



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

JANUARY 2024



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all of our PROBUS members:

Even though it has happened here a few times over the decades past, a Christmas that isn't white just seems to be missing that little touch. Perhaps that is why I was almost happy to go out and shovel off the thin little dusting we received yesterday. No doubt there will come a day soon where I will not be quite so happy, or even worse depending on how much of the stuff falls. But in the meantime it has made the fields and lawns so nice and bright and clean – a fresh start to the new year.

As we look back at the year just finished, just think of the wide variety of things that our social committee arranged for us. We got to go on cruises and excursions, we went on day trips to museums and zoos, we saw plays and theatre productions, and we as well got to enjoy several luncheons and special events. We had a scavenger hunt. Our speaker chair(s) brought us so many informative and entertaining speakers. We learned about estate planning,

travel insurance, even medicinal cannabis for heaven's sake. We listened and learned about British home children, the history of writing, the luck of the Irish, cenotaphs, and brickworks. We even had a dog visit us. And of course, we were entertained by some great music, the last of which had us dancing in the aisles! Sounds like a pair of hard acts to follow, but guess what – they will and we all will be the happier and better for it all. Our interest groups are now back in full swing after the interruptions that we hope are now mostly behind us. We are even adding new interest groups as we go.

Yes, folks, we do have a lot to look forward to in the year to come, thanks to the efforts of so many volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure there is always something interesting and fun for us to do. As you read through this newsletter, you will see that we are off to a really busy, and fun, start. Thank you all so very much.

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

We are currently at 347 members and have decided to only accept names on a waiting list for the rest of our 2023 – 2024 year.

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 portperryprobus@gmail.com so that I can avoid anyone missing out on our club activities or social events.

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

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP IN-PERSON MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday January 16th 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



WINTER SCENES PHOTO CONTEST

Our next photo contest is now underway until March 31st.

Please send in your entries 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.).



SOME QUICK REMINDERS



GUEST REGISTRATION NOTICE

All members are welcome.

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

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

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



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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Main Speaker – January 16

GEOFFREY CARPENTIER

“Citizen Science - What's it all about?”



Ever wonder how scientists gather as much information with limited time and resources? Ever wonder if the “average person” can help them? This is what Citizen Science is all but – average people seeing things and telling the right people about it! The outcome – great science at little to no cost! Learn how this works and how anyone can be a Citizen Scientist!

About Our Speaker:

Educated at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, Geoff studied zoology and biological sciences. Recently retired, he worked for over 33 years with the Canadian Ministry of the Environment. In his spare time, he maintained an active personal life where he taught nature and pesticides courses at community colleges and led nature trips. He is a widely published author in nature and science magazines and books, writes a bi-weekly nature column, and worked as an interpretive guide in several national parks. He has travelled the world, visiting over 80 countries on all seven continents. Being an expedition guide and interpretative leader helps him build on his lifelong passion for nature. He has led numerous trips to Antarctica, South Georgia, the Falklands, Taiwan, Svalbard, Russia & Alaska, Cuba, Borneo, Greenland, the Galapagos, Tanzania, and more.

Short Presentation – January 16

ROBERT MACKIE

“Expedia Cruises”



About Our Speaker:

I started my travel career in 1995 in Belleville, ON and quickly moved to Toronto in 1997 where I worked with Encore Cruises for 10 years as a sales manager managing many different cruise lines. In 2004 I became the National Sales Manager for both Cunard Line and Seabourn Cruise Line. I was lucky enough to be on the Queen Mary 2 with many of my colleagues. In 2007 I started working with Expedia Cruises in Richmond Hill and in 2010 my wife and I bought our own Franchise in Port Perry where we have been ever since. I have been lucky enough to travel on over 100 cruise ships and travel all over the world.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

February 20

LEE ANN SLUTE – Beyond the Move

MEGHAN McLEOD – Oak Ridges Hospice

March 19

CONSTABLE DARRYL RICE – Tips for Seniors

April 16

SHANNON SHEPPARD – Advanced Hearing Ont.

Did you miss our December Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

We had an amazing display of art work exhibited by the Probus Open Studio Interest Group; some very talented people. Included in the art media were paintings, pottery and wood created by the members who were available to discuss their work and technique.

