

# PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST NOVEMBER, 2023

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## We Will Remember Them

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all PROBUS members:

November is always a month that begins with all measure of ghosts, goblins, and the current year's themed favourite characters knocking at our doors. Many of us no doubt had first-hand doorway meetings with them as we doled out treats. Many others probably got to watch as grandchildren gleefully examined "piles of loot" as they recounted the evening's adventures.

This is of course followed closely by overnight temperatures that for the first time since last March contain a minus sign, countless piles of leaves to rake, and all sorts of other signs of impending winter. Yards and flower beds get cleaned up for sure. If one listens carefully, the sounds of stirring snowbirds can even be heard occasionally.

At our last month's membership meeting, we had an excellent presentation that went through the history of the Royal Ontario Museum from its very beginnings right up until the present. This was followed by our annual Bountiful

Lunch, with a varied choice of fresh sandwiches and huge pots of delicious soups, all made by our in-house chefs. Much enjoyed as well were all the donated baked sweets. A huge thank you for all of the work and organization this special luncheon took to pull off.

November is also a time for us to remember the many Canadians who fought and died in wars against oppression, so we can continue to enjoy the freedoms that come with our current lives. We must never forget just how much has been sacrificed by so many. The speaker at this month's membership meeting will be Sean Musson and his topic is entitled "Cenotaph Stories". In addition, our break time will feature a tribute to veterans, several of whom are related to existing fellow members.

I hope to see many of you there at our November 21st members meeting

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

#### **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.



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.

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#### **CLUB NOTICES**

#### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Thank you to all those members who have paid their renewal fees for the 2023-2024 year. We would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

WELCOME

**Kelly Evans** 

Leslie Wilkinson

**Sharon Peck** 

We now have a closed membership at 346 persons and will be accepting only 1 more application that is currently in the works. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Parry. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the PROBUS Club of Port Perry. I would also ask all existing members to advise me of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers. Please send an email with the changes to Linda Parry at <a href="mailto:portperryprobus@gmail.com">portperryprobus@gmail.com</a> so that I can avoid anyone missing out on our club activities or social events.

Linda Parry, Membership Chair PROBUS Club of Port Perry

#### NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP IN-PERSON MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday November 21st 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

#### Our Fall Photo Contest is now over.

Photos will be posted in the next newsletter - sooner on the website - where the winner will be announced.



#### **HOLIDAY PHOTO CONTEST ON NOW!**

Our next photo contest, HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS is now underway until December 31st.

So please send in your entries to: <u>portperryprobus@gmail.com</u> for a chance to win the life-changing prize amount of \$20.

Send us your best holiday 2023 photos (holiday lights, decorations, wreaths, plants, wildlife, pets, people, gifts, Santa, etc.).







The club's Art - Open Studio Interest Group will be exhibiting some of their recent artwork in the Hope Church lobby for the duration of the December meeting.

**CHECK IT OUT!!!!!** 

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#### REMEMBRANCE DAY



#### Past and Present Members of the Canadian Military **Honoured by Members of Port Perry PROBUS** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!





#### **ELLIOT ALLARD**

Served in the Royal Navy as a Gun Layer. Brought down two German planes from a ship. Awarded the B.E.M (British Empire Medal). Became "Lieutenant Commander" and was Staff Officer Intelligence at Leith Harbour, Edinburgh, Scotland until the end of the war. Father of Sarah Atkinson



#### ROBERT KNOX

Called up in 1942 at the age of thirty six to fight with the British Forces at war with Germany and Japan.

Went into the Royal Air Force and was sent to India until the war ended in 1945.

Came home in 1946 to wife and six children.

Father of Kay Notman



#### **DANIEL C. LANGER**

Served with the Cape Breton Highlanders, along with his two brothers and one future brother-in-law, during the Second World War. Saw action in Sicily, Italy and Holland.

Father of Daniel Langer



#### LESLIE ELMER CRAGG

Joined the RCAF in 1939 with the Iroquois Squadron #431.

