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Greetings Everyone.

Isn't daylight savings time great. It feels like we are finally escaping from winter.

Our outdoor activities, such as biking, golfing and Toronto Walks will be starting up shortly. While getting your equipment ready why not take the time to get those muscles in shape.

Be sure to read through your Newsletter and access our Website which provide a treasure trove of information about upcoming meetings, interest group activities, social events and speakers within our club. No need to say I didn't know an event was coming up.

You will have heard from our Membership Chair that the Management Committee has placed a hold on accepting new members until the start of the 2019-2020 year when normal attrition creates opportunities for new members to join. The new Durham Central Probud club will act as a healthy escape valve to fill the need of the steady demand of prospective new members.

For those of you who are not aware, our Probud member insurance provides comprehensive coverage to all our members and guests for all events and activities.

We are pleased to tell you that Don and Myrta Wilson have agreed to take over from Val and Brian Fredenburgh the volunteer position of selling the 50/50 and coffee tickets. Thank you Val and Brian for your contribution to the running of our General Meetings.

As our Web Master, Dave Fowler, is also thinking of stepping down in September we are looking for someone to transition into his position. If you would like to learn more about being our Web Master please contact Dave directly at: wmforwb@gmail.com

"It isn't where you came from; it's

where you're going that counts" Ella Fitzgerald

Get connected. Stay connected

Patricia Caple – President

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER

Leader - Bev Fowler

Barbara Martinez will talk about the high cost of prescription drugs in Canada, and the unsustainability of insurance company drug plans.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Leaders - Karen Lambert and Jackie Brooks

NEW! Aga Khan Museum, 77 Wynford Drive, Toronto. May 23rd from 10:30 a.m. \$22.00. This is a beautiful museum of Islamic art, Iranian art and Muslim culture, built in a contemporary architectural style. Two tours – Art Gallery and Architecture- will be given. Excellent restaurant on site serving Middle Eastern food (Cost extra). Signup at March 27th meeting. When you register for the tour, let us know if you will be staying for lunch at the on-site restaurant so we can make reservations for the group.

For those going to the VOS Theatre in Cobourg on Saturday April 27th at 2 p.m. to see “The Music Man”, please collect your ticket that day from Kathryn James at 1:40 p.m. in the theatre lobby.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Chair - Fran Ballard

We are at 360 members now.

NEWSLETTER

Chair - Alice Birtch

Deadline for submissions to newsletter 5TH OF EACH & EVERY MONTH
NEXT PROBUS WHITBY/BROOKLIN MEETING WILL BE

WEDNESDAY March 27th, 2019

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL!!!!

INTEREST GROUP

Leaders - Pat Sturch and Ann Conroy

WANTED: Accoustic guitarists for a new Interest Group.

One of our members is a keen guitarist and regularly plays in a band. He is looking for other guitarists to join him in some jamming sessions to take place at his home. If you're a beginner or a seasoned player, sign up at the next meeting, or give Pat Sturch or Ann Conroy a call and we'll give you his details.

The following groups are getting going. Sign-up started at the February meeting. Please send us an email if you're interested in any of them.

- TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER
- AMERICAN STYLE MAH-JONGG
- BOOK CLUB #4
- WINE GROUP #5

The Afternoon Tea group had their first sign-up at the February meeting and within 30 minutes over 20 members signed up. They will be visiting their first "Tea Shop" in April.

We just want to say a big thank you to all those members that are co-ordinating one or more interest groups. Without you guys, we wouldn't be having as much fun as we are. Thank you.

ART GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION #1

Leaders - Nancy Mills & Annette Hudson

Art Appreciation 1 is going to AGO March 20th to see Impressionism in the Age of Industry. This will follow with lunch. Annette Hudson to coordinate.

ART APPRECIATION #2

Leader - Karen Lambert

March 4th – visit to Station Gallery, Whitby, and for Curator talk “Synchronicities: Art and Cinema”. Lunch at local restaurant. Organized by Lynn Jacklin.

End of April – visit to Art Gallery of Northumberland, Cobourg. Lunch at local restaurant.

To be organized by Beth Clancy.

ART GROUP #3

Leader - Teresa Hupka

Art group 3 will visit the AGO on March 12th.

BOOK CLUBS

BOOK NOOKERS

Leader - Barbara Carroll

This month's meeting is on March 12th from 10:30a.m.-12:00 noon. Discussion is on “*Three Day Road*” by J. Boyden, and is hosted by Sandy Stevens.

LITWITS

Leader - Fran Slatt

Litwits will meet to discuss “The Prison Book Club” written by Ann Walmsley at the home of Gail Mazgay on Wednesday March13th at 1:00 p.m.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Leader - Jackie Brooks

Mystery Reading Group will not be meeting in March as many members will be attending the Whitby Library Tour. Our next meeting will be Monday April 15th at Ann Pettitt's home.

