



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

OUR NEXT ONLINE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM
OCTOBER 19th,
10:00-11:45 a.m.
REGISTRATION IS NOT NECESSARY
IN ORDER TO ATTEND.
SEE INFORMATION FURTHER
IN THE NEWSLETTER.

TROUBLE RECEIVING CLUB NEWSLETTERS OR EMAIL BLASTS??

If you or any club member you know has been having trouble receiving Club newsletters or email blasts, please let us know at portperryprobus@gmail.com so we can try to figure out how to resolve the issue. Thank you

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends (even if some of it was online). We're into fall weather and loving it because it's rather mild out there. Great for walks as the leaves turn into their brilliant colours. So try to get a few more outdoor activities in before the chill really is upon us.

We're still doing our membership meetings by **zoom** and will continue to do so until the Provincial restrictions ease and we're confident our members will feel safe at an in-person members' meeting. So we'll give you ample notice before we plan to move those meetings to in-person ones. But there are a number of smaller social activities and interest groups that are meeting in-person, so please take a look at those if you'd like to participate. And pay particular attention to the social activities page because it's starting to fill up with both in-person and online activities for this fall.

We have some new features in our newsletter this month including an humorous article

about the family of one of our members and some short anecdotes about some of the family of other club members. This month also has the start of our Fall Colours photo section with some beautiful pictures. And two new interest groups (a book club and a wine tasting group) are putting out the call to interested members of the club in order to try to get the groups up and running. And there's lots of fascinating stuff in our Fun Websites to Explore section and the Scheduled Events section.

Of course we also have the some articles from our regular contributors and the interest group updates.

So even though we're not meeting in person anywhere close to what we normally would, there's still a great deal happening in the club.

Enjoy the fall season,

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

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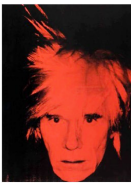
PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

*All scheduled events are subject to Provincial COVID-19 regulations and public health advice at the time of the event.
Port Perry PROBUS requires that all members attending face to face events have two vaccinations.*

Thursday, October 14

ANDY WARHOL EXHIBIT AT THE ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO (AGO)

and optional lunch following
at a restaurant close to the gallery



The AGO is not offering group tickets, and is only selling timed tickets for 4 people every 15 minutes. Exhibit price is \$27.00. If you are interested in attending, please email Judith.spring@outlook.com. Judy will book groups of four starting at 11 a.m. Please advise whether you wish to carpool or take the GO train. Carpooling will depend upon volunteers.

For further information, please contact Judy Spring: 905-447-4557.

Wednesday, November 3

AFTERNOON HIGH TEA – HERITAGE TEA ROOM & GIFT SHOP

158 Water St., Port Perry – 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$49.50 including assorted teas, soup, sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and raspberry jam, and six different types of French pastries. We are limited to 36 people in this venue, so it will be a members only event.



To register, for yourself and a guest who has received two vaccinations, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.

Sunday, December 5

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY EVENT – HERONGATE BARN THEATRE

2885 Altona Rd., Locust Hill – 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Tickets are \$69 including lunch, seasonal music, and a female adaptation of Neil Simon's hit comedy *The Odd Couple*. For this private PROBUS event, we are restricted to 80 members, and will allow each member to bring one friend, with proof of vaccination..

For your information, Herongate is not fully accessible. The dining area is accessible with washrooms. To transition to the theatre, you must take the stairs or walk around the building to access the theatre directly. There are no washrooms on the theatre level.

To register, please email: social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.



Thursday, December 16

PORT PERRY PROBUS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

at Scrambles, Foxbridge Golf Course
350 Reach St., Uxbridge – 12 p.m.



Tickets are \$45 per person including tax and gratuities for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert. Cash bar. For this members only event, we are restricted to 70 members.

To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.



**Wednesday, February 2 and February 9, 2022
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

WHO KNEW? TRIVIA

No charge – sponsored by your Social Committee. Who Knew Trivia is a [zoom](#) based trivia game for people 50+. It is interactive and fun and there will be prizes for the winners.

We are limited to 25 computer connections; however, if there are two of you sharing the same computer, that would only count as one (and remember, two brains are better than one!!) Please register by emailing social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

NON PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB EXCURSIONS/EVENTS

November 13 & 14

PORT PERRY ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION AUTUMN ART FESTIVAL

Scout Hall, 15585 Simcoe St., Port Perry - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Original paintings for sale by our local Artists. This is a great opportunity to find unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for the special folks on your gift lists! Or discover the perfect new artwork for your beautiful home.

Safety protocols and social distancing will be in place and masks must be worn while inside the venue.

