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Greetings Everyone

Our club has newly approved bylaws, effective January 22, 2020. The bylaws had not been amended since 2015.

Bylaws are critical in giving direction to members and officers of the club. Organizations have long lifespans while officers have short terms, so bylaws ensure continuity and consistency in club operations. The Management Team compiled our decisions from several years of meeting minutes into this one key document. This gives everyone, members and officers alike, easy access to the club's rules of operation. It also explains why we have gone from two pages to nine pages of bylaws!

To find out how officers are elected, the types and duties of officers, member's rights and responsibilities, how bylaw amendments are approved, etc., please check out our website www.whitbybrooklinprobus.com under Management tab and then look for the Bylaws file.

My thanks go to everyone who worked on this important document over the last several months, especially Russ Caple, former Past President, who spear-headed the effort.

“It is easier for a man to be loyal to his club than his planet; the bylaws are shorter, and he is personally acquainted with the other members”

E.B. White, American writer, 1899-1985 (Author of Charlotte's Web and Stuart Little)

Karen Lambert

President

“Get connected. Stay connected.”

ALERT: the March 25 general membership meeting is CANCELLED due to concerns arising from the COVID19 virus.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Leaders - Jackie Brooks and Fran Slat

Trivia Tournament Tuesday April 7th at 7:00 p.m. The Brooklin Pub. Cost is \$4. and cash is accepted. Sign up at the March meeting.

Honky Tonk Angels Dinner Show at the Best Western Theatre in Cobourg on Friday April 24th. This is sold out.

Get your pinky ready for **King Edward Hotel High Tea** on Saturday May 23rd at 1:30 p.m. Come join us for a special tradition. It is just a short walk from the Go Train at Union Station. Cost is \$66.67 plus tip. Sign up with us and you pay individually at the Tea.

Summer BBQ on Tuesday June 2nd at Lakeridge Golf Club. Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Menu choices are hamburger, sausage, chicken, or veggie burger, salads, dessert, tea and coffee. Cash bar, Photo Booth, games, door prizes, music. Cost \$35. Cheque please and sign up at the March meeting.

QUEENS PARK TEA and TOUR - Friday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$30. Please note participants are required to bring a piece of photo ID upon arrival (i.e. health card, driver's license, passport, etc.) Please arrive at 1:45 p. m. **No substitutes are allowed.** Limited space available.

Shirley Valentine Capital Theatre Port Hope on Tuesday July 7 Matinee

2:00pm. Cost is \$34.48. Sign up at the March meeting.

WESTBEN "STAYIN' ALIVE" - MUSIC OF THE 70's. At the Westben Theatre in Campbellford on Wednesday, July 15th – Performance at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$42. There are a limited number of tickets. Sign up at the March meeting and make cheques payable to Probus Club of Oshawa.

****Please make cheque payable to PROBUS Club of Whitby-Brooklin, unless otherwise stated*****

*****Please bring your chequebook to every meeting so you don't miss out on a social event*****

*****Once we have cashed your cheque, no refund will be issued. You must find your own replacement*****



Probus Club of Port Perry presents a

SPRING FLING

Probus Club of Port Perry presents a
Royal Ashburn Golf Club
995 Myrtle Rd. W., Ashburn
Saturday, April 18, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Join us for a spring dance at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club. Live music with Delayne Drive performing 70's and 80's classic hits. Light refreshments will be served, with a cash bar.

The spring fling includes:

- Admission to dance and light refreshments
- Door prizes Singles table will be reserved Tickets are limited

Cost: \$30. per person

Cheques are payable to Probus Club of Port Perry.

**For more information, please contact event coordinators -
Barb Sinclair (647-999-4817), Judy Spring (905-447-4557), or Ann Skinner (905-982-8865)**

MEMBERSHIP

Chair - Fran Ballard

Waiting list of 26. I am looking for someone interested in taking over as membership chair as of September 1st. I will work with this person as a co chair. This position is busiest in June, July and August. After the beginning of the New Year there is not much to do but maintain a current membership list as well as attending the monthly management meeting.

Total Members: 360



NEWSLETTER

Chair - Alice Birtch

Deadline for submissions to newsletter 5TH OF EACH & EVERY MONTH

NEXT PROBUS WHITBY/BROOKLIN MEETING WILL BE APRIL 22ND, 2020.



Coffee ticket sales will close at 9:50 a. m. Thank You!

INTEREST GROUPS

Leaders - Pat Sturch and Ann Conroy

Hi Everyone:

The weather is getting better so now is a good time to join the Hiking group or the Monday walks with Jack. If you're not ready for the great outdoors yet, there's always the drop-in at Neb's bowling or a game of Pickleball.

