

PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST NOVEMBER 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of our Probus members,

I was out walking down a trail through the woods the other day when a slight breeze came up. The next thing I saw was a literal shower of leaves dropping from the trees. These leaves settled on the path and under the surrounding trees to add yet another layer to a literally golden blanket that covered everything. This image, combined with the many mental pictures of all of the reds and golden yellows that we had driven past/through to get to our walk, reminded me of why this is one of my very favourite times of year. (This in spite of what is coming next!) The visuals really are something to see.

By the time that you get to read this month's newsletter many of these colourful scenes will have passed their peaks and we will inevitably turning our thoughts to what Mother Nature has in store for us next. Hopefully, in the meantime, you got to enjoy any number of visitors to your front doors on Halloween. Perhaps some of you even got to help escort

grandchildren on their treasure hunting excursions.

This month, as in nearly 80 years, November 11 is set aside for us all to look back and remember all those who sacrificed so much so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. While it might be tempting from time to time to bemoan the present times and its challenges, we don't have to look too far afield for reminders of just how very fortunate we truly are to live in this country.

Have a great November, everyone.

Jim Adamson President, PROBUS Club of Port Perry president.portperryprobus@gmail.com



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GUEST REGISTRATION

All members are welcome. Guests

MUST REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL

and are restricted to attending no more than two membership meetings.

Preparation for our Monthly Meetings includes setting up and taking down tables and chairs. If you can help, please come about 30 minutes early or stay a few minutes later and lend a hand. THANK YOU.



NO PARKING

Please do not park on the grass areas surrounding the Hope Church.

NOTE - We are a GREEN club!

Our hard working volunteers ask that you please bring a mug for your tea or coffee.

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CLUB NOTICES

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be held on

Tuesday November 19 from 10 a.m. to noon

at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you to all those members who have paid their renewal fees for the 2024-2025 year. We would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

SUE PALERMO	ANN POWELL	BEV OTT	ROSEMARY SWAN
BOB ALEBON	BOB RIMMER	NANCY HVIDSTEN	SHARON SCHMIDT
GAIL ALEBON	MARION KOPPENS	PATRICK BUNTING	SUSAN REID
SUSAN BROOKS	KELLY SPRACKMAN	BONNIE BUNTING	BOBBIE DREW
SUSAN TREMAYNE-MOON	LORNE SPRACKMAN	ANN CORRIGAN	SUSAN RETFORD
CLIFF MOON	WERNER MEES	LINDA BRADBURN	JACKIE DEMPSTER
BARB ANNETTE	ALICE MEES	STAN TAYLOR	CINDY OSBORNE
MARG PELOW	JACK OTT	BILL SWAN	

If you have any questions, please contact Linda. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the PROBUS Club of Port Perry.

We would also like to ask all existing members to advise our membership chairperson of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers. Please send an email with the changes to Linda Parry at www.portperryprobus@gmail.com so that you can avoid missing our club activities or social events.

Linda Parry, Membership Chair PROBUS Club of Port Perry

Remembrance

Veterans want Canadians to understand the price of freedom. They are passing the torch to the people of Canada, so the memory of their sacrifices will continue, and the values they fought for will live on in all of us.

REMEMBER REMEMBER

The day and the date and the time are recorded.

The plan, for the war to end all wars, was thwarted when from the postwar was spawned a new war with its gas masks for infants and bombs dropped once more.

Women's work changed like never before.
Wars of today have a different perspective, civilians and homelessness interconnected.
Starvation of children, no one takes the blame, excuses from leaders increasingly lame.
The need to remember the dead is essential causing a change to this pattern's credential.
Remember, Remember, those flags proudly wave for all those who went to their premature grave.

L. Patricia Bayley



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Club Notices continued



The success of the PROBUS Club of Port Perry is attributable, to a large extent, to our wonderful volunteers. They work hard to provide you with a variety of Social and Interest Group activities and provide back-of-house services at monthly member meetings for a whopping 350 members! One of the biggest challenges with volunteer organizations is to prevent "volunteer fatigue". To help avoid this we must expand our volunteer base. More help, less work per volunteer!

THAT BEING SAID.....

URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

INTEREST GROUP CO-CHAIR

Duties include:

- Facilitate the management of Club Interest Groups and the establishment and promotion of new Interest Groups as suggested by Club members
- Solicit coordinators for Interest Groups.
- Ensure that members of the group are members of the Club (i.e. no guests).
- Work with the individual Coordinators to help establish new groups, recommended maximum group size for the Interest Group, help identify when a group's numbers become too

large to manage and suggest to the coordinator to break off and create a new similar interest group.

- Provide update on Interest Group activities at the monthly Management Committee meeting.
- Provide timely responses to those members who reach out via phone or email inquiring about Interest Groups.
- Maintain a master list of Interest Groups and their Coordinators to facilitate monthly updates for newsletter.