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Social Events continued

NON PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB EXCURSIONS/EVENTS

HNA OFFERS:

Government regulations will be in place. Only 40 allowed on the bus. You must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask.

ST. JACOB'S SPARKLES

November 25

Cost: \$120

Contact: Shirley Van Putten: shirlievanputten@rogers.com

Kick off your holiday shopping season with in-store sales, draw prizes, festive food sampling and lots of holiday charm. Visit the Farmers' Market, Picard's Peanuts, and the Village Holiday Open House.

Includes:

- Return transportation by luxury Coach
- Dinner at Jacob's Grill
- Visit to Farmer's Market
- Visit to Picard's Peanuts



NOTE: Shirly has indicated that we need 10 members to book for pick-up at Walmart in Port Perry. Otherwise pickup is at the Pickering Recreation Centre at 10 a.m. with return at 8:30 p.m.

PORTUGAL/SPAIN

February 15 – March 20, 2022

Cost: Total selling price including all taxes:

Double occupancy is \$3,420, upgrades available.

For prices on single occupancy and further details, contact Shirly van Putten 905-619-8583

Includes:

Transportation: • Direct flight from Toronto to Faro, Portugal • Transfer from the Algarve to the Costa del Sol by Coach • Flight from Malaga, Spain to Montreal and connecting flight to Toronto

Accommodation: • 12 nights' accommodation at the Brisa Sol, Albufeira in 1-bedroom apartment • 10 nights' accommodation at the Sunset Beach Resort, Benalmadena, Spain in 1-bedroom apartment

Also included:

- Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director
- Welcome dinner in Albufeira



CARDINAL COACH TOURS – LINDSAY, ON

All customers joining Cardinal Coach Tours currently will be required to be double vaccinated and will be asked to provide proof prior to joining the tour. Customers are required to wear face coverings (i.e., masks) always on the coach and off the coach when social distancing is not possible.

QUEBEC CITY VIA RAIL

October 25 - 28

Cost: Double \$1,145.00

Single \$1,395.00 Triple \$1,125.00 Quad \$1,105.00

Contact: Cardinal Tours: 705-324-2777 or 877-343-7773

One of the most popular tours we have offered over the years is our rail tour to North America's most European city! It is all aboard as we ride the rails to Quebec City. While in Quebec, we stay three nights within the walls of old Quebec at the Hotel Manoir Victoria.



Includes: • Breakfast daily • guided tours • luggage handling • farewell dinner! Complete brochure available.

Activity level: active

Departure times from Lindsay or from Via Rail in Oshawa are confirmed closer to departure. Please tell them that you are a member of Port Perry PROBUS.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

December 7

Cost: \$105.00

Contact: Cardinal Tours: 705-324-2777 or 877-343-7773

As the holiday season gets into full swing, we will venture into Toronto to get into the holiday spirit. Our first stop will be at one of the oldest markets in Canada, the St. Lawrence Market. Your taste buds and sense of smell are sure to have you purchase many treats from the 120 vendors. We will enjoy a delicious, included lunch at the Hot House Café before our highlight of the day, Distillery District. Transformed into a festive holiday experience with the massive Christmas tree, seasonal music and the guy in the red suit, this tour will be a merry addition to your holiday season.



Activity level: moderate

Depart from Walmart in Port Perry at approximately 8:45 a.m. Please tell them that you are a member of Port Perry PROBUS.

* It is recommended that you book soon.
This excursion is filling up quickly.

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MEMBERSHIP



I am very pleased to welcome the following people as new members to the Club since we opened up the membership on July 1st.

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| Winnifred Scott | Joanne Fowler |
| Jim Nice | Dot and Dave Clark |
| Beth Willes | Janet Broder and Rob Homebrook |
| Pat Adderley | Kim Lendvay |
| Bev and Bruce Bone | Charlie Norris and Pauline Wong |
| Lee Ann Garrett | |

And returning members: Ann Berube and Denise Graham

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their PROBUS Club of Port Perry membership. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the Club. .

I would also like to ask all existing members to please advise me of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers so that we can avoid anyone missing out on any of our upcoming events. Please send an email with the changes to Linda Parry at: portperryprobus@gmail.com

*Linda Parry,
Membership Chair, PROBUS Club of Port Perry*

CLUB NOTICES

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON OCTOBER 19th.

Our next online general membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 19th, from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

We had hoped to be able to have an in-person membership meeting in October. Unfortunately with the current Provincial regulations and the higher threat of COVID-19 transmission, it's not feasible to hold such a large in-person meeting at this time. Consequently, as with the last membership meeting, we'll be using the **zoom** virtual meeting platform.

You'll receive your invitation at the email address you have on file with the club. We'll send it out about 10 days before the meeting with the connection information and again just before the meeting as a reminder. Remember that the monthly membership meeting is almost always the 3rd Tuesday in the month.

