



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

DECEMBER 2024



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to all of our Probus members,

The very last days of November is always a time that takes me a while to get used to. Waking up while it is still dark outside and also finding it is back to darkness again long before the six o'clock news begins. These days just seem too short a time to get enough done. Yet, one had better realize and accept that we have a whole month to go yet where the days will continue to shorten. Fortunately we do have much to look forward to. This month is full of holiday traditions and activities. Many of us will be decorating our homes and a Christmas tree, but how many of our trees will contain a decoration known as the "Christmas Pickle"? This is a tradition in some parts of the world wherein a single decoration shaped like a pickle is placed somewhere on the tree. Whoever finds it on Christmas morning gets an extra present or just a whole lot of good fortune. Then, of course, there are many traditions surrounding foods. I just learned two interesting ones - in Japan a very popular

Christmas food tradition is actually KFC and in South Africa fried caterpillars are a Christmas delicacy enjoyed by many.

Other holiday traditions have evolved over the years. When I was young, holiday movies were: "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street". Now, its all about "Home Alone", "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation", "Elf", and "How The Grinch Stole Christmas". We listened to Christmas songs sung by Burl Ives, Bing Crosby, and Gene Autry. Now we hear Mariah Carey, Wham, Brenda Lee and Michael Buble (24 hours a day all month long on some stations).

No matter what Christmas traditions you practice during the holiday season, it is always a fun time of the year to have special moments celebrating with family and friends.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Jim Adamson

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



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 December 17th from 10 a.m. to noon
at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.
Please remember to turn off your cell phone prior to the start of our meetings.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you to all those members who have paid their renewal fees for the 2024-2025 year.
I would also like to welcome the following new members to our club of 357 members.



SUE PALERMO	ANN POWELL	NANCY HVIDSTEN	SUSAN REID	LIZ MUNSON
BOB ALEBON	BOB RIMMER	PATRICK BUNTING	BOBBIE DREW	SANDRA HALLS
GAIL ALEBON	MARION KOPPENS	BONNIE BUNTING	SUSAN RETFORD	PERRY HALLS
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CLIFF MOON	WERNER MEES	STAN TAYLOR	DIANNA REID	PAT RICHARDS
BARB ANNETTE	ALICE MEES	BILL SWAN	KEN HURST	BRENT MACKINNON
MARG PELOW	JACK OTT	ROSEMARY SWAN	RONI ZINNER	CONNIE COX
	BEV OTT	SHARON SCHMIDT	GERALD BLACKBURN	

If you see any of these new members at our general meeting or different events please make sure you welcome them.
Their name tags indicate that they are new members to our Port Perry PROBUS club. 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*



Help make Christmas happy for those in need

So many parents are struggling and don't how if they can make a happy Christmas for their kids. By donating to Operation Scugog, your generosity will help ensure everyone in our community can enjoy the holidays. Donations can be made at Vos' Independent, Foodland, and Food Basics for your convenience.

Operation Scugog welcomes a variety of items to help stock their shelves, including: juice, canned pasta, canned ham, stew, pork and beans, pudding cups, honey, syrup, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner and laundry soap. Holiday treats, such as chocolates, crackers, and cookies are also in high demand.

We will again support the local food bank at our **Holiday Luncheon**. Judy will have the back open on her **red RAV4 SUV** close to the door to receive contributions of food or cash/cheques. It's an easy way to provide assistance to those less fortunate.

Judy and Ann



Our member Phil Wooding has again this year donated a painting (shown above) as a fundraiser for North House. North House provides assistance to North Durham people who are in crisis and those who require housing support. We will be selling tickets at the **Holiday Luncheon and at the December meeting** for \$5 or three for \$10. The winning ticket will be drawn at the December membership meeting. You do not need to be at the meeting to win the painting, if your ticket is drawn.

Judy and Ann

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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

to assist our current IG Chair Kim Lendvay with the following tasks:

- 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 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.



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



We would love it if you shared photos of your group in action!