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

HOUSE CO-CHAIR

Duties may include:

- Assures break room is set up.
- Assists in setting out refreshments.
- Arrange for bakers.
- Recruit volunteers and allocate tasks.
- Ensure availability of equipment as required and that this is stored at venue or brought to each meeting if kept elsewhere.
- Purchase disposable cups, stirrers, coffee, tea-bags, sugar, milk, and plastic garbage bags for tea/coffee break if required.
- After the meeting, tidy up, dispose of garbage and store equipment.

For more information contact: president.portperryprobus@gmail.com



To be a volunteer, all you need is the desire to give back to the Club that you have benefitted so much from, a willingness to share your knowledge, ideas and experience, a co-operative attitude and a little bit of time.

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guests - November 19

VINTAGE SOUL

"Music from the Past"



Vintage Soul is a live performance duo featuring the musical talents of Nick Reynolds and Cheryl Gow.

During our time working together over the past decade or so in various bands we decided we should celebrate our shared passion for 'vintage" music and create our own working duet.

Covering a wide selection of songs spanning four decades beginning early 1930s thru late1970s with music from artists such as Dinah Washington, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Nat King Cole and also Elton John, The Monkees, Fleetwood Mac, Van Morrison and The Beatles.

Vintage Soul is the ideal fit for the more mature crowd.

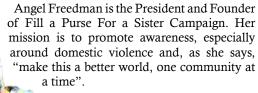


Short Presention – November 19 ANGEL FREEDMAN

"Fill a Purse for a Sister Campaign"

Fill a Purse For a Sister Campaign brings comfort, hope and dignity to women and youth in crisis with the gift of purses filled with personal necessities. Donations of filled purses will be donated to domestic violence shelters, womens shelters, rape crisis centres and social services that support women.

About Our Speaker:



Angel is a self-proclaimed feminist, staunch advocate for gender equality, and is passionate about helping women find their voice.

Angel is a social worker in private practice in Stouffville.

Did you miss our October Speaker? HERE'S A RECAP

Our guest speaker was Tim Westhead whose presentation was titled "Remember When....for Baby Boomers".

It was a fun and nostalgic trip back to our earlier years with great reminders of different movie stars, the music, the cars in the 50s and 60s and much more that I am sure brought back many memories for everyone present. Tim also had some interactive audience participation where he gave hints about various subjects and people called out the answers. Lots of fun was had by all!

Tim has many other interesting sessions that he will be presenting to various PROBUS groups in the near future and he was grateful to speak with our current membership.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

December 17

CAREY NICHOLSON - Theatre on the Ridge

January 21

DR. SHARON LAURICELLA – "AI"

February 18 –

WILF MALETTE - Ride For Dad Campaign

March 18

LEANNE HARRIS – "Women's International Day"

October Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS



The winners of this month's Share the Wealth draw were:

JANE SWEATMAN, JOHN LEAHY AND PENNY VERWEY

The winners each received \$45.

Congratulations everyone!

NOVEN	IBER					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. MAHJONG	
1-1h Fall Back	4	5	6	7	8	9
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG	DARTS 2 p.m.	FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.	ST. JACOBS WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m. DINNER OUT	EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
10	• 11	12	13	14	15	16
		CRAFTING CORNER 10 a.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m. BETWEEN THE COVERS 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. MAHJONG LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	DINNER - GWCTD 6:30 p.m.
17	18	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. – Hope Church	20	21	22	23
HOCKEY GAME OSHAWA VS KINGSTON 2 p.m.	CLIMATE GROUP 10:30 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG	JIGSAW PUZZLERS Hope Church 10:30 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.		WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. BOOK CLUB NEXT CHAPTER 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. BOWER POWER 7 p.m.	CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL Port Perry Town Hall 2 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m. EUCHRE-EVENING 7 p.m.	LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO GRAPES OF POURT 6 p.m.	BID EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. MAHJONG LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS



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OSHAWA GENERALS VS KINGSTON FRONTENACS HOCKEY GAME

Sunday November 17 – 2 p.m.

Tribute Communities Centre 99 Athol St. E., Oshawa Cost: \$40.00

Joining with the Uxbridge PROBUS Club

Part of the East Medallion Lounge has been reserved with a hostess assigned to look after food and beverage needs. For more information or to register, please contact social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Payment can be made by e-transfer to social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or by cheque to Uxbridge PROBUS, c/o Gail Heroux, 72 Munro Cres., Uxbridge, ON L9P 1L8.

A CHRISTMAS SURVIVAL GUIDE

Saturday November 23 – 2 p.m.

Port Perry Town Hall 302 Queen St., Port Perry Tickets: \$30.00

Light-hearted holiday musical filled with comedy, poignancy, and songs of the season designed to de-stress and refresh with some grown up holiday. To register, please email <u>social.portperryprobus@gmail.com</u>.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday December 11, 11:30 a.m.