If you're not familiar with **zoom**, you can look at the **zoom** tutorial on the Club website. Please also feel free to contact any of the individuals listed below for assistance getting on the **zoom** app, connecting to **zoom** or using it.

zoom MENTORS:

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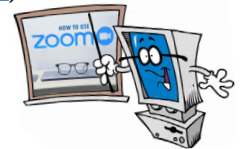
Tim Casey
(president.portperryprobus@gmail.com or 905-985-3991)

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CHANGE IN DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE

We feel the December membership meeting date is too close to Christmas this year, so we're moving it one week earlier to DECEMBER 14th. Please note this in your calendar.

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VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE IN-PERSON CLUB MEETINGS

Just a reminder to all of our members that anyone attending any in-person Club activity or event (like membership meetings, social events and interest groups) must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and must have provided proof of such vaccination to the Club prior to any such attendance. For information as to how to provide

proof of vaccination, please see last month's newsletter or the Club website. About 2/3 of the Club membership has already provided proof of vaccination, so if you haven't as yet done so, please consider arranging it soon.
Thank you.

FRAUD ALERT

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has advised that they have received reports of a text message scam linked to COVID-19 vaccinations. The text message might appear to be from the Ministry of Health and might indicate that your third COVID vaccination has been scheduled. The message asks you to click on a link (which is

malicious). After doing that, you're requested to download software (but that software contains malware). As noted by the centre "Malware can infect your device and can put you at risk for identity fraud by exposing your personal information, banking details and online account credentials. Do not click on the link!"

WE'RE STARTING A NEW BOOK CLUB AND A WINE INTEREST GROUP

*Like to curl up with a good book and a glass of wine?
Well, we can help you do that – just not at the same time.*

BOOK CLUB

The Page Turners Book Club is currently full, and we've had some enquiries about whether we can start another book club. We have an experienced coordinator ready to go – so now we just need to know who would like to join in. Book clubs are particularly great for that long cold winter season. If you're not sure, just give us a call or email to get more information.

Call Marg at 226-229-9073 or
email: interest.portperryprobust@gmail.com

WINE TASTING INTEREST GROUP

Our current Wine Tasting Group is full as well, and it's had a fun time this last year at in-person and **zoom** tastings and **zoom** wine adventures. We regularly get questions about starting a new wine tasting group. So here's your chance. We have a few people interested and just need a few more to make it viable. Give us a call or email if you're possibly interested.

Call Tim at 905-985-3991 or
email: Interest.portperryprobust@gmail.com

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

BRIEF HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

The ghosts and goblins of Halloween are upon us again, but do you know the background of this fun (and creepy??) tradition? To help answer that, we have an article below by Victoria Karakian, Assistant Curator at the Scugog Shores Museum Village and Archives, about the history of Halloween. And don't miss the Museum's Halloween event (described in the Scheduled Events section of this newsletter).

It is fall once again and time to enjoy the changing colours, seasonal decorations, and delicious treats. It is hard to miss the spooky decorations and excited children as Halloween approaches, but Halloween did not begin with candy, parties, and trick-or-treating. Halloween is rooted in the Celtic holiday, Samhain, which took place from October 31st to November 1st. This marked the transition from the "light" half of the year to the "dark" half of the year. It was believed that the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead was at its thinnest during these days, allowing ghosts, faeries, and other spirits to pass through.

Masks were worn on these days to hide oneself from the evil spirits who could be roaming about looking to cause trouble. Another way to ward off evil spirits was to hollow a vegetable, such as a turnip or a beet, carve a face, and place it on the doorstep with a candle inside. We recognize the tradition as pumpkin carving today! Irish and Scottish settlers brought this tradition to Canada in the 19th century and began using the larger, and readily available, North American pumpkin.

By the middle ages, All Hallows' Eve was celebrated by Chris-

tians on October 31st as a lead-up to All Saints' Day. On this day, people would visit homes to seek offerings or donations, this act was called souling or mumming. Later, people would visit homes and sing prayers for passed loved ones in exchange for an offering or alms for the dead. By 1745 this holiday was known as Halloween and had become more secular; souling was now most popular among children who would visit homes and say prayers, sing, read poems, or perform a trick to receive a treat of nuts, fruits, or small coins. By the 19th century, children had adopted the custom of disguising themselves, "guising", while souling.

In Canada, Halloween was generally not celebrated until the mid-1800's when a large influx of Scottish and Irish migration occurred. The first Canadian record of souling in costume was in Vancouver, 1898, with the word "trick-or-treat" first recorded in Canada by 1927 in Alberta.

