



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

JANUARY 2025



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, everyone,

As each calendar year comes to an end, it is generally a time when people look back over the past 12 months, while also looking ahead to the new year.

January is a time for some of us to turn our attentions to making New Years resolutions. Some people take this rather seriously and a few can likely point to a constructive change in habit or routines. Many of us fall into the trap of setting a few too many goals that prove too difficult to achieve and therefore, ends up being a discouraging exercise. Then there are the others that fall into the category of "it just seemed to be a good idea at the time" or "what the devil was I thinking about". Then there are some who just don't bother any more as there have been too many times where the best of intentions have simply fallen away. Every once in a while, one encounters someone who just needn't bother as life is good.

This month's newsletter might also be a time when I think of the PROBUS organization as being one that can offer support and care to some of our members, who may be dealing with ongoing health challenges, who may have lost a loved one, or who may be needing a surgery. A strong PROBUS

club, like ours, can be a good place where you can find support and companionship not only during difficult times, but also during a long cold winter. We have a big variety of interest groups, social events, and even a singles group (that you don't have to be single to come to). These groups provide ongoing times to have a coffee, cocktail, lunch, or dinner while sharing life tips and tidbits. A special thank you to our members who offer to drive seniors, have organized food drives and given donations to charities.

I found this quote as an uplifting thought to begin a new year, especially as our world is struggling to find peace.

"May we all have a vision now and then, of a world where every neighbour is a friend." ABBA

Whatever the case may be, let us come together as much as we can in 2025 to make the very best of the great club that we belong to. PROBUS's stated purpose is to provide Fellowship, Friendship, and Fun.

"Here's to a New Year where we remember our passwords on the first try."

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 January 21 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

I would like to welcome the following members to our club
for the Jun 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025 year as follows:

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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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*



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.

For more information contact:

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Duties may include:

- Assures break room is set up.
- Assists in setting out refreshments.
- Arrange for bakers.
- Recruit volunteers and allocate tasks.

HOUSE CO-CHAIRS

- 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

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guest Speaker – January 21

DR. SHARON LAURICELLA

Demystifying AI:

A friendly Look at the Future of Technology



Dr. Sharon Lauricella is the inaugural Teaching Scholar in Residence at Ontario Tech University in Oshawa, Ontario. She holds a position as Full Professor and is cross-appointed between the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities and Faculty of Education. Sharon holds a doctoral degree from the University of Cambridge (UK), a BA from Wheaton College (Massachusetts), and a Certificate in Higher Education Teaching from the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning at Harvard University.

Her research focuses on teaching with technology, mental health of undergraduate students, and the value of fun and play in higher education:

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

February 18

WILF MALETTE – Ride For Dad Campaign

March 18

LEANNE HARRIS – “Women’s International Day”

December Meeting

SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS

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



**MARILYN LAURICELLA,
BARB ROTHAM, LINDA PARRY,
BOBBIE DREW**

The winners each received \$40.

Congratulations everyone!



Did you miss our December Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

Our main presentation was a performance by Theatre on the Ridge actors, Shannon Pitre and Austin White. The play was “The Christmas Tree” by Norm Foster, a Canadian playwright.

A scene from “The Christmas Tree”

Members enjoyed the exhibit of art work displayed in the reception area of the church, presented by the talented Probus Art Interest Group.

Fantastic Christmas goodies and hot cider along with coffee and tea were a hit at the refreshment break. Many thanks to the House Committee.

ART DISPLAY

Art - Probus Open Studio Interest Group



A big thanks to all of the artists who participated in this lovely display of talent, and especially to Jindra Cadil for setting it up.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m.	3 THE MUDMEN Town Hall Theatre 8 p.m. HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	4
5 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1:30 p.m.	6	7 DARTS 2 p.m.	8 THE LION KING Princess of Wales Theatre LUNCH/BRIDGE/EUCHRE Col. Mustard's 12 p.m. LET'S DO LUNCH 1:30 p.m.	9 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m. DINNER OUT	10 BID EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	11
12 RIVIERA MAYA 10 Days Cancun COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	13	14 CANARY ISLANDS 12 Nights Cruise CRAFTING CORNER 10 a.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m. BETWEEN THE COVERS 1 p.m.	15	16 BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m. WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	17 HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m.	18 DINNER - GWCTD 6 p.m.
19 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. CLIMATE GROUP 10:30 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1:30 p.m.	20	21 PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. - Hope Church JIGSAW PUZZLERS Hope Church 10:30 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	22 LUNCH GROUP	23 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m.	24 BOOK CLUB NEXT CHAP. 1 p.m. BID EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. BOWER POWER 7 p.m.	25
26 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	27	28 BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m. EUCHRE-EVENING 7 p.m.	29 BUFFET LUNCHEON Mandarin Oshawa 12:30 p.m.	30 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m.	31 EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	

