



PROBUS Club Of Durham West

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July 2019

PROBUS MONTHLY MEETING

July 11th 2019, 10 am

SPEAKER

Tom Rosebush – “DNA and me”



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Randy Slein



The following definition appeared recently in the PROBUS Club of Uxbridge's newsletter known as Uxformation. I tried to determine its origin on Google but cannot find where it came from. Therefore, with thanks to Uxformation and The PROBUS Club of Uxbridge here is a definition you may find it easy to relate to. I hope you enjoy it.

SEENAGER

I just discovered my age group! I am a SEENAGER (Senior Teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared? And I don't have acne. Life is good.

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a SEENAGER. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. SO THERE.

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So please forward this to your friends, they may be my friends too.





EXECUTIVE POSITIONS **for next year**



We are still looking for a Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Activities Leader, and Social Committee Leader(S).

Would you consider volunteering for one of the upcoming management committee positions starting September 1st?

Not sure what the job entails and want to know more about it? Job descriptions are available by sending an e-mail to president@durhamwestprobus.org or check the club website www.durhamwestprobus.org or at the Membership table. Lots of training is available as the person you are replacing is still a club member and will help you settle into your new role.

The club relies on volunteers to run its day to day events, please don't wait to be asked. If you are interested speak to any member of the management committee and they will answer any questions you may have.

“INTRODUCING THE SPEAKER “

Tom Rosebush is a retiree who at the age of 80 decided that it was time to come to grips of just who he was. Born in 1938 in Sudbury, Ontario, adopted at the age of two and a half years into a caring and loving family from the River Valley area near Stirling, lived about as normal a life as most of us. Married, raised two daughters, saw them married and became Grandparent to two boys and one girl. But all along there remained one question, “Just who was he really”. Tom’s presentation of “DNA and me” answers that question.”



MEMBERSHIP



AUGUST 1st IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IS \$30.00 - PAYABLE BY CHEQUE ONLY

We will be accepting renewal cheques at the July 11th, August 8th and September 12th meetings. Members who do not provide a renewal cheque by September 30th will forfeit their membership and will need to reapply for new membership and may be placed on a waiting list. **Please make your cheque payable to the PROBUS Club of Durham West.**

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



SOCIAL REPORT



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.

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 sign up table.

Due to overwhelming interest there will be two buses going.

Bus 1 will do the Keewatin tour and then to lunch.

Bus 2 will proceed to lunch and then to the tour.

Buses will leave Walmart parking lot at 9 am sharp. Please arrive by 8.45 am

Convenor: Marcia Everitt (416-724-6355)

WESTBEN and WOODLAWN INN

Thursday July 25th

This event is sold out.

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

Tickets will be distributed at the July meeting. If unable to attend please have someone pick them up for you.

WOODBINE RACES

Saturday August 17th

Enjoy an afternoon of dining and races In the **Favourites Dining Room** (2nd floor)

Opens at 12 noon till 3pm Post time **1 pm**

Independent travel to venue.

Buffet meal and programme included in the cost.

Price. **\$49.00 –** taxes and gratuities included

Signup at **July and August meetings.**

Convenors Juanita Hogg Devine (416-444-2257)

NINE and DINE at ROYAL ASHBURN GOLF CLUB

Wednesday August 28th

PROBUS Annual Fun Golf Tournament

Register individually or as a foursome if possible.

Arrive at 3 pm Shot gun start at 3.30

Golf cart and dinner **\$75.00**

Ride and Dine **\$52.00**

Dine only **\$44.00**

Signup at **July and August meetings.**

Dinner choices: Roast beef or Vegetarian (stuffed Peppers)

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

HERONGATE DINNER THEATRE

Sunday September 8th

The play is **Wrong Window** – A tribute to the Master of Suspense Alfred Hitchcock -A comedy whodunit with lots of door slamming, body snatching and a frantic flashlight chase scene.

Self drive or car pool

Price of the show and buffet is **\$66.00**

Arrive at 12 noon for lunch and show starting at 2 pm.