Served as a navigator flying a Halifax bomber over Europe.

After his tour of duty ended, became a Pilot Officer and was awarded the Operational Wings of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Father of Susan Merriman



#### **EDWIN WILLIARD STEELE**

Born August 25, 1892. Rockburn, Quebec. Enlisted February 19, 1916 with the Canadian Army Infantry, 148th Battalion. Badge Number 841550.

Sent home after loss of an arm.

Uncle of Mona Mathews



#### ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON

Served as a private in the Second Batallion of the First Royal Scots Regiment.

Was dispatched to India, and on the way his trooppship was torpedoed. He was rescued. After India, he fought in the Burmese jungles against Japanese forces under horrific conditions.

Father of Alexander Williamson, Father-in-law of Gail Williamson



#### PTE. WILLIAM (BILL) WHITTON

Conscripted June 1939 age 21 into the Army Royal Artillery as a Gun Layer. Deployed April 1942 from the Clyde, Scotland and served in North Africa, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt 1942-43 and on to Syria, Palestine, Italy 1943-1945.

Father of Lynn Pike



#### LT. COL. MATTHEW WALKER

Enrolled into the Canadian Armed Forces in 2003. Operational experience includes two tours to Afghanistan. Postings: Osnabruck Germany, as an exchange officer with the British Army, and stops in Edmonton, Kingston, Fredericton, and Monterey, California. Currently employed in Ottawa as Exec. Asst. to the Commander of the Canadian Army.

Son of Bill Walker, step-son of Arlene Walker



#### LOUIS CLIFFORD THROP

Served in the British Army during WWII. Wireless operator in an armoured car in the 14th/20th King's Hussars and the 2nd Fife and Forfar Yeomanry.

Took part in the D Day landing at Juno beach. Posthumously awarded the French Legion of Honour.

Father of Denise Throp

Lest we forget ...
those who fought, and continue to fight,
for the rights we enjoy today.

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#### REMEMBRANCE DAY



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#### THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

#### Main Speaker – November 21 SEAN MUSSON

"Cenotaph Stories"



During the COVID lockdowns, I spent much of my free time on Ancestry, mostly researching my mother's side of the family, which has been in the Lindsay area since the early 1800's. Not much was known about that side of my family, so every discovery was met with excitement and another family thread to pull on. One of those threads led me to

William James O'Neill, whose name is inscribed on the Lindsay Cenotaph. As with many families, names get lost in time and William's connection was not known to my mother's generation.

William was the youngest brother of my great grandfather, and the more I discovered about William's life, his family, and his ultimate sacrifice in the days following Vimy Ridge, the more it occurred to me that there were many stories on the cenotaph that deserved to be told. With Lindsay Legion branch 056 members Claus Reuter and Dave Francis, we started the Cenotaph Stories project with the goal of unlocking all of the life stories that the cenotaph has been holding onto for the past 100 years, and bring those names back into our collective living memory.

#### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

December 19

**CHERYL GOW** 

Vintage Soul – Holiday Music followed by

**PROBUS OPEN STUDIO** 

Artists' Works on Display

### October Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH

As we did not have the social break during the meeting, there wasn't a share/share draw this month.



## Did you miss our October Meeting? HERE'S A RECAP

We had a very interesting and informative presentation on the history and the beginnings of the Royal Ontario Museum from our guest speaker, Katie Overstrom. Katie is a volunteer at the ROM and she talked to us about the many people who worked with the University of Toronto to open the Museum on March 14th, 1914.

Back in those early days, many of the artifacts, cultural objects and artworks that were brought to Canada from all over the world needed to be stored and eventually displayed very carefully and the ROM was built. It was notable that many of the men and women who were instrumental in the beginnings and running of the museum over the years came from rural backgrounds in the Toronto area and became prominent members in the community, as well.

