

PROBUS Peterborough Newsletter



**PROBUS Club of Peterborough and
District**

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March 2019 Newsletter



The President's Message

DEAR PROBUS MEMBERS

It was difficult to cancel our February 6th general meeting, but your safety is very important to us. Hopefully it did not inconvenience anyone, and we shall look forward to Yvonne Leahy's presentation at a later date.

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MARCH 6TH is our opportunity to celebrate PROBUS month by bringing non-perishable food donations for the "Kawartha Food Share" box (at the entrance). Alternatively, please place cash donations in an envelope for Bunny Shaw to deliver.

Our featured speaker, Sean Mallen, is a former National Global News reporter. A complimentary lunch for our members will follow his presentation.

A little clarification about payments for the July 24th Westben Theatre and Chubby's Restaurant outing:

- For the Westben Music from ABBA, please make out a cheque for \$40 payable to PROBUS Peterborough.
- Chubby's will require payment of \$25 at the restaurant by cash, debit or credit card.

Ken and I have had two large flocks of cedar waxwings visit our backyard trees on several occasions. That MUST mean that spring is around the corner!

Marg.

UPCOMING PROBUS CLUB MEETINGS

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

Wednesday March 6th, 2019

Wednesday April 3rd, 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>
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>

Note: Next Management Team Meeting: Monday, February 18th, 9:30 a.m. at the Gadd's, 1531 Scollard Cres.

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>



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



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**

NB: If you have changed your contact information, please ensure that you have notified Shirley Barry (smbarry@sympatico.ca; 705-749-0521). Without that notification, we cannot contact you.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

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.

APRIL

Dr. Amy Barron will talk about how Archeology, 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.

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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 36 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
to enjoy a lunch out with
these happy people.



February 21st, Red Lobster, 12 noon, 870
Lansdowne St. West

March 21st, Berc's Steakhouse, 12 noon, 186
Lansdowne St. East

April 18th, Ricky's, 12 noon,
898 Monaghan Rd.

THE BOOK SHELF

(A review provided to us by Tilly Gordon)

A GRAND OLD TIME - Life Begins at 75
Written by Judy Leigh

Evie is a 75yr. old widow living in a Dublin nursing home. Her only son Brendan and his wife visit her conscientiously, but she is bored with not much else to do. One night she decides that life could not be lived in a nursing home, so she sneaks out and sets off on an adventure for a few days. After winning a nice nest egg at a horse race and going first to Liverpool to buy new clothing and a new hairdo, she is off to France where she discovers a new way of living.

Not everyone thinks this is a good idea for someone her age, so when her son finds out she is in France, he sets off with his wife to follow a trail of text messages to bring her home.

Her adventure has its ups and downs, but it is Evie's attitude that lifts the story. One incident leads her to buy a campervan to explore France. She becomes beloved by many she meets, and her circle of life is growing.

Evie gives us a new set of beliefs. Her defiance of old age, giving up and throwing in the towel, demand for fresh air and new relationships drives her to places and a whole community that is there for her when life takes a hard turn.

Each day is a gift, to look outside of ourselves and to see the goodness all around us.

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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. Michael is a current school volunteer who works with the Board Reading Recovery Teacher Leader. He plans to attend our March meeting.

Take a SPIN in our WEBSITE:

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

PICKING ON SENIORS:

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

My young grandson called the other day to wish me happy birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

PROBUS Peterborough Interest/Activity Groups

Interest/ Activity	Leader	Contact Information To participate contact leaders
Bridge	Marg Gilpin	705-749-5057 marggilpin@yahoo.ca
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