Signup at July and August meetings

Tickets to be distributed at door

Convenor Marianne Rohde 416-491-1406)

Coming Up - October 24th - St Jacobs by bus. November - TBA
December 12 - Annual Christmas lunch at Deer Creek

OLD FASHIONED BBQ **Cullen Gardens Covered Picnic Pavilion**

Despite the uncooperative weather we enjoyed an afternoon of old-fashioned fun with games, songs by the Ukulele group and great companionship.

The Catered BBQ was delicious as usual.

Everyone had a chance to sample the wonderful baked goods offered for judging in the bake contest. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who Participated in this event.

Thanks to Dale Thomas and Juanita Hogg-Devine.



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.

Remember to bring your coffee mug.



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 check with the leader of your group as to whether or not you are meeting this month.



We are prepared to start a 2nd Breakfast group if enough members are interested. We would also like to start a 2nd group for those interested in playing the Ukulele

Please contact Catherine, c.frost@sympatico.ca if interested. Any ideas for new activities, please contact me and I will announce it at the meeting. Have a great summer, everyone.

BOOK CLUBS

THE NOVEL READERS

The Novel Readers Book Club will not meet during July and August. We will reconvene in September when we will be discussing *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. Our club currently has an opening for one new member. We usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

For more information please contact colleenlea@Hotmail.com or 905-686-1629.

READERS CHOICE

The last meeting for the Readers Choice Book club will be in July. The book for July is "A Street Cat Named Bob" by James Bowen, an uplifting true story of an unlikely friendship between a man on the streets and a ginger cat who adopts him. Happy Reading to all, Debra.

WORDS WORTH READING BOOK CLUB

We all enjoyed our end of the year pot luck luncheon in June and look forward to getting together in September to begin a new calendar year of discussions related to a wide variety of books.

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

BOARD GAMES

The Board Game group is taking a break for the summer. We will resume on September 10th. If you would like more information please contact Sue Hinnecke at 905-839-5508 or s.hinnecke@rogers.com

BOWLING

We are going to give those bowling pins a rest for the summer. Bowling will resume on Thursday, September 26th. Thanks to all of our members who made this year such a success!!

CINEMA CLUB

May everyone have a safe Summer. See you in September. Contact: Joanne Bullen at jvarty@hotmail.com or 905-686-1945

CREATE AND CHAT

Create and Chat is on hiatus until September 16, 2019. Meetings will be held in the Arts Studio at Westney Gardens beginning in September! If you are interested in joining us, sign up will be at the September meeting. Have a great summer. Contact: Dorothy Green at captain.kirby@sympatico.ca

DINNER GROUP

The Original Dinner Club will not meet in July but will meet in August per the schedule. Contact: Bruce Green at meandchester@bell.net



GENEALOGY

The Genealogy group is taking a summer break. There will not be any meeting for the months of July and August. A notice will go out towards the end of the summer for the September meeting at the library. For further information please contact Judy Feeney jepf@rogers.com

GARDEN CLUB

On May 24th, twelve members of the Club attended our annual visit to John's Garden in Uxbridge to stock-up on our garden supplies for the coming planting season. On June 3rd we were off to Warkworth to see the Lilacs along the Lilac Trail and to visit the shops in the town of Warkworth. This is a treat well worth the trip. In July we will be visiting Jill Snape's Garden.

GOLF

PROBUS golf is on Tuesday mornings at Hawthorne Valley. It is non-competitive so any level of golfer can join and have a good time. You don't need a foursome; individuals will be assigned a group. For more information e-mail marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca



**We are all happy that
Golf Season is finally here!!**



MARATHON BRIDGE

A reminder to all Bridge Players that sign up for our new Bridge year will be at our August meeting. Do come with your \$20. See you at our registration table in August.

Contact: Julie Trebilcock at julietrebilcock@rogers.com

NATURE LOVERS

A spring Nature Scavenger Hunt at Heber Downs CA was a success as Mother Nature gave us a rain-free day. Our top winner was the "Lady Bugs" (Dave Mackay, Rona Siklos, Jack Campbell, Paula MacDonald) who each won a \$25 gift certificate to the Urban Nature Store by finding and photographing over half of the scavenger hunt items.