Following the presentation the membership was treated to our Bountiful Lunch prepared by volunteers in the Club. Soup, sandwiches and various baked goods were beautifully presented and delicious. The tables and decorations around the room created a lovely Fall atmosphere.

And, as people left the luncheon they received a wrapped gift of a cupcake iced in PROBUS colours in recognition of October being PROBUS Month.

If money doesn't grow on trees, then why do banks have branches?

Website:
We use cookies to improve service.
Me: Same.

Life is too short to be serious all the time. So, if you can't laugh at yourself, call me. I'll laugh at you.

Sometimes you might feel like no one's there for you, but you know who's always there for you?

Laundry.

Laundry will always be there for you.



### NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS		FALL LUNCHEON Operation Food Bank
5	6	7	8	9	10	<b>a</b> 11
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m	ST. JACOB'S SPARKLES Holiday Shopping WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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3 Day Trip	20	PROBUS MEETING 21	22	23	24	25
		10 a.m. – Hope Church			ONE OF A KIND SHOW Toronto Holiday Shopping EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.	LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.	NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB	
26	27	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.		WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. GRAPES OF PourT 6 p.m.		
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	ROM PHOTO EXHIBIT Toronto 9:30 a.m.	VICTORIAN TEA Emmanuel Church 6:30 p.m		

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### **DECEMBER**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					HIKING WITH BILL	
					TRAVELLING FOODIES 1 p.m. BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m. Bowling for Fun 12:45 p.m	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	CIRQUE DU SOLEIL Oshawa 3:30 p.m.
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17	18	PROBUS MEETING 19 10 a.m. – Hope Church	20	21	22	23
				WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.		
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m. CLIMATE CHANGE 2 p.m.	BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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#### PORT PERRY PROBUS 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 

#### **FALL LUNCHEON**

Saturday November 4

St. John's Presbyterian Church, 319 Queen St SOLD OUT

Lunc and whipped Proceeds benefit Operation Scugog cream, and tea/coffee. Food Bank. Tickets are limited. To register, please email social. portperryprobus@gmail.com.



#### ONE OF A KIND CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE One Of A Kind

Friday November 24

#### Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place Toronto \$89 members and \$94 guests

Join with the Uxbridge PROBUS Club. Travel by luxury coach from the Uxbridge Walmart parking lot to the CNE grounds at 9 a.m. (returning at 4:30 p.m.). Spend the day shopping and have lunch on your own at the show. To register, email: social. uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or telephone Gail at 905-852-9927. (Guests must provide proof of vaccination).



#### WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION

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Wednesday November 29

Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), 100 Queen's Park Toronto Admission: \$33.

Travel in by public transit (or drive in and meet at the museum) to tour the museum and see the Wildlife Exhibition. Leaving Oshawa at approximately 9:30 a.m and returning in the afternoon following lunch. 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.

#### **CIRQUE DU SOLEIL CRYSTAL**

Saturday December 9

Tribute Centre, 99 Athol St. F. Oal SOLD OUT We have beld with limited o.73 for adults or \$53.75 for children up wai to 12 years. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@ gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Linda Parry at 905-985-8602.

#### **ELEGANT VICTORIAN TEA**

**Thursday November 30** 

**Emmanuel Community Church,** 1680 Reach St., Port Perry, 6:30 p.m.



A chance to enjoy the companionship of women only and savour the ambience, music, tea sandwiches and dainty pasties for \$20. Proceeds go to needy students/familiar Perry **SOLD OUT** schools as dotanoois. Seating required by November 5th. Please email is li social.portperryprobus@gmail.com and e-transfer to social2. portperryprobus@gmail.com. On your e-transfer please note the event and the names of those attending. Tickets will be purchased following your e-transfer. For further information, please contact Susan Merriman at 416-892-2127.



2400 Ritson Rd. N., Oshawa, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a three-course Traditional Turkey Dinn Cauliflower and Bacon S aca by musician Irwin Smith. ar ROBUS Club subsidized event open to members only until November 15th - \$39 per person. Space is limited. To register please email <u>social.portperryprobus@gmail.com</u>. For further information, please contract Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.