We have been busy thinking up new Interest Groups for you to enjoy. So far this year we have started a Genealogy group and a Garden group and there are three more on the way. **THE DISCUSSION GROUP** will be having their first meeting on March 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Lion and Unicorn Pub in Whitby.

This group currently has seven members. If anyone is interested in coming out for a good discussion/debate, please come out and join us at the Lion and Unicorn on March 15th, 2:00 p.m.

THE NEW TRAVEL GROUP has 11 members and they had their first meeting on March 8th at 2:00 p.m. at the Lion and Unicorn Pub in Whitby. This group is accepting new members.

THE MUSIC GROUP IS ALMOST THERE.

If you play an instrument or like to sing – **we need you!**

We have eight members so far – some like to sing and some like to play. Once we have a few more we will have the group meet up and then decide how we will proceed.

If there is a hobby or activity that you would like us to promote, please let us know.

The following Groups are accepting new members:-

Bowling; Supervised Bridge; Chatty Creations; Euchre; Men's indoor golf; Scrapbooking and card making; Walking Group; Cycling (summer); Explorers (summer); Grey Cell Stimulators; Golf weekly (summer); Hiking; Knitting, Pickleball (drop in); Shutterbugs.

For more information on any of the Interest Groups, please email either Ann Conroy or Pat Sturch. annconroyinterestgroups@gmail.com patsturch.interestgroups@gmail.com



LUCKY WINNER

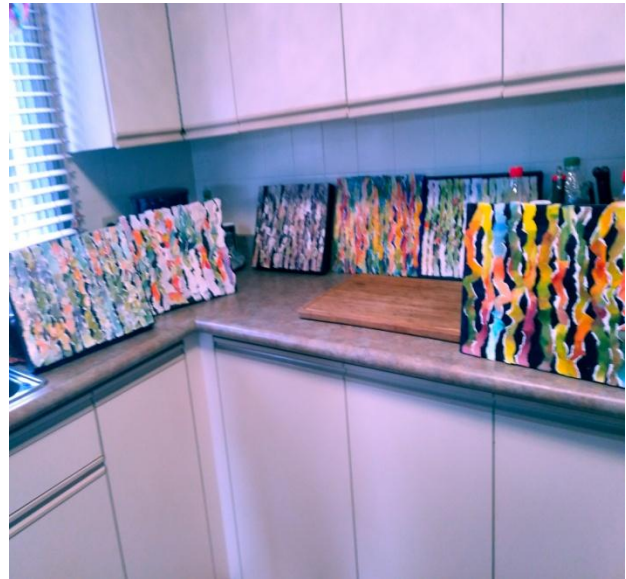
Margaret Bradford

ART GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION #1

Leader s - Annette Hudson and Nancy Mills

Great afternoon workshop with Phyllis Harris at Liz Gilbert's Collage water colour on canvas.....good funready to hang!! Thanks Phyllis.



ART APPRECIATION #2

Leader - Deborah Corbett

This month we attend an evening lecture and visual presentation on Contentious Nude in Canadian Art with John Di Leonardo at the Station Gallery in Whitby, followed by a discussion at the Royal Oak Pub. Thanks to Alice Birtch and Shan Chandler for organizing this month's outing.

CHATTY CREATIONS-CC3

Leader - Pat Sturch

This group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, 2:00 p. m. – 4:00 p.m. at member's homes for interesting conversation and a cup of tea and cake and of course creating a masterpiece!

If you knit, crochet, sew, crayon or have another portable hobby or craft, please join us. We can welcome two more members.

Email Pat Sturch at patsturch.interestgroups@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUBS

BOOK NOOKERS

Leader - Barbara Carroll

We met on March 10th to discuss "*Elizabeth is Missing*" by Emma Healy. Our meeting was hosted by Cassie Williams.

LITWITS

Leader - Fran Slat

We gathered at the home of Pat Sturch Wednesday March 11th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the novel "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine".

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Leader - Jackie Brooks

We are reading "What Alice Forgot" by Liane Moriarty and Pam Hand is hosting. Hope she doesn't forget!

