

Durham Central PROBUS Club Newsletter: May 2022



2021 – 2022 Executive Officers:

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President

Patti Mavins,
Vice President and
Newsletter Editor

Doug Byers,
Past President

Tricia Cadieux,
Secretary

Tom Anderson,
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**Jackie Bathe,
Janet Good &
Judy Roebuck,**
Social Committee

Catherine Frost,
Special Interest
Groups

**Laurie Jones,
Sylvia Hughes,**
Speakers

Paul Dionne
Membership

**Heather Anderson
& Sue Mackinnon,**
House Committee

Connie Nelson,
Web Master &
Archivist

Mary Ann Bridge,
Member at Large

**NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, May 19, 10 AM
IN PERSON at the Oshawa & District Shrine Club!**

President's Message

“Thank You Everyone!”

Spring is the time for renewal and thanks. Reflecting on the past year, I sincerely thank your Management Team members for their dedication in providing our club with the best possible under very trying circumstances. Additionally, I have appreciated their support and confidence in me during my term as your President. I congratulate our in-coming president, Patti, who will lead us into a more regular and normal PROBUS world. Thank you to Tom, Heather, Liz and Doug for their hard work and sage advice over the past years.

Your slate of officers for next year will be presented at our May meeting. Some team members have volunteered for new responsibilities and, other members of the club have stepped up to join the team. Thanks to all of these members for taking an active role in the operations of our club! We couldn't do it without your support.

Lastly, thank you to all those members who continued to join us on our zoom meetings and did their best to remain engaged and active with the club's activities.

Hopefully, we will see more members joining us for our face-to-face meeting in May at the Shrine Club. There, you will have an opportunity to speak to Catherine, Chair of our Special Interest Groups about new groups forming and, to Janet, Judy and Jackie Co-Chairs of our Social Committee about the exciting excursions and social events planned for the summer months. I hope to see you at the May meeting as I hand the gavel over to Patti, your president for 2022-23.

Sincere thanks and best wishes,
Tom

Thank You - Merci – Gracias - Danke



May 2022 Speaker: Daniel Alonso

'Music is the Cinema'



Want to know what makes our favourite movies masterpieces? The film scores, of course. Join Daniel Alonso as he demonstrates the impact of film scores in epic films such as "Gone with the Wind" and "Lawrence of Arabia", adventure movies like "The Great Escape" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark", and fantasy and sci-fi films as in "The Fellowship of the Ring" and "Interstellar".

Daniel Alonso studied piano from an early age. He then went on to complete a Bachelor's and later Master's degree in music from York University with Classical Piano as primary instrument. His main areas of interest are in Popular Music and Film Music.



In-person Meetings Again!!!

We're back!



Last month's meeting was loads of fun. We had a Share-the-Wealth raffle prize which netted over \$50.00 for the lucky winner! There were lots of door prizes including bottles of wine and gift cards! The speaker was interesting, and it was a joy to re-connect with people we hadn't seen in a long time. There will be more door prizes at our May meeting. We hope to see you there!

Please note the current expectations to attend our face-to-face meetings. These requirements will be reviewed on a month-to-month basis:

1. You must be fully vaccinated to attend.
2. Upon arrival, check in at one of the two tables set up at the entrance to the hall to obtain a raffle ticket.
3. Please wear a mask at all times, except when eating or drinking.
4. Please take your coat with you to your seat. Seating will be in table format, but there will only be 6 people per table.
5. **Coffee or tea will not be served at this meeting.** If you require a beverage or snack, we ask that you bring your own.

6. Please do not attend if you have any Covid symptoms or been in contact with anyone with the virus over the last ten days.
7. Don't forget to wear your name tag!

Your management team looks forward to seeing you at the May 19 meeting. Doors will open at **9:30 AM.**

Membership

We are pleased to announce that we had 2 new members join our club in April. Please welcome Audrey Andrews and Jim Bridge. Many thanks to the both of you for joining our club. We hope that you will find interest groups and/or events that pique your interests and assist you in discovering new friends.



Many thanks to the members who have renewed their membership. As of May 1, more than 70% of our membership had renewed their membership. The Durham Central PROBUS Management team appreciates your continued support.

For those folks who have not renewed their memberships for 2022-2023, we highly recommend that you do so as soon as you can. Your 2021-2022 membership expired on May 1 and as of the end of May, restrictions on your participation in groups and events will be restricted unless you have renewed.