Ann Skinner created six lovely gift baskets for door prize draws. The winning tickets were held by Bill Walker, Dell Leahy, Gail Williamson, Lee Ann Garrett, Pat Bradley and Peter Lauricella. Congratulations to All!

Marie and her House Committee provided delicious Christmas goodies for our refreshment break, including mulled cider and eggnog. The decorated tables were beautiful with a Christmas theme.

The highlight of the meeting was the musical performance by Cheryl Gow and Nick Reynolds, who are the duo “Vintage Soul”.

They are great singers who chose a variety of songs that had the members toe-tapping and many even dancing “in the aisles”. It was a rollicking finish to close out our last meeting in 2023.

December Meeting
SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS

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

Sandra Laureyssens
Jim Adamson
Jane Sweetman

Congratulations everyone!

See photos of the meeting on the next page!

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DECEMBER 19th CHRISTMAS MEETING REVIEW

Thank you to the people responsible for putting this festive day together.
It was a lot of fun!!

Our Social Committee

The volunteers that looked after organizing this Christmas event and other social events throughout the year.
Ann, Doreen, Sandra, Linda, Margaret, Judy, Ruth, Gail, Linda.



Our House Committee

Some of the volunteers that provided the luncheon and table decorations at this, and other meetings.
Gail, Marie, Del, Linda.



Art - Probus Open Studio Exhibit



This group set up a display of their varied talents for us to enjoy. Amazing!!



Our House Committee put out the Christmas goodies, drinks and decorations to get us into the holiday mood.



Speaker Chair
Lynn



Sound Tech
Bill



Draw Prizes

Ann presented a beautiful gift basket to six lucky draw winners.

Entertainment by Vintage Soul Duo

Christmas tunes and toe tapping music got some of our members up on their feet!!!






JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	3 FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.	4 WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS	5 HIKING WITH BILL TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	6 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 9 days
7	8 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	9 WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.	10 BRIDGE/EUCHRE 12 p.m. BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m.	11 WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m.	12 BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	13
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FEBRUARY

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				1	2  HIKING WITH BILL TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	3
4	5 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m.	6 WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	7 FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m. BRIDGE/EUCHRE 12 p.m.	8 WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m.	9 BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	10 JENNY'S HOUSE OF JOY Town Hall Theatre 2 p.m.
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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

LUNCH & CASINO FUN!
Tuesday, January 16 – 12:30 - 3 p.m.
Great Blue Heron Casino,
21777 Island Rd., Port Perry



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 social.portperryprobus@gmail.com so we can give the restaurant notice of the number attending.

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

Wednesday February 14 – 12 p.m.
1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa



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.

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

Wednesday February 7
Wednesday March 6
Wednesday April 3
12 - 3 p.m.



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.

Save
the
Date

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 17 – 12 p.m.
Kedron Dells Golf Club
2400 Ritson Rd. N., Oshawa



NEW

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.

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JENNY'S HOUSE OF JOY

A comedy by Norm Foster

Saturday February 10 – 2 p.m.

Port Perry Town Hall

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 social.portperryprobus@gmail.com For further information, contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557.

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SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

Holiday Luncheon at Kedron Dells

December 13

The members only Holiday Luncheon was a big success. A good time was had by all.

Nearly \$1800 was raised for Operation Scugog and North House.

In addition to the donated money, we received a carload of food to contribute.



The Social Club members who made it all happen.



The event was sold out as you can see from the number of attendees.



Everyone enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by Irwin Smith.



Helen was the winner of the raffle for a beautiful painting that was donated by artist Phil Wooding.



The winners of the three draw prizes were Joe, Lynn and Jindra.



Thank you to all who helped fill the car for the food drive.



Some of the many people engaged in conversation after enjoying a delicious roast turkey dinner with all the fixings including a luscious dessert.

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PORT PERRY PROBUS 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.

SAN FRANCISCO

April 23 – 29

Cost: \$2,599 per person based on double occupancy and \$3,399 per person based on single occupancy

Includes: direct flights from Toronto to San Francisco, 6 nights' accommodation at the Courtyard Union Square, downtown San Francisco, Airport transfers from the airport to your hotel, one half-day tour of San Francisco, one half-day tour to the Muir Woods National Park and Sausalito, a full day tour to Monterey, Carmel, and the 17-mile coastal drive to Pebble Beach, Redwood Forest Steam Train ride, and the services of an HNA Travels Tour Director. For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirlyvanputten@rogers.com.