Kedron Dells Golf Club 2400 Ritson Rd. N., Oshawa Cost: \$59 members, \$70 guests

Join us for a three-course dinner — Traditional Turkey Dinner with Butternut Squash Soup, Apple Cranberry Crumble and tea/coffee. This is a PROBUS Club subsidized event - \$59 per person for members and \$70 for guests. Space is limited. To register please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.



MUDMEN

Friday January 3, 8 p.m.

Port Perry Town Hall 302 Queen St., Port Perry Tickets: \$28.00 (seniors)

Enjoy an all-ages evening of Celtic music and Mud stories. The Mudmen are a blast of Celtic energy whose members are known to be characters both on and off the stage. They have performed 3000 shows to date over the past 26 years. To register please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE AT COLONEL MUSTARD'S

12 to 3 p.m. Wednesday January 8, Wednesday February 5 Wednesday March 5

Colonel Mustard's, 15 Water Street, Port Perry Cost: \$5.00 plus the cost of your lunch ordered from the menu.

Please indicate your preference when you register to play bridge or euchre. Prizes for the winning teams. To register, please email **social.portperryprobus@gmail.com** so that we can reserve for an accurate number. Seating is limited in the sunroom.

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE MANDARIN



Wednesday January 29 – 12 p.m.

1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa

Buffet luncheon. Join the festivities at Mandarin as they welcome the Year of the Snake!

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Port Perry Social Events continued

PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

SCAVENGER HUNT AND POT LUCK DINNER

Tuesday October 8



Group, by group come back to the church.

We were entertained by the Lakeside Ukes.

The buffet is served to a hungry crowd.





Winners of the Hunt are (L-R) Karen, Linda, Cathy and Gail. Anne thanks these kitchen helpers for the super job. We all agreed!

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PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW







BOUNTIFUL LUNCH Tuesday October 15

The Bountiful Lunch was well attended and a very enjoyable event following our regular meeting. Thank you to Ruth who provided the tomato lentil soup, Darla who

made the turkey sandwiches, and Jooles who made the meat ball sliders. And thank you to the kitchen elves and all members who contributed desserts and helped at the event.









AS REQUESTED!

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

4 garlic cloves, minced

3 tablespoons minced fresh ginger

1 tablespoon mild curry powder

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, plus more to taste

1 (28-ounce) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes

1 cup dry red lentils, rinsed

21/2 cups water

1 (14-ounce) can full-fat coconut milk ½ teaspoon sea salt, plus more to taste Freshly ground black pepper

½ cup chopped fresh cilantro

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

TOMATO LENTIL SOUP

Prep Time: 10 mins. Cook Time: 35 mins. Serves 4 to 6

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat the oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion and a pinch of salt and cook until soft and lightly browned around the edges, 8 to 10 minutes, reducing the heat to low as needed.

With the heat on low, add the garlic, ginger, curry powder, and red pepper flakes and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 2 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, lentils, water, coconut milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, and several grinds of black pepper. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce the heat. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until the lentils are tender, 25 to 35 minutes. If your soup is too thick, stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 cup more water to reach your desired consistency. Stir in the cilantro and lime juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve.



Notes: Store leftover soup in the fridge for up to four days.

If it thickens too much in the fridge, stir in a little water while you reheat it until you reach your desired soup consistency.

This soup also freezes well.

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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

MA TOURS PICKERING

All Tours depart from Pickering/Ajax. If more than 10 PROBUS members book, there may be a pick up at Walmart in Port Perry.

ST. JACOBS

Thursday November 7

Cost: \$89

Includes: return transportation by luxury coach, visit to the Farmer's Market, Outlet Mall, Picard's Peanuts and Town of St Jacobs, 407 toll, and driver's tip. For additional information contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com.

THE LION KING

Wednesday January 8

Princess of Wales Theatre, 300 King St. W, Toronto Cost: \$194

Enjoy one of Toronto's best loved musicals.

Includes: return transportation by deluxe motor coach, orchestra level ticket, and driver's tip. For additional information contact Shirlie at **905-619-8583** or shirlievanputten@rogers.com.

CANXPL@RE BOWMANVILLE

For further information or to reserve your spot email <u>cathy@canxplore.com</u> For TripAdvisor reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction Review-g499253-d24887153-Reviews-CanXplore-Bowmanville Ontario.html

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 5 - 14

Cost: \$5,795

(land and air, incl tax, based on double occupancy)

Return flight included - \$100 off per person if booked on or before December 1st, 2024 - 10 days/9 nights - Non-refundable deposit of \$500 due on booking. Balance due April 25th, 2025.

Includes: baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel); ground transportation; services of a Tour Director; visits to Gros Morne Park, Grand Falls-Windsor, Twillingate, Gander, Trinity, Bonavista, Cape Spear, St. John's; boat tours on Bonne Bayh Western Brook Pond, in Twillingate and in Bay Bulls (weather permitting); entrance fees to historic sites and museums; guided tour of Trinity; Anchors Aweigh show; wine tasting at Auk Island Winery; craft beer tasting; airport transfers if booking the land + air package; small group size of 22 maximum; 14 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners).