#### **LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE** AT COLONEL MUSTARD'S

Wednesday January 10, 2024 Wednesday February 7, 2024 Wednesday March 6, 2024 Wednesday April 3, 2024



15 Water Street, Port Perry, 12 - 3 p.m. \$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.

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#### LUNCH & CASINO FUN! Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Great Blue Heron Casino, 21777 Island Rd., Port Perry, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Each member (and guest) will order lunch from the menu and pay direct. We will take the opportunity to explore the casino, and some can enjoy the challenges offered. To register, please email <a href="mailto:social.portperryprobus@gmail.com">social.portperryprobus@gmail.com</a> so we can give the restaurant notice of the number attending.



#### JENNY'S HOUSE OF JOY

A comedy by Norm Foster Wednesday February 14, 2024

Port Perry Town Hall. 2 pm. Tickets: \$20 – (based on sales of six tickets+)

Jenny runs the best little house of ill-repute in her corner of the Wild West. When a tireless young runaway comes begging for a job, the girls at Jenny's house might just have to leave their lingerie behind. To register, please email <a href="mailto:social.portperryprobus@gmail.com">social.portperryprobus@gmail.com</a> For further information, contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557.



## CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AND VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE MANDARIN

Wednesday February 14, 2024

1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa, 12 p.m.

Buffet luncheon – approximately \$25.00 per person including taxes and gratuity (not including alcohol). 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 Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.



#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Kedron Dells Golf Club 2400 Ritson Rd. N., Oshawa, 12 pm.





#### **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.

#### ST. JACOB'S SPARKLES

**Thursday November 9** 

\$125

Kick off your holiday shopping season with a visit to St. Jacob's Farmers' Market. Explore 250+ vendors—fresh produce, international cuisine, artisans and more! visit the Farmers' Market, Picard's Peanuts and the Village of St. Jacob's.

*Includes:* Return transportation by luxury Coach, dinner at Jacob's Grill, visit to Farmer's Market, and visit to Picard's Peanuts. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at **905-619-8583** or <a href="mailto:shirlievanputten@rogers.com">shirlievanputten@rogers.com</a>.

Please ensure that Shirlie knows that you are a member of Port Perry PROBUS.



#### NEWFOUNDLAND

July 23 to August 2, 2024

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 shirlievanputten@rogers.com.



November 12-14

Cost: \$495 per person based on double occupancy (\$645 for single and \$475 for triple)

Includes: 2 nights accommodation, \$100 slot play, \$40 dining card, deluxe motor coach, optional day outing to Fashion Outlets in Niagara Falls, services of a tour director. Call Cardinal Tours to book at 705-324-2777 or 877-343-7773. Please tell them that you are a member of Port Perry PROBUS After registering, members please also please advise our member Brenda Moore at brendamoore3175@gmail.com. If we have sufficient registration, we may be able to arrange pick-up in Port Perry.

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#### OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Join other members on the following cruises:

#### **EMERALD RIVER CRUISE -DANUBE EXPLORER & BUDAPEST WITH PRAGUE**

September 23 – 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 leaving on the Danube River cruise heading through Hungary, Slovakia, 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.



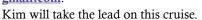
#### 21-DAY MARQUESAS & TAHITI ADVENTURE

March 19 to April 9, 2026

Porthole cabin (SP) - \$7,530 US per person and Oceanview cabin (S) - \$8,230 US per person.

Deposit is \$2,429.70 US at time of booking. Final payment is due on December 19, 2025. For further details overview (windstarcruises.com) To book and get a current price, contact Laurel Arnott at 905-982-8855, Ext. 235 or email larnott@

expediacruises.com and advise that you are travelling with Kim Lendvay and the Port Perry PROBUS group. Also please advise our member Kim Lendvay at interest.portperryprobus@ gmail.com.