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



Guests – December 17 THEATRE ON THE RIDGE Performance

Theatre on the Ridge will present two short and hilarious comedies. Both plays are audience favourites and are sure to get the holidays off to a great start.

Here are the actors who will be entertaining us:



Barb Clifford



Annette
Stokes-Harris



Austin White



Shannon Pitre



ART Open Studio Interest EXHIBIT Group

The club's Art - Open Studio Interest Group will be exhibiting some of their recent artwork in the Hope Church lobby for the duration of the December meeting.

CHECK IT OUT!!!!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January 21

DR. SHARON LAURICELLA – “Demystifying AI”

February 18

WILF MALETTE – Ride For Dad Campaign

March 18

LEANNE HARRIS – “Women’s International Day”

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

Our first speaker was Angel Freedman who is the President and Founder of the charitable organization, Fill a Purse for a Sister Campaign. She explained how people fill purses with products that are useful to women in shelters. The donations are then taken to local businesses to be picked up and taken to the various shelters in time for Christmas. There are 4 drop off locations in Port Perry, one of which is Lowes, on Queen Street.



This meeting had the highest attendance since Covid.

After the refreshment break, we were entertained by Nick Reynolds on keyboard and Cheryl Gow, who are Vintage Soul.



They both sing and perform so many songs from the 30s to the 70s. They started with a little recognition of Remembrance Day and a couple of songs from the war era.

Then they played a variety of tunes that people could sing along to and ended the program with “We’ll Meet Again”.

November Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS



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

**NORA SYMINGTON, LYNN HOEY,
LINDA WHITELY, LESLIE WILKINSON**

The winners each received \$40.

Congratulations everyone!



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<p>COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.</p> <p>TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 1 p.m.</p> <p>MAHJONG</p>	<p>LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>DARTS 2 p.m.</p>	<p>DISTILLERY DISTRICT AND CASA LOMA Toronto 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.</p>	<p>WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>DINNER OUT</p>	<p>HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 6 p.m.</p>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<p>COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 1 p.m.</p>	<p>RAPUNZEL Port Hope 2 p.m.</p> <p>LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>CRAFTING CORNER 10 a.m.</p> <p>BRIDGE 1 p.m.</p> <p>BETWEEN THE COVERS 1 p.m.</p> <p>DARTS 2 p.m.</p>	 <p>CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Kedron Dells 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>DINNER OUT</p>	<p>BID EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 6 p.m.</p>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<p>COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.</p> <p>CLIMATE GROUP 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 1 p.m.</p> <p>MAHJONG</p>	<p>PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. – Hope Church</p> <p>JIGSAW PUZZLERS Hope Church 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>DARTS 2 p.m.</p>		<p>WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.</p>	<p>HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 6 p.m.</p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<p>COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 1 p.m.</p>	<p>LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>BRIDGE 1 p.m.</p> <p>DARTS 2 p.m.</p>		<p>WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>BOOK CLUB NEXT CHAP. 1 p.m.</p> <p>BID EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 6 p.m.</p>	
29	30	31				
	<p>COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.</p> <p>LINE DANCING 1 p.m.</p>	<p>LOLLYGAGGERS 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>DARTS 2 p.m.</p>				

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

COMING UP
SOON!

**BUFFET
LUNCHEON**
\$23.49

新年快樂

*Celebrate Chinese New Year
and Valentine's Day with us at the*

MANDARIN®

Wednesday January 29, Oshawa, 12:30 p.m.

See details below.

REGISTER NOW

social.portperryprobus@gmail.com



DISTILLERY DISTRICT CHRISTMAS MARKET, LUNCH AT THE HOT HOUSE CAFÉ AND CASA LOMA

Wednesday December 4

8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. (approx.)

Luxury Bus Trip from Port Perry Walmart

SOLD OUT

Travel from Port Perry to the Distillery District Christmas Market where you will have time to browse and shop before lunch at the Hot House Café. We will then travel to Casa Loma to take part in the holiday magic.

