

Durham Central PROBUS Club Newsletter: January 2022



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NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, January 20, 10 AM
Online meeting via Zoom

President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022 from your Management Team!

What can I say? I thought Groundhog Day was in February. Even the groundhogs are passing on. Yes, no face-to-face meeting this January. Again, in response to extraordinary numbers of COVID cases, we face further government restrictions impacting our normal way of life. We will, however, persevere... regardless! Every day, I tell my family I love them and wish them health and happiness. We continue to cope and have made it thus far together. We all did our best to remain positive and thoughtful of our loved ones and friends, so, please, let them know you care.

Your Management Team is preparing for the reopening of a new normal. It comes with its own challenges. As a club, we need a person to assume the role of **Treasurer**. Tom Anderson has done a terrific job and wishes to step down. Please step up! He will mentor you and fill you in on the ins and outs of the position. Contact him please. Patti will be our president next year, and we will need someone to assume the role of **Newsletter Editor**. As an organization, we need your support to build and sustain our future together.

Our best wishes for all of you to remain safe, on guard and well over the winter months. March is our next target date for a return to face-to-face meetings. Try your best to stay active under these very difficult conditions, while embracing some of those beautiful days the winter season offers.

On behalf of your Management Team, best wishes,

Tom

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January Speaker: Lianne Harris Racioppo

Undressed: A History of Hygiene



In this lively, visual 1-hour presentation, Lianne Harris scrubs away the surface of what we might think of hygiene—soap and shampoo--to the essential reality of survival in less than sanitary conditions. From personal practices to religious, political, and cultural intervention, relax and soak up a short history of hygiene.

Lianne currently works as the History, Culture and Social Studies Resource Specialist Consultant with the Toronto Board of Education and curriculum advisor for Upper Canada College, having taught over 80 000 teachers and students (usually in authentic period clothing). In 2003, she was selected by W.O.M.A.D. as one of Toronto's Women of Influence and in 2009 was invited to be a contributing author of the Canadian best-seller

business/self-help book, 'The Power of Women United'. Appearing on TV and interviewed on the radio many times, she is always happy to have a live--and virtual-- audience.

Membership

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone had a happy and safe festive season with your families.

We would like to welcome Barb Cooper back to our club. Barb was one of our founding members but had set aside her membership during the pandemic. Barb is now ready to get back to her bridge games and reconnect with her friends.

As we return to face-to-face meetings, it will be important that all members wear their name badges. Name badges have been ordered and received for those members who joined in 2021. These badges will be handed out during our next face-to-face meeting. At that meeting, I will also distribute badges for folks who joined prior to 2021 but had not yet picked up their badge. If you have not received a badge and would like to know if I have one for you, please email me at dcprobusmember@gmail.com . If you received a badge but can no longer find it, the badge can be replaced but unfortunately the costs will need to be covered by yourself. The cost will be in the \$12 - \$20 range dependent on number of badges ordered.



Take care and please stay safe
Paul Dionne

Join the Management Team!



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on May 19, when we will elect or acclaim our Management Team for the following year. We have a number of positions opening up on our team as current members step down or move on to another position. All PROBUS clubs rely on volunteers for these positions, so we hope that you might consider volunteering to join the team and help shape the future direction of the Club.

The Management Team holds a planning meeting once a month and each position has various duties to perform throughout the month. Being a member of the team offers many opportunities to interact with other members and is in itself, fun and rewarding. Why not give it a try?

The following positions will be opening up in May. Some of these positions will require some training by the incumbent before May, which is why we are making the call so early. A link to the job description for each position has been provided. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Tom Reed at 2coulton@rogers.com

Treasurer - [Treasurer.pdf \(durhamcentralprobus.ca\)](#)

Newsletter Editor - [Newsletter editor.pdf](#)

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Website Tips and Tricks



Ring in the new year by browsing our newly revised Members' Home Page. Several members had expressed their opinion that they had difficulties finding the links that they were looking for. We decided to take another look at the webpage and perform a "winter tune up".