For more information and to book go to www.canexplore.com/newfoundland.

If you have questions, email <u>cathy@canexplore.com</u>.





WONDERS OF WESTERN CANADA TOUR September 5-16

Cost: \$7,495 pp (based on double occupancy)

Return flight included - \$200 off per person if booked on or before January 1st, 2025. 12 days/11 nights - Non-refundable deposit of \$500 due on booking. Balance due June 5th, 2025.

Includes: baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), ground transportation, services of a Tour Director, visits to Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Sun Peaks, Whistler, Victoria and Vancouver, entrance fees to historic sites and museums listed in the itinerary, guided tour of Heritage Park in Calgary, Calgary Tower visit, Banff Gondola ride, tickets for the Glacier Skywalk, boat cruise on Maligne Lake to Spirit Island, wine tasting at a winery in British Columbia, Peak2Peak Gondola ride in Whistler, whale-watching boat tour in Victoria (weather permitting), entrance fee for Butchart Gardens, afternoon Tea at Butchart Gardens, airport transfers from Calgary Airport to first hotel and from hotel in Vancouver to Vancouver Airport, small group size of 24 maximum, 16 meals (11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners).

For more information and to book go to www.canexplore.com/newfoundland. If you have questions, email cathy@canexplore.com.

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

MATOURS PICKERING

All Tours depart from Pickering/Ajax. If more than 10 Probus members book, there may be a pick up at Walmart in Port Perry.

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RIVIERA MAYA, MEXICO

January 13 to 22, 2025

10 days/9 nights just 12 miles from the Cancun airport, Dreams® Jade Resort & Spa features luxurious suites and a world-class spa. Experience an all-inclusive vacation with impressive features including a high-end gym, gourmet dining options and a mini-golf course that's fun for everyone.

Costs: Junior Suite: Tropical View King bed – Double occupancy-\$2,849.00 pp, Single occupancy-\$3,899.00 (only 5 available), Junior Suite: Ocean Front King bed – Double occupancy-\$3,199.00 pp (only 1 available), Junior Suite: Two Double beds – Double occupancy-\$2,999.00 pp. Prices include all taxes!!

Includes: airfare, all meals and drinks, daily activities and nightly entertainment; PLUS the services of Tour Directors-Shirlie and Paul. Book Early - rooms and prices are guaranteed until September 20th. Non-refundable deposit due upon booking \$300. Balance due November 1st, 2024.

For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

PORTUGAL

February 25 to March 19, 2025

Cost: Double occupancy \$3,999 / Single occupancy \$4,499 Includes: Round trip direct flights from Toronto to Faro, Portugal, Motor coach transfer from airport to your hotel, 21 nights' accommodation – 1 bedroom apartment with kitchen at the Paladim & Alagoamar Resort, or a Studio apartment for Singles – https://www.paladimalagoamar.com/en/. Welcome dinner in Albufeira, Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director. Please note that optional tours can be purchased from Tour Rep. in Albufeira.

Deposit is due upon booking – after September 1st, we need to confirm availability with Hotel in Portugal. Non-refundable deposit of \$800 is due upon booking. Balance due December 1, 2024.

For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at **905-619-8583** or **shirlie@hnatravels.com**.



Join other members on the following cruises:

12-NIGHT CANARIES, MOROCCO & SPAIN CELEBRITY INFINITY CRUISE

January 14 to 26, 2025

Priced at \$2,799 for an inside cabin and \$3,789 for a balcony based on double occupancy.

Book early and get an on board credit to spend on tours, etc.

Barcelona, Spain - At Sea - At Sea - Lanzarote, Canary Islands - Gran Canaria, Canary Islands - Tenerife, Canary Islands - At Sea - Casablanca, Morocco - Tangier, Morocco - Seville (Cadiz), Spain - Malaga, Spain - At Sea - Barcelona, Spain. Book early and get an On Board credit to spend on tours, etc.

To book and get a current price, contact Robert Mackie at 905-982-8855 or email rmackie@expediacruises.com and advise that you are travelling with Brenda Moore and the Port Perry PROBUS group. Also please advise our member Brenda Moore at brendamoore3175@gmail.com. Brenda will take the lead on this cruise.

ARCTIC CIRCLE AND NORWEGIAN FJORD CRUISE

May 18 to June 1, 2025

Prices (subject to change) \$3,447 pp inside cabin, \$4,164 pp oceanview, \$4,658 pp balcony.

14 nights on Holland America – Cruise leaves from Rotterdam (one hour by train from Amsterdam), with eight Norwegian ports of call. The cruise visits the Shetland Island (Scotland), Edinburgh, and London before returning to Rotterdam. Until May 31, an optional all-inclusive package is available. For further information, contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557 or Lori Connor at Expedia Cruises at 905-982-8855. Judy Spring will take the lead on this cruise.