#### 12-NIGHT **CANARIES. MOROCCO & SPAIN CELEBRITY INFINITY CRUISE** January 14 - 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 <u>rmackie@expediacruises.com</u> and advise that you are travelling with Brenda Moore and the Port Perry PROBUS group. Also please advise our member Brenda Moore at brendamoore3175@gmail.com.

Brenda will take the lead on this cruise.



### **NEW** PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

January 6 – 14, 2024

Deluxe Garden View Room -Double \$2,149.00, Single \$2,655.00 Deluxe Room Poolside -Double \$2,249.00, Single \$2,755.00 All prices include airfare

The Grand Palladium Punta Cana Resort & Spa Hotel in the Dominican Republic is in an ideal setting directly on beautiful Bavaro Beach, approximately 22 km from the Punta Cana airport. This 4 ½ Star All Inclusive Hotel has six amazing pools with all services, where guests can experience something truly unique.

The hotel has 13 restaurants; 23 bars; WiFi; Fitness centre; 24-hour drinks/ snacks; In-room safe; and Waterpark. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.





#### **IRELAND**

May 23 to June 5, 2024

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NEW

### ALASKA CRUISE WITH 4-DAY LAND TOUR

August 23 to September 2, 2024 August 26 to September 2 Cruise Only

**Cruise Cost:** 

Balcony - \$4,299; Oceanview - \$3,199; Inside Cabin - \$2,799 based on double occupancy; call for single occupancy rate.

Four-day land package – additional cost of \$1720 per person – based on double occupancy

7-Day/6 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 and Land/Cruise packages include 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 Four-day Land Tour is being offered, pre-cruise – and includes three night's hotel accommodation in Anchorage and Denali, Alaska Railroad Adventure Class from Anchorage to Talkeetna, explore Denali with a Natural History bus tour the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre and city tour of Anchorage, ample time for optional activities in Denali such as whitewater rafting, helicopter flightseeing, hiking, or one of the park service programs.

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due upon booking. Balance due April 1, 2024. Please note that these prices guaranteed until November 1, 2023.

For further info or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or <a href="mailto:shirlie@hnatravels.com">shirlie@hnatravels.com</a>.



#### **SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW**

## Greek Islands & Malta Cruise

October 9 - 19

Twenty-eight members and guests enjoyed this 10-night cruise aboard the Celebrity Reflection. Itinerary included Rome, Olympia, Athens, Rhodes, Santorini, Mykonos, Valletta (Malta) and Barcelona.











### Bountiful Lunch October 17

85 members and guests enjoyed the Bountiful Lunch. Thank you to our volunteers who assisted with self-catering, set-up and serving. Also the home made desserts provided by our members were much appreciated.











**NOVEMBER, 2023** 

#### SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

#### TOWN HALL THEATRE

Here are the shows for the holiday season 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.

#### **Holiday Cabaret**

presented by SCSMusicals Scugog Choral Society November 24 & 25 @ 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets \$30.00 (all ages)

#### The Magic of Christmas

presented by Town Hall 1873's 150th Anniversary Committee **Saturday December 2nd at 2:30 p.m.** Tickets \$25.00 (all ages)

#### Home For Christmas with Irwin Smith & Friends

presented by Town Hall 1873's 150th Anniversary Committee Friday December 8 @ 8 p.m. Tickets \$30.00 (all ages)

#### "Imagine" - A Christmas with the DCO

presented by the Durham Chamber Orchestra

Sunday December 10 @ 2 p.m. Tickets \$25.00 (adults) \$15.00 (child 12 & under)

#### A Rock & Roll Christmas

presented by The Tribute Specialists

Sunday December 17 @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$49.99 (all ages)

Town Hall Volunteers help with ushering, food prep, 50/50 and Lift. Let Judy know if you would like to join the team.



#### PORT PERRY SANTA CLAUS PARADE

December 2, 5 p.m. -7 p.m.

