic to scents, so please DO NOT wear perfume or aftershave to gatherings.



ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Please read the list of activities that are taking place now and consider joining one or more group. You can contact the leader directly if you are interested in joining a group.

We are still needing 2 or 3 more members to participate in a “**Ukulele**” group. Yea, Spring is coming and outdoor golf will be starting so please let Marcia know if you are going to golf this Spring. marciaeveritt@yahoo.com
We are always open to new ideas for group participation so please see me at the meeting or email me with ideas you would like to pursue.
Catherine Frost c.frost@sympatico.ca



BOOK CLUBS

THE NOVEL READERS

The Novel Readers will be discussing *The German Girl* by Armando Lucas Correa when we meet at 1:00 p.m. on March 6, 2019. Looking ahead to April, our selection will be *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. The Novel Readers usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month. For more information, please contact Colleen Lea at 905-686-1629 or colleenlea@hotmail.com

THE READERS CHOICE

No Meeting scheduled for March.
Contact: Debra Eckstein at debra@eckstein.com

WORDS WORTH READING BOOK CLUB

The book club is reading *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. It is a novel about a former POW who after coming home from the war in Vietnam and losing another job decides to move his family to Alaska. It is a daring, beautiful story about love and loss, the fight for survival and the wildness that lives in man and nature.
Contact: Jean Jackson at jeanej@rogers.com or 905-420-6410.

BOARD GAMES

The board game group meets the second Monday of every month at VIVA retirement in Pickering. Our next meeting will be on March 11 at 1:30. Bring along your favourite board game. For more information contact Sue Hinnecke at 905-839-5508 or s.hinnecke@rogers.com

BOWLING

Thursday, March 28th at 1:30 pm.

Join us for Fun and Friendship!

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.



BREAKFAST CLUB

First Tuesday of the month, the breakfast club meets at a local restaurant for light conversations and laughs over a delicious breakfast and coffee.

March 5th, we will meet at Cora's 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering.

Contact: Bev Kemp Email: bevite19@gmail.com

April 2nd, we will meet at Cocco Fruitti, 1 Warren Ave, Oshawa.

Contact: Catherine Frost Email: c.frost@sympatico.ca

Please contact the contact individual by **March 1** to ensure you are included in the reservation.

CINAMA CLUB

Hurrah Spring will be here in less than a month. The next Movie Day is

Friday, March 15th hope to see you there.

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



GARDEN CLUB

Fifteen (15) members met on February 4th to discuss our plans for the coming gardening season. We hope to arrange a visit to a local gardening centre in March to attend a spring gardening seminar. Contact: Geoff Nie at: geoff.nie@sympatico.ca

NATURE LOVERS

There are no planned outings for March. An April community park or roadside trash pickup, a spring and fall nature scavenger hunt, 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 so it will not be in conflict with PROBUS social committee outings).

Contact Geoff Cutten: gcutten0809@rogers.com or 905-831-7489.

NIBBLES AT NIGHT

The Nibbles meeting will be held at the home of Elizabeth Ryan on **Friday, March 15th** at 5:00 p.m. For information about our group contact Dru Carter at carterdru34@gmail.com.

SNAPPED PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Our outing for February took nine members to the ROM to view the works of Wildlife photographers from around the world. All 100 amazing photos were displayed using back lighting.

March will be a tour of the Ontario Regiment Museum in Oshawa and time to take close up photos of military tanks etc.

April's trip will take us on an all-day trip to Hamilton to see several of the many waterfalls in the area. The waterfalls should be very active with all the snow and rain we have had this past month.

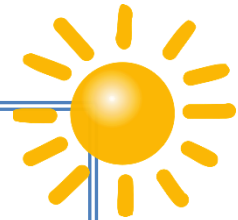
Sound exciting, contact Lorna Smith at lsmith1@bell.net to learn more. We are an amateur photography club where all types of cameras, mobile phones and levels of photography are welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month.



WALKING on WEDNESDAYS

Winter Walks

Join us as we brave the elements to walk the paths in the area. Although we generally walk outside, in icy weather we move to the mall for inside walks as we are hardy, not crazy! Each Wednesday at 10am we meet at a different location and chat while we walk. Come join us as we "collect our steps". Walks generally are on paved and salted trails which have heated washroom facilities. Locations are sent out once a week. If you would like to be on the email list, send me your name and email address. No need to commit to any walks. You just show up when you are available, so no pressure!! Hope to see you on the trails!
Contact Bernice Pyke billandbernicepyke@hotmail.com



Additional Activity Groups and Contact Information

Breweries	- Patsy Leamon	palpa@sympatico.ca
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Genealogy	- Judy Feeney	jepf@rogers.com
Golf	- Marcia Everitt	marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca
Indoor Golf	- Elizabeth Long	elizabeth.long97@yahoo.ca
Marathon Bridge	- Julie Trebilcock	julietrebilcock@rogers.com
Pole Walking	- Eileen Nixon	eileennixon8585@gmail.com
Ukulele Strummers	- Sue Porter	s.e.porter@rogers.com

MESSAGE BOARD

AJAX LIBRARY

Bridge

Thursdays at the Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at ~2:15pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.) Social bridge will be held on Thursday **March 7, 14, 28**.
This is social bridge so HAVE FUN.

Free Bridge Lessons

Thursdays at the Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at 2:15 pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.) Bridge lessons will be held on **Thursday March 21st**.

Euchre

Our next games are on Friday **March 1st, 15th and 29th** 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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