We are encouraging everyone to renew their membership via our website. However, for those folks unable to renew online, we will accept renewal cheques for \$30 payable to Durham Central PROBUS Club. **The cheques must be dropped off at the meeting registration table at the upcoming May 19 General Meeting at the Oshawa Shriner's Hall.** If you are not attending the meeting, please drop off the cheque between 9:30 and 9:45AM. Any questions and/or queries can be directed to dcprobusmember@gmail.com

Below is a schedule of the email notifications that members not yet renewed will receive. If you have renewed, you will not receive these emails.

Email Reminder/Notification	Date	Comments
Grace Period Extended Notification	May 30	Your participation in club/interest group activities could be restricted until your membership is renewed
Membership Terminated Notification	June 29	Unfortunately, we will be terminating your membership. After June 29, you will need to contact dcprobusmember@gmail.com to renew

If you do have any family members or friends who may have an interest in joining our club, please do not hesitate to direct them to our website [Durham Central PROBUS Club - Home](#) or contact us at dcprobusmember@gmail.com if they have any questions. Please note that our club does not require member sponsorship for a new applicant to apply for membership.

Paul Dionne
Membership Chairperson

A New Management Team for 2022-23!



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **May 19**, during which will be presented the nominees for the vacant roles on the Management Team for the following year.

PROBUS clubs rely on volunteers for these positions. Although this last year has been a tough one for our club not meeting in person, the members have responded amazingly! Under the leadership of

Doug Byers, the Nominating Committee feels very positive both about the Management Team candidates for 2022-23 and, about the future of our club.

The slate of nominees follows below:

President: Patti Mavins

Vice President: Janet Good

Past President: Tom Reed

Secretary: Tricia Cadieux

Treasurer: *Still seeking a nominee*

Social Committee Co-Chairs: Judy Roebuck, Jackie Bathe

Special Interest Groups Chair: Catherine Frost

Membership Chair: Paul Dionne

Newsletter Editor: Marek Warunkiewicz

Speaker Co-Chairs: Laurie Jones and Sylvia Hughes

Webmaster and Archivist: Connie Nelson

Communications Coordinator: MaryAnne Bridge

House Committee: Sue MacKinnon, *(seeking another nominee)*

Members at Large: Pete Jones, Linda Hebert

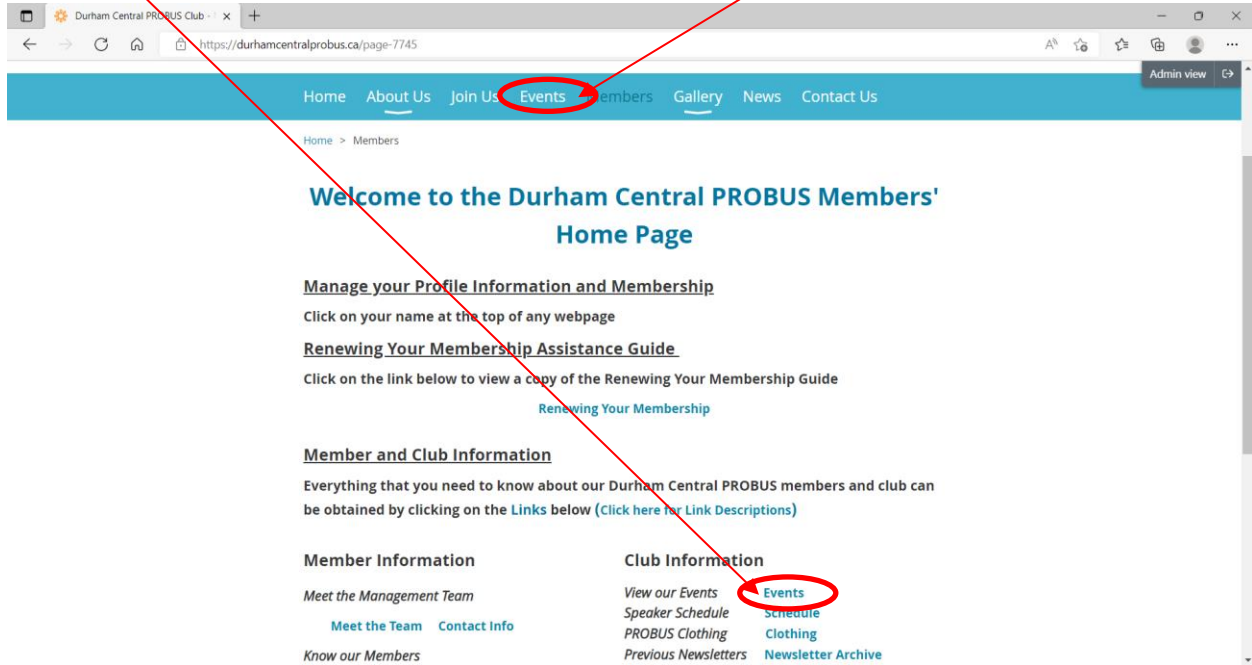
Other members of the club may be nominated for any of the above roles at any point up until 21 days before the June meeting. You may do so by contacting Doug Byers at dougbyers@rogers.com or Patti Mavins at patti.mavins@rogers.com by May 25. We will elect or acclaim our 2022-23 Management Team during our June 16 meeting.