NEW

RAPUNZEL: A MERRY (HAIRY) NAUGHTY PANTOMIME

Tuesday December 10 – 2 p.m.

Cameco Capital Arts Centre

20 Queen St., Port Hope

Tickets: \$45.00

Joining with the Oshawa PROBUS Club

We have been allocated 15 tickets at a cost of \$45 each. Enjoy a twisted take on the story of some very long hair. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

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.

NEW

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.

NEW

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AND VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE MANDARIN

Wednesday January 29 – 12:30 p.m.

1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa

Buffet luncheon – \$23.49 per person including taxes (but not gratuity) payable to the Mandarin. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com so that we can reserve for an accurate number in a private room.

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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS



HNA 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.



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.

CANXPLORE BOWMANVILLE

For further information or to reserve your spot email cathy@canxplore.com

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 Bay 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 cathy@canexplore.com.

NEW

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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COMING

2025-26

OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



HNA 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.

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-Shirley 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 Shirly van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirly@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 Shirly van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirly@hnatravels.com.

NEW

SHAMROCK ADVENTURE: THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF IRELAND

October 4th to October 17, 2025

Cost: \$5,699 pp, double occupancy -
Single occupancy \$6,999

Includes: 14 day tour. Return flight – direct with Air Canada – Toronto/Dublin/Toronto; Transfers from airport to hotel and then hotel to airport (Dublin); 10 days touring in a luxury motor vehicle with a knowledgeable “Irish” Driver/Guide; 12 night's accommodations in centrally located, 4-star hotels; 12 - Hotel Breakfasts plus Tea and scones on the morning of your arrival in Dublin; 4 - 3 Course Evening Meals at hotel accommodation; Derry City Walking Tour of the City Walls; Belfast Panoramic city tour; 48 hour “Hop on/Hop off” ticket for sightseeing in Dublin; All entrance fees to items listed in the itinerary; and all taxes and government fees.

Non-refundable deposit of \$800 is due upon booking. Balance due June 15, 2025.

For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirly@hnatravels.com.

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Overseas Travel Opportunities continued



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@expediacruz.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@expediacruz.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.



The wife has been leaving jewelry catalogs all over the house. So I've taken the hint...

Got her a magazine rack for Christmas.



Dear Santa:

This year I want a big fat bank account and a slim body. Please don't mix those two up like you did last year.

Thanks.



Dear Santa:

I have been good for the past week or so.

Let's just focus on that!



Let's all take a moment to recognize the true hero of the Christmas season.

Elastic waistbands.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

TOWN HALL 1873 THEATRE

Irwin Smith
Home for Christmas
Friday December 6 - 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$30.00

The Bomb
Retro 80s Live Experience
Friday December 13 - 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$40.00

Shania Twin/Donna Huber
Shania Twain Tribute
Saturday December 14 - 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$55.65

Mudmen
Friday January 3 - 8 p.m.
Tickets:
\$30.00 Adults, \$28.00 Seniors

Call 905-985-8181 for more information or see the website www.townhalltheatre.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.
Two Blokes Cider, 21300 Simcoe St., Seagrave
Tickets: \$20.00

Join Theatre on the Ridge this December for *The Christmas Tree*, a story filled with good old fashioned Christmas spirit. Special family and under 18 pricing available. Performances take place outdoors (chairs and blankets provided!).

**Save The Date for
Christmas on the Ridge**

Port Perry Church of the Ascension
266 North St., Port Perry

Admission: Pay What You May at the door
(\$15 suggested donation).

The annual Theatre on the Ridge holiday party is just around the corner and we hope you'll join us as we celebrate the season with stories, songs, games and guests.

Advance RSVP required!

Summer 2025 Season Passes on Sale December 1st

Live theatre makes for great gift giving! Theatre on the Ridge season passes are only \$99 for a limited time! That's a 23% savings for three terrific productions under the dynamic performance tent at Scugog Shores Museum.

Visit www.theatreontheridge.ca for information, reservations and to purchase tickets and passes.

