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PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

JANUARY, 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Club Website: portperryprobus.com

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

**OUR NEXT ONLINE GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM ON
JANUARY 18th
FROM 10:00-NOON**

**REGISTRATION IS NOT NECESSARY
IN ORDER TO ATTEND.
SEE INFORMATION FURTHER
IN THE NEWSLETTER.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Happy 2022 !!

We've all started the New Year and, like you, I'm hoping it will be far better than the last two. At least most of us were able to connect with many family members and friends over the Holidays even if it wasn't frequently in person. But better times are coming, and this may very well be the year we can get back to a much more normal life. Stay optimistic !

With the Omicron variant still surging through Canada, we've decided to continue with the **zoom** PROBUS membership meetings until things are looking safer for us to hold those meetings in person. Many of the other Club in-person activities and travel have also been cancelled or postponed, but we're hoping as the COVID threat subsides, we may be able to re-start those functions by later winter or early spring. That may happen ahead of the in-person membership meetings simply because of the fewer number of attendees and easier logistics for the smaller activities. In the meantime we'll be having more virtual events for the club. So we'll keep you posted as these things evolve.

Do take a look at the interest groups that are

meeting whether in-person in small groups (with safety precautions) or by **zoom**. With far fewer things available to do around town this winter, those interest groups are a great way to keep your social calendar full. And the "Websites to Enjoy" and "Scheduled Events" sections of the newsletter always provide options for some great respites from the winter doldrums.

We have some really interesting speakers coming up for the January and February membership meetings, so take a look further on in the newsletter to see what's happening.

Stay safe and stay engaged,

*Tim Casey, President,
PROBUS Club of Port Perry*
president.portperryprobus@gmail.com
905-985-3991



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CLUB NOTICES

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON JANUARY 18th by ZOOM

**Our next online general membership meeting will take place on
Tuesday, Jan. 18th, from 10:00 a.m. – noon**

The January membership meeting will be on **zoom** as we have
been doing for well over a year. As usual, you'll receive your meeting
invitation/link at the email address you have on file with the club.

We'll send it out about 10 days before the meeting with the connec-
tion information and again just before the meeting as a reminder.

If you're not familiar with using **zoom**, please check the website
or past issues of the newsletter for a list of **zoom** mentors from the
Club who are prepared to assist you.

NOTICE: 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 the Club website. Over 70% 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.

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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.*

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

Thursday, January 27

MUSIC TRIVIA


Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Rd., Port Perry
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a drink and sweets. **POSTPONED** ~~Bring your own instrument or run.~~ Bring vaccinated friends and show your musical talent. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Linda Parry at 905 985-8602.

Friday, February 4

**CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR
AT THE MANDARIN**


1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa – 12 p.m.

 Buffet luncheon with COVID safety protocols - \$25 per person. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.

WHO KNEW? TRIVIA

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

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!!) 

Monday, April 11

RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM

288 Bremner Blvd., Toronto

Reserved admission is at 10:30 a.m.



Group rate tickets are \$22.10. Members can take the GO Train as a group or car-pool. Seniors' return GO Train tickets are \$12.25 payable at the GO Train. Optional lunch to follow at the Steam Whistle or a location of your choice. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Marie Lucifora at 905-982-2721.

HAVING FUN AT RECENT SOCIAL EVENTS

Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 16 at Kedron Dells Golf Club

The Holiday Luncheon at Kedron Dells Golf Club was also enjoyed by about 57 of our members, with a number of additional members picking up take out. Following the luncheon, we delivered \$365 and many bags of food to the Operation Scugog Food Bank.



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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB EXCURSIONS/EVENTS

HNA OFFERS

Government regulations will be in place. Only 40 allowed on the bus.
Please note that proof of double vaccination is required and you are required to wear a mask.

To book, contact Shirley Van Putten at 905-619-8583 or email: shirlie@hnatravels.com

COME FROM AWAY AT THE ROYAL ALEXANDER THEATRE January 26

Cost: \$159

Includes return transportation by deluxe coach from Port Perry at 8 p.m. show. Shirley Van Putten will be available to book for pick-up in Port Perry, and tickets are limited. Otherwise pickup behind the Chestnut Centre (formerly Pickering Recreation Centre).

