



PROBUS Club of Whitby Brooklin

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please consult your
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Greetings Everyone

Change is coming. Some members of our club have now received the first dose of the vaccine for COVID19. I will hopefully be getting mine soon. It won't be too long before our whole club can receive the vaccine.

Our Management Team will be changing in a few months as some of our team are in the last year of their term. We are looking for volunteers for six positions to step up and help lead the club. It has been an unusual experience running the club during the pandemic. The new team, who would start in September, will likely enjoy a more typical situation. Consider signing up; it is a rewarding experience. The nominations process is explained in this newsletter.

Another change we are making is dropping the breakout rooms portion from the monthly general meetings on Zoom. Instead, we are offering separate chat nights on Zoom for those who enjoy the informal conversation time. Watch the Social Events section for upcoming dates. Please join us!

This month is PROBUS month and your last chance to enter our limerick contest to celebrate PROBUS. Check our website which has a link to PROBUS Canada and the history behind PROBUS month. It might inspire you to wax poetic!

“There is nothing permanent except change.”

Heraclitus, Ancient Greek philosopher (535 B.C. – 475 B.C.)

Karen Lambert

President

“Get connected. Stay connected.”

Request for 2021 Management Committee Nominations

In March of each year the Management Committee reviews its needs for new committee members for the coming year(s) to ensure continuity of club operations.

Committee membership changes for reasons of term limits being reached or personal reasons. Other changes occur within the Committee as members assume different roles. (Vice President to President etc.)

We have been fortunate over the eight years of the club's existence to have a strong and vibrant committee with healthy turnover.

Nominees can look forward to playing two key roles in any position: one of being responsible for a specific aspect of club activities (interest groups, social events, treasurer etc.) and the other of contributing to overall club operational decisions and policies.

A Nominations Committee has been established to oversee the process consisting of the Past President (Patricia Caple) the President (Karen Lambert) and per PROBUS requirements, a member in "good standing", Steve Bedley. Karen Lambert has volunteered to act as the Nominations Chair.

If interested, you need to send an email to the Nominations Committee expressing interest in a specific position. You also need to have another member of the club send an email nominating you for the position.

A member of the Nominations Committee will follow up with you to discuss the position and process in more detail and answer any questions that you may have.

The "cut off" date for nominations is June 30th 2021

We are seeking nominations for the positions of:

- Vice-President (currently Jackie Brooks. NOTE: VP continues automatically to President)
- Social Co-Chair (currently Jackie Brooks)
- Club Secretary (currently Sherry Weese)
- Interest Groups Chair (currently Pat Sturch)
- Speaker Chair (currently Wendy Marshall, appointed for one year so now must be nominated to continue)
- Webmaster (currently Mark DeSousa, appointed for one year so now must be nominated to continue)

Job descriptions are available on the Club web site. Terms for each position are up to three years and start on September 1, 2021.

Please feel free to contact any of the current Management Chairs listed above, should you want more information about what their position involves.

We look forward to your response and interest in continuing to maintain a great club.

President and Nominations Chair,

Karen Lambert

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER

Chair – Wendy Marshall

We will be having Frank Ferragine (a.k.a. “Frankie Flowers”) for our speaker on April 28th. Frankie is the morning weatherman on the popular morning show “Breakfast Television” as well as making appearances on “Cityline”. His family owns Bradford Greenhouses and is director of the Canada Blooms Flower Show. Frankie will be talking to us about preparing our garden for the season



SOCIAL EVENTS

Co-Chairs – Frances Slat & Jackie Brooks

Mark your calendar for a night of chit chat. The date is Tues. April 20 at 7pm. All the really good-looking people will be there! There will be a host in each breakout room so the shy and the bold will have equal opportunities to talk. And we will supply you with ice breakers to get the ball rolling. It is a great way to meet friends and make new friends too.

March’s Game Night was a great success. Good questions and even better contestants. The team “The 3 Amigos” won a \$10 Tim’s card each. Congratulations to Rob and Bonnie Langille, Linda Willis, and Joyce Marsh. Next Game Night will be in May.



MEMBERSHIP

Chair – Claire deSousa

We are officially in spring and the weather has been wonderful. Hopefully everyone is taking full advantage and getting outside.

We’d like to send out a gentle reminder that the sole purpose of the General E-Mail is to send you the blasts. It is not for communication amongst members. That is what your Membership List is for. Therefore, if you want to compliment John on the Newsletter, contact him directly. If you need to make any changes to your information, contact me directly. ETC, ETC..... E-mails sent to the General box or responses to the blasts will not be answered.

And please, contact me as soon as you make any changes, so that you don’t miss out on any club news or meeting invites.

Our club would like to acknowledge the passing of Doug Lawson, a member since October 2013. Sincere condolences are extended to his wife Sandra, also a member and to the rest of their family and friends. If you wish to send your condolences, please do so DIRECTLY to the family.

NEWSLETTER



Chair – John Hand

Hi Everyone, **WELCOME TO SPRING** and welcome to our April Newsletter.

I hope you enjoy this condensed version of the Newsletter; due to unforeseen circumstances you will notice that there are a few of the usual features missing. These will return next month. I hope you enjoy the articles that have been submitted and please don't forget to get involved with the club by sending in your name for one of the positions noted above.



Group leaders Please Remember.....

Deadline for submissions to newsletter 5TH of each & every month



WEBMASTER

Mark deSousa

WEBMASTERS SECTION



Send me new pictures and content for your Website.

www.whitbybrooklinprobus.com

Your Website is updated every week. See NEW photos posted

- Non-members contact the club through the **CONTACT US** page.
- Contact me for help with Zoom 2 days before the general meeting.
- Always check your JUNK folder for email inbox defectors.