To learn more about settler traditions, beliefs, and superstitions visit the Scugog Shores Museum Village on Sunday, October 24th for "Adventures at the Boo-seum".

Our thanks to Victoria for contributing this article.

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT "YOU"!!

We're starting a couple new features for the newsletter and website. And it's all about "you".

We're seeking interesting short anecdotes about our member's lives. The anecdote could be a particularly heartwarming experience, a fascinating snippet from your childhood, a special cultural experience in your travels, a famous person you've met, an unusual challenge or new craft you've tackled, etc.

And all you have to do is write about it in 75-200 words (about 1 to 3 paragraphs), and we'll even help with the editing.

Easy-peasy. You can include your name or not – your choice. We'd like to include about two or three of these in each newsletter edition in order to bring a smile to the faces of your fellow club members.

The next newsletter issue will come out just before Remembrance Day.

So we're looking for some snippets about an interesting experience of any of our members or family members when serving in the armed forces or in support of those who served.

Here is our first anecdote from club member Judy Spring.

I've enjoyed spending the autumn at the cottage for more than 50 years. The red and gold leaves are beautiful, and various family members walk the cottage roads enjoying the company, while we share apples and Kraft caramels.

This is topped off with a Turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Life is good!"

Judy Spring

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Member Contributions continued

AND WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE INTERESTING STORIES FROM YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

If you have a wonderful story about someone in your family's past and are willing to share it, please consider putting it in several paragraphs (300-500 words total) for the newsletter. It could be about a famous family member or how your family immigrated to Canada, something a family member in the past did that was special, or even a story of how an ancestor of yours grew up or lived in another time. And if you want help writing or editing the story, we can assist with that. And remember that sharing these stories helps keep the memory of those family members alive. So give it a try – it'll be fun.

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Here is club member Pat Baldwin's story about her mother's rather unique adventure:

My Mother the Bull Fighter

When my parents were first married after WWII, it was hard to find employment for my father, a new Mining Engineer graduate. In the quest for work, my father ended up as a mine supervisor in a small town in Peru. Living with the locals in an environment so different from the northern Ontario town where my mother was raised, she encountered many new experiences. She had stories of sifting ants out of the flour before baking and finding poisonous snakes snuggled on the floor of a porch as she and my father watched a thunderstorm.

But, one of the stories I remember best is of the day she was walking home from the market and had an encounter with one of the common local horned cows grazing in the fields. The cow was known to be bad tempered, so when she noticed it lowering its head, and scraping the ground with its front hoof, she knew she was in trouble. What was she to do? That small town's weekly entertain-

ment consisted of Sunday evening bullfights which were conducted before the said bull was slaughtered and sold in the market for meat on Monday morning. So, taking inspiration from the matadors of the village, my mother decided to try to wave her purse to divert the cow from goring her with its horns. Alas, the cow wasn't going to fall for that ruse, and it ignored the purse and headed straight for my mother. The only thing left to do was to grab hold of the horns in an attempt to prevent being impaled. The cow lifted her off the ground, tossing its head as she held on precariously. Fortunately, local villagers saw her plight and threw rocks at the cow until it abandoned its attack.

When my father came home, he didn't believe the story until he saw Mom's bruises. That cow disappeared from the village after that, but my mother stuck around to tell the story of her Bull Fighting ventures.

Pat Baldwin

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Enjoy Barb Sinclair's story about the wonderful life of her dog, Cooper:

Meet COOPER the Therapy Dog

Okay, so Cooper isn't technically a member of our PROBUS club, but his 'person', Barb Sinclair, is our House Chair, looking after the coffee and other refreshments for our in-person meetings. Since we haven't had refreshments for some time, Cooper makes a more interesting bio.

Cooper is a 12-year-old golden doodle (half golden retriever, half poodle) who has always had the most gentle personality, and a very huggable coat – that doesn't shed! And those are the main reasons that Barb decided to devote some of her retirement time (and Cooper's) to the St John Ambulance Therapy Dog program. The dogs in this program are not trained for it, per se, but they are carefully evaluated in a 3-hour session with other dogs to ensure that they have the right personality for visiting in a variety of situations. They are then mentored by an experienced Therapy Dog team for several visits, until the new team is comfortable on their own.



Unfortunately, the program has been shut down during Covid, but Cooper was recently recognized with a service award for completing 75 visits over the previous 2 years. Together, he and Barb visited weekly at Port Perry Place, plus regular appearances at Durham College, Trent University, CMHA Durham and various public schools. They had also just started a new initiative with the Oshawa Fire Department, visiting with first responders at Station 5 on a weekly basis, but that, too, was halted due to Covid.

