



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

MARCH 2024



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of our Probus members.

The old Farmer's Almanac saying: "In like a lion, and out like a lamb" as it applies to March weather was certainly flipped over as far as the start to the month went. We surely did enjoy a nice warm start to our month. Now if we can only hold the course and keep the "lamb part" through to the finish of the month, that will be very nice indeed. Someone actually told me that they saw a pair of robins on their next door neighbour's lawn at the beginning of the month. As a contrast, can anyone imagine what it would be like to live in northern California and experience a 10 foot snowfall!

This month, we have two special dates to look forward to. Firstly, on March 17, the Irish and a great many others who either claim to be, or wish they were, celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our social committee has arranged a luncheon again this year, at Kedron Dells. At the end of March, we have the Easter weekend with all of the traditions it brings.

Quite a few of our members are currently in the midst of annual escapes to warmer weather and various travel adventures, but as the end of this month rolls around we can expect that our many interest groups will again be ramping up to full capacity.

For those who may have missed it, at last month's general membership meeting we enjoyed two rather interesting presentations. The first was a presentation on the various challenges and considerations involved in downsizing from a current home to one more suited to our needs as we become less active. The second presentation gave us insights into our very own local Oak Ridges Hospice.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next general membership meeting on Tuesday, March 19.

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



GUEST REGISTRATION

All members are welcome. Guests **MUST REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL** and are restricted to attending no more than two membership meetings.



Preparation for our Monthly Meetings includes setting up and taking down tables and chairs. If you can help, please come about 30 minutes early or stay a few minutes later and lend a hand. **THANK YOU.**



NO PARKING

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

NOTE - We are a GREEN club!

Our hard working volunteers ask that you please bring a mug for your tea or coffee.



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CLUB NOTICES

MARCH MEMBERSHIP IN-PERSON MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday March 19th 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 7 days after the event, please immediately advise the club at portperryprobus@gmail.com



A NEW PROBUS CLUB IS BEING PLANNED

Get Connected, Stay Connected.



PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT POTENTIAL NEW NORTH DURHAM PROBUS CLUB

Thursday April 11, 10 a.m.
Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry

Hi Everyone,

As we mentioned at a membership meeting a few months ago, both the Port Perry PROBUS and Uxbridge PROBUS clubs have been experiencing increasing waiting lists for club memberships due to both clubs running up against their membership caps and venue capacities. And this is not a new situation.

So in April, the two clubs are going to be holding a public information meeting about a possible new North Durham probus club. The meeting will be held at Hope Church in Port Perry at 10 a.m. on Thursday April 11. That meeting will enable our two clubs to assess the extent of the interest in a possible new club in North Durham that would possibly be jointly sponsored by both clubs.

Our club has been at its maximum membership number for quite a few years without any marketing by either the club or by PROBUS Canada. And there are many retirees in our

community who aren't familiar with Probus.

But we'll be widely advertising the public meeting, and PROBUS Canada will soon start their first national marketing program. So those two activities, and the public meeting should serve to better inform the Uxbridge and Scugog communities about Probus and the benefits it brings to retirees and semi-retirees. And it will likely generate much more local interest in Probus. You're welcome to attend the information meeting, and if you know anyone in the North Durham Region who might be interested in joining a Probus club but are not familiar with Probus or have been discouraged by the long waiting lists, please let them know about the upcoming public meeting.

Thank you.

Tim Casey,
Past President, PROBUS Club of Port Perry

For more information contact: northdurhamprobus@gmail.com

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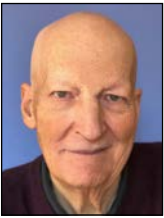
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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Guest Speaker – March 19

JULIEN LÉBOURDAIS

**“A Photographic Odyssey –
Stanley Cups to Prime Ministers to John Lennon”**



About Our Speakers:

Julien spent much of his career as a photojournalist working out of Toronto, photographing events as diverse as federal election campaigns, a royal wedding in London, John Lennon & Yoko Ono, and the last time the Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup. For 20 years, from 1990 to 2010, he was also a part-time photography instructor at Sheridan College in Oakville. In 2007, he made a career change and spent the next ten years in the not-for-profit sector as a fundraiser and eventually executive director of Feed the Need in Durham.