In July we will tour a Primate Sanctuary, in August we tour a Turtle Conservation Facility and Bee farm, in September we hold another Nature Scavenger Hunt and an October 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.) Come and join us in loving nature!

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

The winners of the Nature Lovers Spring Scavenger Hunt on May 30th, 2019 was held at Heber Downs Conservation Area.

1st Prize - a gift certificate for \$25 to each of the four LADYBUGS, Dave Mackay, Rona Siklos, Jack Campbell and Paula MacDonald.



2nd Prize - a guide book of various plants and animals to each of the four NATURE TRACKERS, Ann Buffett, Ken Buffett, Bonnie Cutten and Gail Aziz.

3rd Prize - awarded to the MAY THE FOREST BE WITH US, Jean Jackson, Sharon Jackson, Maddie Fitzpatrick and Garry Fitzpatrick.



4th Prize - awarded to THE WHOOOTERS, Eileen Nixon, Silvi Karhunen, Lynn Griffin and Jennifer Vanderkuur.



A Spring Picnic after the hunt!
Thanks to Geoff Cutten for a great day!!

SNAPPED PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The June Snapped outing took 10 members to the old Cullen Gardens (now Cullen Central Park in Whitby) to take photos of an old covered bridge, the Wounded Warriors Memorial plus flora and fauna. Everyone then enjoyed a delicious BBQ at a Snapped members home. A good time was had by all.



The next outing will be on Wednesday July 17th to Laveanne Lavender fields and Docville. The Lavender fields will be at their peak and we are looking forward to some great photography opportunities.

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

Join us each Wednesday morning as we walk various trails in the region. We walk for just over an hour along mostly paved paths with washroom access. No need to commit to walking regularly. Just show up whenever you feel like walking. After you sign up, you will receive an email each weekend with the location and time for the next week's walk. (We do start earlier on hot days in the summer.) Send me your name and email address if you would like to be on our mailing list. Hope to see you on the trails. We can accommodate slower and quicker walkers, by the way.

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>Brew Crew</u>	- Patsy Leamon	palpa@sympatico.ca
<u>Dinner-Is-Served Club</u>	- Fran Griffin	frangriffinhome@gmail.com
<u>Indoor Golf</u>	- Elizabeth Long	elizabeth.long97@yahoo.ca
<u>Nibbles At Night</u>	- Dru Carter	carterdr34@gmail.com
<u>Pole Walking</u>	- Eileen Nixon	eileennixon8585@gmail.com
<u>Ukulele Strummers</u>	- Sue Porter	s.e.porter@rogers.com

MESSAGE BOARD

AJAX LIBRARY

Social Bridge

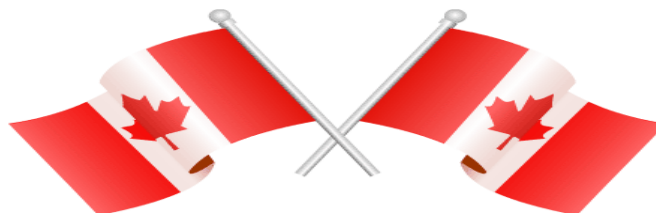
Thursdays at the Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at 2:30pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.) This is social bridge so HAVE FUN.
Social bridge will continue every Thursday through the summer.

Free Bridge Lessons, Euchre and Cribbage will resume in September.

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JULY 1st



Canada Day

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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

Long Weekend In New York City - Thur. August 29 to Monday September 2nd.

Three (3) nights at the New York Hilton with a 48-hour Hop-on/Hop-off New York City tour including boat tour.

Welcome dinner on day 1

Free time to explore YOUR New York City – shopping/theatre/attractions/ museums.

Services of an HNA travel Tour Director

COST: \$1199 CDN per person double occupancy, \$1749 single.

Non refundable \$250 deposit due on booking.

Please contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com directly to book or for further information.

Ensure you tell her you are from PROBUS Club of Durham West

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.



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.

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.