Cooper is now focused on visiting with as many of our King's Bay neighbours as possible on every walk, and his favourites are the ones with treats! Although he will probably not return to regular visiting due to his age, it has been a very rewarding experience, and one that we would encourage others to investigate if you think your dog has the right qualities.

Barb Sinclair

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Main Speaker – October 19

TERRY FALLIS

**“Operation Angus:
Tracing the Roots of a Novel”**



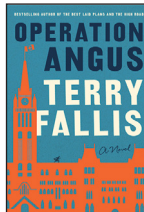
Terry Fallis

“In his new novel, Operation Angus, Terry Fallis brings back the characters from his first novel, The Best Laid Plans for another adventure. Angus McLintock, the accidental MP, and his chief of staff,

Daniel Addison, must foil a plot to assassinate the President of Russia when he’s in Ottawa on a brief stopover to meet with the Prime Minister.

About our speaker:

A two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, Terry Fallis is the author of seven national bestselling novels—five of which hit number one—including his latest, *Albatross*, all published by McClelland & Stewart. M&S will publish his eighth novel, *Operation Angus*, in August 2021.



The Best Laid Plans was the winner of the Leacock Medal for Humour in 2008, and CBC’s Canada Reads in 2011. It was adapted as a six-part CBC-Television miniseries, as well as a stage musical. *The High Road* was a Leacock Medal finalist in 2011. *Up and Down* was the winner of the 2013 Ontario Library Association Evergreen Award and was a finalist for the 2013 Leacock Medal. His fourth novel, *No Relation*, was released in May 2014, and won the 2015 Leacock Medal. His fifth, *Poles Apart*, hit bookstores in October 2015, was a Globe and Mail bestseller and was a finalist for the 2016 Leacock Medal. *One Brother Shy* was released in May 2017 and became an instant bestseller. His seventh novel, *Albatross*, was a number one national bestseller a week after it was published and remained on the bestsellers list for months.

In 2013, The Canadian Booksellers Association named Terry Fallis the winner of the Libris Award as Author of the Year.”

Short Presentation – October 19

MATTHEW SOMERVILLE (TWO BLOKES CIDER)

**“From the Ground Up: Building a New Kind of
Agriculture in Durham”**



Matthew Somerville

“Matthew Somerville is a designer, urban planner, a fifth generation farmer and a small business owner. Given his agricultural background much of his professional work has revolved around the intersection of heritage, economic development and cultural vitality.

Two Bloses Cider emerged as a means of integrating his personal and professional interests with the goal of breathing new life into his century old family farm.”



PROBUS Club of Port Perry ZOOM Meetings

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

NOVEMBER 16

RICHARD PYVES – “*Night Madness*”

DECEMBER 14
HOLIDAY MEETING

DANIEL AONSO – “*Music of the Season*”

JANUARY 18/22

AMY BARRON – “*Digger, Teacher, Soldier, Spy*”

September ZOOM Meeting LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS

At our September membership meeting there were four winners of \$25 each. The prize draw winners were:

Anne MacKay **Murray Lennox**

* **Gail Johnson Morris** **Mary Blight**

Congratulations to our four winners!

* generously donated prize back to the club



Did you miss our September ZOOM Meeting?

The main speaker was Lianne Harris who talked about the Roaring 20s – an era that was the most revolutionary decade this last century.

Our short presentation featured Madison Solonyanko with “Train Like Mad & Stretch Like Mad” who demonstrated some stretching exercises and how these can be easily incorporated into everyday living.

To watch the September meeting, click on this video link:

<https://youtu.be/TcTp1IV8ZaE>

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FALL COLOURS PHOTO PAGE

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS OF FALL COLOURS (AND MAYBE WIN SOME CASH !!!)

We want to highlight our area's FALL COLOURS for this newsletter issue and that of November. So if you have a photo of some beautiful fall colours or a fall bloom or even a fall wreath, send it to us for the newsletter and website.

And here's an added incentive to contribute - we'll run these photos in the October and November issues, and then a committee of three management team members will select the best photo with the contributor winning \$20.

And get your camera (probably your phone these days) ready because in November and December we'll be running a HOLIDAY COLOURS photo contest!!



Brad Sinclair

Bill Walker

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FUN WEBSITES TO EXPLORE



SPOOOOOOOOOKEY !!

If you love a great ghost story, Virtual Haunted Campfires is for you. Top Haunted Walk story tellers are sure to captivate you with their spooky tales. Some of the events are scheduled live presentations, but many are previously recorded and available at any time. For 90 minutes of terror, the cost is only \$14.99 per device.

<https://hauntedwalk.com/virtual-haunted-campfires/>

CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE

DO YOU LIKE TO SWIM??