FOR DETAILS BY COLOUR:

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

**THERE'S STILL
TIME...**

**BUFFET
LUNCHEON**
\$23.49

新年快樂

*Celebrate Chinese New Year
with us at the*

MANDARIN®

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

See details below.

REGISTER NOW

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 Mudmen. The Mudmen are a blast of Celtic music that has come down to be performed on the stage. They have performed 3000 shows to date over the past 26 years. To register please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

SOLD OUT

**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 – 12:30 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.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
LUNCHEON**
Monday March 17



Eat, drink and be Irish! A luncheon is being planned for St. Patrick's Day tentatively to be held at Jester's Court in Port Perry. More information coming soon.

save
the
date

ROCK STARS ON ICE
Wednesday April 30 – 7 p.m.
Tribute Communities Centre,
99 Athol St. E., Oshawa

Experience rock music combined with world-class figure skating, transforming each show into a rock concert on ice!

save
the
date



ANYTHING GOES!
Wednesday May 14
Shaw Festival Theatre,
Niagara on the Lake



A boatload full of comedy, Cole Porter and capers! On this ship, anything goes! Matinee performance with lunch at the Prince of Wales Hotel.

save
the
date

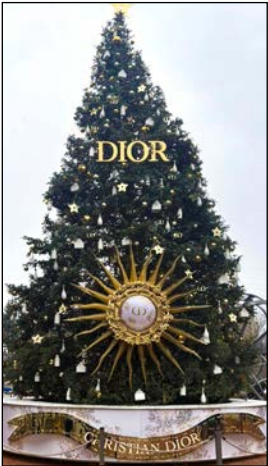
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Port Perry Social Events continued

PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW



Wednesday December 4
What a great way to kick off the holiday festivities with an amazing group of people. A large group of members went to Toronto to visit the magical Distillery District Winter Village, then to Hothouse for a delicious lunch, followed by a beautiful Christmas experience at Casa Loma.



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PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

2024
Christmas
LUNCHEON

December 11

Kedron Dells Golf Course

Once again this year, our annual Christmas Luncheon was a huge success. Thank you to our Social Club, and to Terry, who hand wrote 92 Christmas Cards for the table settings!



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Port Perry Social Events continued



A delicious three course turkey dinner was served including soup and this amazing dessert – Apple Cranberry Crumble.



The front table looked very festive and set the tone along with the Christmas music that played throughout the afternoon.



Social Group Co-chairs Ann and Judy, again did a fabulous job organizing the luncheon.



Tickets were sold and drawn for prizes. Here, a lucky winner receives a gift certificate.



There was also a prize for one person at each table – a cyclamen plant of their choice.

...and the WINNERS are...

Gift cards: Barb, Judy, Cathy, Gail, Aileen, Jindra.

Flowers: Helen, Gail, Bob, Linda, Kim, Judy, Marilyn, Margaret, Ted and Julie.



Our member Phil Wooding again this year donated a painting as a raffle fundraiser for North House. The painting was won by Dianna Reid.

OUR MEMBERS RAISED NEARLY \$2,000 FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THIS CHRISTMAS.

We raised **\$1,575** for the Operation Scugog Food Bank and **\$395** for North House which provides services to those facing a housing crisis. Thank you to Phil Wooding who donated his painting of a Haliburton scene for the cause.

All the best in the New Year!

Judy and Ann

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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.



Disney
THE LION KING
THE AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

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.canxplore.com/newfoundland.

If you have questions, email cathy@canxplore.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.canxplore.com/newfoundland. If you have questions, email cathy@canxplore.com.

