

# PROBUS Peterborough Newsletter



**PROBUS Club of Peterborough and District**

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## **February 2019 Newsletter**



### **The President's Message**

Peterborough PROBUS is nicely into a brand-new year, 2019, with much to anticipate.

March is a special month for National PROBUS. It will mark the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of PROBUS Canada and our club will mark the occasion

on March 6<sup>th</sup> with a complimentary lunch for our members following our regular speaker meeting.

On that same day Bunny Shaw has organized a donation bin (at the entrance) for "Kawartha Food Share". This is to collect non-perishable food items. If you prefer to donate cash, place it in an envelope and give it to Bunny.

I know that we all enjoy our speakers! Personally, I always look forward to finding out who will be educating and entertaining us at our monthly General Meetings. On February 6<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Leahy will tell us about her experiences as a war bride. March 6<sup>th</sup> will feature Sean Mallen, former Bureau Chief for Global National News, and be sure to watch for Peggy Watton's pick for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting---Amy Barron.

Eleanor Bond will be available on February 6<sup>th</sup> to accept your reservation and CHEQUES for the July 24<sup>th</sup> Westben event featuring ABBA music. This will be followed by a prepaid dinner at Chubby's Restaurant.

Enjoy our sunny days and keep warm!

Marg.

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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>
Newsletter Editor	<i>David Watton</i>
Senior Copy Editor	<i>Shirley Barry</i>
Membership	<i>Shirley Barry</i>
Bridge Club	<i>Margaret Gilpin</i>
Emergency Telephone Convener	<i>Eleanor Bond</i>
Book Club	<i>Lynn Johnstone</i>
Financial Reviewer	<i>Linda Birch</i>
Photographer	<i>Len Vine</i>
Audio/Video Coordinator	<i>Ken Gadd</i>
Interest Group Coordinator	<i>Gerry Brushett</i>
Next meeting for the Management Team: Monday, February 18th, 9:30 a.m. at 1802 Cherry Hill Road	
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>

## COLD COMFORT

☁️\*\* In the event of **SEVERE WEATHER** (e.g. a bad snow storm) 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**

## UPCOMING PROBUS CLUB MEETINGS

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

Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

### February

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. A wonderful LOVE ADVENTURE for Valentines month!!

### March

Our March guest will be Sean Mallen who was a reporter for many years for Global News including a stint covering Queen's Park and as the London-based Europe Bureau Chief for Global National. Sean will talk about how his career impacted his family life and will share anecdotes from his work including William and Kate's wedding, the Arab Spring and the wreck of the Costa Concordia.



## CHEER

Helen McIntyre should be contacted at 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

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### "Westben presents Music from ABBA, Wednesday, July 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Please have your cheque, payable to PROBUS Peterborough in the amount of \$40.00 per ticket at the next meeting. Handicapped parking is available with transportation via golf cart to the barn. We have reserved 80 tickets and to date 33 members have signed up.

We will be car pooling, travelling through Campbellford so a visit to the chocolate and cheese factories on the way to Chubby's Restaurant could, perhaps, be arranged with your driver. As we have a reservation for dinner, please make a definite commitment. Dinner will be a buffet, including many salads, two hot choices, desserts, tea or coffee and your gratuity for \$25.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact Eleanor Bond at 705-745-7453."



## THE LUNCH BUNCH

Contact: Bunny Shaw



Pre-Pizza smiles from three of the thirteen Lunch Bunchers at The Pizza Factory. Jan 17

The Lunch Bunch: future meetings at the following Peterborough locale(s):

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Red Lobster, 12 noon, 870 Lansdowne St. West

March 21<sup>st</sup>, Berc's Steakhouse, 12 noon, 186 Lansdowne St. East

## THE BOOK SHELF

(A review provided to us by Pat Ellis)

### MY PATH LEADS TO TIBET

By Sabriye Tenberken

This is the autobiography of a young blind woman who brought hope to the blind children of Tibet. Sabriye lost her sight at the age of twelve and vowed not to allow her blindness to turn her into an invalid. While studying Chinese and Asian civilizations in college, she was stunned to learn that in Tibet blind children were living in appalling conditions - shunned by society, abandoned and left to their own devices. Her decision was instant - she would go to Tibet and help these children.

Armed with nothing but her conviction and determination, she single-handedly devised a Tibetan Braille alphabet and opened the first school for the blind in Tibet, against all odds, with just a handful of students. From its modest beginnings, the school has grown into a full-fledged institution for the visually impaired of all ages.

A truly inspirational book about one person's courage and determination in the face of many setbacks and disappointments, Sabriye Tenberken has risen above all obstacles put in her path, to become the co-founder and co-director of Braille Without Borders, an international institute for the blind.

This is a book that will leave you wanting to know more about this remarkable woman and her accomplishments.

*Editor's note: My apologies to Barbara Mackie for omitting the name of the book she reviewed for us in the January Newsletter. Barb's review was of "First Snow. Last Light" by Wayne Johnston.*

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## TAKE A SPIN IN OUR WEBSITE

The two major communication devices for our Peterborough and District PROBUS Club are this Newsletter and our Website: [www.probuspeterborough.org](http://www.probuspeterborough.org). The website gives more detailed information on our local organization, PROBUS' national and international bodies, past events and speakers and a photo gallery of our members doing their thing(s).

## SMART PEOPLE:

Mark Twain: "A man's character may be learned from the adjectives which he habitually uses in conversation".

Winston Churchill: "An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last".



## BRIDGE CLUB

### New Convener Needed

On June 1, 2019, after years of service as Bridge Club Convener, Margaret Gilpin will be giving up that role. The club needs someone to take a turn. Marg will continue to be a player and will gladly assist anyone willing to pick up the Convener torch.

## YOU MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN:

### Volunteers needed to read with Primary School kids!

Recently special funding for university student public school tutors was eliminated. With an already existing shortage of tutors, the need for reading tutors has been amplified.

You don't have to be a trained teacher to be a reading tutor. If you are patient, caring and reliable and have 2 hours a week to spare, primary students would benefit from your help. As a school volunteer you would require a police check and would work with teachers to read literacy appropriate materials with students. It is a joyful experience.

If you can help primary students with this critical life skill or would like to discuss reading volunteer requirements you can contact Michael Hart at 741-1749 or via email at [mharthr@gmail.com](mailto:mharthr@gmail.com). Michael is a current school volunteer who works with the Board Reading Recovery Teacher Leader. He plans to attend our February meeting.

## *PROBUS Peterborough Interest/Activity Groups*

<b>Interest/ Activity</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Contact Information To participate contact leaders</b>
Bridge	Marg Gilpin	705-749-5057 <a href="mailto:marggilpin@yahoo.ca">marggilpin@yahoo.ca</a>
Lunch Bunch	Bunny Shaw	705-742-8484 <a href="mailto:bunnyshaw@cogeco.ca">bunnyshaw@cogeco.ca</a>
Book Club Meets the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly	Lynn Johnstone	705-745-2343 <a href="mailto:johnstonelynn@gmail.com">johnstonelynn@gmail.com</a>

**For information and assistance to form a new group, contact Gerry Brushett at 705-874-0536 or [Brushett.Gerry@gmail.com](mailto:Brushett.Gerry@gmail.com)**