Did you see the synchronized swim competitions at this year's Olympics? Do you think you could have done that when you were in your 20s? Well, here's a wonderful inspiring short video from CNN's Don Lemon about a competitive synchronized swim team that also donates their time to teach black youth how to swim. And what's really special about this story is that the swim team is a mixed group of men and women and made up entirely of seniors, some with canes or walkers and the oldest being 99 years young.

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2021/09/17/cfc-lemon.cnn/video/playlists/life-questions-champs-change/>

EAT HISTORY – WHAT ???

Eat History is a company founded by food historian Manon Henzen. On her website she offers historical cooking trips and online courses. However the site also provides access to her blog and to a variety of free historical recipes from Roman, Medieval, Renaissance, and 17th through 20th century times. It is a fascinating and informative website to visit.

<https://www.historicalcookingclasses.com/recipes/>



ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR

Did you know that housed on the top floor of the Toronto Reference Library is the Arthur Conan Doyle room? The room is decorated as though it's Sherlock Holmes' Victorian-era study. Amazingly it contains one of the world's largest collections of library materials about Arthur Conan Doyle's life and literary works. Although the items in the collection are non-circulating, they can be viewed at the library. Take a look through the website as it provides some fascinating facts as well as access to several virtual exhibits.

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books-video-music/specialized-collections/literature-genre-doyle.jsp>



HISTORY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Check out the events calendar on the Ontario Historical Society website for on-line presentations hosted by various Ontario museums and historical societies. Some are free, some have a cost but all seem quite interesting. They may be easier to view if you select "List" rather than "Month." Adjust the date query as needed.

https://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/events/list/?tribe_paged=1&tribe_event_display=list&tribe-bar-date=2021-10-1

A PLACE WHERE "BIRD BRAIN" IS A COMPLIMENT

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology Bird Academy has a wealth of information on their website. A number of free archived webinars are available for viewing, such as:

- "Riveted by Raptors: A Look at Migration"
- "How To Save Songbirds with Your Morning Coffee"
- "Fall Migration: Tips to Help Birds on Their Way"

And many more....

<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/live-events/>

There are many short videos, as well, on a variety of subjects such as: Bird Identification, Migration, Anatomy, Songs, etc.

<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/media-library/>

Their online courses are self-paced and cover a broad range of topics. The cost of each course is listed on their catalog page.

<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/course-list/>



AND HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP THE BIRDS THIS YEAR

Birds Canada's Project FeederWatch program is about to get underway. FeederWatch is a November to April survey of birds in North America. The schedule is flexible and a feeder is not necessary. A donation of any amount makes you a member and allows you to participate in the program. There are instructions, tools and information on their website.

<https://feederwatch.org/>



These website links and many more are available on our website at:

<https://www.portperryprobud.com/learning-entertainment>

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

HALLOWEEN ADVENTURES AT THE MUSEUM



Scugog Shores Museum Village and Archives is presenting their next event that will be "Adventures at the Boo-seum" from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 24. This will be a family friendly event with the Village decorated for Halloween and open to tour. Activities include demonstrations by the blacksmith, trick-or-treating, pumpkin carving, crafts, and games. This is a great low-cost day out for anyone with kids or grandkids.

<https://calendar.scugog.ca/default/Detail/2021-10-24-1100-Adventures-at-the-Boo-seum>
<https://www.scugog.ca/en/Museums.aspx>

LIVE THEATRE IS BACK IN DURHAM REGION !!

The Durham Region's Theatre on the Ridge supports "the creation of meaningful theatre experiences for the whole community." Visit their website for information on the Fall program – both live and virtual.

<http://www.theatreontheridge.ca/whats-on.html>



HALLOWEEN WILL SOON BE HERE



The National Library of Ireland hosts free zoom talks on various topics. As Hallows Eve approaches, one talk that may be of particular interest is WB Yeats: Folklore and Fairy Tales – October 28 at 2:00 p.m. (Dublin Time). For more information and to register online (be sure to note the time difference):

<https://www.nli.ie/en/list/current-events.aspx>



Carleton
UNIVERSITY

LIFELONG LEARNING AT CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Due to COVID restrictions, Carleton University's Lifelong Learning Program is only offered online through the Fall season. Their lecture series have no required readings, tests or assignments and allow for interaction with the lecturer and other students.

Registration for the Late Fall 2021 session opens October 18 at 10 a.m. The following lectures are offered:

Actively Listening to Music – 6 Weeks/\$150

The Nature of Nature – 6 Weeks/\$150

Landscape and the Environment in Art – 6 Weeks/\$150

Poetry: The Open Mind – 6 Weeks/\$200

Nationalist Movements in Western Democracies – 5 Weeks/\$125

For further information on the lectures, registration, policies, etc., visit the following websites:

<https://carleton.ca/lifelong/late-fall-2021-session/>

<https://carleton.ca/lifelong/registration/>

Thanks to club member Joyce Svedberg for finding and researching most of the above websites.

