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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY CANADA DAY



Greetings to all of our Probus members, and Happy July 1st.

Here we are at the half-way point of 2024 already. The first half has been filled with all sorts of club social events, so many varied interest group activities and of course lots of travel. Now, as the school year closes, many will be adding grandchildren to the list of things that keep us hopping not just on weekends, but now during the week as well.

Last week, many of us spent an anxious afternoon and evening under a "tornado watch" which thankfully ended without serious incident, but certainly left us hopeful that we will not have to go through that again this summer. However, we can count our blessings that at least we aren't having to leave our homes under threat of forest fires burning them down as many in other parts of the country are.

For those who were not able to attend our June meeting, which was our Annual General Meeting, the club welcomed three new members to our Management Team. Louise Bardswich is our new Treasurer, while John Brown becomes our new Secretary and Bill Walker becomes our Webmaster. In addition, Susan Merriman has moved from Secretary to Vice President.

We also wish to thank three outgoing team members for their service. Linda Elliot and Marie Lucifora have stepped down as our House Co-chairs and Jayne Rees has stepped away from her roles as Treasurer and Webmaster. I'm sure that everyone joins with me in thanking these three for all of their hard work in serving the club.

We trust that you will enjoy reading our newsletter and: Happy summer, 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.



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

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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

JULY MEMBERSHIP IN-PERSON MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday July 16 from 10 a.m. to noon at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.

For the safety of your fellow club members, we ask that members and guests not attend the membership meeting or any other Club event activity if they test positive for COVID before the meeting/event or have COVID symptoms.

And if anyone who has attended a club function develops COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID within seven days after the event, please immediately advise the club at portperryprobus@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their PROBUS Club of Port Perry membership. The deadline for renewals is July 1st and so anyone who has not paid their membership at this time will no longer receive our monthly newsletter after that date and will no longer be guaranteed of a membership spot. I will be contacting those 55 names I currently have on my waiting list and will be holding a maximum membership at 350 so don't be disappointed if you have not renewed by July 1 and there is no spot available for you.

I would like to ask all existing members to please advise me of any changes to your home address, email address or TELEPHONE NUMBER so that we can make sure we can contact you if necessary. I know there are some members now using just a cell number for contact so please let me know of any changes by email 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

SPRING HAS SPRUNG PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

The winners of the Spring Photo Contest are members Marie Lucifora – first prize of \$20 for her photo of daffodils, and second prize winner of \$10 is Jayne Rees for her photo of orange hibiscus. Some of the other submissions are included below. Have a look on our website to see all of the amazing entries. www.portperryprobus.com/portperryprobusblooms





Thank you to all those who participated in this contest.









JULY 2024

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guest Speaker – July 16 GEOFFREY CARPENTIER

"The Origins and Impact of Invasive Species to the Scugog Area?"

About Our Speaker:



Educated at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Geoff studied zoology and biological sciences. Recently retired, he worked for over 33 years with the Canadian Ministry of the Environment. In his spare time, he maintained an active personal life where he taught nature and pesticides courses

at community colleges and led nature trips. He is a widely published author in nature and science magazines and books, writes a bi-weekly nature column, and worked as an interpretive guide in several national parks. He has travelled the world, visiting over 80 countries on all seven continents. Being an expedition guide and interpretative leader helps him build on his lifelong passion for nature. He has led numerous trips to Antarctica, South Georgia, the Falklands, Taiwan, Svalbard, Russia & Alaska, Cuba, Borneo, Greenland, the Galapagos, Tanzania, and more.

Guest Speaker – July 16 CHRIS BAKER

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"Travel Training Guide to DRT Services"



Chris will go over scheduled conventional service, on demand services, and specialized transit within on demand. This will include trip planning, and fares.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

August 20

LYNN RAE – Mental Health and Wellness

September 17

JONATHAN van BILSEN - "A World of Paradox"

October 15

TBA

November 19

"VINTAGE SOUL" - War Time Songs

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

Our guest speaker was Jack Hurst, the co-founder of Pegasus Animal Sanctuary, who gave us the background of why and how the Sanctuary came into being.

"Pegasus Animal Sanctuary is a family oriented, incorporated CRA registered not for profit animal sanctuary founded in 2017".