If you need to reach me I'm at webguy4pwb@gmail.com

Click on the new link on the home page of the website.

Find out all about PROBUS MONTH.

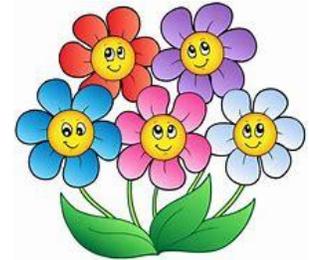
Also find out about our clubs Limerick contest

INTEREST GROUPS

Chair – Pat Sturch

Some of the interest groups are successfully using our club's Zoom account for their meetings.

It's easy and you don't get bumped off after 40 minutes. If you want a meeting set up for your group, please send me, Pat Sturch, an email.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Leader – Jackie Brooks

Mystery Reading Group is discussing *I Know You Know* by Gilly MacMillan. Ann Pettit is leading the group.



PROBUS PEDAL POWER (CYCLING) GROUP

Leader – John Patté

As I write this, we are enjoying some warm and sunny Spring weather, and some of us have already been out on our bicycles to welcome cycling season! Realistically, we may be premature – I'm sure Mother Nature has some unpleasant weather awaiting us yet. But, by the time you receive this newsletter, I'm hoping we will be able to get out on the bike paths notwithstanding some cooler days.

So, get out your bike, and check your tires, gears and brakes. Take a quick trip around your neighbourhood to make sure everything is functioning properly. And join us on our Tuesday morning ride!

Please contact me if you would like your name added to my email list. You won't hear about our rides unless you are on the list! There is no limit on numbers, nor any obligation to come out every week.



DISCUSSION GROUP

Leader – Margaret Hogan

The Discussion Group has been meeting every second Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon on Zoom. We have had very interesting discussions. We would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We have been learning from each other on a variety of topics. Our next meetings in April are the 13th and 27th, topics are Ireland and Indigenous Issues respectively. If you would like to join us please contact Margaret Hogan to receive the Zoom link.



OUTDOOR GOLF

Leader – Jack Caden



It appears that we will be able to begin to play golf once again in the near future. When the golf courses open for the season (which I hope is sooner rather than later), I will start our weekly golf activity. The format will be that in conjunction with the Whitby and Oshawa PROBUS clubs in the area, I will arrange a morning of golf at a variety of golf local courses. This is a social golf activity for members of all levels of ability with no score keeping. We will play 9 holes a golf within the local community on either a Tuesday or Wednesday morning starting around 9.00 – 9:30. Most courses are walkable but there may be some power carts for those who require one. All communication will be done via email. If you would like to participate in this activity, please forward your email to me, Jack Caden in order to receive any future notifications. Looking forward to an enjoyable season of golf.

One final thought:

Q: Why is the game called “golf”?

A: Because all the other 4-letter words were already taken.

TASTE THE WORLD

Leader – Jackie Brooks & Pat Sturch

Denmark has more than Danish pastries and we are going to find out this month! Our gourmants are going to Denmark to sample their amazing foods. They eat more than herring and that is good news for some of us. Red Berry Pudding with Cream, Danish Apple Pork, and even a Danish Hotdog. Leakier!!



TRAVEL BUDDIES

Leader – Deborah Corbett

This month our plans for getting together in a local park for an in-person three-dimensional get-together have been dashed with the 5-person limit on outdoor gatherings. So, once again we'll be zooming this month with a two-dimensional get-together. We eagerly await a chance to get together for real next month. Still not traveling; still dreaming.

GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

Leader – Karen Martin

Welcome to April

We're now on the good side of Winter. That's certainly something to cheer about - the days are longer and warmer. We've emerged from our hibernation. HALLELUJAH!!!!

Perhaps you're browsing through seed catalogues and dreaming of masses of colour in your garden or on your balcony.

Perhaps you've even planted a few seeds indoors to give them a head start.

Perhaps you're dreaming of a new tree.

Won't be long before buds and sprouts can be seen - and won't that be wonderful.

And surely we'll be able to share a glass of cheer and conversation with friends, once again – of course keeping all the necessary health precautions in mind.

So, if you're looking for something to enjoy while you 'garden dream' you might enjoy 'The Dreaming Tree' - comes in garden colours – red, white and rose (rosé) at your favourite refreshment store.

Cheers

Grape Expectations

LIMERICK CONTEST



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**LAST CHANCE
ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY
April 21st**

Last chance to get your thinking hats on. March and April are “CELEBRATE PROBUS” months and we would like you to compose a Limerick about what you like about PROBUS. Send your Limerick in to me, John Hand. (my Email can be found in the usual place, on the Membership List.)



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A FEW QUICKIES.....

I asked my wife if I was the only one she had ever slept with. She said yes, all the others were nines and tens. Give it a minute....

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

A cold seat in a public restroom is unpleasant. A warm seat in a public restroom is worse.

Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation "Maybe next time," isn't the correct response.

Don't irritate old people. The older we get, the less "Life in prison" is a deterrent.

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

It turns out that being an adult now is mostly just Googling how to do stuff.

I miss the 90's when bread was still good for you and no one knew what kale was.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think "That can't be accurate?"

As I watch this new generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of...it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

Confuse your doctor by putting on rubber gloves at the same time he does.

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make food right in front of you. I took her to Subway.

I picked up a hitchhiker. He asked if I wasn't afraid, he might be a serial killer? I told him the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely.

I went line dancing last night. OK, it was a roadside sobriety test... same thing.

**Zoom Meeting
with video:**



**Zoom Meeting
audio only:**