Jane Brown will be the facilitator and the book will be” Don't Cry Now” by Joy Fielding.

BREAKFAST CLUBS

Leader - Barbara Carroll

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB #1

We will meet 9:30 a.m. on March 20th at *Eggsmart Restaurant* in Whitby.

(Membership is currently at capacity)

CREATIVE GROUPS

CHATTY CREATIONS

Leader - Pat Sturch

CC3 (Chatty Creations) had a great February meeting at Pam's house with delicious goodies. Also lots of laughs and a few crafts.

The meeting this month will be on March 28th at 2:00 p.m. The location has not yet been decided so another notice will go out later in the month giving the location and the name of the host. If anyone would like to join this group we have two vacancies at present.

CREATE AND CHAT #1

Leader - Judy Bowring

Upcoming get-together - Thursday, April 11th; Hostess - Penny Williams

The Create and Chat group is currently full, but if you would like to be put on the 'wait list' please contact Judy Bowring.

CREATE AND CONVERSATION

Leader - Fran Slat

Create and Conversation (Ann Gifford) will have met on Monday March 4th at Mary Smith's. They will meet again on April 1st hostess TBA.

CYCLING GROUP

Leader - John Patté

Cold and snowy! But cycling season is on the way. So, get ready - keep physically active and fit for when the warmer weather eventually does come. Wiarton Willie says we'll have an early spring, meaning we should be back on the trails by mid-April. And, if Willie is wrong, perhaps we will have an early BBQ!!!

We usually ride on Tuesday mornings, and our usual route is off-road along the Waterfront Trail – it's relatively flat and away from motorized vehicles. Following our successful excursion to Niagara-on-the-Lake last year, planning is under way for a similar multi-day trip to the Collingwood area for those who like to mix their cycling with socializing, dining and shopping. For those interested in more challenging rides, I'm interested in hearing your ideas!

To join us, all you need are a bicycle that is well-maintained and a bike helmet. Make sure gears and brakes are working properly and tires properly inflated. You should also have a bell or horn to warn other trail users of your approach.

If you plan to have your bike serviced at a bike shop (say, 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

Bid euchre #2 will be meeting at the Brooks' on Friday April 12th.

MOONSHOT BID EUCHRE

Leader - Jackie Brooks

We will be meeting at the Brooks' on Friday March 22nd.

GREY CELLS STIMULATORS GROUP

Leader - Jane Brown

THE GREY CELL STIMULATORS will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Superstore, on March 21st.

The dates for the next semester will be April 18th, May 16th, and June 20th.

No scoring, just good old fashioned brain challenges. New people are welcome to come for a trial run.

PICKLEBALL

Leaders – Russ & Pat Caple

Audley Rd. North . This facility has Pickleball 3 times a week. The cost for Seniors is only \$2.50 each session.

THE EXPLORERS

Leader - Jane Brown

- There are still a few openings for our first trip this year, to explore the PATH system in Toronto. Learn about the history and architecture of some of the oldest buildings, and also how to get around town without going outside. March 30th, email me to sign up, the next general meeting will be too late. \$20. 00 plus HST.

- The next trip will be on May 4th, to visit Casa Loma.

A slightly different exploration, in that it is a self-guided audio around the castle and grounds.

We will travel via GO train, and subway, and then a 5 minute walk involving a bit of a climb and 150 steps up.

Not for everyone, but I'm told the view from the castle is magnificent. Regular admission for seniors is \$27.32,

but if we have a group of 20 or more seniors, the cost is reduced to \$16.00. Sign up at the March general

meeting, or email me with questions. Jane - crumpets4t@gmail.com

Travel Buddies

Leader - Deborah Corbett

Looking for someone to travel with? Join Probus Travel Buddies and find a compatible travel companion.

Open to both men and women. Sign up at a monthly meeting or contact Deborah Corbett.

WINE GROUPS

GRAPE ESCAPE

Leader - Heather Baker

Our February wine group meeting of the Grape Escape was cancelled due to bad weather.

The rescheduled date will be on April 17th.

GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

Leader - Karen Martin

For our February gathering, one of our couples had arranged an evening of wine tasting, led by a wine expert, at Bella Notte a local Italian Restaurant.

Unfortunately 'Mother Nature' or 'Old Man Winter' (take your choice) had other plans for the same evening and provided another serving of snow.

We now look forward to a rescheduled date in April and certainly hope snow is not on the menu.

