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AUGUST 2024



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of our Probus members, and a big welcome to Summer!

The month of August has always held something just a little bit special for many of us. There are several days within this month that commemorate one thing or another – perhaps these help explain.

August 1st has been known as “Lammas Day”, a traditional holiday in Britain that marked the beginning of the annual wheat and corn harvest. Many of us have seen evidence of wheat harvesting going on here in the Port Perry area as well of late. It also marks the mid-point between the summer solstice and autumn equinox.

August 5th is of course a Civic Holiday here in Ontario, as well as in many other provinces in Canada.

August 11th marks the end of the “Dog Days of Summer, which began on July 3rd.

August 17th is the beginning of Cat Nights. This is an old Irish legend involving witches all of which led to the idea that cats have nine lives. [trust the Irish for coming up with this one!]

August 19th is National Aviation Day in the

US. It celebrates the birthday of Orville Wright who made the very first flight way back in 1903. [I'll bet he had no idea just how much turmoil he was unleashing!]

August 26th is Women's Equality Day in the US. It celebrates the 1920 adoption of the nineteenth amendment to the US Constitution which includes women's right to vote.

August's zodiac signs are Leo (July 23 through August 22) and Virgo (August 23 through September 22).

Leos are represented by the lion and are ruled by the sun. They have natural leadership traits (whether that means social leaders or thought leaders.)

Virgos tend to be the thinkers of the world and the masters of reason. It has been said that everyone should have a Virgo in their life. [I have for many, many years and am much the better for it.]

Whatever your star or whatever your day, have a wonderful August and enjoy the sunshine.



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.

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

Our next
**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

*The next membership meeting will be held on
Tuesday August 20 from 10 a.m. to noon
at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an
email blast as a reminder before the meeting.*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to all those members who have paid their renewal fees for the 2024-2025 year. As of July 1st I started to accept new applications from people on our waiting list and will continue to complete that task in the next few weeks.

I would also ask all existing members to advise me of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers, as I can't send you any upcoming information if I don't have your new email information. 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*

SECRETARY NEEDED

Our Club is in need of a member to take on the role of Secretary for the remainder of this membership year. The sole focus of this role is to take and distribute minutes at the monthly Executive Board meetings. If you are familiar with WORD, are comfortable with storing and sending documents by email and would like to get more involved in the business dealings of our Club, please call Susan Merriman at **416-892-2127**. Your help would be greatly appreciated



A late afternoon / early evening sky shot taken in southern Saskatchewan.

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guest Speaker – August 20

LYNN RAE

“Mental Health and Wellness



As an Inspirational Speaker, Lynn shares with others her coping strategies for living with bipolar disorder and how she learned to be a productive member of society again and thrive despite how she was labelled. Her other talk, “7 Fs to Creating Your Fantastic Future,” outlines seven words, all starting with the letter F that can help anyone wanting to make changes in their life. Those words are: Family, Friends, Fun, Fitness, Fulfillment, Finances and Faith. She teaches you how to have a happy, healthy, joy-filled life despite whatever obstacles you may be facing.

About Our Speaker:

Lynn Rae was diagnosed with depression at the age of thirty and bipolar disorder at thirty-five. Two psychiatrists told her at age thirty-nine that she would never work full-time again. She has proven them wrong. She has been working full-time for over 14 years, including running her own Virtual Assistant business for 6 of those years.

Did you miss our July Speaker?

HERE'S A RECAP

We had two presentations this month.

First was a presentation from Christopher Baker and also attending with Chris was Kamika Walfall. They are Ambassadors for the Durham Region Transit System. They gave a very informative talk about how the system works; how people in rural areas far from a bus stop can access on Demand services to pick them up at their home and take them to the nearest bus stop. Chris also answered questions about the fares from one transit system to another, including the Subway system and TTC. There are special services for Seniors and disabled people. For all information and assistance the DRT Customer Service Centre is available and the Ambassadors are there to help.