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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

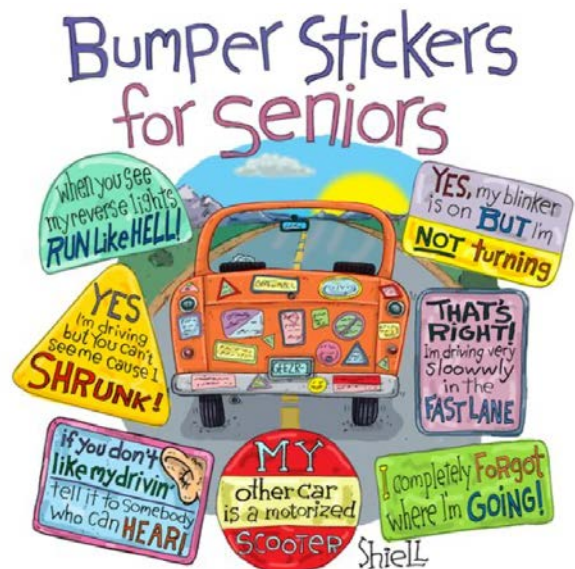
Cost: \$5,699 pp, double occupancy -
Single occupancy \$6,999

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.

Inflation is when you pay fifteen dollars for the ten-dollar haircut you used to get for five dollars when you had hair.

**I was terrible at spelling when I was at school.
Brilliant at jografy though.**


**Aging is like a garage sale.
Some stuff looks old, some stuff doesn't work, and some stuff you can't even identify.**

**As I get older and remember all the people I've lost along the way, I think to myself....
Maybe a career as a tour guide wasn't for me.**

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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

<p>Mudmen Friday January 3 - 8 p.m. Tickets: \$30.00 Adults, \$28.00 Seniors</p>		<p>TOWN HALL 1873 THEATRE The Mystery at Thade Mountain <i>Presented by the Borelians</i> February 7, 8, 14, 15 - 8 p.m and February 8, 9, 15 - 2 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00 Adult / \$15.00 Students</p>	<p>Embracing Spirit Tour <i>Jody Reid, International Psychic Medium</i> Friday February 28 - 7 p.m. Tickets: \$48.00</p>
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Call 905-985-8181 for more information or see the website www.townhalltheatre.ca.

	<p>THEATRE ON THE RIDGE Summer 2025 Season Passes Now on Sale! Theatre on the Ridge season passes are only \$99! That's a 23% savings for three terrific productions under the dynamic performance tent at Scugog Shores Museum:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>June 11 - 27 Two Minutes To Midnight <i>by Michael Ross Albert</i> <i>Directed by Carey Nicholson</i></p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>July 9 - 27 Bluebirds <i>by Vern Thiessen</i> <i>Directed by Iain Moggach</i></p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>August 6 - 24 Any Idiot Can Face A Crisis: The Comedy of Anton Chekov Based on original Chekov short plays <i>Adapted by Andy Massingham and the Company</i> <i>Directed by Andy Massingham</i></p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Visit www.theatreontheridge.ca for information, reservations and to purchase tickets and passes.</p>	<p>June 11 - 27 Two Minutes To Midnight <i>by Michael Ross Albert</i> <i>Directed by Carey Nicholson</i></p>	<p>July 9 - 27 Bluebirds <i>by Vern Thiessen</i> <i>Directed by Iain Moggach</i></p>	<p>August 6 - 24 Any Idiot Can Face A Crisis: The Comedy of Anton Chekov Based on original Chekov short plays <i>Adapted by Andy Massingham and the Company</i> <i>Directed by Andy Massingham</i></p>
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**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.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

<p>SCUGOG SENIORS COALITION</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p style="text-align: right;">Find out more on Facebook or email scugogseniorscoalition@gmail.com</p>	
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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.

THEATRE ON THE RIDGE
Connecting Through Theatre
Join us for free activities, workshops, and theatre outings. There is no cost or long-term commitment to participate. No previous experience or knowledge of theatre is required.
Check out www.theatreontheridge.ca

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!



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

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Feeling Creative?

ACTING FOR FUN

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

We will be 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
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 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.

CRAFTING CORNER

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546
cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

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 January 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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 six - seven games, then share refreshments and socialize. We are happy to teach new players.

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.

CRIBBAGE

Julie Blaney • jooles1234@aol.com

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



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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.

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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.

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EUCHRE – EVENING

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

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.

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BOWER POWER

Kim Lendvay • interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. (except December). Our next euchre game will be on Friday January 24th.

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

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

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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 4 players (with some 2 and 3-player variations) and involves forming melds and pairs with the tiles.