When someone asks where you see yourself in 10 years.....

Buddy,
I'm just trying to make it to Friday!



After a quarrel, a husband said to his wife, "You know, I was a fool when I married you."

She replied, "Yes dear, but I was in love and I didn't notice."

I've learned so much from my mistakes.....
I'm thinking of making a few more.

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PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

New Interest Group Opportunities

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

Remote Group Get Togethers:

Our club has a corporate **zoom** account should you wish to set up a virtual meeting, and it has no time restraints! Just contact Tim Casey at president.portperryprobus@gmail.com or 905-985-3991 to use it. We are here to help should you want to try a meeting virtually!

CURRENT INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

GROUPS REQUIRING A COORDINATOR

Keeping our interest groups going can provide an outlet for sharing like interests. Please consider volunteering for one of these groups needing a coordinator:

1. **Breakfast Club**
2. **Bridge** - Beginner/Intermediate
3. **Create and Chat** - If you are interested in anything crafty, and having wonderful conversations while doing them, consider heading up this group.
4. **Cribbage** - Thursday afternoons.
5. **Euchre - The Table Talkers - Afternoon**
6. **Gardening** - Bloomers
7. **Jazz** - Coordinator required once Jazz nights resume at Jester's Court.
8. **Lunch Bunch**
9. **Model Boats** - A great hobby where like minded people can share tips and advice.

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-985-2587
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The Acting For Fun Interest Group is continuing to practice our lines for a show we are looking forward to performing for the PROBUS group hopefully when we re-open.



ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878
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We planned on meeting again in person on September 13th, but due to the ongoing waves of COVID and the loss of our meeting space, the Prince Albert Hall (being used as a COVID testing site), we are on hold for now. **zoom** meetings were held to keep in touch and share our ongoing works of art. This group remains

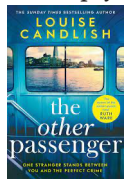
committed to still come together when it is safe to do so again. Some reorganizing will have to be decided by the small remaining, core group. As before, we will be looking towards new members when we know what we can do and where we will be.

BOOK CLUB – THE PAGE TURNERS

Kathy McLeod

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Last month we enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon to discuss “The Other Passenger”. Author, Louise Candlish blends a psychological thriller with a simmering domestic drama. The dark side of human relationships, money and privilege are the themes we explored. Candlish reveals that though set in present day, her book was inspired by the 1944 film noir classic, Double Indemnity. An easy read with many twists and turns kept us guessing!



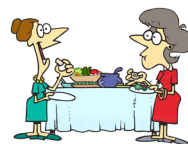
DINNER – THE MUNCHKINS

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Marilyn Hanna 905-985-6322

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We will be meeting this month at an outdoor patio and will discuss whether we will move indoors for the winter months



BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Jayne Rees – 905-852-4997 or

Ann Berube – 905-985-7102

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We have scheduled our first “return to normal” game for October 8th. Twelve of our group of fifteen are ready to meet in person and we have scheduled future games for every two weeks. Fingers crossed! Please let Jayne or Ann know if you are interested in Bid Euchre.



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EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

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Happy Days! We finally had our first in-house, in-person game on October 1st. Eight people played, had afternoon tea, and talked up a storm. It was a lot of fun, but almost unreal. We plan to continue playing every two weeks, taking turns hosting. Begone COVID-19! Let Ann or Jayne know if you would be interested in playing, or starting your own group.

EUCHRE – EVENING

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Given the need to use cards, which are handled and passed around a table setting in our homes, this group has decided to wait and see when we can safely resume in-person gatherings. Perhaps once the winter weather returns, we may consider an app like Trickster.



GENEALOGY

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Anyone is welcome to contact me by any way you're comfortable with, though email is my preferred method of communication. Hopefully, we'll get this challenging time of our lives behind us soon enough, and I look forward to us getting together as a group.

**Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree
with the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland)**

[https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/
strathclydeonlinelearning/freeonlinecourses](https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/strathclydeonlinelearning/freeonlinecourses)

HIKING

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The hiking group has continued its walks following our restart in July. The 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month are our normally scheduled hike days. Our second hike for October is planned for October 15th. For further information, please contact coordinator Bill Morrison.



LAWN BOWLING

Judy L. Anderson

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Outdoor lawn bowling is finished for this year. Other carpet bowling options are available throughout the winter. If you are interested in Short Mat bowling at the Latcham Centre or Indoor Carpet Bowling in Markham please contact Judy.

