

PROBUS CLUB OF WHITBY/BROOKLIN

General Membership Meeting #85

November 24, 2021

Zoom Meeting

President: Jackie Brooks

Secretary: Evelyn Wilson

Count: 66

Call to Order: President, Jackie Brooks, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Meeting co-host: Mark DeSousa (assisting with Zoom)

Meeting Introduction:

- Jackie Brooks welcomed everyone to the meeting, which is the last one for this year. The next meeting will be on January 26, 2022.

Interest Group Report: Pat Sturch, Chair, shared the following:

- Members of the Whitby/Brooklin Probus downhill skiing and snowshoeing group have been invited to join the Durham Probus Club's group.
- They meet from mid-December to mid-March at Brimacombe, which is a 30-minute drive from Oshawa and was formerly know as the Oshawa Ski Club.
- Members who wish to join the Durham group are asked to call or email Pat.
- Pat encouraged people to contact her if they have ideas for new groups. There has been some interest shown in having a Women's Indoor Golf Group, but a leader is needed. Pat would assist the leader in setting it up.
- Some of the group leaders are sending emails to their members about making reservations for events. Pat reminded members to respond to these emails in a timely fashion.
- Several of the interest groups are looking for more members, and these are listed below. Anyone interested in joining the following groups should contact the group leader directly.
 - Discussion Group – led by Margaret Hogan – currently has 12 members.
 - Travel Buddies – led by Deborah Corbett – the group will start to meet bi-monthly in the new year.
 - Gardening Group – led by Sylvia Gladman – will be arranging outings for next year. Members are encouraged to join now because tickets for the garden shows go on sale in the early Spring.
 - Genealogy Group – led by Barbara Garrow – is currently holding meetings on Zoom.
 - Zoom Wine Tasting Group – led by Nancy Prout – has its next meeting on December 2nd and are looking for new members.
 - Men's Indoor Golf Group – led by Steve Bedley and meeting on Tuesdays.
 - Men's Dominoes Group – led by Mark DeSousa – needs groups of 4 to make up teams.

Social Events: Susan Bruce, Social Events Co-chair presented the following:

- There will be another Murder Mystery on Zoom on December 14th. Participants enrol in advance by email at murder.mystry.2021@gmail.com
- On December 1st, the Fourth Line Theatre is featuring “Christmas Comes To Mind”. Tickets are sold out, but Sherry Weese has one that she would like to sell. If interested, please contact Sherry directly.
- The Christmas Lunch on December 7th is sold out and there is a waiting list for tickets.
- There will be another Trivia Night via Zoom on December 9th. Please check the newsletter for details on how to register.

Introduction of Speaker: Wendy Marshall, Speaker Chair introduced today’s Speaker:

Daniel Aonso spoke about the song “White Christmas”, written by Irving Berlin. This is the most covered Christmas song of all time, and Daniel played some of the cover versions by artists such as Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, the Drifters, Michael Buble, and others. Rosemary Clooney had her own version of the song. It was first presented in the movie “Holiday Inn” in 1942, sung by Bing Crosby and later in the movie “White Christmas”. The song is popular even with people who do not celebrate Christmas. The presentation was well received and brought a Christmas mood to the meeting.

Next month’s speaker: Wendy provided the following:

No meeting in December, so the next meeting is January 26, 2022.

The speaker will be Dolf DeJong, CEO of the Toronto Zoo. Dolf will speak about the future plans for the zoo, and the effect that the Covid pandemic has had on the animals.

Adjournment: 11:08

Next meeting: January 26, 2022