Don't miss this fabulous Christmas Parade featuring the theme "Christmas at the Movies". The parade route begins at Reach & Simcoe Streets and will travel south to Queen St., then east to Water St. and will end at Mary St.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com">lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com</a>.

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

https://www.portperryprobus.com/thingstodo

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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 <a href="mailto:interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com">interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com</a>

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 <a href="mailto:president.portperryprobus@gmail.com">president.portperryprobus@gmail.com</a> to use it.

We are here to help should you want to try a meeting virtually!

For A Good...

#### **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 chatting, sometimes with baked treats.

We meet at the Hope Church where the room is bright and can nicely accommodate us at a large boardroom table and additional tables as needed. There is also easy access from the parking lot, so carrying art supplies is less of a burden. We are lucky to now have this space!



#### **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 Fridays, approx 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Each group member takes a turn hosting, about twice a year. Since everyone can't play every game, two or three tables are usually set up. We play 6-7 games, then share refreshments and socialize. If you can't play but would like to learn, we would be happy to teach you!



#### 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 Wednesdays 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!.

### 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 coordinator if you are interested in playing regularly or as a spare.

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#### **CRIBBAGE**

### CO-ORDINATOR 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 • <u>Jleahy6@gmail.com</u> and Ken Crossley • <u>magentis@checkmail.ca</u>

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 waitlist.

### 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. We are looking for one or two new group members. If you would like to learn more about joining the group, please telephone or email.

#### **EUCHRE - EVENING**

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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 October 24th at 7 p.m.

#### **Book Clubs**

#### **BOOK CLUB - THE NEXT CHAPTER**

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

Along with the fabulous Fall weather, we all enjoyed the memoir



by South African comedian Trevor Noah, "Born a Crime". Full of wit and very eye-opening and as far away from Port Perry as one could get. We all loved it and rated it 8.5/10. Next up in November is the psychological thriller: "The Whispers" by Canadian author, Ashley Audrain.

#### Food & Drink

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY**

**Bill Morrison** 

billandmaryare@gmail.com

The Thursday breakfast group has restarted and are meeting at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. This group is currently FULL.

Bill already has a waiting list on-the-go. Please contact Bill for more information or to be put on the waiting list.

### 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

Another great evening of delicious food with friends was enjoyed by seven members of GWCTD on October 21st at Baton Rouge in Whitby.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month.

Our next GWCTD will be on Saturday November 18th at 6 p.m. at Fico Fusion in Port Perry. Please contact the Kim via email if you'd like to join us.

#### **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.

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#### **HAPPY HOUR** 'Where Everybody Knows Your Name'

#### Kim Lendvay

#### interest.portperryprobus@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.

Our inaugural Happy Hour will be on Thursday November 16th at 4 p.m. at Jester's Court (279 Queen St., Port Perry).

Please contact the Kim via email (Interest Group Chair) if you'd like to join us or just show up! Please wear your PROBUS name tag so we can spot you!

#### ..... **LUNCH GROUP**

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



This month's lunch was at Ciao Bella on Water St. in Port Perry. Our group had some good food and some great conversation. Next lunch is on Wednesday November 22nd, location to be determined. We are now at full capacity and will start a waiting list.

#### ••••• TRAVELLING FOODIES

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546 Cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

Our next outing is at Whisky John's in Brooklin on Friday, December 1st at 1:30 p.m. located at 6825 Baldwin St N, Whitby, www.whiskyjohns.com

They're not your typical burger and wing joint at Whisky John's! They've built a reputation for offering warm, fun and friendly service. The huge menu has everything you can possibly want and more! Award-winning wings, gourmet burgers, fresh salads, decadent pastas, steak and ribs are just some of the delicious dishes available. Please let the Coordinator know ASAP if you will attend as space is limited. Looking forward to seeing you!

#### •••••• WINE TASTING - GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223 barblanger4296@gmail.com

Our group was not able to meet in October, due to traveling and illness, but we are looking forward to still having our blind "Black Glass" tasting event at our November 30th meeting.