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 Shirly van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirlyvanputten@rogers.com.



ALASKA CRUISE WITH 4-DAY LAND TOUR

August 23 to September 2

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 Shirly van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirly@hnatravels.com.



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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 a Danube river cruise heading to Passau, Germany and then Prague. 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.



SOLD OUT

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.



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 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.



"Hold on, I'll get the camera."

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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

TOWN HALL THEATRE

Here are some of the upcoming shows for the 2024 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.

Green River Revival – Credence Clearwater Tribute

January 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$50.00 all ages

Feeling Bubl  - A Michael Bubl  Tribute

January 26 at 8 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$45.00, Seniors and Youth under 12 - \$35.00

Jenny’s House of Joy

February 9, 10, 16, 17 at 8 p.m. Matinees: February 10, 17 at 2 p.m.

Gordon Lightfoot Tribute

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

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

Connecting Through Theatre

Join us for free activities, workshops, and theatre outings.



Attend a play, try an acting class, sit with the actors and be part of a staged reading, learn a new skill.

It’s all possible with Connecting Through Theatre. This popular free program of theatre and theatre-related activities is funded by the Government of Ontario. There is no cost or long-term commitment to participate.

Adults of all ages are welcome and no previous experience or knowledge of theatre is required.

Connecting Through Theatre is the perfect way to meet new friends and feed a love of all things theatre!

Check out what’s available at www.theatreontheridge.ca

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

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

They say the
best things in life
take time.

That’s why I’m
always late.

Smoking will
kill you.

Bacon will
kill you.

Smoking bacon
will cure it.

I think the proper
term for
'senior' women
should be:
Queen-agers.

That is all. Carry on.

Why do eggs come
in flimsy cardboard
cartons and
batteries come in
a package
only a chainsaw
can open?

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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!

*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 chatting, sometimes with baked treats.

Our new startup date for 2024 will be Thursday, January 11 (1:00 to 4:00 p.m.), followed by January 25th, then every other Thursday after this.



CREATE AND CHAT

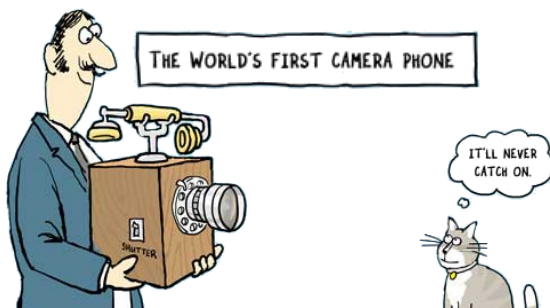
Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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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PROBUS Interest Groups continued



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 • 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 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

**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.

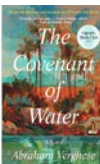
Next date is Tuesday, January 23rd (7:00 p.m.). This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting.

The 2024 schedule was emailed in December, but will be sent out again to help people get their new calendar months set up.

Book Clubs

BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

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



Our group didn't meet in December but we are looking forward to discussing "A Covenant For Water" by Abraham Verghese on January 26.

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

Due to Christmas family commitments, the group decided not to meet in December.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month.

Our next GWCTD will be on Saturday January 20th at 6 p.m. at Castle John's in Port Perry. Please contact the Kim via email if you'd like to join us.

DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller

margandrodmliller@gmail.com

We meet the first Thursday of the month. Please contact the Coordinator if you'd like to join us.



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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 and chat. We will try out various locations in the area.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m.

On December 21st, seven of us met at the Old Flame Brewery for some pre-Christmas cheer and had a hoot! We ended up going out for dinner after as well. Loads of conversation & laughs, it was a really good night out.

Due to popular demand, we're going back on Thursday January 18 to the Old Flame Brewery at 135 Perry St., Port Perry.

Please let Kim (Interest Group Chair) know via email if you're planning to join us - or you can just show up too! **Please wear your PROBUS nametag so we can spot each other!**



LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030

rannevan@hotmail.com

We did not get together in December due to the busy Christmas season. This month's lunch will be on Wednesday January 24th, location to be determined. Please contact the coordinator.