21-DAY MARQUESAS & TAHITI ADVENTURE

March 19 to April 9, 2026

Porthole cabin (SP) - \$7,530 US per person and Oceanview cabin (S) - \$8,230 US per person.

Deposit is \$2,429.70 US at time of booking. Final payment is due on December 19, 2025. For further details overview (windstarcruises. com) To book and get a current price, contact Laurel Arnott at **905-982-8855**, Ext. 235 or email larnott@expediacruises.com and advise that you are travelling with Kim Lendvay and the Port Perry PROBUS group. Also please advise our member Kim Lendvay at interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Kim will take the lead on this cruise.

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL REVIEW

EMERALD RIVER CRUISE DANUBE EXPLORER & BUDAPEST WITH PRAGUE

September 23 – October 5

Danube River Cruise – September. 22 - October 5

Despite a change in itinerary due to flooding, the group of 22 got to enjoy the lower Danube River in Serbia and Croatia and tour Belgrade, Serbia. Although our original time was compressed, we visited Budapest, Vienna, and Prague. The weather was great and the company couldn't have been better.



THREE DAYS IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY









CRUISING THE DANUBE THROUGH SLOVAKIA, AUSTRIA, GERMANY











THREE DAYS IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC











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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

TOWN HALL 1873 THEATRE

Mystic Minds

Hypnosis & Psychic Wonders
Friday November 1st
8 p.m.
Tickets: \$45.00

Elton Sean

Tribute to early Elton John Saturday November 2nd 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$56.69

A Christmas Survival Guide

Light-Hearted Holiday Musical November 22, 23, 29, 30 - 8 p.m. November 23, 24, 30 - 2 p.m. Tickets: \$30.00

Call 905-985-8181 for more information or see the website www.townhalltheatre.ca.

JAZZ FROM THE CITY

Wednesday Matinees
Jester's Court, Port Perry
Top rated groups right here in town.
Please wear your PROBUS name tag!
Lynn McDonald, 289-354-1140 or
lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 419, Port Perry REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Monday November 11

10:00 a.m. Scugog Memorial Library

10:30 a.m. Parade from Library to Cenotaph

10:45 a.m. Port Perry Cenotaph

11:30 a.m. Port Perry Legion Cenotaph

1:00 p.m. Legion Branch 419 Refreshments and Social

Afternoon services will be held at:

Port Perry Place, Port Perry Villa and West Shore Village

FREE CHRONIC PAIN WORKSHOP

Every Monday from November 11 to December 16 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Do you live with challenges and complications as a result of chronic pain? Join us for a **FREE** six-week "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain" workshop.

Location: North Durham Family Health Team Port Perry Medical Associates

462 Paxton Street, Port Perry - Lower Level Pre-registration is required, call **1-866-971-5545** or

register at www.ceselfmanagement.ca



THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

The Christmas Tree

by Norm Foster

December 6th & 13th at 7 p.m. and December 7th and 14th at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Location: Two Blokes Cider, 21300 Simcoe St., Seagrave

A story filled with laughs, heartache and good old fashioned Christmas spirit. Sip a cider, enjoy a snack and have a laugh with friends. Performances take place outdoors (chairs and blankets provided!).

Tickets: \$20.00 at www.theatreontheridge.ca

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

NEED A RIDE?

Jooles Driving Service can Help

Jooles is driving for Uber and is serving seniors in our community. Whether you have a doctor's appointment, need groceries, want to visit a friend, or need a drive to the airport, Jooles is pleased to drive you.

Call or text her at 905-409-5171 to arrange a ride.

SENIOR LADIES!

Struggling with high rental costs?

Check our website to find other compatible senior women to share a home with. Cut your housing costs, have friends right there to chat, laugh and play with, and avoid a nursing home for as long as possible. Visit us at https://swlt.ca

THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Connecting Through Theatre



Join us for free activities, workshops, and theatre outings.

Attend a play, try an acting class, sit with the actors and be part of a staged reading, learn a new skill. There is no cost or long-term commitment to participate. Adults of all ages are welcome and no previous experience or knowledge of theatre is required. Check out what's available at www.theatreontheridge.ca

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!Red Scarf Project for AIDS

This is great local event and it gets the word about World Aids Day, December 1st. Help the Whitby Sunrise Rotary to knit/crochet scarves for World AIDS Day in Whitby and Oshawa. We like them to measure 6"x60" in red wool with a pattern of your choice. Contact the Gmoms at beverlyhopkins@live.ca for drop off in Port Perry.

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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

New Interest Groups Opportunities

If you would like to coordinate a new group or shared experience, let us know at interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Our club has a corporate account should you wish to set up a virtual meeting, and it has no time restraints!

Just contact Jim Adamson at president.portperryprobus@gmail.com to use it.

We are here to help should you want to try a meeting virtually!



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

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REMEMBER
TO WEAR YOUR

ROBUS BADGE TO

ALL EVENTS.

Feeling Creative?

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-432-4948 evsurfing@gmail.com

We started up in September! We now have a full cast and will be putting on a show at our April 2025 monthly meeting.