CANCELLED

PORTUGAL/SPAIN February 15 – March 10, 2022

Cost: Total selling price including all taxes:

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

For prices on single occupancy and further details, contact

Shirley van Putten 905-619-8583

Includes: Transportation: • Direct flight from Toronto to Faro, Portugal • Transfer from Faro to Lisbon by Coach • Flight from Lisbon 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

CANCELLED

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.

To book, call Cardinal Tours at 705-324-2777 or 877-343-7773.

PLEASE TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF PORT PERRY PROBUS.

THE LEGENDS OF COUNTRY MUSIC April 13

Cost: \$145

Bingeman's Amusement Centre in Kitchener

Includes transportation by deluxe coach, the show, and a buffet luncheon. If you are a country music lover, you will not want to miss this show. Perfect soundalike and lookalike impersonations of all of the Country Music's biggest stars singing their greatest hits; Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, Lorretta Lynn, Reb McEntire, Faith Hill, and Canada's own Shania Twain and many more.

Activity level: Light

Morning departure times from Walmart in Port Perry are confirmed closer to departure with minimum of 10 members booking. Prices include all taxes.



FALLSVIEW CASINO April 26-28

Cost: Double \$395.00 Single \$515.00
Triple \$385.00 Quad \$375.00

Niagara Falls is known for its landscape, entertainment, hotel accommodations, and Casinos! In our overnight tour we will be offering all of this and more. We will be spending two nights at the Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel & Suites where a daily breakfast is included each morning. You will have the opportunity to play at the Casino and see the beauty of the falls. This tour will also include a winery tour and tasting near Niagara-on-the-lake!

Activity level: Active

Departure times from Walmart in Port Perry are confirmed closer to departure with minimum of 10 members booking. Prices include all taxes.



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Non Port Perry Club Excursions/Events continued

CANXPLORE – BOWMANVILLE, ON

Contact: Cathy Spracklin at 289-275-1182 or email: cathy@canxplore.com

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 2 - 11 or July 30 - August 8

Cost (taxes & fees included): \$3695 per person, double occupancy (land only),

\$4595 per person, double occupancy (land + air (WestJet) to and from Toronto – one checked bag included)

What is included: 10 days, 9 nights accommodation, baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), ground transportation, services of a Tour Director, visits to Gros Morne Park, Grand Falls-Windsor, Twillingate, Gander, Trinity, Bonavista, Cape Spear, St. John's, boat tours on Bonne Bay, cruise Western Brook Pond, in Twillingate and in Bay Bulls (weather permitting), entrance fees to historic sites and museums, guided tour of Trinity, Anchors Aweigh show, wine tasting at Auk Island Winery, craft beer tasting at Quidi Vidi Brewery, airport transfers if booking the

land + air package, small group size of 22 maximum (minimum 14), 13 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners).

\$500 non-refundable deposit per person – final payment due April 25, 2022, (non-refundable once paid). **Book by February 1st, 2022**

and save \$100 per person.

A **zoom** Newfoundland Discover Tour Presentation will be available on January 11 at 7 p.m. For further details or to book the presentation or the Tour, contact Cathy Spracklin.

The CanXplore website is www.canxplore.com.



MARITIMES EXPLORATION TOUR

August 27 – September 7

Cost (taxes & fees included): \$3695 per person, double occupancy (land only),

\$4595 per person, double occupancy (land + air (WestJet) to and from Toronto – one checked bag included)

What is included: 12 days, 11 nights accommodation, baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), ground transportation, services of a Tour Director, visits to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island including visits to Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Baddeck, the Cabot Trail, Saint John, Saint Andrews, two ferry crossings, entrance fees to historic sites and museums listed in the itinerary, whale watching tour (weather permitting), guided walks of Charlottetown, Lunenburg, and Saint John, wine tasting in the Annapolis Valley, airport transfers if booking the land + air package, small group size of 22 maximum, 16 meals (11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners)

and much more. Tour price \$4495 per person, double occupancy (land only), \$5195 per person, double occupancy (land + air (Air Canada) to and from Toronto. All taxes and fees are included, \$500 non-refundable deposit per person, Final payment due June 1, 2022, (non-refundable once paid). **Book by March 1st, 2022, and save \$100 per person.**

A **zoom** Maritimes Exploration Tour Presentation will be available on January 12 at 7 p.m. For further details or to book the presentation or the Tour, contact Cathy Spracklin.