TRAVELLING FOODIES

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546

Cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

Our last outing was at Whisky John's in Brooklin on Friday, December 1st - their servings were huge and everyone enjoyed their meals.

We've decided to make our outings on the first Friday of the month. Therefore, our next two outings will be Jester's Court on Friday, January 5th at 1:30 p.m. and on Friday February 2nd (venue to be determined).

Please let the Coordinator know if you would like to attend and/or be added to the group's email list.

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF POURT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

barblanger4296@gmail.com

Due to the busy Christmas/Holiday season, we did not meet in December. Our next tasting will be on January 25.

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 group is headed for a two day wine tasting adventure in the Niagara Region, with at least two dinners already booked as bookends for our tastings. We will obviously be focusing on the wines of the Niagara Region. Everyone is looking forward to the adventure.

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. Are you moving or downsizing? Items you no longer need or want can be dropped off at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse now for our Yard Sale in May. Contact Judy L at the above email to arrange a day and time.

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

Through the winter months, we are 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!

Music and Entertainment

MOVIE GROUP

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

Many members have been too busy for the movies, but one member saw and recommends *The Boys in the Boat* (a 2023 American biographical sports drama film produced and directed by George Clooney from a screenplay by Mark L. Smith, based on the 2013 book of the same name by Daniel James Brown. The film stars Callum Turner and Joel Edgerton.)

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



We're discussing ways to take action, whether individually or collectively. If you're interested in learning together, please contact the coordinator. We meet monthly at the library. Our next meeting is January 25 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. 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.

Two members took a coach trip on New Year's Eve to see Alice in Newfoundland, preceded by a lovely buffet dinner at The Stirling Festival Theatre. It was fabulous!

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The next Travel Interest Group meeting will be Monday February 5th at 11:10 a.m. in Col. Mustard's Pub (Port Perry). We'll have a presentation by Kim Lendvay on her and Geoff's recent trip to Morocco. In addition, we'll have our usual review of recent travel adventures by group members and a short presentation on some timely travel tips. New group members are always welcome!

INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW



Happy Hour
December 21
Party time!

The Happy Hour group enjoyed a pre-Christmas get-together at Old Flame Brewery.

Darts For Fun

December 1

This group celebrated Christmas with a luncheon held at Castle John's Pub in Port Perry.



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HOLIDAY CELEBRATION PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

*The winner of the **Holiday Celebration Photo Contest** is member Brian Davidson for his photo of cat Smokey keeping warm by the fire. Some of the other submissions are included below. Have a look on our website to see all of the amazing entries. Thank you to all those who participated in this contest.*



AND THE WINNER IS Brian Davidson



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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.

PROBUS CANADA

2023 PHOTO COMPETITION WINNER

PROBUS Canada ran a photo contest inviting all our members to enter their photos. The prize was \$100 but more was the bragging rights. We intend to use this photo in our advertising



to showcase the fun belonging to a Probus club can be.

The winner of the first photo contest for 2023 is **DUNCAN BRISTOW** of Collingwood Probus Mountainview! Congratulations, Duncan! Although this photo doesn't show any faces, for that reason it is perfect because it represents everyone. Everyone and anyone, regardless of creed, colour, or gender identification can be a Probus member and we welcome you with open arms.

This photo shows seniors enjoying a crisp winter day full of sunshine snowshoeing up a slight incline. The picture is full of colourful coats, trees, snow and shadows. Duncan tells us this was taken on the Bruce Trail near Collingwood.

We are thrilled to see such a wonderful entry! Congratulations once again, Duncan!

Sent on behalf of the selection committee.

SHORT STORIES WANTED

Our marketing committee for Probus Canada is asking all of you for a short story, about how you connected with someone in your Probus club that you either went to school with, or worked with, or lost contact with over the years. The committee is hopefully going to have an ad in *Zoomer* magazine, and with your stories, help promote Probus across Canada.

Please send your short stories to:

chuckheroux@gmail.com

with a cc to:

craig.greenwood@ripnet.com



Brenda Andrews, District Director



January is a time of quiet and new beginnings.
It's the perfect time to refocus on your priorities and set goals. Each day is a chance to do with it what should be done and not to be seen as simply another day to put in time.