ART - PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878 madamson905@gmail.com

The members at the Open Studio sessions use acrylic, watercolour and oil paint, clay and wood as their medium to work on individual art projects from 1-4 p.m. at the Prince Albert Hope Church. This group provides the participants with an opportunity to share their art with other people who have a common interest in visual arts. It also motivates them to keep active in their own artistic pursuits, as well as brings them together with a regular social circle.

Meeting dates until Christmes will continue to be every second and fourth Thursday – November 14th and 28th; December 12th (likely a potluck/lunch).

CRAFTING CORNER

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546

cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

Love to create? Bring whatever you have an interest in: crafting, painting, d'coupaging or crochet, knit, felt, macramé, resin pour, make jewellery, Cricut, wood work, etc. We get creative people together with monthly meetups sharing passions for arts and crafts while conversing and visiting with each other.

We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. Our next meeting will be at Hope Church on Tuesday November 12 at 10 a.m. to noon. The room is comfortable with couches, a conference table and chairs, and running water. Please contact Catherine if you're interested in joining us.

Let's Play!!

BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOON

Ann Berube: 905-985-7102 ann.sundowner@gmail.com

Bid Euchre is played on alternate Friday afternoons. Each group member takes a turn hosting, about twice a year. We usually have two or three tables and play 6-7 games, then share refreshments and socialize. We are looking for a couple of new players and would be happy to teach you if you are new to the game.

BOARD GAMES

Bill Morrison: 905-985-2624 billandmaryare@gmail.com

For more information or to sign up, please contact Bill directly.

BRIDGE

Judy Spring: 905-447-4557 judith.spring@outlook.com

Bridge games are now scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We welcome new members! Please email the Coordinator if you are interested in playing regularly or as a spare.

BUNCO

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BUNCO is a progressive dice game for 12 or more players. Bob & Sue Armitage (members of the NEW Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Club) are coordinating this group. More news next month! If you are interested in joining this group, please contact the Interest Groups Chair at the email above.



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CANASTA - GAMES & LESSONS

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Unfortunately, although we had several interested members, turnout has been only two at a time. We are therefore closing this group for now. Should there be interest in the future, we can try again.

CRIBBAGE

Julie Blaney • jooles1234@aol.com

If you would like to join us please email the coordinator.

DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695 • <u>Jleahy6@gmail.com</u> and Ken Crossley • <u>magentis@checkmail.ca</u>

Every Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry. Legion membership is not required. This is not a league – we just play for fun. However, the dart group at present time is FULL. Anyone interested in joining, please contact the coordinator to be put on our waitlist.

EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube: 905-985-7102 ann.sundowner@gmail.com

Regular euchre is played on alternate Friday afternoons, group members taking turns hosting in their homes. We play six or seven games and then adjourn for refreshments and socializing. If you are interested in joining this group please email or telephone Ann.

EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

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The evening is a mix of starting with card games as well as time to share fun conversations and refreshments. So far attendance usually fills three tables, which means our membership has had to cap. We have a faithful list of subs who we call upon as we try to keep all tables full (no "sit-outs" for the evening). Much appreciation to all of you — we'll rotate when possible.

Next date is Tuesday, November 26th (7:00 p.m.) This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting.

BOWER POWER

(another evening euchre group)

Kim Lendvay • interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday. Our first gettogether was to be in October but was canceled due to illness.

Our first game will be Friday November 22nd at 7 p.m. hosted by Gail & Alex Williamson.

Please email the Coordinator if you are interested in playing regularly or as a substitute.

JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

We meet at break time in the sanctuary at our monthly Probus meeting where we exchange puzzles! Over the winter months, we're planning get together at members' homes. If you are interested in joining this puzzle swap group, please contact the coordinator.

MAHJONG

Barb Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

It is a tile-based game that originated in China in the 19th century. It is played by 4 players (with some 2 and 3-player variations) and involves forming melds and pairs with the tiles.

We now have 15 members for American Mahjong but would welcome more! We are going to play bi-weekly Monday games (starting Oct 14th) and bi-weekly Friday games (starting Oct 4th) for those that cannot play on Mondays.

If you are interested in playing Mahjong, need lessons, or if you already know how to play, please contact the coordinator.

Book Clubs

BOOK CLUB - THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

janetbroder7@gmail.com

We had a great discussion about Helen Simonson's *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* - a character-driven historical fiction novel that takes place after WWI. We will be meeting on October 25th to discuss *A Great Country* by Shilpi Somava Gowda.

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Louise Bardswich: lbardswich@gmail.com

Linda Brownson hosted our first book discussion in early October. The book she chose, *A Killer in King's Cove* generated a lively discussion. It was agreed that the format we have chosen for the club works well. In November the group will discuss *Indians on Vacation* by Thomas King. Louise Bardswich will host. The group is FULL but if you are interested in joining us, please contact the coordinator to be placed on a waitlist.