The CanXplore website is www.canxplore.com.



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PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

New Interest Group 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 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

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-985-2587

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

This group came close to getting together in person before Christmas, but now we will be waiting to see what February Omicron restrictions enable us to do. We are also still working towards finalizing a location for us to meet. In the meantime, hopefully, we can find solace and enjoyment in our home work spaces.

If any other PROBUS members took up painting, pottery, crafts, etc. during this shutdown, we would love to have you join our group in the future.



BOOK CLUB – THE PAGE TURNERS

Kathy McLeod

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

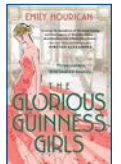


This month's book, "Momming Hard" gave us a window into the lives of mothers as they navigate the challenges life has given them. Courtney St Croix has compiled the very personal stories of these twenty four strong women. Written by local moms in the hope that by sharing their struggles it will "normalize the hard stuff in the beautiful contrast of motherhood". As grandmothers, we reflected on our own experiences and hope that the book's message will be heard by the young mothers in our lives.

NEW BOOK CLUB

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

We had fabulous participation at our inaugural meeting in December. It turned out to be a hybrid zoom /In-person meeting. We discussed so many books as well as the format for future meetings. We haven't yet chosen a name for our group, but that will give us something to do during these cold winter days. For January, we will be meeting on zoom on Friday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m. This month's book is an historical fiction novel entitled "The Glorious Guinness Girls" by Emily Hourican and we are all looking forward to reading and discussing it.



DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695

Ken Crossley: 705-786-1707

Every Tuesday: 2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Legion Branch 419, 484 Bay St., Port Perry.



Everyone is welcome, no membership required. This is not a league, we play just for fun.

Legion masking protocol in effect while playing and walking around.

THURSDAY DINNER OUT

Marg Miller: 226-229-9073

Happy New Year! Due to current COVID 19 outbreak, this group is on hiatus for a month and possibly longer. We are open to new members. If you are interested in joining us, please email or phone Marg Miller to book a chair at the table.

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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube – 905-985-7102

Happy New Year! Due to current COVID 19 outbreak, this group is on hiatus for a month and possibly longer. If you would like to try playing with us occasionally as a Spare, please telephone or email.

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EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube – 905-985-7102

Happy New Year! Due to current COVID 19 outbreak, this group is on hiatus for a month and possibly longer. If you would like to try Euchre, and join the group as a spare, please email or give Ann a call.

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EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

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 returning to playing in person.

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GARDENING – BLOOMERS

Linda Elliott: 905-429-8538

and Marilyn Lauricella: 905-982-2003

We have found two coordinators to head up this group which will be starting up later in the spring. We welcome new members to join. Please indicate your interest by emailing the interest group.

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GENEALOGY

Neil Kilmartin: 289-388-8039

neilmkilmarten@gmail.com

Past participants as well as those wishing to join the genealogy group are encouraged to contact me so that we can determine how we are going to proceed with the group when circumstances allow for in person activities. I wish to compile a list of people to contact to facilitate this soon, so send an email to me ASAP.

In the interim, I am happy to assist and advise, and willing to start some research on your behalf.

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HIKING

Bill Morrison

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

“The group has hikes on the first and third Fridays of each month. The next outings are planned for January 21 and February 4th. Contact Bill for more information at email above.



LAWN BOWLING

Judy L. Anderson

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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.

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LUNCH BUNCH

Marg Miller: 226-229-9073

Happy New Year! Due to current Covid 19 outbreak, this group is on hiatus for a month and possibly longer. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We are looking for a coordinator to head up this group.

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MOVIE GROUP

Denise Throp

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Happy New Year! Due to current Covid 19 outbreak, movie theatres are now closed. Kanopy movies can be streamed from Ajax and Lindsay libraries.