The Members' Home page remains as the main page used to provide you with the links to our member and club information. However, it is now easier to locate the link that you wish to use as the webpage now has distinctive Members Information and Club Information sections. We also tried to increase the font where we could.

Here is a link to a PDF listing the various Member and Club information links, a description of each link and fields that you can browse or sort on. [Member webpage directory](#)

In the upcoming newsletters, we will be covering a different website feature each month. If there is a particular website feature you would like us to cover, please drop us an email at durhamcentralprobus@gmail.com or dcprobusmember@gmail.com.

Social Events

We had our first of four trivia sessions on December 8th, 2021:

- 1st place was Kendra Wilson-Edwards
- 2nd place – Helen and Deryk Read
- 3rd place - Mike Ford

Our second trivia session was held on January 12:

- 1st place was again Kendra Wilson-Edwards
- 2nd place - Helen and Deryk Read
- 3rd place – Frank and Mary Kelcey

Congratulations! No prizes this year - just the thrill of the win.

Other session dates: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 3 pm
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 3pm

All the trivia sessions are via Zoom.



Day at the Movies

On Monday, December 13, 2021 we had a private viewing at Whitby Landmark of Westside Story. The movie was well done and it was great to see everyone.

Hope to do this again in the future with Durham Central Probus.

Finally, Happy New Year to you all from the Social Committee.



Community and Other Virtual Events:

Looking for some services and activities outside of our local PROBUS offerings? Check out these suggestions:

1. Every Friday afternoon Circles Enrichment is holding a **public online presentation** to which everyone is welcome to join. You can find the schedule of upcoming events at <https://circlesenrichment.com/virtual/>. Please contact info@circlesenrichment.com for registration and payment details.

Friday January 14 at 2:00 **The Sociology of COVID-19** (Dr. Nergis Canefe)

Friday January 21 at 2:00 **J.S.Bach and the Organ** (Joseph Sharon)

Friday January 28 at 2:00 **The Third Man** (Daniel Aonso)

2. **Delta's Drive-In Bingo: Pickering** – Sunday, January 23, 1:00pm – parking lot at Delta Pickering -975 Dillingham Road – reservation fee \$10.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deltas-drive-in-bingo-pickering-tickets-239470501717?aff=ebdssbeac&keep_tld=1

3. Check out these free online events offered by Eventbrite:

1. **Begin your Tai Chi journey: An introduction to essential Tai Chi skills**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/begin-your-tai-chi-journey-an-introduction-to-essential-tai-chi-skills-tickets-121038039033?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

2. **Dolly Parton's 76th Birthday Celebration - Music History Livestream**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-partons-76th-birthday-celebration-music-history-livestream-tickets-226788900707?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

3. **Whitney Museum of American Art - New York - Livestream Tour**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whitney-museum-of-american-art-new-york-livestream-tour-tickets-230178659567?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>



We all enjoy hearing about things to do in our community. If anyone has information about virtual or community events to share with our members, please email Patti Mavins by the 7th of each month for adding to our newsletter.

Special Interest Groups

Well, once again the news is not positive for our groups to move forward. This has not been a positive time to get a new club organized. Outdoor activities will continue following the Provincial guidelines. If you are interested in the skiing and/or snowboarding, please contact Laurie Jones. She is doing a great job in organizing these events. Some groups are meeting by ZOOM so please check the information in this newsletter and perhaps arrange to join a group.

If you have an idea for a group that could meet via ZOOM, please contact me so an invitation may be issued to the members.

Hope to see everyone soon and thanks again for your patience.

Catherine c.frost@sympatico.ca



Book Club – “The Chicklits”:



We decided to skip December’s meeting due to the holiday season and moved our next meeting to January 17. The book we selected was “Olive Kitteridge”, by Elizabeth Strout “...Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher, deplors the changes in her little town of Crosby, Maine, and in the world at large, but she doesn’t always recognize the changes in those around her...”

We have room for more members in our book club. If you are interested, please contact *Patti*. patti.mavins@rogers.com

Breakfast Club:

The breakfast group met at Coco Frutti in December. It was great to meet in person and we plan to repeat when we are able.