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Food & Drink

BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY

Bill Morrison: <u>billandmaryare@gmail.com</u>

The Thursday Breakfast group meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please contact Bill for more information.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064

dandjbagley@gmail.com

We meet every Monday at 10 a.m. at Tim Hortons 15930 Old Simcoe Rd. (at the corner of Reach and Old Simcoe). Please contact Joyce if you would like to join us or if you have any questions.

Please wear your Probus name tag!

DINNER – GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER (GWCTD)

Joanne Nixon: joannenixon3@gmail.com

On Saturday October 19 members enjoyed delicious meals at Fico Fusion in Port Perry.

Our next GWCTD will be on Saturday November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Scaddabush in Whitby.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month (except December). Please contact the NEW Coordinator for this group via email if you'd like to join us.

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DINNER OUT - THURSDAYS

Marg Miller: margandrodmiller@gmail.com

We meet the first Thursday of the month. Please contact the Coordinator if you'd like to join us.

HAPPY HOUR 'Where Everybody Knows Your Name'

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064

dandjbagley@gmail.com

If you'd like an afternoon libation – this is perfect! If you don't indulge– no problem! This is simply an excuse to get together and chat. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Old Flame Brewery. Upcoming dates include November 21 and December 19 at 4 p.m. Joyce will send out an email at the beginning of each month and a reminder the week of.

Please let Joyce know via email if you're planning to join us – of course you can just show up too!

Please wear your Probus name tag so we can spot each other!



NEW

LET'S DO LUNCH

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This NEW lunch group, coordinated by Mary-Anne Unwin will run on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Our first outing will be on Wednesday January 8th. Membership will be capped at 14 (for now) with the possibility for another group if the demand is there. In order to encourage new members to get involved in some of our foodie groups, priority will be given to Probus members in no more than two of the other dining groups (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Out and GWCTD) AND who plan to attend regularly. The smaller number makes it easier to get to know each other and try smaller venues.

LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030

rannevan@hotmail.com

We had a great turnout and lots of fun at the Wing House in Port Perry this month, lots and lots of wings, among other things and everything was quite delicious.

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday November 27th, venue to be determined. The group is currently at maximum capacity, please contact the coordinator for further details.

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

As our group's members are scattered all over the place on various vacation and family activities, we have decided to take a break in our tastings. We expect that we will be able to commence again once we have Thanksgiving out of the way.

WINE TASTING - GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

Due to travel plans causing many to be away, our August event was changed from a home tasting to a dinner at Gusto Grande Italian Ristorante in Lindsay. Everyone enjoyed their meals and wines immensely!

We will meet next on September 26th for an Italian themed wine tasting paired with an Italian meal.

Our group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Members take turns hosting. The host(s) decides on a theme, selects and buys the wine. All the participants share the cost of the wines and everyone brings a dish to the tasting, so we have a pot-luck style evening of appetizers or dinner.

Please contact Barb Langer if you would like to join us!

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Let's Get Physical

BLOOMERS - GARDENING

Marg Miller

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Please let Marg Miller know if you wish to participate in this group and she will be in touch with you to let you know about upcoming events.

HIKING WITH BILL

Bill Morrison

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The group has hikes on the first and third Fridays of each month. Contact Bill for more information.

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

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Latin Dance is a hit! You do not need to be a couple to join, they pair us up at the lessons, as needed. Each member is required to pay the instructor \$15/lesson.

This is a Joint Interest Group with the Uxbridge PROBUS Club. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com. The coordinator is Anne-Marie Sacco.

LINE DANCING

Kim Lendvay

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We meet weekly at the Port Perry Legion (484 Bay Street) and it costs \$3 per person. Join us Mondays at 1 p.m. (sort of Beginners but closer to Intermediate) OR Fridays at 6 p.m. (BEGINNERS ONLY) a great way to learn the basics! Some of us attend both days! No experience required.

Contact Kim to be added to the group's email list. Try to let Kim or the others know you're planning to attend so we can watch for you (or you can just show up too)!

Please wear your Probus name tag so we can spot each other!

LOLLYGAGGERS

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546

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We like to meet twice a week and walk for up to an hour in downtown Port Perry, along the waterfront in Palmer's Park and the surrounding area. Of course that depends on the number of benches and times we stop to chat. We've moved our start location due to the construction and plan to meet in the near future at the library parking. It all depends on the construction downtown. Contact the coordinator for information on meet-up location and times or with any questions.

PICKLEBALL GROUP

Joanne Nixon • joannenixon3@icloud.com

We are closing Probus Pickleball until May 2025 and will reassess our members' interest in the sport in the spring. We need a commitment from four or six people to play each week in order to keep pickleball open.

We haven't had a consistent crowd – therefore it's really hard to keep it going. For more information please contact Joanne.

WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne: diannedraper886@gmail.com

We are meeting **Thursdays only** at **9:30 a.m.** for the winter. Our new meeting place is now in front of the Latcham Centre. The walks are approx. one hour, along our beautiful lakefront. If you're interested in joining the Walk-About Town group, please contact Dianne and let's get going!