LYNN MCDONALD JAZZ

Carlos Del Junco
Harmonica Wizard
Wednesday December 4
1:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$35.00

Location:

Church of the Ascension,
266 North St., Port Perry

For more information
contact Lynn McDonald,
289-354-1140 or

lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

NEW

SCUGOG SENIORS COALITION

A new group of unaligned activist seniors from Scugog who want to provide options to our seniors to age in place in Scugog, started on November 1. Today we have 11 members on our steering committee and three members and two organizations in our research support group. Our lofty goals include:

- developing a prioritized list of needs and wants for Scugog seniors by engaging with the community
- share relevant knowledge with Scugog thru seminars, webinars and videos - ensure our politicians and staff evaluate

developers' proposals for housing options for our aging population

- support the Ontario wide association Seniors for Social Action (Ontario) (SSAO) on related issues
- identify alternatives to institutionalization and encourage governments to finance these alternatives with a goal to end institutionalization

Find out more on Facebook
or email scugogseniorscoalition@gmail.com



NEED A RIDE? Jooles Driving Service can Help

Jooles is driving for Uber and is serving seniors in our community.

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

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! Red Scarf Project for AIDS

Help the Whitby Sunrise Rotary to knit/crochet scarves for World AIDS Day in Whitby and Oshawa. We like them to measure 6" x 60" in red wool with a pattern of your choice.

Contact the Gmoms at beverlyhopkins@live.ca
for drop off in Port Perry.

SENIOR LADIES! Struggling with high rental costs?

Check our website to find other compatible senior women to share a home with.

Visit us at <https://swlt.ca>

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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

REMEMBER
TO WEAR YOUR
PROBUS BADGE TO
ALL EVENTS.

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!

NEW INTEREST GROUP!

LET'S DO LUNCH

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We have a NEW lunch group, Let's Do Lunch, coordinated by Mary-Anne Unwin that 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 so that smaller venues

can accommodate us. In order to encourage new members to get involved, 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.



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

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Feeling Creative?

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-432-4948
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We will presenting our show in April 2026. If you are interested in joining our group, contact Evelyn at the above number.

ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878
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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 in the new year will be every second and fourth Thursday starting with January 9 and 23, 2025.

As in previous years, this group will put up an art exhibit on December 17th at our last monthly Probus meeting for 2024. It's a nice way to end the year!

CRAFTING CORNER

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546
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Love to create? Bring whatever you have an interest in: crafting, painting, d'coupage 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 December 10 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
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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 six - seven games, then share refreshments and socialize. We are happy to teach new players.

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BRIDGE

Judy Spring: 905-447-4557
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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.

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 • jleahy6@gmail.com and
Ken Crossley • magentis@checkmail.ca

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
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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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This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting. 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. The 2025 schedule begins on Tuesday January 28th..

BOWER POWER

Kim Lendvay • interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. Our inaugural meeting was Friday November 22nd hosted by the Williamson's whose home was decorated magnificently for Christmas! We had three tables and lots of fun.

We don't meet in December. Our next euchre game will be on Friday January 24 and we need a host!

We have four spares already but need four more regular players to ensure we'll have enough tables even during high travel periods!

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 - THE JOKERS

Barb Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

It is a tile-based game that originated in China in the 19th century. It is played by four players (with some two and three-player variations) and involves forming melds and pairs with the tiles. We play bi-weekly Monday games. 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

In November, we discussed a somewhat disturbing mystery with Shari Lapena's *What Have You Done?* Reviews were somewhat mixed about the book, but we loved our discussion! In January we will meet to discuss a non-fiction book: *A Fever in the Heartland* by Tim Egan.

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Louise Bardswich: lbardswich@gmail.com

Our November book, *Indians on Vacation*, generated a lively discussion. It's always more interesting when the group has mixed responses to the book! Our next book will be *Hang the Moon* by Jeannette Walls. 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: billandmaryare@gmail.com

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

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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 November 16th, a small group of us went to dinner at Scaddabush Italian Kitchen & Bar in Whitby. Food was terrific however the restaurant was quite loud and people's legs dangled from the high stool/chairs provided.