INTEREST GROUPS

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	Walking Group 10 a.m. Pickleball 10-1 (Drop in) Men's Indoor Golf 9:30 Supervised Bridge 10-12	Bowling 1 p.m. Cycling am Euchre 10 a.m.		Beer & Boards 7:30-11 p.m.	Hiking 9:30 a.m.		
2	Pickleball 10-1 (Drop in) Men's Indoor Golf 9:30 Walking Club 10 a.m. Create & Chat 2 10 a.m. Art Appreciation #2 Supervised Bridge 10-12	The Book Nookers 10.30 a.m. Bowling 1 p.m. Cycling am Knitting 1-3 pm	Book Club 2 –Lit-Wits 1 p.m.	Create & Chat 1 10 a.m. Afternoon Tea p.m. Bid Euchre #3 7 p.m.	Bid Euchre #2 7-10	Taste The World p.m.	Euchre 2-5
3	Hiking 9:30 10-1 (Drop in) Pickleball 10-1 (Drop in) Men's Indoor Golf 9:30	Bowling 1 p.m. Cycling am	Women's Breakfast #1 9:30 a.m. Breakfast for Men 9:30 a.m. Art Appreciation 1	Grey Cell Stimulators 10 a.m.		Wine Group #1 Grape Expectations 7 p.m. Wine Group #3 The Grape Escape 7 p.m.	

	Shutterbugs 10 a.m. Walking Club 10 a.m. Book Club – Mystery Books 1-3 p.m. Supervised Bridge 10-12		1 p.m.				
4	Walking Group 10 a.m. Men’s Indoor Golf 9:30 Supervised Bridge 10-12 Pickleball 10-1 (Drop in) Brewskers 2 - 4 p.m.	Women’s Breakfast #2 9:30 a.m. Bowling 1 p.m. Cycling Am Knitting 1-3 p.m.		Creative Chat #3 2-4 p.m.	Bid Euchre #1 The Moonshots 7-10 p.m.		
Various		Wine Group #4 Wine Companions 6 p.m.	Art Appreciation #3			Wine Group #2 Vintage Vines 7-11 p.m.	

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Cycling Seasonal – Weather permitting

Explorers – Seasonal
– Space available

Grey Cells – September –May – Space available

Garden Group – Spring-Summer

Men’s Indoor Golf – October to May

Travel Buddies

ACTIVITIES WAITING FOR A LEADER

For help to start a new group email: annconroyinterestgroups@gmail.com or patsturch.interestgroups@gmail.com

Billiards/Pool	Darts	Museum Tours	Scrapbooking
Birding	Dominoes	Music – Ukulele	Singles Pot Luck
Canoeing/Kayaking	Genealogy	Music Appreciation	Ski –Cross Country
Cards	Gourmet Cooking	Opera	Ski – Downhill
Chess	Healthy Eating	Phone Buddies	Stitch Crafts
Computers	History	Poker	Theatre
Cribbage	Investments	Quilting	Travel
Current Events Talk	Lawn Bowling	Robotics/Drones	Wine Making
Dance	Motor Cycling	Scrabble	Wood Work
			Writing



INTEREST GROUP SCHEDULE

DAY	WEEK	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
MON	2nd	PM	ART APPRECIATION 2	KAREN Lambert
	2nd	PM	CREATE AND CHAT 2	ANN Gifford
	3rd	AM	HIKING	DAVID Fowler
	3rd	AM	SHUTTERBUGS	BARRIE Brumwell
	Every	AM	PICKLEBALL	RUSS and PAT Caple
	Every	AM	SUPERVISED BRIDGE	FRAN Ballard
	Every	AM	WALK WITH JACK	JACK Ballard
	Every	AM	INDOOR GOLF	DON Mills
	4th	PM	BREWSKERS	DAVID Fowler
	TUES	Every	AM	CYCLING GROUP
1st		AM	EUCHRE	MARILYN Dainty
2nd		AM	BOOK NOOKERS	BARBARA Carroll
4th		AM	WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 2	CAROL Cadan
Every		PM	BOWLING	CATHY Duncan
2nd & 4th		PM	KNITTING	LYNDA Smith
WED	2nd	PM	LITWITS BOOK CLUB	FRAN Slat
	3rd	AM	WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 1	BARBARA Carroll
	3rd	AM	BREAKFAST FOR MEN	BOB Lewicki
	Varies		ART APPRECIATION 3	TERESA Hupka
THUR	1st	EVE	BEER & BOARD GAMES	SUSAN Lotherington
	2nd	AM	CREATE & CHAT 1	JUDY Bowring
	3rd	AM	GREY CELL STIMULATORS	JANE Brown
	4th	PM	CREATE AND CHAT 3	PAT Sturch
FRI	1st	AM	HIKING	DAVID Fowler
	2nd	PM	BID EUCHRE 2	JACKIE Brooks
	4th	PM	BID EUCHRE 1	JACKIE Brooks
SAT	2nd	EVE	TASTE THE WORLD	JACKIE Brooks and Pat Sturch
	3rd	EVE	GRAPE ESCAPE	HEATHER Baker
	3rd	EVE	GRAPE EXPECTATIONS	KAREN Martin
		EVE	VINTAGE VINES	ANN Conroy and ANN Pettit
SUN	2nd	PM	EUCHRE & POT LUCK	ANN Gifford