Music & Entertainment

MOVIE GROUP

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

If you're looking for someone to go to a movie with sometime, please contact the coordinator.

One member went to see Tom Petty in Cameron Crowe's first film, "Heartbreakers Beach Party," and enjoyed it.

Other Nifty Interest Groups

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

Ginny Colling: 905-985-0637 ginnycolling@gmail.com

Last year, we watched in horror as every province in Canada, and the NWT, saw forest fires burning records broken. This year, howler monkeys fell dead from the trees in Mexico, 1,300 pilgrims died on their way to Mecca and tourists in Greece died while hiking in the extreme heat. Globally, July 22 was the hottest day in human history!

The good news is that we don't have to sit back and experience it, we can take action. Climate Conversations is a coffee-shop forum for talking about what we are doing or could be doing to reduce climate impacts. Our group will meet the third Monday of the month) at 10:30 a.m. at That Place on Queen.

Contact the coordinator if you're interested in turning knowledge into impactful action.

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FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilMkilmartin@gmail.com

We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to noon in the Scugog Librarys Board Room. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Neil directly via email. Our November meeting will give members a chance to share recollections about their ancestors' WW1, WW2 experiences.

Our December meeting will feature a presentation by Marilyn Pearce of the Lake Scugog Historical Society on the history of the Prince Albert community. We welcome people with any degree of genealogical experience, right from the newbie to the seasoned family historian. Our focus tends to be on "sharing our individual experiences". Guidance and help in researching is always available.

GIRLS (AND GUYS) JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

(formerly known as the Group of Ones and the Singles Group)

Denise: <u>Deniset1954@gmail.com</u> and Cathy: <u>cjef@bell.net</u>

Although this group is currently mostly women, we now have a man in the group who would be interested in attending either movies or other events, in a group or one on one. Perhaps there are other men who would like to join the fun??

Two members had an impromptu drive up to Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls to see the fall colours and had a lovely lunch in a restaurant with the windows open to the lock.

The group is comprised of individuals, not couples – it provides an opportunity for both attached and unattached individuals to get together to share a fun activity. Are you interested in an activity, but dont want to go alone, or dont mind going alone but want to find out if someone else would like to share your activity – then the group of Girls (and Guys) Just Wanna Have Fun is for you! Denise and Cathy maintain the group member list which is shared amongst all group members. Any member may suggest an activity and invite other members of the group to join them. The member proposing the activity would be responsible for coordinating with those who expressed an interest in joining them.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group met on October 7th. We discussed members' recent travel experiences and travel plans, and there was a useful presentation on money saving tips for travel.

The next meeting will be at 11:10 am on Monday, November 4th, in the sunroom at Col. Mustards in Port Perry. All Club members are welcome.

If you get a LOAN at a bank, you'll be paying it back for 30 years.

If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 years.

Follow me for more financial advice.

I got pulled over by the police today. When he got to my window he said, "I've been waiting all day for you.." I said "I got here as fast as I could." He let me go.

Research has shown that laughing for 2 minutes is just as healthy as a 20 minute jog. So now I'm sitting in the park laughing at all the joggers.

Whoever lost their iPhone 15 Pro Max outside the Dollar Store about 30 minutes ago, please stop calling my new phone.

LOOKING GOOD

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn. My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone. My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn. I think I might never put my glasses back on.

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PROBUS GLOBAL

For a wider view of the PROBUS world, consider joining PROBUS Global at https://probusglobal.org/

It's free to join, and you have access to lots of fascinating information and benefits from this online PROBUS organization such as:



• Finding and learning about PROBUS clubs all over the world, reading their newsletters, attending their membership meetings by **ZOOM**, connecting with their members;

- Becoming an email or chat pal with PROBUS members worldwide or joining chatrooms with other such PROBUS members:
- Have an instant PROBUS connection in many countries when you travel and also have the opportunity to learn about the worldwide travels of other PROBUS members;
- Access the PROBUS Global newsletter;
- Join a PROBUS Global interest group and
- Many other benefits.

SOME QUICK REMINDERS

CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's Facebook group. We have around 190 members now in the group and are looking for more to join. There's no obligation to

input anything if you don't want to, but you'll find a lot of good information, inspiration and laughs on the site from those who do. The only rules are that posts must not be political, religious, or offensive. No fundraising except as approved by the management committee.



For any issues or to get assistance with joining the Facebook group, feel free to email judith.spring@outlook.com

LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

We need your input for the newsletter, website and Facebook pages. So if you come across interesting websites, shops, restaurants or places to visit, or future scheduled events of interest, please email us at: portperryprobus@gmail.com





What happens when old car guys get sent to the nursing home.



This month, delight in all the little joys cold weather brings: big fluffy sweaters, hot chocolate, and a crackling fire in the living room fireplace. This cooler weather is a great excuse to cuddle up with loved ones.