

# PROBUS Peterborough Newsletter



## PROBUS Club of Peterborough and District

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**September 2020 Newsletter**



### The President's Message

Hi everyone, I hope you are all staying safe in these bizarre times!  
Consistent with Ontario Health guidance limiting indoor social gatherings,

PROBUS Peterborough's monthly meetings and most activities continue to be cancelled until further notice. We await new directions from our health officials as to when it is safe to resume all or some of our functions and we will provide updates when available.

It is very unfortunate that we have not been able to meet, socialize and participate in all our group activities. These functions help keep us engaged, energized and our minds growing.

As some of you have heard, the Naval Club has been sold to the City of Peterborough, and we were disappointed to hear that it will no longer be used as a public venue. However, we are actively looking for a suitable new home for our club and will keep everyone updated on our progress.

Although this is not an election year, we are currently looking for volunteers to fill a few vital rolls within our club:

- **Hospitality** – Cheryl Ogle is willing to stand for this position
- **Audio/Visual Coordinator** – Ken has suggested someone
- **Emergency Phone Convener** – Still Vacant

Stay safe, and we hope to see you all as soon as we can!

Marty

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## **OUR ORGANIZATION**

President	<i>Marty Lamoureux</i>
Past President	<i>Margaret Gadd</i>
Vice President	<i>Peggy Watton</i>
Secretary	<i>June Lamoureux</i>
Co-Treasurers	<i>Gerarda Bertrand</i> <i>Dorothy Ball</i>
Director at Large	<i>Milton Barry</i>
Member at Large	<i>Patti Westrop</i>
Speakers Convener	<i>Peggy Watton</i>
Club Archivist	<i>Lynn Johnstone</i>
Nominating Committee	<i>Margaret Gilpin,</i> <i>Milton Barry</i>
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Book Club	<i>Lynn Johnstone</i>
Financial Reviewer	<i>Linda Birch</i>
Photographer	<i>Len Vine</i>
Audio/Video Coordinator	<b>VACANT</b>
Interest Group Coordinator	<i>Gerry Brushett</i>
Greeters	<i>Eleanor Bond and</i> <i>Rose Haxton</i>
Welcome Table	<i>Loretta Cox,</i> <i>Carolyn Davidson</i> <i>Dorothy Ball</i>
Webmaster	<i>Catherine McLeod</i>

The next Management Team Meeting will be announced at a later date.

## **UPCOMING PROBUS CLUB MEETINGS**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PROBUS PETERBOROUGH MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SOME ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO BE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## **FOOD FOR OUR SPIRIT**

Social isolation and other Covid stresses have, to some degree or other, taken a toll on the human spirit in all of us. In addition to the email that delivered this Newsletter, I have sent you another email with a video link (Barcelona Video) that for me, and I hope for you, reminds of the joy and beauty of our humanity.

The song, performed in **The Sagrada Familia Church in Barcelona, Spain** is a remarkable performance.

It also gives you a look inside the Church that was designed by the famed architect ... Gaudi.

It is spectacular and while either close to being finished or finished, it has been under construction for almost 125 years. It may be the last great cathedral built for any Christian faith. The decor is fantastic!

Even more interesting is that the song is being sung in Catalan. This is the language of the "Moors" or Muslims and it is being sung in a Catholic church. Given the differences between the Spanish and Catalan people that makes the news, this is a wonderful demonstration of communities getting along.

So please click on this video link, turn your sound on loud and absorb!

(If you have trouble opening the video, please let me know ([dwatton@cogeco.ca](mailto:dwatton@cogeco.ca) , 705-741-7509) and I will try to send it to you another way.)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Keep in Touch –Please notify Shirley Barry at [smbarry@sympatico.ca](mailto:smbarry@sympatico.ca) or @ 705-749-0521 with **any** change in your contact information

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## **CHEER**



**Contact:** Dorothy Ball at 705-745-7557 or at [dball20@cogeco.ca](mailto:dball20@cogeco.ca) if you know of anyone in our club who needs a note of “cheer”! This includes:

- Get well
- Sympathy
- Thinking of you / Missing you

On our behalf Dorothy has sent:

Sympathy cards to:

The McLeod Family (March)

Hartnett Family (April)

Marion Dadson Family (July)

A Get-well card to Don Earle (July)

## **SPEAKERS**

Peggy is compiling a list of exciting speakers in preparation for resumption of our formal meetings.

## **REGULAR INTEREST GROUPS**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Most of our regular activities have been cancelled due to the impact of the Covid -19 Virus. Please get in touch with your activity’s contact person if you are unsure (**or even just to say hello!**).

## **THE LUNCH BUNCH**

**Contact:** Betty Pritchard (705-745-3768)  
[erpritchard1854@gmail.com](mailto:erpritchard1854@gmail.com))

## **SHUFFLEBOARD**

### **contact:**

For more information, send an email to Perry Fischer at: [postmaster@cogni-vision.com](mailto:postmaster@cogni-vision.com)



## **THE BOOK SHELF**

(Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month) **Contact:** Lynn Johnstone (705-745-2343 or at [johnstonelynn@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonelynn@gmail.com))

The book club remains active, meeting where we do not touch and where we maintain social distancing. Below is a picture Patti Westrop took of seven members outside for a meeting (following all the social rules!)



## **GOLF**

**Contact:** Mike Hart (705-741-1749)  
[mharthr@gmail.com](mailto:mharthr@gmail.com)

Five of the six duffers playing at Heron Landing Friday August 21 (they held their breath for the photo).



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## BRIDGE CLUB



**Contact:** Eleanor Iussa at 705-742-7417 or  
bearlady36@gmail.com)

## FUTURE EVENTS

Special Events including the Tour of Kingston Penitentiary and Museum, WESTBEN PRESENTS Stayin' Alive! Famous Peoples Players Theatre and Luncheon and the Probus Car Rally **have been cancelled**, but the lead people are chafing at the bit to resume/reschedule once the Covid coast is clear.

## FEATURED MEMBERS

Editor's Note:

Covid issues and the summer break have resulted in our having to temporarily defer the popular "Featured Members" column. However, it is planned to have "Featured Members" back as soon as meetings can resume.

## A LIGHTER SIDE!

Editor's Note

For the obvious reason of preserving domestic harmony, the contributor of the following items remains anonymous

## MARRIAGE

Wife: "What are you doing?"

Husband: "Nothing"

Wife: "Nothing? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour."

Husband: "I was looking for the expiry date."

Wife: "Do you want dinner?"

Husband: "Sure! What are my choices?"

Wife: "Yes or no."

## WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."  
- Winston Churchill

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."  
- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."  
- Moses Hadas.

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."  
- Mark Twain.

"He has no enemies but is intensely disliked by his friends."  
- Oscar Wilde.

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one."  
- George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.  
"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one."  
- Winston Churchill, in response.

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator."  
- John Bright.

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial."  
- Irvin S. Cobb.

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music."  
- Billy Wilder.