Julien now spends much of the summer photographing the wonder and beauty of Georgian Bay. He is currently a member of the Age-Friendly Steering Committee for the Town of Ajax where he and his wife Anna have lived for 18 years.



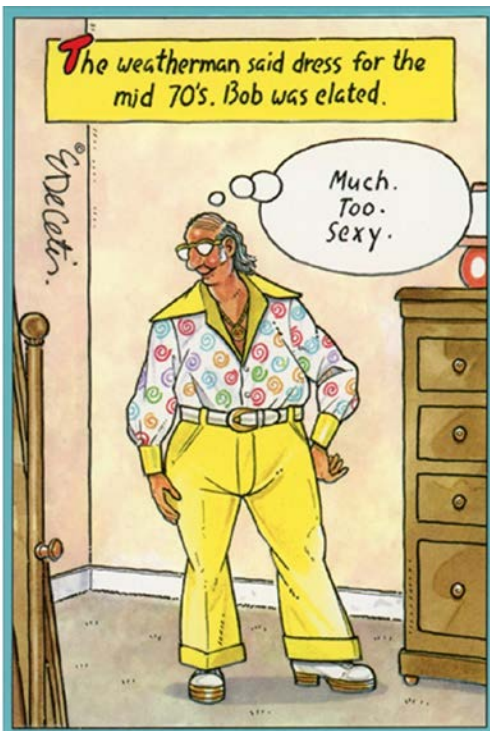
Did you miss our February Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

The Short Presentation by LeeAnn Slute was an overview of the Senior Move Management Industry, of which LeeAnn is a member. She received training as a Professional Consultant on Aging to better assist her clients as they go through the difficult and sometimes life-changing process of downsizing. She helps seniors and their families through various stages in which they are preparing for the eventual move from a long-established home, often to a Seniors Residence or a Long Term Care Home. LeeAnn provides a caring and empathic approach to her clients' needs.

Our Main Presentation was about the Oak Ridges Hospice of Durham. We had two guest speakers, Meghan McLeod and Bette Hodgins who spoke about the beginnings of the Hospice and how it grew from 5 beds, to 7 beds and is now a 10 bed facility. It is only partially funded by the government and relies on fund-raising and donations for its operation. A video tour showed how much thought and care is provided to the residents and their families. The building is beautiful, with bright rooms, family lounges and many “homey” touches to make the residents and their families feel at home, including being able to have pets visit. Each private room has a door to the gardens outside where families, if they wish, can take their loved one out by moving the bed outdoors.

Clearly, the message from Meghan and Bette was that Hospice is not only about death and dying but much more about celebrating lives well-lived. People who visit the Hospice and the many volunteers and family members who are there daily are profoundly moved by the calm and peaceful atmosphere encountered at Oak Ridges.



February Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS

The winners of this month's Share the Wealth draw for \$40 each were:

**Cathie Heard, John Leahy,
Dianne Draper**

Congratulations everyone!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS





April 16

SHANNON SHEPPARD – Advanced Hearing Ont.

May 21




CONSTABLE DARRYL RICE – Tips for Seniors

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					HIKING WITH BILL EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.	BRIDGE/EUCHRE 12 p.m. FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.	ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS	BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
GROUP OF ONES Art Exhibition Peterborough	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.	BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m.		HIKING WITH BILL EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	DINNER - GWCTD 6 p.m.
 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON 12 p.m.	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. - Hope Church		ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	LUNCH GROUP	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
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FOR DETAILS BY COLOUR: [SEE THE INTEREST GROUPS](#) [SEE THE PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS](#) [SEE THE NON-PORT PERRY EXCURSIONS](#) [SEE THE OVERSEAS EXCURSIONS](#)

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m. BRIDGE/EUCHRE 12 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS	HIKING WITH BILL TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m.	PUBLIC MEETING - 11 Potential new Probus group 10 a.m. - Hope Church	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.
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	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. - Hope Church		WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	DINNER - GWCTD 6 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	LUNCH GROUP	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. GRAPES OF POUFT 6 p.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
28	29	30				
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.				
						