Their main goal is to provide a lifelong safe haven to farm animals: "to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of the animals in their care". Pegasus provides a teaching environment, hosting corporate events and community days as well as this year a summer program for students.

The Sanctuary is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year and relies on the 50 to 55 volunteers who provide at least 2.5 hours a week in dedicated commitment to ensuring all the animals are safe, well fed and cared for.

Following the talk, draws were held and the winners chose one of the prizes on display donated by Pegasus.

June Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS



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

Bob Ashdown Debra Mountjoy Eke Van Der Zee

The winners each received \$45.

Congratulations everyone!

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	HAPPY CANADA DAY!	2	3	4	5	6
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP 1:30 p.m.		WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DINNER OUT Grapes of PourT 6 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m.	BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m.	LINE DANCING 6 p.m. BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	
14	15	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. – Hope Church	17	18	19	20
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	JIGSAW PUZZLERS Hope Church 10:30 a.m.	THE FULL MONTY Port Hope BBQ & CONCERT Port Perry	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. Breakfast Thurs 9:30 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.		DINNER - GWCTD 6:30 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	NEWFOUNDLAND CRUISE WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	THE FULL MONTY Port Hope	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.	BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
28	29	30	31			
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.				

FOR DETAILS BY COLOUR:

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

Port Perry PROBUS requires that all members attending face to face events have two vaccinations.

To register, email: social.portperryprobus@gmail.com

SUMMER BARBECUE AND CONCERT IN THE PARK

Wednesday July 17, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Palmer Park, Water Street, Port Perry Cost: \$5 members, \$12 non-members

Please join us for a barbecue and civic concert featuring Irwin Smith. Rain date will be Thursday, July 25 with civic concert featuring Vintage Soul. This is a subsidized and ticketed event with tickets selling for \$5. Non members can attend for \$12. Junior bacon cheeseburgers and pizza will be served. We invite you to bring a salad, dessert, or other picnic item to be shared with the group. To register or for further information, please email social. portperryprobus@gmail.com.

THE FULL MONTY

Wednesday July 24, 2 p.m.

Capital Theatre 20.0 come ineatre fee

and a capital improvement charge)

LUNCH AT THE BLUE HERON CASINO & THEATRE ON THE RIDGE MATINEE

Thursday August 15, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Scugog Shores Museum Village: 16210 Island Rd., Port Perry.

This excellent local theatre group will be performing The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged) (Revised) (Again). All 37 of Shakespeare's plays – performed in less than 2 hours. Fast paced, witty, and physical. It's full of laughter for Shakespeare lovers and haters alike. Tickets are \$39 (but for a group of 10 they are \$31.20). The Casino is located at 21777 Island Rd., Port Perry. Members will pay for their lunch individually.

To register and for further information, please email social. portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration and advice of pricing, you will be provided with payment details. •••••

WUTAI SHAN BUDDHIST GARDEN

Thursday September 5, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

708 Ski Hill Rd., Cavan-Monaghan

Tour the Buddhist Temple, Gardens and enjoy a vegetarian lunch at a cost of \$20.00 which must be ordered in advance. There is no admission fee, but donations are accepted. We have decided to book a tour guide to broaden our knowledge of Buddhist practices, at a cost of \$100. We will divide the cost among the members attending and advise of the cost. There is a \$10 fee to visit the art gallery. There is a dress code - no bare shoulders or arms and no shorts skirts or shorts as this is a sacred place for religious practice. The property is large, and some people drive from one site to the next. The Gardens are only about a 30-minute drive from Port Perry. We will encourage carpooling. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail. com and please indicate if you plan to have lunch so we can advise

••••• **SCAVENGER HUNT & POTLUCK LUNCH**

Wednesday October 9, 9 a.m.

Hope Church, Port Perry Cost: \$15 hunt & potluck, \$5 potluck only

Meet at Hope Church to sign in, drop off a potluck contribution, and sign a waiver at 9 a.m. The scavenger hunt will explore the area by car. Space is limited. To register and for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Please let us know if you can contribute some home baking for dessert.

..... **BOUNTIFUL LUNCH AT HOPE CHURCH**

Tuesday October 15

Hope Church, Port Perry Cost: \$15 hunt & potluck, \$5 potluck only

Join us following the meeting for soup and sandwiches, fruit, tea/ coffee, and contributed goodies (by our members). \$15.00 per person for members and \$20.00 for guests – space is limited. To register and for further information, please email social. portperryprobus@gmail.com.