Website Tips and Tricks

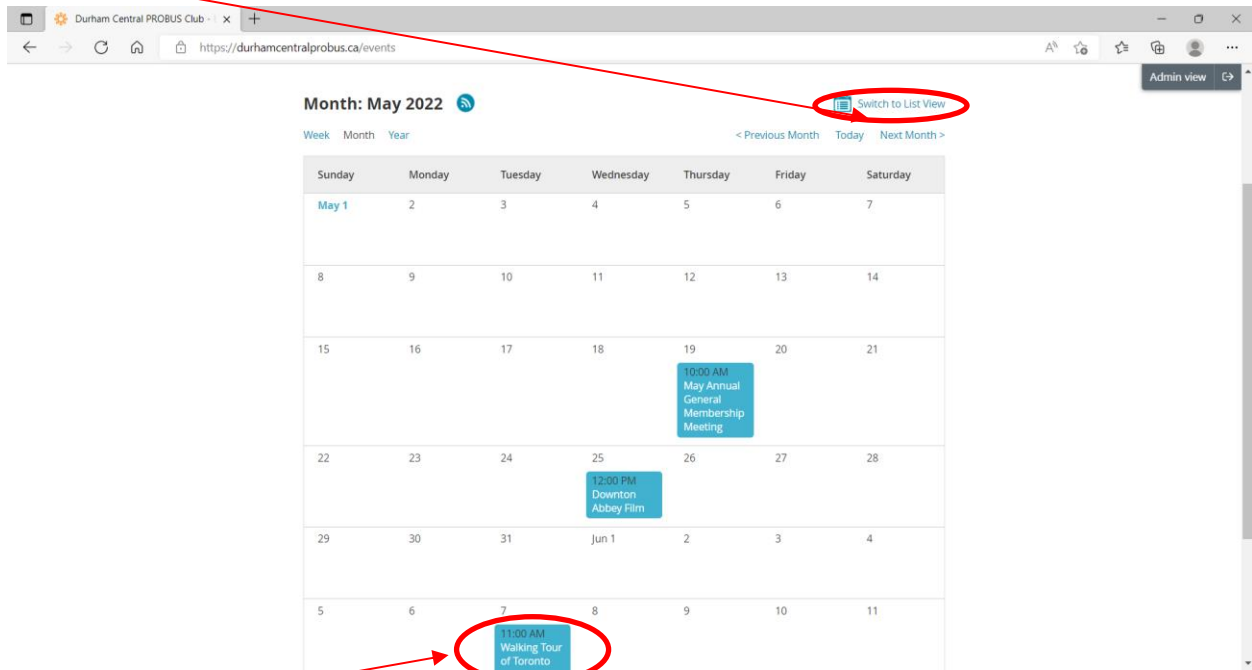
Events:

Do you wonder what is going on in PROBUS? You can use our website Events feature to address your curiosity.

You can enter the Events feature by either by clicking Events on the upper ribbon or clicking on the Events link under the Club Information section.



Either link will provide you with a calendar view of upcoming events. Alternatively, you can toggle to a List View by clicking on the link above the calendar on the right side of the page.



Details of the event can be viewed by clicking on the event

Please note that we have several types of events listed:

1. Open meetings such as our General Meetings
2. Interest Groups events which are open only to those members who have joined the group
3. Events that you must register for to attend. Some registered events may be open for you to bring a guest and/or require payment from you.

Next month we will cover off how to register and pay for events.

Social Events

Private viewing of Downton Abbey

Date: Wednesday, May 25

Don't forget to be at Landmark in Whitby by 11:20. Snacks and drinks can be purchased. We recommend we all wear masks. Event is sold out.



Walking Tour of Toronto Island

Date: Tuesday June 7

Event is sold out.

We are taking the 8:40 Go train from Oshawa Go Station. (Whitby 8:45) We will arrive at Union Station at 9:40 and will walk from Union Station down to the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal. We will then take the 10:30 ferry to Ward Island and meet the ladies giving the tour for 11:00 am. The tour is 90 minutes long. We have purchased ferry tickets prior to the date. Let's hope we have a grand sunny day.