Our second presentation was by Geoff Carpentier. He spoke about the many species of birds, flowers, fish and insects that are introduced to areas all over the world and including Scugog that are invasive and take over or kill the resident species. Often there isn't even an awareness of the problem until the realization that the native species are being decimated. But Geoff said sometimes there may eventually be a balance in Nature. His talk along with the slide presentation showing the native species and how the invasive species interact with the native species was so informative. Geoff's research, his enthusiasm and his knowledge make his presentations so interesting and then exciting to watch. It was a pleasure to have him with us today.

**July Meeting
SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS**



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

**BILL MORRISON
KIM LENDVAY**

The winners each received \$40.

Congratulations everyone!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September 17

JONATHAN van BILSEN – “A World of Paradox”

October 15 – TBA

November 19

“VINTAGE SOUL” – War Time Songs

**My day starts backwards...
I wake up tired and I go to bed wide awake.**

**I went to donate blood today,
but they kept asking too many questions.
*Who's blood is this?
Where did you get it?***

**Dusted once.
It came back.
Never falling for that again.**

**We don't get smarter as we get older.
We just run out of stupid things to do.**

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9 a.m. DINNER OUT	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m.	
4	5 <i>Happy Civic Holiday</i>	6	7	8	9	10
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9 a.m. PHOTOGRAPHY 1:30 p.m.	BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9 a.m. TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m.	BID EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9 a.m. BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m.		CASINO / TOTR 11:30 a.m. BLOOMERS - CASA LOMA WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9 a.m. BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m.	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	DINNER - GWCTD 6:30 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	<i>PROBUS MEETING</i> 10 a.m. – Hope Church JIGSAW PUZZLERS Hope Church 10:30 a.m.		WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9 a.m.	BID EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
BLOOMERS - GUILD PARK 2 p.m.	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN and LOLLYGAGGERS 9 a.m. Grapes of PourT 6 p.m.	EUCHRE-AFTERNOONS 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
						

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

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

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 the restaurant.

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 members, \$20 guests

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 CAFE

SOLD OUT

December 4

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

Luxury Bus Trip from Port Perry Walmart

PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

The Full Monty

Wednesday July 24



Several members saw *The Fully Monty* at the Capital Theatre in Cobourg. The show is about six unemployed steel workers that become amateur male strippers in order to provide an income for their families. Absolutely hilarious!

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Port Perry Social Events continued

PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

Summer BBQ and Concert in Palmer Park

Wednesday July 17

On July 17th over 60 members attended the Summer Barbecue and Concert in Palmer Park. The weather was perfect and Irwin Smith and his brother entertained us well. Thank you to those who contributed to the picnic. And a big shout out to Wendy's and Dominos for providing first rate service.



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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.

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.

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.

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

**AGAWA CANYON
AND SUDBURY TOUR**
September 29 to October 2

Cost: \$1295 per person

based on double occupancy (all taxes included)

SMALL GROUP – 24 MAX.

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,

**FINAL
BOOKING –
AUGUST
29th**



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OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

HNA TOURS PICKERING

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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.



TRAVEL with us

Join other members on the following cruises:

EMERALD RIVER CRUISE – DANUBE EXPLORER & BUDAPEST WITH BRACH

SOLD OUT
Cru... \$2,270 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@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.

NEW

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.



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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

Man, Machine, Poet
Tribute to Tragically Hip
Friday September 13, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$45.00

**The Songs of Sting
and Peter Gabriel**
Friday September 27, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$46.33

Off the Rock
Tribute to Great Big Sea
Saturday September 28, 7 p.m.
Tickets: Adult - \$45.00
Child (12 & Under) - \$35.00

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



THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Summer of Fun continues at Scugog Shores Museum

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.

JAZZ FROM THE CITY

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

Please wear your PROBUS name tag!

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

lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

CULTURE DAYS GET INVOLVED

We are reaching out to invite Port Perry PROBUS
to participate in this year's Culture Days event Saturday,
September 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Palmer Park and
Latham Centre, and Sunday, September 22, at the Scugog Arts
Space. It could be through participation in the events
or by donating raffle prizes. This is a fantastic opportunity
for you to engage with the local community.