We play bi-weekly Monday games, starting-up again on Monday January 6. If you are interested in playing Mahjong, need lessons, or if you already know how to play, please contact the coordinator to be added to the waitlist or spare list.

Book Clubs

BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491
janetbroder7@gmail.com

Our group doesn't meet in December. We will be meeting on January 24 to discuss *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan. Happy New Year!

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BETWEEN THE COVERS

Louise Bardswich: lbardswich@gmail.com

Our December book was *Hang the Moon* by Jeannette Walls. In January, Kay will host a discussion of *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewel. The group is FULL but if you are interested in joining us, please contact the coordinator to be placed on a waitlist.

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.

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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!

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

Joanne Nixon: joannenixon3@gmail.com

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 the Joanne if you'd like to join us.

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DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller: margandromiller@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 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

Mary-Anne Unwin

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The group is coordinated by Mary-Anne Unwin and occurs on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Membership is almost full for this NEW group. We'll meet for the first time at Fico Fusion in Port Perry at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday January 8. Email the Interest Groups Chair to join this group.

LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030

rannevan@hotmail.com

We had a great turnout at the Oakridge Pub in Port Perry, and enjoyed the usual pub fare at reasonable prices. We have a wonderful group and always have a great time! We will be skipping December and resume on Wednesday January 22nd. The group is currently at maximum capacity, please contact the coordinator for further details or to be placed on a waitlist.

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Our group has taken a break due to a whole lot of member travel and other holiday activities. We will resume again in January.

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

We recognized the coming of cold weather with winter wines from Ontario at our November tasting. We started with a fall sangria made with Peninsula Ridge Pinot Grigio (made with Triple Sec, apple cider, fruit and spices) which everyone enjoyed. Leaning Post The Fifty Chardonnay, Sandbanks Estate Baco Noir and Creekside Syrah rounded out the rest of the wines with our main courses. With dessert, we enjoyed Peller Estates Cabernet Franc ice wine. The Baco Noir seemed to be the favourite of most attendees. We take the next few months off due to travel. However, some members of our group still get together if enough folks are in town.

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

margandromiller@gmail.com

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

billandmaryare@gmail.com

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

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

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.



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LAWN BOWLING

Lynn Tracey: 905-985-5678
dlyntracey@gmail.com

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
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
cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

We meet once/twice a week and walk in downtown Port Perry, along the waterfront in Palmer Park and the surrounding area. Of course that depends on the number of benches and times we stop to chat. Contact the coordinator for information on meet-up location and times or with any questions.

WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne: diannedraper886@gmail.com

We meet Thursdays at 10 a.m. for the winter. Our new meeting place is now in front of the Latham 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

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

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

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 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 10am 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 featured a presentation by Marilyn Pearce and Peter Hvidsten 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. If you wish to drop in for a meeting to see what we're all about, send me an email and we'll be happy to see you!

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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.

Two members had fun at the Rapunzel pantomime in Port Hope, preceded by a nice lunch at Milly's Market and a walk by the river.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group met on December 2nd. We discussed members' recent travel experiences and travel plans, and there was a very interesting and informative slide presentation on member Denise Throp's recent trip to the Eastern Townships of Quebec viewing the many settings for Canadian author Louise Penny's "Three Pines" series of books.

The next meeting will be at 11:10 a.m. on Monday, January 6th in the Sunroom at Col. Mustard's Pub in Port Perry. All Probus Club members are welcome!



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!**



The police came to my house last night,
showing me a picture.

"Is this your wife, sir?"

"Yes."

"I'm afraid it looks like she's been
hit by a bus."

"I know, but she's a really good cook."



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INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW



Girls (And Guys) Just Wanna Have Fun

Tuesday December 10

Two members had fun at the Rapunzel pantomime in Port Hope, preceded by a nice lunch at Milly's Market and a walk by the river.

*Janet with her
Rapunzel hair, and
Denise with the top hat!*

Walk-About Town Group

Thursday December 12

The walking group got together for coffee and pretty amazing snacks at Ann Powell's home which was beautifully decorated for the holidays.



Euchre & Bid Euchre Groups

Friday December 13

Ann and Terry hosted a fun Christmas luncheon and Secret Santa Party.



Darts for Fun Group

Tuesday December 17

The Darts for Fun group enjoyed a Christmas Lunch at Castle John's following the December Probus meeting.



Happy
New
Year
2025