BREAKFAST CLUBS

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST CLUB #1

Leader - Barbara Carroll

We will meet 9:30 a.m. on March 18th at *The Crepe Castle* in Oshawa. (Membership is currently at capacity)

CREATIVE GROUPS

CREATE AND CONVERSATIONS

Leader - Fran Slat

Our group met Monday March 9th at the Home of Ann Gifford from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CYCLING GROUP

Leader - John Patté

PROBUS PEDAL POWER (CYCLING GROUP)

When you receive this I’m hoping that cycling season will be only about a month away. But as we know our weather can be fickle. So, stay tuned and wish for an early Spring! For those who are interested in joining us, we usually ride on Tuesday mornings. Since most prefer off-road, the Waterfront Trail has become our usual route – it’s relatively flat and away from motorized vehicles. For those interested in more challenging rides, please let me know your ideas!

Regardless of the type of cycling you enjoy, the following principles apply:

- **Safety comes first, always**
- **No competitive riding or drafting**
- **No one will be left behind.**

In addition to a **bike helmet** and a **bell or other sounding device**, you will need a bicycle that is well-maintained – gears and brakes should be in working order; tires properly inflated. If you plan to have your bike serviced at a bike shop - Cycle Life, Impala or Bicycles Plus - don’t wait for the last minute as they become very busy in Spring.

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.

John Patté – gangler@live.ca

EUCHRE GROUPS

BID EUCHRE #2

Leader - Jackie Brooks

Dave Brooks is hosting the moonshot hopefuls this month. Good luck everyone.


BID EUCHRE #3 No Trumps

Leader - Val Randall

Our next meeting for this card playing, social Bid Euchre group is Thursday, March 12th, 7:00 p.m. Val will be your gracious hostess!,,,,, Thanks Dave for your February hospitality, scores mediocre but as always a fun night. Val

MOONSHOT BID EUCHRE

Leader - Roy Pettitt

Last month eight Astronauts launched in their bid for the moon.  Dave Brooks rocketed into premier position with 168 and with Jack Sturch reached the stratosphere a close second at 155, unfortunately there were no successful moonshots.

The launch site for March has shifted to Ajax at the home of Pat & Jack. We’ll shoot for the

Moon again, hopefully with a full compliment of 12 crew.



Happy Landings!

GREY CELLS STIMULATORS

Leader - Jane Brown

Sign up at the March general meeting to be part of next semester's Grey Cell Stimulators. Our meetings will be April 16th, May 21st and June 18th. Come join us for some thought provoking fun.

HAPPY HOUR

Leader - Pat Sturch

It's always five o'clock somewhere but we meet at 4 o'clock for half price appetizers and a glass of something refreshing. We travel to a different pub, bar or restaurant each month. On March 13th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. we will be visiting Chatterpaul's in Whitby.

KNITTING GROUP

Leader - Fran Ballard

Still meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

SCRAPBOOKING AND CARDS

Leader - Alice Birtch

Meeting every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Here is the result of our last session.



Cheryl and Alice's masterpiece !!!

MAY YOUR TROUBLES
 BE LESS
 and your
 Blessings
 be MORE
 AND NOTHING BUT
HAPPINESS
 come through your
 door

Irish Blessing



Greeters for our monthly meeting were John Pettitt and John Hand.



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**Butter Tart Contest Winner in Brooklin, our member, Eleanor MacAlpine
Congratulations!**

SUPERVISED BRIDGE

Leader - Fran Ballard

Monday from 10:00 a. m. – 12:00 noon.

TASTE THE WORLD

Leaders - Jackie Brooks and Pat Sturch

We are going in search of the pot of gold this month at Fionn MacCool Pub. I hope they serve Lucky Charms. They're magically delicious!

WINE GROUPS

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Leader - Karen Martin

The evening started on a Sweet & Savory trajectory. Things fell off topic a few times with discussions about why; back in the day we stopped making our own wine (probably because we drank it too fast) and other great topics. We learned that ice wine is best drank by the thimble-full (we tried Palatine Hills - "Dry Ice"-nice). We tasted wine from China (Chateau Changyu Moser XV) produced by an Austrian had a label "Imported to Germany" and it was purchased at our Ontario LCBO. It tasted great. Other wines we tasted were: "The Vinecrafter" (Chenin Blanc), La Cheteau - "Muscadet", Angove - "Organic" (Shiraz), "Clos de las Siete" and Cusumano - "Nero D'Avola". Can't wait for next months sip and chomp.

Submitted by: Harry & Tani Agar

THE GRAPE ESCAPE

Leader - Heather Baker

Our February wine tasting was hosted by Diane and Bud. We had a very thought provoking blind tasting. Even the experts were stumped! The grand prize winner was Steve with a total of 3 out of 4. We missed Sherry who was out of town dancing the night away. We sang to the music of the Oldies and as a special treat we were serenaded by the resident crooner.