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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

LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE Wednesday April 3, 12 - 3 p.m.

Colonel Mustard's, 15 Water Street, Port Perry
\$5.00 plus the cost of your lunch ordered from the menu.

Please indicate your preference when you register to play bridge or euchre. Prizes for the winning teams. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com so that we can reserve for an accurate number. Seating is limited in the sunroom. For further information, please contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON Sunday March 17, 12 p.m.

Kedron Dells Golf Club
2400 Ritson Rd. N., Oshawa

Tickets are \$59 per person including tax and gratuities

Luncheon includes butternut squash soup, roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, cheesecake with a mixed berry topping and a raspberry coulis and tea/coffee. Cash bar. Irish music. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Ann Skinner: 905-982-8865.

INTO THE WOODS Saturday April 13, 2 p.m.

Oshawa Little Theatre, 62 Russett Ave., Oshawa
Tickets: \$39.55

The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results. The Brothers Grimm with a twist. If you would like tickets, please register for them by January 20. If we sell 10 tickets, we receive a discounted price of \$36.10 (regular \$39.55). To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Please indicate if you require accessible seating for wheelchairs. For further information, please contact Marg Miller at 226-229-9073.



NEW

WALKING TOUR OF TORONTO ISLAND

Wednesday June 5

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (approx)

Cost: \$36 per person

SPACE
IS LIMITED

The 1-1/2 hours leisurely tour is scheduled for 11 a.m. Two long-time residents are leading tours to show you the homes, gardens and public spaces on Ward's and Algonquin Islands. In addition, there are now many Tiny Galleries throughout Ward's and Algonquin. These are gallery boxes installed in people's front yards to display the work of local artists. Some of the artists are selling their work if people are interested. The cost includes the tour and the ferry to the island, a bottle of water and granola bar. Optional lunch will follow at the Rivera on Ward's Island. Members can take the GO Train as a group or car-pool. Tours go rain or shine. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557.

SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW



Kung Hei Fat Choi and Valentine's Day Lunch at the Mandarin February 14

41 members were happy to dig in to the fantastic lunch buffet at the Mandarin to celebrate both the Chinese New Year and the day of romance and love.



After stuffing ourselves at the buffet, Sara won the lucky draw – a gift card for Pickles & Olive. Thank you Social Coordinators.

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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.

NEW Whitby Courthouse Theatre Presents

DRINKING HABITS
Friday April 19 – 8 p.m.
416 Centre St. S., Whitby
Cost: \$25.00

Laugh-out-loud farce - Two nuns at the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing have been secretly making wine to keep the convent's doors open, but Paul and Sally, reporters and former fiancées, are hot on their trail. They go undercover as a nun and priest, but their presence, combined with the addition of a new nun, spurs paranoia throughout the convent that spies have been sent from Rome to shut them down. Wine and secrets are inevitably spilled as everyone tries to preserve the convent and reconnect with lost loves. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

Stratford Festival Presents **LA CAGE AUX FOLLES** May 14

Cost: \$162.00 – Lunch is not included

There will be a stop for lunch at Stratford for a picnic.

SOLD OUT
Includes: return transportation by motor coach, Orchestra level ticket, 407 Toll, and Driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

Louise Penny **THREE PINES TOUR** Saturday June 1 to Tuesday June 4 Cost: \$1,467.87 per person incl. HST based on double-occupancy

\$1,919.87 per person incl. HST based on single-occupancy
Nonrefundable deposit of \$300 upon booking –
balance due April 7, 2024.

Includes: Return motor coach from the Ajax/Pickering area, three night's accommodation at the Domaine Chateau Bromont, admission to all attractions stated in the itinerary, meals: three breakfasts; three lunches; one dinner (Welcome dinner), two full days of Sharman – a Louise Penny Guide specialist, and services of an HNA Travels Tour Director. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

NEW

PICTON WINE TOUR WITH VISIT TO BASE 31 Tuesday June 11 – 9 a.m.

Cost: \$129.00

Base31 is a cultural destination on the site of a former 70-acre WWII air training base in Picton.