NOTE: Our group doesn't meet in December!

Our next GWCTD will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday January 18th at Pickles & Olives in Port Perry. We meet on the third Saturday of each month (except December). Please contact Joanne if you'd like to join us.

DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller: margandrodmliller@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

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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 December 19th, January 16th and February 20th 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!

LET'S DO LUNCH

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Still accepting members for this NEW Interest Group! The group is coordinated by Mary-Anne Unwin and occurs on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting January 8th, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Capacity is limited and we prefer members who plan to attend regularly. Contact Interest Groups Chair to join.

LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030

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

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday November 27th at the Oakridge Pub. We will be skipping December and resume on January 22nd. The group is currently at maximum capacity, please contact the coordinator for further details.

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Our latest tasting on November 2nd was what sometimes is referred to as a "Goldilocks Tasting", where wines are sampled at temperatures that are "too warm" (Papa Bear), "too cool" (Mama Bear), and "just right" (Baby Bear).

We began with a Chardonnay white, successively tasting it firstly at room temperature (71 degrees), then out of the refrigerator (38 degrees) and finally within the recommended range (56 degrees).

We then switched to a Cabernet Sauvignon red, firstly at refrigerator temperature (38 degrees), then at room temperature (71 degrees) and finally within the recommended range (63 degrees).

Each sample was accompanied by a variety of food pairings. We all agreed with the experts that red wines are best enjoyed not at room temperature but several degrees cooler. However, two out of the ten of us still prefer our whites at refrigerator temperatures while the rest of us concur with the experts that not quite so cool tastes better.

All in all, an informative evening with the usual assortment of laughs and good conversation.



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WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

Our September tasting dinner was Italian-themed, with Italian foods and wines enjoyed by all. We enjoyed five wines. In order of preference, we enjoyed Fantini Sangiovese (#1), Blu Giovello Pinot Grigio, Giulio Straccali Chianti, Oggi Moscato and, last, Folonari Soave.

Our October tasting dinner was held one week early so as not to conflict with Halloween. It was a spooky event for sure with great decorations by Christy and Andy Cox! The main course was “Ghoul-ash” and there were even ghost-shaped cheese pieces in the salad. The wines were all selected for their names: “SAINTLY” Sauvignon Blanc from the Sainly winery in Niagara, “GHOST PINES” Chardonnay from California, “COFFIN RIDGE - Back from the Dead Red” from Ontario, “CARNIVOR” Cab Sauv from California and “CASILLERO del DIABLO (Devil’s Collection) Merlot from Chile. The Sainly and Carnivor wines were the favourites of the evening!

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!

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.

LAWN BOWLING

Lynn Tracey: 905-985-5678

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Although we won’t be bowling again until spring, we are now working on new and different ways of attracting new and old members.

Our biggest fund raiser is our Giant Yard Sale. If you have any treasures you would like to donate, please feel free to contact Lynn and she will be more than happy to arrange pick up.

LINE DANCING

Kim Lendvay

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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 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 future at the library parking. Contact the coordinator for information on meet-up location and times or with any questions.

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 approximately 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

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

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Other Nifty Interest Groups

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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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 meets on 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..

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilmkilmartin@gmail.com

We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon in the Scugog Library's Board Room. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Neil directly via email. 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 are in the process of opening up our group to the members of the Scugog/Uxbridge Probus club, and our cap will be moving up to 16. 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: Deniset1954@gmail.com and
Cathy: cjef@bell.net

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 don't want to go alone, or don't 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.

Three members went to see Murray McLauchlan at the Lindsay Academy Theatre, and two members went to see Swan Lake at Whitby Landmark, preceded by brunch.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group met on November 4th. We discussed members' recent travel experiences and travel plans, and there was a slide presentation on travel to Paris, Burgundy and the Alsace Regions of France.

The next meeting will be at 11:10 am on Monday December 2nd in the sunroom at Col. Mustards in Port Perry. All Club members are welcome.



Nailed it!

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