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PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Jim Wakeford: 905-985-2030

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 in a month or two.

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SINGLES GROUP

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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.

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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

TOWN HALL THEATRE

Judy L. Anderson: 365-770-1331

Town Hall Theatre 1873 is dark this month due to COVID-19 regulations.

SCSMusicals, Scugog Choral Society, are planning a 45th Anniversary Review for April. Planning and rehearsing will commence online in February. This show will feature favourite songs from musicals over the past 45 years. Familiar faces will return to the stage, with some new cast members, to sing and dance and celebrate live musical theatre in our Port Perry community.

The Borelians present "Live From Port Perry Town Hall 1949" – A comedy featuring three episodes from the Golden Age of Radio re-enacted live from February 25 to March 6. Tickets go on sale this coming weekend.

Edge of Dylan – Bob Dylan Tribute band - Saturday March 12, 8 p.m.

WINE TASTING I

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the November wine tasting was hosted by Mary and Bill Morrison. They had just returned from their visit to British Columbia where they spent time with their son and family and met their first grandchild, Theo Alexander! Mary and Bill were fortunate to have escaped BC shortly before the skies opened up and the flooding began. Since the host and hostess had just returned from out of province, our tasting was a virtual one via by **zoom**. [Actually, the tastings themselves were very real, not at all virtual, but the group met virtually!]

In honour of Theo, we tasted a Mission Hill Chardonnay from the Okanagan Valley and by comparison, a Garage Wine Company Chardonnay from Ontario named Popcorn. Both proved to be very worthwhile choices. Our next tasting is scheduled for after the holidays January.

NEW WINE TASTING GROUP

Tim at 905-985-3991



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 3-4 couples interested and just need another couple or two to make it viable. Give us a call or email if you're possibly interested.

*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.*

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

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

BOARD GAMES

Bill Morrison: 905-985-2624

BOWLING FOR FUN

Ann Skinner: 905-982-8865

BREAKFAST CLUB

COORDINATOR NEEDED!

BRIDGE -
BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

CREATE AND CHAT

COORDINATOR NEEDED!

If you are interested in anything crafty, and having wonderful conversations while doing them, consider heading up this group.

CRIBBAGE

COORDINATOR NEEDED!

CURRENT EVENTS

COORDINATOR NEEDED!

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

Carole Matthews: 905-982-2702

FOODIES

Melodie Scott: 905-767-1505

JAZZ

COORDINATOR NEEDED

LUNCH MEETUP

(After monthly meeting)

Melodie Scott: 905-767-1505

MODEL BOATS

COORDINATOR NEEDED!

TRAVEL

Judy Spring: 905-447-4557

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CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY SEASON



**DARTS GROUP
CHRISTMAS PARTY**
December 14



**BLOOMERS
GARDENING GROUP
CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP**
Date



**EUCHRE GROUP
CHRISTMAS PARTY**
December 17



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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS



Amy Barron

Main Speaker – January 18

DR. AMY BARRON

“Digger, Teacher, Soldier, Spy”

“What do archaeologists do when the world is at war? Surprisingly, many of them turn spy. During wartime, archaeologists on all sides have become involved with military intelligence, turning their in-depth knowledge of the land and the peoples they studied to support their countries at war. This was no more apparent than in the Middle East where prominent archaeologists played a very political game during the First World War. Some of these names, such as T.E. Lawrence, also known as Lawrence of Arabia, would become legendary. Others, when the war was over, simply went back to their museums and their excavations.”

About Our Speaker

“Amy Barron received her PhD at the University of Toronto in the field of Mesopotamian history and archaeology. Her doctoral thesis is entitled “Late Assyrian Arms and Armour: Art versus Artifact”. She has excavated predominantly in the Middle East but has travelled widely studying the archaeology of various remote parts of the world from Peru to China. She has also worked in the museum field for almost thirty years and presently teaches museum studies in Fleming College’s post-graduate program.”

