



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

FEBRUARY 2025



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to everyone,

Welcome to February, the shortest and historically coldest month of the year. If the latter part of January served as anything of a preview of what is to come, we may be in for it! When I think back to my childhood, I remember February as a favorite month; the best for tobogganing and, of course, making tunnels and caves in the snow banks. These days the snow drifts across the driveway do not muster up the same feelings at all! Many choose this month for their annual escape to warmer climates where sunshine rules and snow is just a dreary recollection.

The month brings us Valentine's Day, the origins of which are somewhat debated. Many attribute it as a Christian celebration in memory of Saint Valentine, while others claim its roots in pagan rituals dating back many hundreds of years BC. Modern day celebrations centre on expressions of love accompanied by flowers, chocolates, and the like. Certainly it is a day to remember happy times past and to make more happy future memories, hopefully while all the time minimizing overindulgences.

Speaking of overindulgences, at last month's membership meeting I was bemoaning the fact that just as I was getting used to the healthy eating habits necessitated by New Years resolutions, I learned that January was designated as Chocolate Month! Then along comes Valentine's Day and yet more chocolates. I think I'll just embrace a love for chocolates and eat a whole bunch of dark chocolate. This special treat has healthy antioxidants, minerals and flavonols that have a good deal of health benefits. On a happy note, folks, I am pleased to be able to report that all is not totally lost, as February has also been designated as Grapefruit Month.

Jim Adamson

President, PROBUS Club of Port Perry
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GUEST REGISTRATION

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



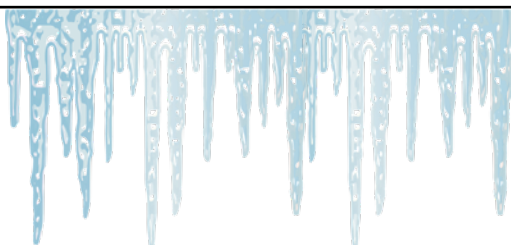
Preparation for our monthly meetings includes setting up and taking down tables and chairs. If you can help, please come about 30 minutes early or stay a few minutes later and lend a hand. **THANK YOU.**



NO PARKING

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

NOTE - We are a GREEN club!
Our hard working volunteers ask that you please bring a mug for your tea or coffee.



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CLUB NOTICES

Next Meeting

*The next membership meeting will be held on
Tuesday February 18 from 10 a.m. to noon
at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.
Please remember to turn off your cell phone prior to the start of our meetings.*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the PROBUS Club of Port Perry
If you see any of these new members at our general meeting or different events please make sure you welcome them.
Their name tags indicate that they are new members to our Port Perry PROBUS club.
We would also like to ask all existing members to advise our membership chairperson of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers. Please send an email with the changes to Linda Parry at www.portperryprobus@gmail.com so that you can avoid missing our club activities or social events.

Linda Parry, Membership Chair



URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

INTEREST GROUP CO-CHAIR

to assist our current IG Chair Kim Lendvay with the following tasks:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate the management of Club Interest Groups and the establishment and promotion of new Interest Groups as suggested by Club members.• Solicit coordinators for Interest Groups.• Ensure that members of the group are members of the Club (i.e. no guests).• Work with the individual Coordinators | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to help establish new groups, recommended maximum group size for the Interest Group, help identify when a group's numbers become too large to manage and suggest to the coordinator to break off and create a new similar interest group.• Provide timely responses to those | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• members who reach out via phone or email inquiring about Interest Groups.• Maintain a master list of Interest Groups and their Coordinators to facilitate monthly updates for newsletter. |
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For more information contact:
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Duties may include:

- Assures break room is set up.
- Assists in setting out refreshments.
- Arrange for bakers.
- Recruit volunteers and allocate tasks.

HOUSE CO-CHAIRS

- Ensure availability of equipment as required and that this is stored at venue or brought to each meeting if kept elsewhere.
- Purchase disposable cups, stirrers, coffee, tea-bags, sugar, milk, and plastic garbage

- bags for tea/coffee break if required.
- After the meeting, tidy up, dispose of garbage and store equipment.

For more information contact:
president.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

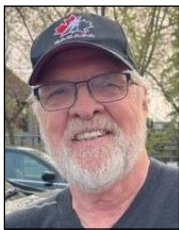
Guest Speaker – February 18

WILF MALETTE

“Ride For Dad Campaign”

The Ride for Dad (RFD) charity's goal is to raise funds to support research and awareness for prostate cancer. There are now 26 chapters from the Yukon to the Maritimes and once a year, each chapter hosts a motorcycle poker run. Durham's host is nearby Blackstock Motorsports.