MOVIE GROUP

Denise Throp

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Kanopy movies every week from Ajax and Lindsay libraries. New live streaming movies from Scugog library. Several movies of interest are now playing, plus we still have streaming movies from Kanopy at the Ajax and Port Perry libraries. Virtual [zoom](https://www.kanopy.com) film discussion from the Scugog library on October 26 at 2 p.m - Movie TBA.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

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The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter. Nothing is happening with the photography group, yet, but with controls slowly being loosened, we may get together before the year is out.

SINGLES GROUP

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey

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The purpose of the singles' group is to facilitate alliances between individual Port Perry Probus members who would like to participate in some activity with one or more other members. You do not have to be single to join the singles' group – it is a group of individuals as opposed to couples.

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey maintain the singles' group member list which is shared amongst all members of the group, however any member of the group may post a suggested activity and invite other members of the group to join them in that activity. The member posting the activity would also be responsible for coordinating the activity with the members who expressed an interest in joining them to do something.

Denise Throp and Karen Hall went to see *Beyond Monet* in Toronto; Denise has booked to go on the Quebec City tour with Cardinal Tours in October.



TOWN HALL THEATRE

Judy L. Anderson: 905-985-4257

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The Little Mermaid finally opens on November 26 with most of the original cast ready to perform. Some new faces have joined to complete this Scugog Choral Society (SCSMusicals) production. Call the box office **905-985-8181** to book your ticket or email info@townhalltheatre.ca. This show has something for all ages with lyrical songs such as "A Whole New World" and lively dancing in "Under The Sea".

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WINE TASTING I

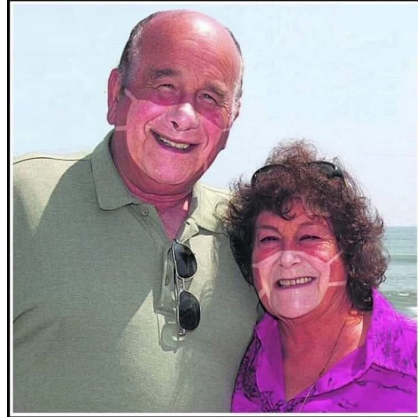
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Our group held its very first in-person wine tasting since the pandemic began 18 months ago. A safely distanced gathering tasted the wines of Australia versus those of New Zealand - four whites and two reds. Four countries: Italy, Spain, France and the US (in that order) produce 75% of the world's annual supply of wines. Amongst the remaining 25%, spread across the remainder of the world's production, Australia tops the list as the fifth largest. New Zealand, being a much smaller country, ranks well down the list. We are speaking in terms of quantity and not quality of course.

The group concluded that all of us were clearly the winners - the various wines did an admirable job of enhancing the real pleasures of finally being able to get together and enjoy each other's company in person after such a lengthy and unwelcome interruption.

**TED AND MARCIA JUST BACK FROM
THEIR WONDERFUL HOLIDAY IN ITALY**



*The following interest groups have suspended operations during the COVID-19 crisis.
Please stay tuned because some of the groups might be looking at ways
to start up as we move towards re-opening*

BOARD GAMES

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CRIBBAGE

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

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EUCHRE – EVENING

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LAWN BOWLING

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LUNCH MEETUP

(After monthly meeting)

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TRAVEL

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SOME QUICK REMINDERS

LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

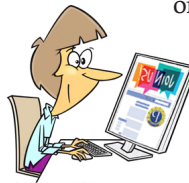
We need your input for the newsletter, website and Facebook pages. So if you come across interesting websites, recently reopened shops, restaurants or places to visit, or future scheduled events of interest, please email us at portperryprobus@gmail.com

PROBUS CHALLENGE - ASSISTING FELLOW MEMBERS

You are challenged to consider fellow PROBUS members who live alone or may be having trouble throughout this lengthy period of social distancing. And this coming winter will only increase some of that anxiety after having already experienced 20 months of isolation. Members may have trouble coping with that isolation or just day-to-day. They may not wish to reach out for help. So consider giving one or two members a friendly call to brighten their day. If you don't have their contact information, email Judy Spring at judith.spring@outlook.com and the information will be provided. And if you're feeling isolated or need some assistance, please reach out to us.

CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's new Facebook group. We have around 120 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



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.



Calling All Artists:

We have so much creative talent here in Port Perry PROBUS. From woodworking to quilting, crafts, jewellery making and painting in various mediums, sculpting and more, we've got it all! We have a page on our website dedicated to our talented Port Perry PROBUS membership called Port Perry PROBUS Creates. Check it out here. <https://www.portperryprobus.com/creates>

We would love to show off your creative talent too! Please send photos of your creative work to: portperryprobus@gmail.com to be included in the website. The more the merrier!