Includes: return transportation by motor coach, depart 9 a.m. – return by 6 p.m., visit to Base 31 with guided tour, wine tasting at local winery, and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

NEW

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

Cost: \$115.00

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 shirlie@hnatravels.com.

Westben Theatre Campbellford Presents

NEW

BARNFUL OF BROADWAY Tuesday July 23 – 2 p.m.

Cost: \$149.00

**SPACE
IS LIMITED**

To celebrate their 25th season, Westben presents the very best of the best of Broadway, with some of their very favourite guest artists. *Includes:* return transportation by motor coach, picnic lunch, ticket for show and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

NEW

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

Cost: \$149.00

Includes: 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 shirlie@hnatravels.com.

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Non Port Perry Social Events continued

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

NEW

SPRING GARDEN TOUR

Thursday June 13

Cost: \$189 per person (all taxes included)

Includes: a visit to Hendrie Park at Royal Botanical Gardens, plus a guided tour of Whistling Gardens and a picnic lunch, a visit to Northland Nursery to shop for plants and the services of a CanXplore Tour Director. For further information or to book, go to www.canxplore.com/springgardentour or contact Cathy Spracklin at cathy@canxplore.com or 289-275-1182.

NEW

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY WINE TOUR

Thursday June 20

Cost: \$199 per person (all taxes included)

Includes: a stop at The Big Apple, plus wine tasting at Waupoos Estates Winery (4 samples), lunch at The Waring House, wine tasting at The Grange Winery (4 samples), wine tasting at Sandbanks Estate Winery (5 samples) and the services of a CanXplore Tour Director. For further information or to book, go to www.canxplore.com/prince-edward-county or contact Cathy Spracklin at cathy@canxplore.com or 289-275-1182.



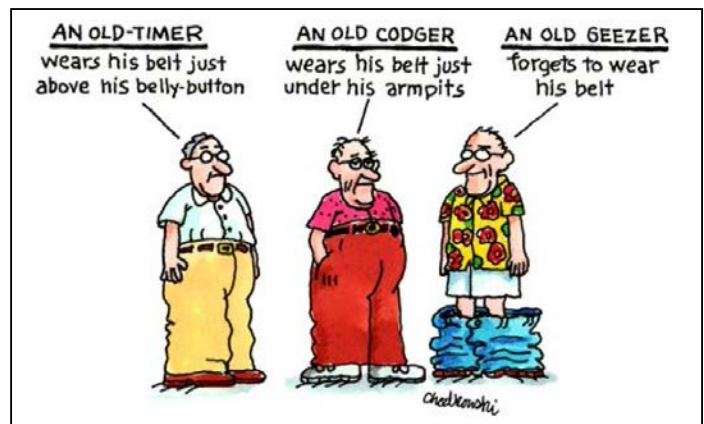
AGAWA CANYON AND SUDBURY TOUR

September 29 to October 2

**SMALL
GROUP - 24
MAXIMUM**

Cost: \$1295.00 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



I've never seen anybody smiling while jogging, so that's all I need to know about that.

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

My new low-fat diet is really working. The fat's hanging lower every day.

"A wine please."
"Ma'am, this is McDonald's."
"OK.
A Mcwine please."

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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

HNA TOURS PICKERING

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

NEWFOUNDLAND July 23 to August 2

Cost: double occupancy \$4,419 + HST (\$4,993.47)
Single occupancy \$5,499 + HST (\$6,439.87)

Includes: Roundtrip airfare from Toronto to Deer Lake and return from St. John's, Newfoundland, roundtrip airport transfers, 10 nights' accommodation in Newfoundland, breakfast daily, 5 dinners, 5 lunches, sightseeing in Gros Morne Park, boat cruise of Bonne Bay, tour of Port au Choix National Historic Site, tour of L'Anse aux Meadows, tour of Sir Wilfred Grenfell Mission, visit to Twillingate, excursions to Trinity and Bonavista, City tour of St. John's, visit to Bay Bulls with boat cruise, tour of Cape Spear National Historic Park, and services of a HNA Travels Director. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