DISTILLERY DISTRICT CHRISTMAS MARKET, LUNCH AT THE HOT HOUSE CAFÉ NOTE

AND CASA LOMA

Wednesday December 4 8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. (approx.)

Luxury Bus Trip from Port Perry Walmart Cost: \$135

Travel by luxury coach 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 where the castle will be resplendent with holiday décor including a 40-foot tree in the Great Hall and eight other signature frees by talented Canadian designers. Cost is \$135 including bus, lunch, and admission to Casa Loma. Admission to the Distillery District is free. This trip is subsidized by the club and restricted to members only. Bus has a limit of 47 passengers so sign up early. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

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CHANGES

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Port Perry Social Events continued

PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

Social Tea

Tuesday June 18

Our Social Tea was held in the church hall after the Annual General Meeting. It was attended by 50+ members. A variety of sandwiches and wraps were served, followed by some scrumptious desserts including the following baked by:

Ruth Cain who tempted us with Mini Brownies, topped with a glaze and a raspberry on top; Donna

opped with a glaze and a raspberry on top; Donna Faulkner tempted us with mouth watering Butter





Tart squares; Carol Hopkins baked seven of those wonderful Victorian Sponge cakes and Linda Parry provided delicious raspberry squares to top off our home baking. Thanks so much for the lovely treats. I would like to send a special thank you to all the members who lent me their lovely China cups and saucers, and to the members who also dropped off their beautiful teapots.

Thank you goes to our President Jim Adamson for having long legs and climbing up the ladder to hang the flower decorations from the 12-foot ceiling.

Thank you to everyone behind the scenes who worked to make this social a success: Margaret Adamson, Doreen Buchan, Judy Spring, Linda Elliot, Darla Jemmett, Sandra Laureyssens, Dell Leahy, Marie Lucifora, Linda Parry, Susan Merriman, Janet Casey, Tim Casey, Gail Williamson, Catharine Whittle and Joanne Nixon – who kept replenishing the tea pots and a special thank you to Ruth Cain for your leadership.

Thank you all – without your help this would not have been possible.

And thank you to Eke for her nice words.

Ann Social Co-Chair











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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS



HNA TOURS PICKERING

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

Capital Theatre Port Hope Presents THE FULL MONTY Wednesday July 17, 2 p.m.

Cost: \$115

Includes: ticket to see show, return transportation to Theatre, and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com.

Shaw Festival Stratford Presents **MY FAIR LADY** Wednesday September 11

Cost: \$149

Includes: return transportation by deluxe motor coach, ticket at the Festival Theatre, driver's tip, and 407 Toll. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com.

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NEW Famous Players Theatre Presents **BELIEVE IN MAGIC** Wednesday October 16

Cost: \$145.00

The Magic of the human spirit engulfs in this heart-warming stage performance, as Famous PEOPLE Players (343 Evans Ave., Etobicoke) celebrate their 50th birthday, from struggle to success with triumph! Taking their magic to the footlights from around world and into your heart.

Includes: return transportation by motor coach, delicious lunch in dining room, performance at the World renowned Black Light Theatre, dessert served in the dining room, and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com.

NEW

'COME FROM AWAY' AT THE ROYAL ALEXANDRA THEATRE

Wednesday November 27, 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$159

Includes transportation downtown and theatre ticket. This joyous musical shares the incredible real-life story of the 7,000 airplane passengers from all over the world who were grounded in Gander, Newfoundland in the wake of 9/11, and the small community that invited these 'come from aways' into their lives. For further information contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com.

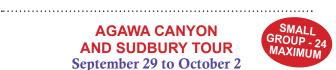
CANXPL@RE BOWMANVILLE

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

For TripAdvisor reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction_Review-g499253d24887153-Reviews-CanXplore-Bowmanville Ontario.html

AGAWA CANYON AND SUDBURY TOUR September 29 to October 2



Cost: \$1295 per person based on double occupancy (all taxes included)

Includes: Roundtrip luxury coach tour from Durham Region with stops in Bowmanville, Oshawa, Whitby and Port Perry, 4 days and 3 night accommodation, breakfast daily, 2 lunches, train tour of Agawa Canyon to see the beautiful fall colours, entrance fee to Science North Museum, IMAX and planetarium presentations at Science North Museum, visit to the Big Nickel in Sudbury, a 2.5 hour boat cruise with lunch on Lake Muskoka and the services of a CanXplore Tour Director. For further information or to book, go to www.canxplore.com/agawacanyonmainpage or contact Cathy Spracklin at cathy@canxplore.com or 289-275-1182.

