

PROBUS Peterborough Newsletter



**PROBUS Club of Peterborough and
District**

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April 2019 Newsletter



The President's Message

National PROBUS Month was celebrated well in Peterborough on March 6th with our very interesting speaker, tasty lunch and successful food drive.

Bunny Shaw, responsible for organizing our participation for the "Kawartha Food Share", telephoned to tell me that YOU contributed \$920.00 to Food Share on that day, along with all the nonperishable food. Kawartha Food Share was amazed and very grateful.

As Bunny said, *"Look at what a group the size of PROBUS can do!"* Thank you all for your generosity.

Be sure to check inside the Newsletter.

Dr. Amy Barron, our April speaker, provides fascinating background for her presentation. Also, you will find Eleanor Bond's latest update re the July 24th Westben Theatre outing and dinner.

I'm Looking forward to seeing you on April 3rd.

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UPCOMING PROBUS CLUB MEETINGS

(10:00 a.m. at the Peterborough Naval Club)

Wednesday April 3rd, 2019

Wednesday May 1st, 2019

Wednesday June 5th, 2019

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OUR ORGANIZATION

President	<i>Margaret Gadd</i>
Past President	<i>Milton Barry</i>
Vice President	<i>Marty Lamoureux</i>
Secretary	<i>Patti Westrop</i>
Treasurers	<i>Gerarda Bertrand</i> <i>Dorothy Ball</i>
Directors at large	<i>Margaret Gilpin,</i> <i>Rodica Copilu, Milton Barry</i>
Speakers Convener	<i>Peggy Watton</i>
Club Archivist	<i>Lynn Johnstone</i>
Nominating Committee	<i>Margaret Gilpin, Milton Barry</i>
Lunch Bunch	<i>Bunny Shaw, Betty Pritchard</i>
Hospitality	<i>Carolyn Davidson</i>
Good Cheer	<i>Helen McIntyre</i>
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Emergency Telephone Convener	<i>Eleanor Bond</i>
Book Club	<i>Lynn Johnstone</i>
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Photographer	<i>Len Vine</i>
Audio/Video Coordinator	<i>Ken Gadd</i>
Interest Group Coordinator	<i>Gerry Brushett</i>
Greeters	<i>Eleanor Bond / Rose Haxton</i>
Welcome Table	<i>Helen Hartnett, Helen Merrill,</i> <i>Loretta Cox, Carolyn Davidson</i>
Webmaster	<i>Catherine McLeod</i>

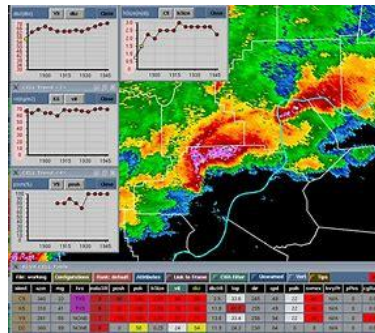
The next Management Team Meeting will be held on **Monday – April 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.** at Summit Terrace.



CHEER

Please contact Helen McIntyre, 705-748-4833, if you know of anyone in our club who needs a note of “cheer”! This includes:

- Get well
- Sympathy
- Thinking of you / Missing you
- Keep in touch
- Congratulations



ALMOST spring! but if **SEVERE WEATHER** happens, please **CHECK YOUR EMAIL** before heading out to our scheduled meeting.

For **MEMBERS WITHOUT EMAIL**, our Emergency Phoners **WILL TELEPHONE YOU IF OUR MEETING IS CANCELLED**

NB: If you have changed your contact information, please ensure that you have notified Shirley Barry (smbarry@sympatico.ca; 705-749-0521).

FUTURE SPEAKERS

APRIL

Dr. Amy Barron will talk about how Archelogy, Alzheimer’s and Agatha Christie’s greatest novels (Murder on the Orient Express, Death on the Nile, and Murder in Mesopotamia) all come together to help unravel the mysteries of the human mind.

Dr Barron received her PhD at the University of Toronto in Mesopotamian history and archaeology. Her work over twenty years has taken her to remote parts of the world from Peru to China, the Middle East and elsewhere. She currently teaches Museum Studies at Fleming College and is Program Coordinator, Clarington Museums & Archives.

May

Yvonne Leahy will speak on War Brides and how they met their spouses; plus, all the red tape on becoming Canadian citizens. Her memorable presentation will include pictures and supportive friendships through the years. Yvonne was due to speak to us in February, but stormy weather cancelled our meeting. We are delighted that Yvonne was able to reschedule.