Christal Lake Lavender Farm

Date: Wednesday July 13

Cost: \$5.00 each

Time: 11 am

The invitation is out or you can sign up from the Durham Probus website
Transportation to the farm is on your own

WESTBEN In July

Westben is a not-for-profit arts organization committed to bringing people together through music.

The Barn is located 6698 County Road 30 North, Campbellford, Ontario, K0L 1L0

Grounds are open 12:30 pm for a 2 pm concert and 5:30 pm for 7 pm concert. Bar opens 1 hour prior.

Date: Friday, July 8.... Evening with Mary Walsh

Time: 7pm

Cost: \$63.36

Mary Walsh is known for an array of comic gems including characters from Dancing with Rage, CODCO and this Hour has 22 Minutes, along with up-to-date local political satire. She has won many awards.

After the past two years we can all use some laugh time!



Date: Wednesday, July 20... ABBA Mia

Time: 2 pm

Cost: \$53.30

This performance is in concert style and features the music of ABBA including numbers from the Broadway musical and movies using ABBA music. The performance is 2 hours long. You are welcome to tap your feet, sing along or get up and dance...it's a great time.



Georgian Bay Cruise, lunch, and Ste-Marie Among the Hurons visit. Bus included

Date: Thursday, August 11

Set sail on a fabulous lunch cruise, showcasing sparkling waters and windswept pines of the 30,000 islands. Upon arrival back to the dock, enjoy a chance to explore Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, where history comes to life.

Includes bus, cruise, visit to St Marie and lunch aboard the boat.

Cost: \$158.00 per person

Time: Bus leaves Oshawa 7:45 am and Whitby 8: 00 am returns after 7 pm

This tour is put on by Lakeshore Tours and Travel. We have 20 seats blocked off but would love to fill the whole bus with PROBUS members.

Invitations will be out shortly. Please respond quickly if you are interested so we can secure the blocked seats.

Any questions please give us a call or email. (Email and phone number available on website)

Janet Good, Judy Roebuck, Jackie Bathe
Social Chairs

Staying connected has never been easier!

Join our own FACEBOOK Group for the Durham Central Probus Club.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/457250132508751>



Special Interest Groups

Please look at the outdoor activities and consider joining one or more of the groups.

We still need more members to join the **Hand and Foot card game group** and the **Bid Euchre group** with the hopes of starting in house games by September.

Also, it would be great to get a foursome for the **9 Hole Golf group**. So far, I have 2 members interested.



Would like to hear your ideas for new groups to start in September

Please contact me at c.frost@sympatico.ca

Catherine

Book Club – “The Chicklits”:



Our April novel was “The Christie Affair”, by Nina de Gramont. It was a fictional recount of an actual life event of Agatha Christie, and gave rise to a lively discussion about what was and was not fictional.

Our May book will be “Cool Water” by Dianne Warren. It is an entertaining story of the prairie town, Juliet, Saskatchewan, and its inhabitants.

Our next meeting is on Monday, May 30, 2pm.

Patti patti.mavins@rogers.com

Day-trippers:

Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum trip, June 8th, 11:30. The museum staff are very knowledgeable about their subject and will even give us some insider gossip which is always fun. After the museum we will go for lunch in Uxbridge. There is lots of time to sign up. Please do so at your convenience to bonnie.hyderman@gmail.com



DC Wanderers:



We enjoyed some good walks and each other’s company in April. The Waterfront Trail in Whitby, Cullen Gardens and the Oshawa Creek were among the trails which the group covered. This month we will be trying new trails as well as old. New members are welcome to join our group. We are usually out and about for one hour. If interested please contact Pete Jones at barbandpete@rogers.com.

Fibre Friends:



Now that the warm weather has arrived, our group is looking forward to outdoor in-person meetings. Our next few meetings will be:

Thursday, May 12 at 10 a.m. - Cullen Park

Wednesday, May 25 at 1:30 p.m. - location TBA

Thursday, June 9 at 10 a.m. - location TBA

The meeting locations will be emailed to members before the meetings. If weather prevents an outdoor meeting, we will get together on Zoom.

Jane and Barb look forward to sharing a laugh with everyone as we craft and chat.

Golf Group:

Nice to get outside on the links again

The weather has now changed. The sun is shining. The spring weather is here. The Probus Golf Group is now playing every Friday at various courses. We have recently played at Columbus, Kedron Dells, Deer Creek S, Glen Cedars and Black Diamond. It is very nice to meet with friends again on the golf course.