NON PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW



Prince Edward County Wine Tour **Thursday June 20**

A bus load of people, many of whom were from our Port Perry PROBUS, took this tour that had plenty of laughs, good eats (at the Waring House) and wine tastings at Waupoos, Grange and Sand Banks wineries. Thank you Cathy Spracklin of Canxplore (bottom left photo) for organizing this fun tour.

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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



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

NEWFOUNDLAND July 23 to August 2 Cost: double occupant (\$6,439.87)

PORTUGAL

February 25th to March 19th, 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.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



TRAVEL William Join other members on the following cruises:

& BUDAPEST WITH PRACTICE SOLD OUT

Cure pp for cabin with high window and 905-447-4557.

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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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

TOWN HALL THEATRE

The Traveling Milburys

Tribute to the Traveling Wilburys Saturday August 10, 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$50.00

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



JAZZ FROM THE CITY

Probus members are invited to enjoy our Wednesday Matinees at Jester's Court in the "Listening Room" upstairs.

Please wear your PROBUS name tag!

For more information contact Lynn McDonald, **289-354-1140 or lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com**.



THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Summer of Fun continues at Scugog Shores Museum

Musical of Musicals: The Musical

by Joanne Bogart & Eric Rockwell
July 11 – 27

A hilarious satire of musical theatre where one story becomes five delightful musicals!

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) (revised) (again)

by Daniel Singer, Adam Long, and Jess Winfield
August 7 – 24

This side-splitting comedy performs all 37 of Shakespeare's plays in less than two hours!

Information: www.theatreontheridge.ca or call the box office at 905-242-9343.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THEATRE ON THE RIDGE?

Still welcoming volunteers for Front of House Support

A great patron experience begins as soon as the audience arrives!

We're looking for great volunteers to help us make great experiences happen for our audiences.

Positions include Ushers, Parking Attendants, Concessions support.

Benefits include seeing our shows and you can bring a guest for free on the night you volunteer!

Find all the details on our website under Opportunities - theatreontheridge.ca/volunteering/

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

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



interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Feeling Creative?

ART - PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

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

Our group is taking a summer break. To wrap up our sessions, we met on May 30th for a potluck lunch. Lots of food and chatter. The startup date will be Thursday, September 5th.

••••••• **CREATE AND CHAT**

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We have a new coordinator lined-up so we'll be restarting the group in September! Hoping to get creative people together with a monthly meet-up sharing one's passion for arts and crafts while conversing/visiting. Please contact the Interest Group chair if vou're interested.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

On the inaugural June 4th meeting of the photography group, Jonathan van Bilson met with us and gave an overview of the concept of photography, why people do it and what they're trying to achieve by it. He then engaged the crowd to see what they individually wanted to get from this type of an encounter. He also gave some insights into the different types of cameras (past and present) that people use and some of the complexities and improvements to photographic equipment.

Members will be meeting for their second workshop on Tuesday July 2 at 1:30 p.m. We'll also be doing some monthly projects to then get feedback on how we did. If you'd like to be added to this group, please email the Interest Groups Chair at the email above.

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.

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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. ••••••

CRIBBAGE

COORDINATOR NEEDED

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Please email if you are interested in participating in this group.

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Probus Interest Groups continued

DARTS FOR FUN

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

Every Tuesday 2 p.m. - 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.

Darts will break for the summer! Our last game was on June 18; and we will resume play on September 10, 2024.

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. This group is currently full. If you would like assistance starting a new group, please email or telephone.

EUCHRE – EVENING

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

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. However, we fortunately have a good list of subs who readily help us with the numbers. Much appreciation to them.

Next date is Tuesday, June 25th (7:00 p.m.) This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General PROBUS meeting.

JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise: Deniseet1954@gmail.com

Some of us have jigsaw puzzles to donate, others to share amongst group members. We meet at break time in the sanctuary at our monthly Probus meeting where we exchange puzzles!