**CRUISE
ONLY NOW
AVAILABLE**

ALASKA CRUISE August 26 to September 2

Cruise Cost:

Balcony - \$4,299; Oceanview - \$3,199;

Inside Cabin - \$2,799 based on double occupancy

Call for single occupancy rate

7-Day/6-Night Port Cruise aboard the Norwegian Jewel with all meals included plus the premium beverage package and WIFI package. Group shore excursions, to enhance your experience, will be arranged to purchase prior to departure. Your Cruise package includes return airfare from Toronto to Anchorage and Vancouver to Toronto, all connecting transfers between airports and Anchorage; Seward; and Vancouver, and City Tour of Vancouver.

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due upon booking. Balance due April 1, 2024.

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



OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



Join other members on the following cruises:

EMERALD RIVER CRUISE – DANUBE EXPLORER & BUDAPEST WITH PRAGUE

September 23 to October 5, 2024

Current cost is \$6290 pp for cabin with high window and
\$7395 pp for cabin with balcony.

Spend three days in Budapest before the Emerald River cruise to Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic. Finish with three days in Prague. The booking includes a credit of \$1850 towards the Economy flight, the eight-day river cruise, two additional days in Budapest and three days in Prague. It also includes gratuities and wine and beer at lunch and dinner on the cruise.

Cost and inclusions will vary depending upon the date of the booking. For further information, please contact Judy Spring at 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.

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

Here are some of the upcoming shows at Town Hall 1873 Theatre.



Proof of vaccination and wearing a mask in Town Hall 1873 Theatre are not required.
Call **905-985-8181** for more information or see the website www.townhalltheatre.ca.

Gordon Lightfoot Tribute

March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$55.00

A Tragically Hip Show!

March 23 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$45.00

The Last Resort

Murder Mystery/Musical Comedy

April 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8:00 p.m.

April 13, 14, 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$30.00

JAZZ FROM THE CITY

Many PROBUS members continue to enjoy our Wednesday Matinees at Jester's Court in the "Listening Room" upstairs.

This is perfect for those who choose not to drive into Toronto to hear top rate groups. Meet savvy retirees!

You will see other PROBUS members there. **Please wear your PROBUS name tag!**

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

THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Port Perry Snapshots Short Play Festival

An annual playwriting competition celebrating the moments that can define either a single life or a whole community in a small Ontario town.

Friday May 10 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday May 11 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00

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



These and many more events can be found on our website at

<https://www.portperryprobus.com/thingstodo>

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Seeking recruits for its Board & Committees

(TOTR) is seeking volunteers to join its board AND committees, including Finance, Development (Fundraising/Marketing), Volunteer/Outreach Committees. Our recruitment needs are focussed through attitude and aptitude. No prior theatre engagement required, just a passion to enrich lives through theatre. For a full information package, contact carey@theatreontheridge.ca.

Become a Theatre on the Ridge Homestay Host this summer!

Many of our summer artists and team require accommodations each year and being a billet/homestay host can be a rewarding experience. Not only do you get to be a part of a young actor's creative journey but you also get to see some incredible shows and receive a charitable receipt. Billet host Suzy tells you more at: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/439082465206172>

or contact us at info@theatreontheridge.ca.

Join the Theatre on the Ridge Costume Crew!

We're beginning work on the inventory and assessment of our extensive costume collection and are looking for volunteers to help us get the job done! We welcome anyone with interest and/or experience in sewing, costuming or just curious to learn more about this fascinating part of theatre production. For more information, contact us at info@theatreontheridge.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!



NEW INTEREST GROUP! Latin Dancing

This is a joint Interest Group with Uxbridge PROBUS Club members. It's held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. You do not need to be a couple to join, they will pair us up at the lessons as needed. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact interestgroups.uxbridgeproub@gmail.com. Feel free to copy your email to Kim Lendvay (our Interest Group Chair (if you wish) so we know how many members from Port Perry are interested). interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com Information on page 12.

*For A Good
Time Call...*

CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Feeling Creative?



ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO
Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878
madamson905@gmail.com

Our members come to work on various art media – acrylic, watercolour and oil paints, clay and wood. It is always interesting to share new ideas and works in progress, as well as friendly chats. Our group meets alternating Thursdays at the Hope Church (1 to 4 p.m.).

CREATE AND CHAT

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

This group's members have all gone their separate ways so we're hoping to restart the group with new folks! 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 you're interested.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Pre-COVID this group met at different venues including both urban and rural settings to take photographs experimenting with different camera settings lenses, etc. and afterwards would assist each other with examining/improving upon their results. If you'd like to join us, contact interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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. Everyone can't play all games, so two or three tables are usually set up. We play 6-7 games, share refreshments and socialize. We are looking for a couple of new players, and we 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.

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!



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BRIDGE

Judy Spring: 905-447-4557
judithspring@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.

DARTS FOR FUN

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

Every Tuesday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry. Legion membership is not required. This is not a league – we just play for fun. However the dart group at present time is FULL. Anyone interested in joining, please contact the coordinator to be put on our wait list.



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 would like to learn more about joining the group, please email or telephone.

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



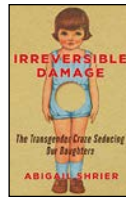
The evening is a mix of starting with card games as well as time for social chatting and refreshments. So far attendance usually fills three tables, which means our membership has had to cap. However, a list of subs helps make the evening more inclusive.

Next date is Tuesday March 26 at 7 p.m. This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting.

Book Clubs

BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

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



February saw us reading “Our Last Days in Barcelona” by Chanel Cleeton. Most of us were ambivalent about this one. We didn’t realize it was part of a series before we chose it and that would have helped. We are looking forward to reading and sharing our thoughts on Abigail Shrier’s “Irreversible Damage” in March.

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.



BREAKFAST CLUB - TUESDAY

Jane Sweatman • jane@sweatman.com and
Lee Baverstock • jlbaverstock@gmail.com

The Tuesday breakfast group has restarted and are meeting at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please contact one of the coordinators for more information.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064
dandjbagley@gmail.com

We meet every Monday at 10 a.m. at the 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

Eleven members enjoyed great pub fare and some pints at Colonel McGrady’s in Uxbridge on February 17.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month (except December). Our next GWCTD will be on Saturday March 16 at 6 p.m. at One Eyed Jack’s in Uxbridge. Please contact Kim via email if you’d like to join us.

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DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller

margandrodmiller@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 & chat. We will try out various locations in the area. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. We enjoyed the Port Social on February 15 even though it was during a snowstorm!

We'll be gathering at Old Flame Brewery on Thursday March 21 at 4 p.m. 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

We had a great turnout this month at the newly renovated Lakeview Pub, the food was really good, everyone enjoyed their meal. This month's lunch will be on Wednesday March 27, location to be determined. Please contact the coordinator.

TRAVELLING FOODIES

Carol Kilmartin

foodies.probus@gmail.com

Due to the tremendous interest in this group, we found that lunch venues generally cannot accommodate our numbers. Therefore, we are currently in the process of splitting the group into two groups: 1st Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. will be Friday Group; and, 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. will be Thursday Group.

The coordinator role will be shared by Catherine Whittle, Mona Mathews and Carol Kilmartin. If you're interested in joining one of these groups, please email Carol Kilmartin directly stating which group you'd like to join.

Our next outings will be on Friday April 5 and Thursday April 11 – Carol will contact each group's members about the venue

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878



Our group went on a two day wine adventure to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls. We experienced tastings at Jackson-Triggs and at Strewn. Then we capped it all off with dinner at the Skylon restaurant overlooking the colourfully lit up and frosty Horseshoe Falls.

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

barblanger4296@gmail.com

We are on hiatus for February and March, resuming our schedule on April 25. 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

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 just around the corner at Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club. It is a great social sport where you can enjoy the outdoors and get some gentle exercise. Instruction is always available, and first year bowlers are provided equipment free of charge. Our Open Houses are set for May 8 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., and May 11 and 18 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come out and give it a try and see how much fun we have!

If you are interested in short mat indoor bowling, you can do that at the Latcham Centre in Port Perry on Thursday afternoon.