Short Presentation – January 18

TBA

PROBUS Club of Port Perry ZOOM Meetings

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY 15

“All About Shoes” presented by Bata Shoe Museum

MARCH 15

“Native Born Son” Author talk with Marnie Bickle

SENIOR HUMOUR

Three older ladies were discussing the trials and tribulations of getting older.

One said, “Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand while standing in front of the refrigerator, and I can’t remember whether I need to put it away or start making a sandwich.”

The second lady chimed in with, “Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can’t remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down.”

The third one responded, “Well ladies, I’m glad I don’t have that problem, knock on wood,” as she rapped her knuckles on the table and then said, “That must be the door. I’ll get it!”



Did you miss our December zoom Meeting?

HERE’S A RECAP

Our main speaker at the December meeting, Daniel Aonso, spoke about a number of recorded Yuletide favourite songs. Irwin Smith provided a video of himself on keyboard singing and playing some great Christmas songs.

Interspersed throughout the meeting, a team of Santa’s jolly helpers gave away 19 festively wrapped and decorated gifts to our members.

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

<https://youtu.be/T4RymcUItmI>

December Zoom Meeting LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS



The 19 winners of our Christmas gift draw were:

- Jim Nice
- Kathy McLeod
- Barb Willis
- Ted Greig
- Heather Bouvier
- Barry Hobbs
- Betty Couch
- Linda Jones
- Ken Jackson



One of Santa’s elves, Ann Skinner, helping with the draw.

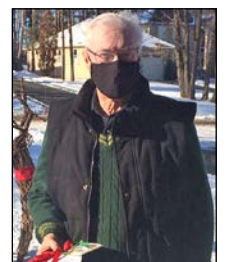
- Diane Sutherland
- Pat McDougall

- Liz Folk
- Brenda Manns
- Gale Ballard
- Jane Derby
- Nora Symington
- Mary-Anne Unwin
- Brad Sinclair
- Carol Mairs

Congratulations!



Diane Sutherland’s daughter Amy accepted the gift for her.



Mary-Anne Unwin’s husband Steve accepted the gift for her.



Carol Mairs



Heather Bouvier



Jane Derby

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT “YOU” AND YOUR INTERESTING FAMILY AND ANCESTORS

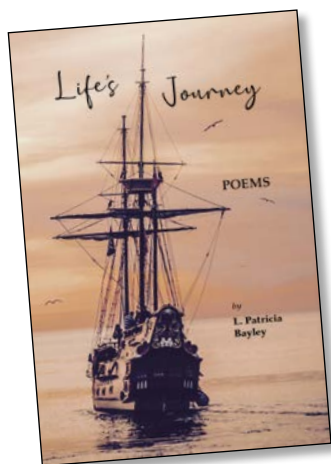
We’re seeking interesting stories about our members’ lives and their families and ancestors.

The content could be anything from a short anecdote in one or two paragraphs or something more substantive up to 500 words. It 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, something interesting or courageous a family member did, or an educational story about one of your ancestors or how they lived in times long ago.

You can include your name or not – your choice. We’d like to include about a few of these in each newsletter edition in order to bring a smile to the faces of your fellow club members.

PROBUS Club member shares wonderful news!

Patricia Bayley Publishes Book of Poetry



Club member Patricia Bayley’s new book of poetry, *Life’s Journey*, has been published and is now available. You’ve probably enjoyed selections of her poetry that we’ve included in some of our newsletters over the last 3 years.

As described by Dennis Bayley, Patricia’s husband, “The book will include the poem that was on the CTV National News, and has been seen via TV and social media by just over 2 million viewers. Also the book contains her COVID poems which are in the Whitby archives, and a Remembrance Day poem that was seen on social media by over nine hundred thousand viewers.”

The first print run sold out in 4 days, and the 2nd run is moving fast.

To purchase a copy, please contact Dennis at dennis.bayley@icloud.com



Patricia Bayley

The drop
in gas
prices during
a “stay at
home order”
is like a bald
man winning
a comb.

I’m not
adding the
year 2021
to my age
because I
didn’t use it.

Sometimes
I wonder if
COVID
happened
because I
didn’t forward
that email to
10 people.