Our group meets on the last Thursday of every month at



6 p.m. Members take turns hosting. The host(s) decides on a theme and selects & buys the wines. All members share the cost of the wine 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'd like to join us!

#### WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Our Wine Tasting group members are literally scattered all over the globe enjoying various travel adventures and family gatherings. We are very much looking forward to resuming our tasting get togethers at the latter part of this month.



#### 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**

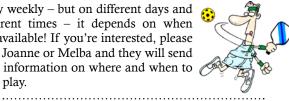
Judy L. Anderson • ukeladyjudy@gmail.com

During the summer we bowl at the Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club. If you want to carpet bowl indoors this winter in Markham, please contact the coordinator.

#### •••••• PICKLEBALL GROUP

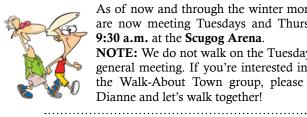
Joanne Nixon • joannenixon3@icloud.com and Melba Tenthorey • onestep1996@hotmail.com

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



As of now and through the winter months, we are now meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays at

9:30 a.m. at the Scugog Arena.

**NOTE:** We do not walk on the Tuesday of our general meeting. If you're interested in joining the Walk-About Town group, please contact Dianne and let's walk together!

#### **MOVIE GROUP**

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

Several members are planning to go see Priscilla. If you're looking for someone to go to a movie with sometime, please contact the coordinator.



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#### **Other Nifty Interest Groups**

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Ginny Colling: 905-985-0637 ginnycolling@gmail.com

After our summer of fire and smoke, there's much concern about our fast accelerating climate crisis. But what on earth can we do about it? That's what we talk about in this group – but not just talk. We're discussing ways to take action, whether individually or collectively.

If you're interested in learning together, please contact the coordinator.

Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday November 22 at the library at 2 p.m.

#### FINDING YOUR ROOTS

#### Neil Kilmartin: neilMkilmartin@gmail.com

We will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to noon in the Scugog Library's Board Room. At this past month's meeting, Michelle White, a member of the Scugog Library's staff joined us. The majority of our time was spent on & another on Michelle that was

in a "question & answer" session, centred on Michelle, that was appreciated by all in attendance. Her background and passion for family history was evident. Our group is currently capped at 12, but if anyone is interested in joining us for the coming year, please contact Neil directly via email to discuss options. 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.

#### **TRAVEL GROUP**

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

There was no Travel Group Meeting in November. Our next meeting will be Monday December 4th at 11 a.m. at Colonel Mustard's. If you're interested, please contact the coordinator.





#### **INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW**

#### **Darts for Fun**

Since they started several years ago, the Darts for Fun group

\$2,000.00

have had a 50/50 draw every week giving 50% of the earnings to the Port Perry Legion where they play. Every 6 weeks or so they donate that money to the legion to use as they see fit.

At present they have made over \$2000.00 in contributions.



#### Coffee and Chat

November 13

This group meets every Monday at the Tim Hortons on Old Simcoe Road. Why not join them?

#### **SOME QUICK REMINDERS**

#### **CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP**

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's new Facebook group. We have around 170 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



Everything begins

### PROBUS GLOBAL

For a wider view of the PROBUS world, consider joining PROBUS Global at <a href="https://probusglobal.org/">https://probusglobal.org/</a>

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.

#### **PROBUS CANADA**

#### 2023 PHOTO COMPETITION

PROBUS Canada has introduced a Photo Competition to celebrate National PROBUS Month. We invite all Probus members to go through their photo archives or to pick up their camera or phone to capture the best in PROBUS. Show their happy faces, in interesting settings, doing fun things, and with gorgeous colours!

We have only modest prizes to give but, of course, offer bragging

rights for having your work used prominently in the PROBUS Canada website, in any club website, or in a variety of marketing material such as flyers and bookmarks.

Submissions to this Photo Competition can be made until November 30, 2023!

Go to www.probuscanada for more information.