Your involvement would greatly contribute to the
success of Culture Days and highlight Scugog's
strong community spirit!

For more information or to confirm your
participation see: events@scugogarts.ca.



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>



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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

New Interest Groups Opportunities

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

Our club has a corporate account should you wish to set up a virtual meeting, and it has no time restraints! Just contact Jim Adamson at president.portperryprobus@gmail.com to use it. We are here to help should you want to try a meeting virtually!



LOLLYGAGGERS



We are a new walking group for members with walkers or canes, or who just want a leisurely stroll while having a friendly chat. We may be the slowest walking group in town!! See more information on page 13.

Crafting Corner



Creative People!!!

Let's get together to share our passions for arts and crafts. We can work on our projects while engaging in conversation. See below for more details.



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



Feeling Creative?

ACTING FOR FUN

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

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

ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

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

Our group is taking a summer break. The startup date will be Thursday September 5th.

CRAFTING CORNER

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

Love to create? Maybe do some beading, decoupage, crochet, knit, quilt, make jewelry, etc.? Want to get together with like-minded souls? We're starting in September and hope to get creative people together with monthly meetups sharing passions for arts and crafts while conversing and visiting with each other. We would love to know what your craft of interest is.

At our first meeting, we'll decide what day and time we want to meet monthly and at what venue (e.g. member's homes, the library or maybe Hope Church)

Please contact Catherine if you're interested so we can plan the best date for our September meeting.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The photography group had a great second workshop on July 2nd with Jonathan van Bilson!

Members will be meeting for their third workshop on Tuesday August 6 at 1:30 p.m. We'll spend a few minutes in the studio but then head outdoors to Lake Scugog's waterfront for some hands-on experimentation/learning. 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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Probus Interest Groups continued

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

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

So excited to report that we now have three members and so this group can begin to meet! Since there is no official coordinator at this time, until we have one please email the Interest Groups Chair if you are interested in participating in this group.

DARTS FOR FUN

**John Leahy: 905-982-2695 • jleahy6@gmail.com and
Ken Crossley • magentis@checkmail.ca**

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.

We are on hiatus for the summer. Our last game was on June 18, and we will resume play on September 10.

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, or would like assistance starting a new euchre group, please email or telephone Ann.

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, August 20th (7:00 p.m.) This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting.



JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise: Deniset1954@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.

MAHJONG

Barb Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

Have you ever played Mahjong? It is a tile-based game that originated in China in the 19th century. It is played by 4 players (with some 3-player variations) and involves forming melds and pairs with the tiles. The game has now spread all over the world!

We have seven members already but would welcome more! Our first get together will be Friday August 9th at 1 p.m. at Barb's home. If you are interested in playing Mahjong - interested in learning it if you don't already know how to play - please contact Barb.

Book Club

BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491
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We met a week early in July due to the Canada Day holiday weekend. 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
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
dandjbagley@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!

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

Kim Lendvay • interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our July 20th GWCTD planned for Wooden Sticks Golf Club since everyone was out of town and/or celebrating with family.

Our Saturday August 17th GWCTD will be on the gorgeous patio at Royal Ashburn Golf Club in North Whitby at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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 August 15th and September 19th 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!

LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030

rannevan@hotmail.com

A smaller summertime group had a lovely lunch at the Urban Pantry in Uxbridge on July 24th, one of my all time favourites! Next month's lunch will be on Wednesday August 28th, location to be determined. The group is currently at maximum capacity, please contact the coordinator for further details.

TRAVELLING FOODIES

Carol Kilmartin, Mona Mathews, Catherine Whittle

foodies.probus@gmail.com

Last month we attended Bollocks Pub in Whitby and everyone enjoyed the venue and had great conversations about their past and upcoming travel experiences. The Travelling Foodies Groups meet in the format of two groups: 1st Friday of the month and 2nd Thursday of the month – both meet at 1:30 p.m. – both attend the same venue just one week apart. In August, the groups will travel to

Foxbridge Golf and Country Club in Uxbridge, a perfect venue for summer months! There are spaces available in the Thursday group. If you are interested in joining, email Carol Kilmartin.