DC Wanderers:



The DC Wanderers enjoyed several walks in December. We walked Harmony Creek, Cullen Gardens/Heber Down, Oshawa Creek and a lovely Downtown Whitby Christmas walk. Our numbers have doubled since the onset of last Fall 2021 and we have enjoyed many trails, shared stories and conversations together. We welcome you to join us. Please contact Pete Jones at 905-431-4668 or barbandpete@rogers.com. See you on the 2022 trails!

Fibre Friends:

We’ll be meeting on Zoom twice this month to share stories, laughs and crafting ideas. The first meeting will be Thursday, January 13 at 10 a.m. and the second meeting will be Wednesday, January 26 at 1:30 p.m. Our first February meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 10.

Jane Rail and Barb Jones



Golf Groups:



Golf season was over mid-November for 2021 but not forgotten. A few of the golfers met at Shrimp Cocktail for our first annual Probus Golf Group Christmas Lunch. Initially there had been many that were scheduled to attend but due to the quick spreading of Omicron and the government reducing the capacity of restaurants to 50%, many decided not to attend.

Those that did attend had an awesome time with a lot of fun and laughs. It was nice to get together again with friends. We even did a Secret Santa gift exchange which added to the fun in the afternoon.

We are all looking forward to March or April to get together for golf and many laughs. Any member wishing to join the Probus Golf Group is welcome.

For more information e-mail Tom at tlacma99@gmail.com

Downhill Ski and Snowboarding Club

The warm weather has postponed our first run of the season. Currently, the group is waiting for Brimacombe to open more trails. Our full day excursions have also been put on hiatus until further notice. Here's hoping we get a couple of months of snow fun in before Spring!



Poet's Corner

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

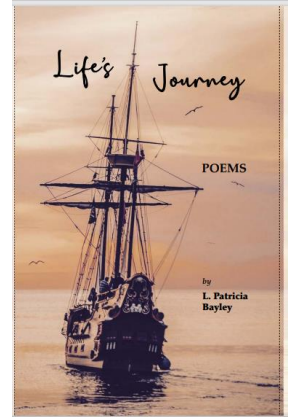
We did it,
Admit it!
We succumbed to the feasting again.
We said that we wouldn't
The Doc.said we shouldn't.
It sounds like that old sweet refrain.
We nibbled and sipped, slurped, gobbled, and savoured,
ate too many cakes, and enjoyed all the flavours.
Our dream of just floating away to the skies
is demolished by eating too many pies.
Hip, Hip, Hurray has been given new meaning.
The scales once again the truth are revealing.
For this holiday, planned right down to the letter,
with well balanced meals we'd all feel much better.
Last year not only the turkey was stuffed.
Everyone laid back, their clothes fit to bust.
So how did we fare with our food guide this year?
The proof's in the pudding so no need to fear.
With love from the fruit cake,
I'll try harder next year.

L. Patricia Bayley

Club Member, Patricia Bayley Publishes Book of Poetry

We have all enjoyed Patricia Bayley's poems each month in our newsletter under Poet's Corner. Patricia has now published a book of poetry, "Life's Journey". As described by Dennis Bayley, Patricia's husband, "The book will include the poem that was on the CTV National News, and has been seen via TV and social media by just over 2 million viewers. Also, the book contains her COVID poems which are in the Whitby archives, and a Remembrance Day poem that was seen on social media by over nine hundred thousand viewers."

The first print run sold out in 4 days, and the 2nd run is moving fast. To purchase a copy, please contact Dennis at dennis.bayley@icloud.com



Member Care



The care of and compassion for our PROBUS Club members is an important feature of a vibrant club. While we all hope our members remain in good health, from time to time, members are in need of our support. "If I'd only known" is a statement we would like to avoid. Please inform Sylvia Hughes, in charge of Member Care, of any circumstances where a member of the club needs our support. Please provide as much detail as possible while being sensitive to the wishes of her or his family. Sylvia will send out the appropriate notice to the club and express appropriate wishes to the member and family on behalf of the club.

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PROBUS CANADA Website: www.PROBUS.org

PROBUS Global website: <https://probusglobal.org/index.html>