Before I agree
to 2022,
I need to see
some terms
and
conditions.

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DECEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

HOLIDAY COLOURS

The results are in from the judges.

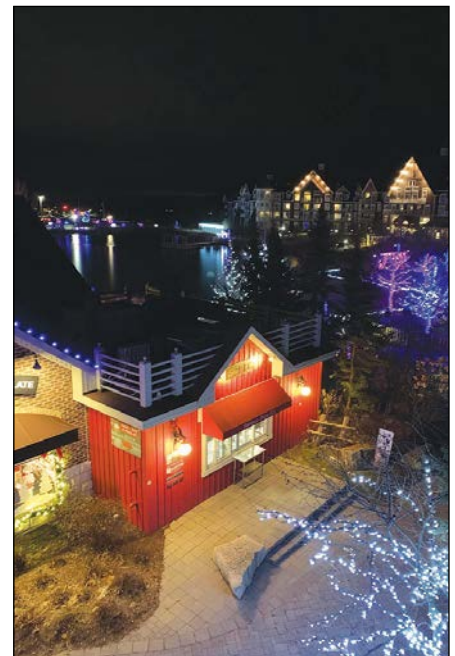
*Our Holiday Photo contest winner is Club member Dianne Heathcote with a photo of children with Santa.
That photo and some of the other entries are shown below.*



Four Creations by Marg Miller



Linda Elliot



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Holiday Colours Contest continued



Judy Spring

AND THE WINNER IS..... Dianne Heathcote



Janet Casey

WINTER WONDERLAND

We're now going to be running a "Winter Wonderland" photo contest. Please submit as many of your photos as you want of your winter wonderland by February 28th in order for them to be entered in the contest. We'll publish as many of these as possible in our newsletter and on the Club website. And the winner of the Winter Wonderland photo contest will receive a \$20 prize. At least that should cover the Kodak film roll processing cost at your local Fotomat Hut.

Send your photos to portperryprobus@gmail.com

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WEBSITES TO ENJOY

AN ANCIENT CRAFT FOR YOUNG SENIORS

The art of paper-folding, that we now know as Origami, has roots in China, Japan and Europe. In China paper yuanbao were used at traditional Chinese funerals. In Japan it began as a ceremonial Shinto ritual. In Europe, paper-folding likely evolved from napkin-folding. If you are interested in learning this art, the internet is filled with sites that provide free instruction at various levels of expertise. Below are two sites to visit to get you started. Also, by simply querying “Origami Videos” you will find a wide range of tutorials.



<https://origami.me/beginners-guide/>

<https://www.origamiway.com/origami-tutorial.shtml>

IF YOU CAN REMEMBER THE COURSE BELOW, YOU MAY NOT NEED IT



“Improving Your Memory” is an online course offered by Harvard University. It’s designed to “help demystify the way your brain works and gives you strategies to boost your memory”. There is unlimited access to the course, and you can proceed at your own pace. Cost is \$29.95 USD (approx. \$38 CAD).

<https://www.harvardhealthonlinelearning.com/courses/improving-your-memory>

MCMASTER’S OVER-55 COURSE PROGRAM STARTS SOON

McMaster University’s Learning for 55+ courses will be available beginning February 2 with “Be Your Own Life Coach.” These courses are offered in Webinar format, of 3 weeks duration (1 day/week) and cost \$75 + HST. See additional course offerings and dates at:



<https://shortcourses.mcmaster.ca/product-category/learning-55/>

THEATRE FROM CANADA’S WEST

The Citadel Theatre in Edmonton, AB has recordings of several of their plays available for streaming for up to 48 hours after purchase. The streaming pass costs \$25-\$30.