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Who knew that Ontario ciders could be so diverse and so interesting? On a rather warm afternoon last month, our group got to sample five very different, and most assuredly very refreshing, ciders from various Ontario pommeliers [that is what a cider version of a sommelier is called! Blended ciders that included peaches, cherries, blueberries, and elderflower combined with a wide variety of pairings had all of us savoring every drop and morsel. A most enjoyable afternoon indeed.

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

Our June wine-tasting was held one week late, on July 4th, due to vacation schedules. The theme was red, white & blue for the 4th of July! We enjoyed amazing blue and red sangrias, along with some excellent wines and creative food ideas. Our July tasting will be taking place on July 25th with a Mexican theme this time!

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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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 August 25.

Spadina Museum (facing Casa Loma, Toronto) August 15th. Lush gardens guided tours of the beautiful mansion, the former residence of the Austin family. James Austin was the founder of Dominion Bank and president of Consumers Gas. Cost: free. Parking available across the street at Casa Loma \$20 per vehicle.

Please let Marg Miller know if you wish to participate in this event 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

We play 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

billandmaryare@gmail.com

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

dlyntracey@gmail.com

Lawn bowling is in full swing, we do 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 and are also able to teach those who've never played. Please feel free to contact her and she will arrange a date and time.

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

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!

LOLLYGAGGERS

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546

cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

Would you like to join us as we walk twice a week in downtown Port Perry, along the waterfront in Palmer Park and the surrounding area?

We walk Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 9 a.m. summer hours [winter hours 9:30 a.m.]

This is not a speed walking group! We may actually be your slowest Port Perry Probus walking group. With members on walkers and canes, or just wanting a leisurely, friendly chat as they stroll.

If you've ever wanted to start to walk and just haven't known who to walk with or how to get started, please join us! Contact Catherine if you're interested.

PICKLEBALL GROUP

Joanne Nixon • joannenixon3@icloud.com and

Melba Tentorey • 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 a.m. (Summer hours) behind the Scugog St. Tim Hortons. Our walks are approx. one hour, along our beautiful lakefront. If you're interested in joining the Walk-About Town group, please contact Dianne and let's get going!

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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
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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.

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: Deniset1954@gmail.com and
Cathy: cjef@bell.net

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.

This month three "girls" had fun seeing *The Full Monty* in Port Hope, preceded by lunch.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

We are on hiatus for the summer. Our next meeting will be on Monday September 9th and will feature a presentation on the 'South Pacific Sojourn' – an incredible adventure with Viking Ocean Cruises taken by Brenda and Gary Manns. Their presentation will also include details about their pre-cruise in Sydney and post-cruise in Cambodia.

Everyone is welcome! See you on September 9th at Col. Mustard's Pub in Port Perry at 11:10 a.m.



GOLF LESSONS OFFERED

One of our Probus members – Susan Micklewright – has offered to arrange group golf lessons at Sandbaggerz Driving Range and Sunnybrae Golf Club (for putting and pitching). Both venues are just south of Port Perry.

It would be a group session of no more than six golfers. There will be five lessons in total for \$125.

If anyone is interested in taking group golf lessons, please contact Susan directly at micklewright.6565@gmail.com

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INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW



Photography Group

Tuesday July 2

The group got together for their second workshop at Jonathan van Bilsen's studio this month.



Grapes of PourT

Thursday July 4

The theme for the wine tasting this month was red, white and blue. The group enjoyed a white wine sangria with blue curacao.

Thursday July 25

Mexico was the theme this time and eleven members of this group enjoyed a delicious Margaritas and Mexican food night.



Girls (And Guys) Just Wanna Have FUN!

July

And what fun they had! This month three "girls" went to see *The Full Monty* in Port Hope, preceded by lunch.



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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



August

August is an emotional time as it leads towards Autumn, which on the one hand means a new season, new beginnings... But then on the other hand, it also means summer is soon over.