Two new golfers have recently joined our group and we look forward to golfing with them both.

We golf 18 holes at various golf courses on Fridays starting around 10:00 AM. If anyone is interested in joining us, please email me.

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



Pickleball:



We are back playing outdoors at Radio Park on Thursdays at 1 p.m. The mornings would be ideal but the courts are too busy. Our first day of play was enthusiastic with lots of laughs and honing our skills. Please contact me for updates or to learn to play. *Linda Hebert* - linmar322@gmail.com

Probus Paddlers

Probus Paddlers is a group for experienced paddlers who want to gather casually each week to paddle and connect with others who love canoeing and kayaking in nature.

Fun! Friendly! Safe!

When Will We Begin?

Monday June 6, 2022

When Will We Paddle?

Most Mondays 10:00 - 12 noon

Dates: We will meet twice each month from May-September.

June 6, 27.

July 4, 18.

Aug 22, 29.

Sept 12, 26.



Where?

Mostly in the waterways of Durham Region. Participants are to arrange their own transportation. Transportation will not be provided.

Safety?

*Must be able to swim confidently about 100m (4 lengths of most municipal pools)

*Must wear a PFD when in the canoe/kayak

Cost?

Some locations may have parking or day use fee.

Do I Need to Have Experience Paddling?

Yes. This group is for those who can make a boat go in a straight line and are able to paddle effectively. No instruction will be provided.

What Equipment do I Need?

*Your own PFD and paddle

*Also canoe or kayak

* Legal requirements- spare paddle, bailing bucket, 15m rescue throw rope, whistle

If I Don't Have a Canoe/kayak?

We are not providing boats. You can perhaps paddle with someone in a tandem canoe but this is not a guarantee on any given week. You can be on a list of those needing a tandem canoe partner and we'll see if there are any openings. Some people will choose to paddle solo. Due to social distancing requirements, there must be at least 6' between paddlers unless from the same household.

Our Maximum Numbers?

About 8 people

Covid Safety Precautions?

Masks are strongly recommended when social distancing can't be followed. We will be spread out on the water. Canoes are usually 16' long and that will ensure appropriate distancing when you paddle. Bring your own hand sanitizer and mask. Full vaccination status is requested.

What if the Weather is Inclement?

Lewis Williams, the organizer, will notify paddlers on Saturday/Sunday prior to the Monday paddle day if the paddling is cancelled due to bad weather. We will not paddle in thunder and lightning conditions. If it rains, we may paddle depending on the degree.

Are There Washrooms?

Some locations do not have washrooms.

What Do I need to Bring?

Properly fitting, personal PFD, paddle, whistle, water bottle, snacks (e.g., granola bar), clothes appropriate for the weather, small knapsack, water proof bag for valuables, footwear that can get wet, sun glasses, sun hat, sunscreen, bug repellent, waterproof camera, **sense of adventure**

How Do I Sign Up?

If you are interested, please email me your name and preferred email contact info. Indicate: (1) if you have a kayak or a canoe; (2) if you don't have a canoe and would like a seat in one; (3) if you have a tandem canoe and would like a paddling partner; (4) any health issues you think I should know about in the context of this paddling activity.

Got any questions?

Please feel free to contact me any time.

Organizer Contact Info:

Lewis Williams, certified canoe instructor and guide
Cell: 905-767-3180
Email: paddle_song@hotmail.com

PROBUS PEDAL POWER (CYCLING) GROUP



Cycling season is here, although the weather remains uncooperative. All the same, we've already had several great rides despite the cool weather, and the gnats along the Waterfront Trail.

Please contact me if you would like your name added to my email list. You won't hear about our rides unless you are on the list!

John Patté – gangler@live.ca

Poet's Corner

Dodging The Bullets

Nothing much is as it seems.
Little stays private not even our dreams.
This world has its share of bamboozle and fraud
and when you're the victim it cuts like a sword.
One shouldn't believe everything that one hears
or answer to questions resulting in tears.
or some of the physical trauma around
since evil and callousness always abound.
What is the answer to knowing full well
yet straying from these truths and living through hell?
All over the planet solutions are sought
to alleviate pain and help the distraught;
Consequence held to lessen the gain.
Who is the culprit and who bears the shame
for spreading the misery throughout the domain?
Being a judgmental human's to blame.
To balance emotion and gather the facts
to come to discussion with some trusts intact.
Joy and strife, risk-taking part of the game.
Strength is resilience and coping with pain.
Surviving with courage is what keeps us sane.

Patricia Bayley

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