<https://citadeltheatre.com/show-info/on-demand-streaming/>

A GAME FROM HISTORY

Would you like to learn to play a game that dates from the time of the Roman Empire? The board game, Nine Man Morris, may date from as far back as 1400 BCE, was likely well known by Romans and was very popular in Medieval England. For instructions on how to create the game board and on how to play the game:

<https://gunstonhall.org/learn/learning-from-home/games-and-amusements/colonial-games-make-a-nine-mens-morris-board/>

For background information on the game:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nine_men%27s_morris

WORDS YOU LIKELY DON’T KNOW BUT MAY WANT TO (OR NOT)

“Cervid”, “Wingbar”, “Apothecium”, “Anting”, “Strobilus” – do you know these words? High Park Nature Center’s Blog – “Word of the Week” defines and gives examples of these words and many more. Visit their site at:



<https://highparknaturecentre.com/2/blog-index>



These website links and many more are available on our website at:
<https://www.portperryprobus.com/learning-entertainment>

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SCHEDULED EVENTS



AHHHHH, BEETHOVEN.....

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra is making available a pay-as-you-wish live stream of "Gimeno Conducts Beethoven." See website for concert and live stream information. Friday January 28: 7:30 p.m.

<https://www.tso.ca/livestreams>

HOT DOCS

"Hot Docs" is a "..... not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing and celebrating the art of documentary and creating production opportunities for documentary filmmakers." They have a wide variety of fascinating documentaries available for both online streaming and in-person viewing from some of the premier movie producers in the world. Some current titles include "The Lost Leonardo", "The Truffle Hunters" and "Brian Wilson: Long Promised Road". Most of the films have a cost attached although a number of subscription options are available. Definitely worth a look.



<https://hotdocs.ca/whats-on/watch-online>

TIME TO THINK ABOUT GARDENS



It's so cold and snow covers the ground. Do you miss your garden? The Toronto Botanical Gardens has online workshops and lectures that will make you feel like it's summertime. Try out one or more of the following:

Irish Gardens – Prehistoric, Historic and Modern

Tuesday January 18: 7-8:30 p.m. \$15 (plus fees & HST)

Garden Disasters – Prepare, Survive, Thrive

Wednesday January 19: 7-8 p.m. \$25 (plus fees & HST)

Bark in the Heart of Winter

Thursday February 17: 7-8:30 p.m. \$15 (plus fees & HST)

Winter Watercolour Paint Nights

Wednesdays, February 16 – March 9: 7-8:30 p.m.

Full program \$100/Individual Sessions \$30 (plus fees & HST)

<https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/learn/adult/online-learning/>

Thanks to club member Joyce Svedberg for finding and researching these websites.

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR 2022

Live my best life and only buy pants with no buttons or zippers.

Go vegan for six months and inevitably give up.

Stock up on fresh fruits and vegetables — and eat them before they turn into green mystery goop in the back of the fridge.

Sign up for a marathon that I bravely will not actually run.

I will always replace the gas nozzle before driving away from the pump.

Relearn social cues after nearly two years stuck at home.

Stop lying to myself about following New Year's resolutions.

I will try to drive closer to the speed limit.

Pick movies on Netflix swiftly and decisively so that, you know, I actually hit play before falling asleep.

Do so much yoga that it actually justifies wearing yoga pants 24/7.

Read more (or at least turn the subtitles on while binge-watching TV).

Wake up before noon on the weekends.

I will always "check for paper" before and after leaving a public restroom.

Stop making lists that include making more lists.

Stop drinking orange juice after I've brushed my teeth.

I will always wear clean underwear, "just in case".

Be OK with having to make more than one trip from the car to bring in groceries. The human arm can only hold so much.

Floss every day — and not just with wild abandon in the week leading up to a cleaning.

Actually put on a full outfit for Zoom calls (although let's be real, business-on-top-PJs-below never hurt anyone).

I will keep an extra safe distance when driving behind police cars.

Buy as many fancy facemasks as I want. If you want a bejeweled swath of fabric to protect yourself (or others) from COVID-19, do it!

Give up blaming the family dog for every strange smell in the house (especially when I know it came from me).

Refrain from lurking awkwardly in front of a can of peas at the grocery store pretending to read the label for the 100th time, just because someone has their cart parked in front of the canned veggies I actually need.

Stop.Googling.Symptoms.

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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 world-

- wide 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

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 re-opened 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



NO MATTER
How Badly Life Treated You Last Year...
Just Walk Tall With Your Head Held High
THIS is a Brand New Year Baby!



HAPPY NEW YEAR