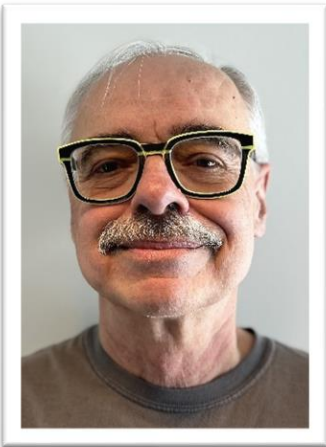




PROBUS Club of Clarington

*Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of
the month, 10:00 AM
1685 Bloor St., Courtice
(Hope Fellowship Church)*

From our President



February is the shortest month of the year, yet it seems to be the busiest month for holidays and observances. There's Groundhog Day, Valentines Day, Ukulele Day, Carrot Cake Day, Pizza Day and Jello Day (no I did not make up the last 4 days). In the U.S., they have President's Day and in Canada, we have Family Day and National Flag of Canada Day. The Lunar New Year and Ash Wednesday occur in the month of February this year. February is also Black History Month, which will be the topic of our speaker this month, Channon Oyeniran.

Our February General Meeting lands on Valentine's Day this year. So, if you are planning to attend the meeting, please wear something red. We are going to do a fun ice-breaker game for the break. This will give everyone a chance to mingle and perhaps get to know some of our newer members. As always, I look forward to seeing you there.

*John Muzik,
President*

Speaker for February

Channon Oyeniran is an author, historian, educator, advocate and public speaker with an exceptional knowledge of Black History and the issues faced by the Black Community in Canada and around the world. Channon holds an undergraduate degree in History and Caribbean Studies from U of T, a



PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Masters Degree in Slavery Studies from The University of Hull in the UK, a Certificate in Adult Education from George Brown College, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Queen's University in Kingston. She has written numerous articles, hosted conferences and given talks on various aspects of black history and experience and has appeared on a number of TV Programs.

Channon's presentation will provide an overview of the rich and expansive history and experiences of people of African descent in Canada over 400 years. Her children's book, *The Time Travel Adventures of Ara*, will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Member Profile

Prior to moving to Durham Region, I was a police officer with Peel Regional Police in Mississauga. After settling in Durham, I taught policing in the Police Foundations/ Protection, Security and Investigations (PSI) programs at the north Oshawa campus of Durham College for a number of years before retiring.

I currently live in Courtice. I have two grown daughters; one lives in Toronto, the other in Squamish, BC. I enjoy retirement and fill my time traveling, reading, getting together with friends and family and playing cards.

Lynne Leroy



Membership Report

We extend a warm welcome to the 8 new members who joined since December:

Dolly Konzelmann	Brenda Bacon
Barbara Goodin	Lyle Goodin
Renata Leonowicz	Finuzza Akeson
Susan Reeves	George Reeves

Our membership stands at 216.

Winner of the Share the Wealth in January was Donna Volling with a windfall of \$89.00. Congratulations!

Share the Wealth tickets are \$1/1 ticket, \$2/3 tickets, \$5/8 tickets. Enjoy free coffee and treats with your purchase!

Nadia Bilyk

News from your Social Committee

We had 26 members join the Games Afternoon on Tuesday, January 16th at Fionn MacCool's. It was a great afternoon of games and socializing. Thanks to everyone who shared games. I've now bought a few more for my collection.

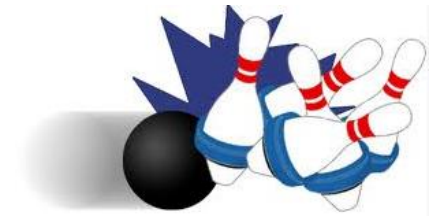


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Upcoming Events

Five-Pin Bowling, Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Neb's Fun World, 1300 Wilson Rd. N., Oshawa. \$14.70 per person includes shoe rental and two games. Currently we have reserved 4 lanes for 20 people. Please put your name on a waitlist once the registration is full as we may be able to increase the number to 24 players.



The Chicks Tribute Band at Newcastle Community Hall, 20 King Ave. West in Newcastle, Saturday, April 27; \$53.40 per person.



We have currently reserved 40 tickets for this event. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the **concert starts at 8:00**. There will be a cash Martini Bar and hors d'oeuvres served at intermission.

These Juno award winners are backed up by a full band and provide a tribute to the top-selling female country group of all time, 'The Chicks', formerly known as The Dixie Chicks.

SAVE THE DATE!