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MARCH SPEAKER



Award-winning journalist Sean Mallen played to a packed house on March 16, 2019. He was a reporter for Global News for many years.

His book, *Falling for London* is the hilarious and touching memoir of how he and his family learned how to live in and love London, where he served as Europe Bureau Chief for Global TV News.

Among the many international stories, he has covered include the Royal Wedding of William and Kate.

FUTURE EVENTS

"LAST CALL TO JOIN THE PROBUS GROUP TO HEAR THE WESTBEN PRESENTATION OF THE MUSIC FROM ABBA, Wednesday, July 24th, at 2:00 p.m.

There are 53 people signed up with 44 paid. Please submit your names and cheques (\$40.00 per ticket) for this presentation at the April meeting to enable us to begin the distribution of tickets at our May meeting.

Handicapped parking is available with transportation via golf cart to the barn. If you require an aisle seat, please inform us.

We are car pooling through Campbellford where the chocolate and cheese factories are located on the way to Chubby's Restaurant. As we have a reservation for dinner, please make a definite commitment. Dinner is a buffet, including many salads, two hot choices, desserts, tea or coffee and your gratuity for \$25.00 per person payable to the restaurant. If you are interested, please contact Eleanor Bond at 705-745-7453.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch enjoyed sea food at the Red Lobster on Feb 21.



Upcoming:

April 18th,
Swiss Chalet,
12 noon - 491
Towerhill Rd.

May 23rd, Kelsey's, 12 noon - 1209

Lansdowne Street West

June 20th, Carousel, 12 noon - 116

Lansdowne Street West

THE BOOK SHELF

(A review provided to us by Valerie Porter)

CLARA CALLAN

By Richard B. Wright

This is the story of two sisters Clara and Nora, during the years 1934-1938.

Clara teaches school in small town Ontario. Nora heads for the bright lights of New York. She lands a starring role in a radio soap and becomes a minor celebrity.

They visit as frequently as possible and correspond regularly. The story is told through Clara's journal and their letters. The sisters are different but share a great bond. They are always there for each other throughout the joys and sorrows of life.

For anyone who enjoys really good literature I would strongly recommend this book. It was written in 2001 and won the Giller Prize, the Governor General's award for fiction plus three other awards.

Richard B. Wright lived in St. Catharines Ontario. He died in 2018 and I feel this was a real loss to the literary world. I have read five of his books.

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BRIDGE CLUB

New Convener

As of June 1, 2019, after years of service as Bridge Club Convener, Margaret Gilpin is handing over the “deal” to Eleanor Iussa. The closing **spring luncheon and bridge afternoon** will be on **Wednesday May 29 at the Summit Terrace**. Please keep this date on in your calendar!

YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN:

A Bobcaygeon Garden Tour and Tea will be held on Saturday July 13, 2019. There will be a map showing the venues and Master Gardeners on hand. Tickets are \$15.00 available through the Bobcaygeon Chamber of Commerce. Members may be interested in making their own arrangements for this summer event.

Volunteers needed to read with Primary School kids!

If you are patient, caring and reliable and have 2 hours a week to spare, primary students would benefit from your help. You would work with teachers to read literacy appropriate materials with students.

If interested, contact Michael Hart at 741-1749 or via email at mharthr@gmail.com. Michael is a current school volunteer who works with the Board Reading Recovery Teacher Leader.

Take a SPIN in our WEBSITE:

Our www.probuspeterborough.org website provides lots of information on our local organization, past events, and PROBUS’ national and international bodies.



March 17 was St Paddy’s Day, so Here’s a Smile for Those Irish Eyes!

An Irishman lies dying; his wife is by his bedside.

He says in a weakened voice, “There is something I must confess.”

“Shhhh” said the wife, “there is nothing to confess.”

She holds his hand and caresses his head.

“Everything is all right” she whispers.

“NO!!” the husband replied, “I must die in peace.....I had sex with your sister, your best friend, her best friend and your best friend's mum!”

“I know,” she whispered, “That's why I poisoned you.

Now close your eyes.”

PROBUS Peterborough Interest/Activity Groups

Interest/Activity	Leader	To participate contact leaders.
Bridge	Marg Gilpin Eleanor Iussa	705-749-5057 marggilpin@yahoo.ca 705-742-7417 bearlady36@gmail.com
Lunch Bunch	Bunny Shaw	705-742-8484 bunnyshaw@cogeco.ca
Book Club Meets the 3 rd Wednesday monthly	Lynn Johnstone	705-745-2343 johnstonelynn@gmail.com

For information and assistance to form a new group, contact Gerry Brushett at 705-874-0536 or Brushett.Gerry@gmail.com