Perhaps over the winter months, we're hoping there might be a member who's willing to keep a puzzle 'on the go' in their home for other members to come by and work on it sometimes.

If you are interested in joining this puzzle swap group, please contact the coordinator.

Book Club

BOOK CLUB - THE NEXT CHAPTER

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

We met a week early this month due to the Canada Day weekend coming up. We enjoyed a discussion of Michael Finkel's The Art Thief - a non-fiction book about the most prolific art thief in the world, Stéphane Breitwieser.

Next up is a trip to the ROM to see if we learned anything! (Just kidding!) We will take July off and meet in August to choose the books for the next season.

Food & Drink

BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY

Bill Morrison

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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 dandibagley@gmail.com

We meet every Monday at 10 a.m. at Tim Hortons 15930 Old Simcoe Road (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)

Kim Lendvay • interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Our May 25th GWCTD was at Foxbridge Golf & Country Club in Uxbridge. They have a new chef and all nine of us enjoyed our meals over great conversation!

Our July 20th GWCTD will be at Wooden Sticks Golf Club in Uxbridge at 6:30 p.m. NOTE NEW TIME for summer months.

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

DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller

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

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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. If you don't see us inside, please check the outdoor patio; on nice days we will try to be out there. Upcoming dates include July 18th, August 15th and September 19th at 4 p.m. I 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!

LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030 rannevan@hotmail.com

Another great turnout at Castle John's last month and a senior's day discount for those who qualified. The food was good and plentiful. This month's lunch will be on Wednesday June 26th, 1 p.m. at Slabtown Cider in Uxbridge where we can enjoy their lovely patio. Contact coordinator for details.

TRAVELLING FOODIES

Carol Kilmartin, Mona Mathews, Catherine Whittle foodies.probus@gmail.com

The Travelling Foodies Groups meet in the new format of two groups: 1st Friday of the month and 2nd Thursday of the month. In June, the groups enjoyed lunch at Slabtown Cidery, Uxbridge.

In July, the groups will travel to Bollocks Pub & Kitchen on Taunton Road East in Whitby. This is an Inventive Gastropub with award winning wings, stacked burgers, fresh pasta, salads and desserts. Weekly specials too!

If you are interested in one of these groups, email Carol Kilmartin at the email above.

WINE TASTING - GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

Our May get-together was held at Rolling Grape Vineyard in Bailieboro and the road trip was worth every sip and bite! The group enjoyed 4 reds and 2 whites from the winery's cellar but the Cabernet Franc was the favourite, along with their amazing pizzas! June's tasting dinner will be held on July 4, one week later than usual to accommodate everyone's busy schedules.

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!

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

We are at long last finally able to schedule our next tasting with full attendance for the end of June. The hostess/host are keeping the theme a guarded secret as an added item to look forward to.

Let's Get Physical

BLOOMERS - GARDENING

Marg Miller

margandrodmiller@gmail.com

July 12

Lavender Festival at ViveLavender Farm, Sunderland. Cost of guided tour: \$10 plus HST. As visits to the farm are by appointment only, let me know if you are interested in going as soon as you can. The farm also offers afternoon teas for \$45 plus HST (at noon and 3:30 p.m.). Those interested in the afternoon tea will need to reserve their seat online.

June 30, July 28 & August 25

In the spring, we had decided to visit the Guild Park in early October. The Toronto Star listed the Guild Park as one of the five "must see" sites for Toronto's 2024 Doors Open.

The Friends of Guild Park provide free tours on the last Sunday of each month in the summer. Each of these "Sunday Strolls" lasts about an hour and covers a particular theme about the site. Each Sunday Stroll starts at 2 p.m. from the Guild Park's flagpole, near the park's main gates. The upcoming free tours will be on Sunday, June 30, July 28 (during the Guild Alive Arts Festival) and on August 25. (Marg will be in Alaska for the August date)

The Friends of Guild Park also conduct custom tours for groups. These tours are based on the number of people and the tour duration. All tour proceeds go toward future Guild Park activities and improvement. They have done tours for Probus groups before. The cost would be \$10/person with a maximum of 24 people. We could ask for an overview presentation on Guild Park.