On May 5 we will be holding a giant yard sale. If you are moving, or just wanting to get rid of 'stuff', please feel free to contact me, and I will arrange a pick up.

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Several of us attended the first Latin Dance lesson on February 26 where we worked on learning to dance the Salsa!

Each member is required to pay the instructor \$15/lesson.

Beginning in March, Latin Dancing will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 3 to 4 p.m. at Douglas Crossing (6 Douglas Rd., Uxbridge). You do not need to be a couple to join, they pair us up at the lessons, as needed.

This is a Joint Interest Group with the Uxbridge PROBUS Club. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact interestportperryprobus@gmail.com.



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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.

We meet either Monday 1 p.m. (which is sort of Beginners level but closer to Intermediate class) OR Friday 6 p.m. (BEGINNERS ONLY) which is a great way to learn the basics since most of us are just starting. Some of us attend both days!

No experience required – but you gotta enjoy country music, be willing to try to follow some dance steps and be prepared to laugh at ourselves when we mess up.

Contact Kim (Interest Groups Chair) at the above email to be added to the group's email list. You can let Kim know if you're planning to attend so we can watch for you or you can just show up as we'll be there!

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

We play weekly – but on different days and at different times – it depends on when you're available! If you're interested, please contact Joanne or Melba and they will send you the information on where and when to meet to play.



WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne: diannedraper886@gmail.com

and We're back! We are resuming our walks on the 26th of March, weather permitting. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. behind the Scugog St. Tim Hortons. If you're interested in joining the Walk-About Town group, please contact Dianne and let's get going!

Music and Entertainment

MOVIE GROUP

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

One member saw *Bob Marley: One Love*, and enjoyed it.

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



Other Nifty Interest Groups

CLIMATE CHANGE

Ginny Colling: 905-985-0637

ginnycolling@gmail.com



Our group is currently on hold. If anyone is interested in looking at the types of climate action we can take, whether individually or collectively, to help improve outcomes for our grandkids, please contact the coordinator and she will put you on her mailing list to receive environmental information.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilmkilmartin@gmail.com

We will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon in the Scugog Library's Board Room. Our group is capped at 12, but we currently have an opening, and if anyone is interested in joining us in the new year, 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.

GROUP OF ONES

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com and

Cathy: cjef@bell.net

Would you be interested in doing something without your partner? If so, why not join the Group of Ones?! The purpose of the Group of Ones group is to facilitate alliances between Probus members who would like to participate in some activity with one or more other members. You might be single, or you might have a partner who doesn't want to go out. Group of Ones is a group of individuals as opposed to couples.

Denise and Cathy maintain the group member list which is shared amongst all group members. Any member may suggest an activity and invite other members of the group to join them. The member proposing the activity would be responsible for coordinating with those who expressed an interest in joining them.

Three members are planning to see *Exhibition on screen: Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse* in Peterborough on Sunday March 10, preceded by brunch.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group had a very informative Powerpoint presentation from Kim Lendvay about her recent trip to Egypt followed by a short presentation about the differences between Viking Cruises' Expedition, Ocean and River lines.

We meet monthly at Col. Mustard's Pub. There's plenty of room in the Travel group with lots of interesting presentations, so if you wish to attend, please contact Tim.

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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

WINTER SCENES PHOTO CONTEST

SEND IN YOUR ENTRIES BY MARCH 31.

*Please send to: portperryprobus@gmail.com
for a chance to win the mind-blowing prize
amount of \$20!*

So get those phones or cameras out and let's see what interesting photos you can come up with!

(Ideas: winter landscapes, cozy cabin in the woods, nature, frozen lake, frosted window, winter wildlife, family fun in the snow, etc.)



Volunteer Bakers!

We all agree that the luncheons after the monthly meetings are much appreciated – the food is soooooo good!

We always need bakers, so if you would like to help us, please contact the House Chair, Marie, to make arrangements or to be added to the list of on-call bakers.

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



March March, the month when the ice starts to melt from the mountains, and finally, you can hear birds chirping sweetly from your window. You pop your head from your sluggish blanket and utter, "Awhh, at last, the Sun is back."