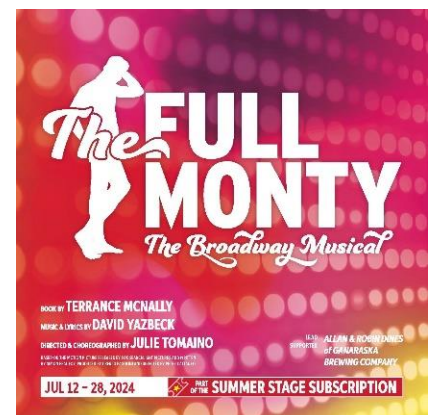
The Full Monty at the Capital Theatre, 20 Queen St., Port Hope, July 17, at 2:00 p.m.

We have reserved 24 tickets and must have a minimum of 15 tickets sold for special pricing. Guests are welcome.

This is a raucous, pop-rock-musical that takes it all off!

While spying on their wives at a "Girls' Night Out," a group of unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo come up with a bold (and unclothed) way to make some quick cash. In preparing for the show, they find themselves extremely exposed, both physically and emotionally. As they conquer their fears, self-consciousness, and prejudices, the men come to discover that they're stronger as a group, and the strength that they find in each other gives them the individual courage to let it all go. Based on the cult hit film, The Full Monty is filled with razor-sharp humour, toe-tapping rhythms, and the most highly anticipated closing number of any show.

Andrea Shaw



Interest Groups

Calling all Zoomers!

It has been suggested that some members might be interested in a participating in a group that meets solely over Zoom. The Zoomers (for lack of a better name at this time), could meet to chat, watch a broadcast and then discuss it, listen to a podcast, exercise.... whatever meets their fancy.

This group might only meet during the winter months, but if there is interest, it could run all year.

If any member has an interest in participating in such a group, please contact me at dbright56@hotmail.com

Thank you.

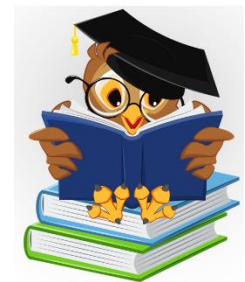
Donna Bright

Men's Book Club



I've just finished reading a book about the world's greatest basement.

It was a best cellar.



Investing in the Market

The Investing in the Market Interest Group has room for a couple new members. We don't just talk about buying and selling stocks, but have far ranging discussions about the many different financial situations of seniors, strategies to deal with them, and estate planning. Sign up on Wild Apricot if you're interested. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. (No meeting in Feb.)

Heather Griffin

Ladies Who Lunch

On January 17, our group met at the Anchor Point Fusion Bar & Grill in Courtice for their \$10 lunches. It was great and everyone was happy with their meals. At 10 dollars a lunch, it was certainly a great deal!

Shirley Shirley



What's for Dinner



The What's for Dinner group celebrated a New Year's Brunch on January 27 at our home. Leslie brought the New Year's hats, noise makers and crackers to the brunch. That made it feel more festive!

Nancy Muzik



Management Team Information

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for Membership approval at the AGM on April 10, 2024. These candidates indicated their interest to serve on the Management Committee:

President: John Muzik

Vice President: Marg Allen

Past President: Leslie Soltay

Secretary: Sherry Shrives

Treasurer: Ken Burgess

Membership Coordinator: Nadia Bilyk

Social Committee Chair: Andrea Shaw

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The Bylaws allow for further nominations for these positions up to 21 days prior to the AGM. Any member wishing to put their name forward for any PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM position must do so in writing on or before March 20, 2024, and submit their nomination to the Nominating Committee Chair at brasscranes@gmail.com. If there are any additional nominations for a specific position on the Management Committee, this would initiate an election to be held at the AGM.

Leslie Soltay

Chair, Nominating Committee

Management Committee job descriptions can be found on the PROBUS Club of Clarington website under **Management Committee**. Click on the position title to open the description for each position.

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A little bit of laughter...

A couple went on a date at a fancy restaurant. The girl tells the man to say something that will make her heart race. He replies, "I forgot my wallet."



When older people say, "Enjoy them while they are young," they are talking about your knees and hips, not your kids.

FUN GAME

**I LIKE TO MAKE LISTS.
I ALSO LIKE TO LEAVE THEM LYING ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER AND THEN GUESS WHAT'S ON THE LIST WHILE AT THE STORE.**

People will stop asking you questions... if you answer back in interpretive dance.

Next PROBUS Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 10 am

WEAR RED FOR VALENTINES DAY

Remember to bring a mug and money for Share the Wealth

Deadline for submissions to the March Newsletter is February 27

Send articles, pictures and jokes to chase_al@hotmail.com



In the end, we won't remember the most beautiful face and body. We'll remember the most beautiful heart and soul. ~ unknown

MamaKins Sroft

Msroft

Love is such a powerful force. It's there for everyone to embrace-that kind of unconditional love for all of humankind. That is the kind of love that impels people to go into the community and try to change conditions for others, to take risks for what they believe in.

CORETTA SCOTT KING