What Marg needs to know from you is whether you prefer the free tours on a Sunday? or a private tour which we currently have scheduled for October 1st?

Please let Marg Miller know if you wish to participate in either of these events and she will be in touch with you to let you know about other upcoming events too!

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BOWLING FOR FUN

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Bowling for Fun has resumed playing at Neb's Fun World on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:45 p.m. Cost will be \$15.00 for two games and includes shoe rental. If you are interested in signing up for Bowling for Fun, please contact the Interest Group Chair. Come and join in the fun!

GOLF

Kim Lendvay

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Although many of our members already play in various golf leagues – 14 of us have decided we'd like to play together too!

We've already selected some dates when we'll be playing at a variety of courses in the area – sometimes 9 sometimes 18 holes – sometimes weekdays sometimes weekends –based on the availability of our members.

If you are interested in playing golf with other Probus members, please contact Kim (Interest Groups Chair) at the email above.

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.

LAWN BOWLING

Lynn Tracey: 905-985-5678

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Lawn bowling is in full swing, and everyone is thoroughly enjoying themselves. On long weekends we have an in-house tournament, so we will celebrate Canada Day dressed in red and white! We will enjoy a couple of games of bowling topped off with a Pot Luck and BBO.

We have room for some new members and are offering a discounted rate for anyone who would like to join now!

Lynn understands there are some Probus members who would like to enjoy an afternoon on the greens. Please feel free to contact her and she will arrange a date and time.

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

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Latin Dance was a hit! We are now on break for the summer but might do a social event over the summer at a salsa club – stay tuned! 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 Anne-Marie at the email above.

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!

PICKLEBALL GROUP

Joanne Nixon • joannenixon3@icloud.com and Melba Tenthorey • onestep1996@hotmail.com

Am I Too Old for Pickleball? Pickleball is easier on the body than tennis and squash. Many people play it well into their 80s. But would it work for me?

If you want to give it a try (but don't want to commit to anything) please email Joanne and we'll show you how to play, provide you with paddles and introduce you to the funnest game there is! To set up a one-time experience, email Joanne.

WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne: diannedraper886@gmail.com

We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. behind the Scugog St. Tim Hortons. Our walks are approx. 1 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 and heat and wildfire records broken. And not just in Canada. It seemed the whole world was burning! The good news is that we don't have to sit back and watch, 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. Contact the co-ordinator if you're interested in learning more about and discussing these and other environmental issues.

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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. We don't currently meet over the summer. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Neil directly via email. 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 comprised of women, men are also welcome. 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..

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group met on June 3rd and Kim Lendvay facilitated the group through an informative and very interactive discussion about Unique Tours to Take While on Vacation. Everyone shared an incredible amount of information and experiences!

We break for the summer. Our next meeting will be on Monday September 9th and will feature a presentation on an exciting trip to the South Pacific that a couple of our members took earlier this year! Everyone is welcome – see you in September at Col. Mustard's Pub in Port Perry at 11:10 a.m.

Beware of a new
Amazon scam.
My husband
ordered me some
expensive jewelery,
but some golf clubs
came instead.
Luckily, he needed
new ones anyway.

Some people are solving major world problems, and I'm over here all excited because I found my missing sock inside a pair of my underwear.

I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN.

I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a word you're saying. Here's a picture of me having fun at the gym.

Ya, I couldn't picture that either....

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INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW



GWCTD

Saturday May 25

The Guess Who's Coming to Dinner group enjoying a marvelous meal at Foxbridge Golf & Country Club in Uxbridge.







Art - Open Studio Thursday May 23

The Art group held a Pot Luck featuring Peter Lauricella's famous apple pie that we get to enjoy on occasions. He and his wife are two of the bakers for the Probus meetings.

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Darts For Fun Tuesday June 19

Probus Darts for Fun group receiving an appreciation award from Port Perry Legion branch 419 president Kelly Walton for donations made by the 50/50 draw now amounting to \$2,800.00 to date.

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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



FATHER'S DAY WITH THE ORIOLES



Fathers enjoying their dinner.



Mom shows up with one of the kids.

Submitted by Jim Adamson



All the kids show up hungry!

Whether you're seeking creative inspiration or simply looking to soak up some rays on a hot day, this month will surely leave you feeling charged and ready to take on anything!