As part of the awareness program, RFD is attempting to reach out with a short presentation by a prostate cancer survivor, Ben Burghout. Ben will outline his trials and tribulations of his cure, and the benefits of medical proactivity.



About Our Speaker:

Wilf Malette is the Co-chair of the Durham chapter and has been a participant of the Ride for Dad for over 20 years and brings a wealth of background information to the presentation including fund raising efforts and strategies to further the fight against prostate cancer.

Did you miss our January Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

The membership enjoyed a dynamic presentation by our guest speaker, Dr. Sharon Lauricella who spoke about “Demystifying Artificial Intelligence”.

Her talk was exciting and knowledgeable and she explained how we are already using Artificial Intelligence in our every day living: i.e: Alexis, Siri, robo calls (she said could be ‘scary’), Netflix and other examples. And most of us were not really aware of how much AI is already a part of our ever day living.

She gave several explanations as to how people can make more use of the technology but she did say that what is happening today will be obsolete tomorrow and new advances will happen.

People did come away from the meeting with a better understanding and use of AI and many are excited to put their new knowledge to work at home.

January Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS

The winners of this month's Share the Wealth draw were:

**JANET CASEY, BOB ALEBON,
GRAHAM BALDWIN,
GEOFF CARPENTIER**

The winners each received \$40.



Congratulations everyone!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

March 18

NEIL CRONE

I have CDO.
It's like OCD,
but the letters are
in alphabetical
order.
As they should be.

I hit the
gym today.
But I drove
away because
I didn't have any
insurance.


Some people
are so
judgemental.
I can tell
just by looking
at them.

When you're
young you play
with them.



When you get
older you start
losing them.

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 	3 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m.	4 DARTS 2 p.m.	5 LUNCH/BRIDGE/EUCHRE Col. Mustard's 12 p.m. FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.	6 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m. DINNER OUT	7 HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	8
9	10 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	11 CRAFTING CORNER 10 a.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m. BETWEEN THE COVERS 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	12 LET'S DO LUNCH 1:30 p.m.	13 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m. ART GROUP 1 p.m.	14 EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	15 DINNER - GWCTD 6 p.m.
16	17 HAPPY FAMILY DAY COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. CLIMATE GROUP 10:30 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m.	18 PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. - Hope Church JIGSAW PUZZLERS Hope Church 10:30 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	19	20 BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m. WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	21 HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	22
23	24 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	25 PORTUGAL 21 Night Tour BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m. EUCHRE-EVENING 7 p.m.	26 LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m.	27 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m. ART GROUP 1 p.m.	28 BOOK CLUB NEXT CHAP. 1 p.m. EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. BOWER POWER 7 p.m.	

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

COMING UP
SOON!

St. PATRICK'S Day Social

Monday March 17
Colonel Mustard's
3 - 5 p.m.

Only \$15.00

REGISTER NOW

social.portperryprobus@gmail.com



EAT,
DRINK
AND BE
IRISH!



HAVE
A GOOD
TIME!

Limited
Seating

See details below.

NEW

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL **Monday March 17 – 3 to 5 p.m.**

Colonel Mustard's, 15 Water Street, Port Perry
Cost: \$15.00

Join us for appetizers and Irish music. Cash bar. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Seating is limited to 35 people in the sunroom.

NEW

EASTER TEA **Tuesday April 15**

Hope Church

following the Membership meeting

Cost: \$10.00 for members (\$20.00 for non-members).

This is a subsidized event. Price includes sandwiches, scones, hand sweets, and tea and coffee. Prizes will be awarded for the best Easter bonnet or gent's Easter hat. Seating is limited based on space in the church hall. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

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

12 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday February 5

Wednesday March 5

Colonel Mustard's

15 Water Street, Port Perry

Cost: \$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.

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ROCK STARS ON ICE
Wednesday April 30 – 7 p.m.
Tribute Communities Centre,
99 Athol Street E., Oshawa
Cost: \$50.00

Music fuels every figure skater's performance, and nothing electrifies a crowd like the power of a classic rock anthem. The 2025 Stars on Ice tour cranks that energy up a notch with the thrilling new theme, "Rock Stars on Ice." Headlined by none other than the King of Rock on Ice, Elvis Stojko, the tour boasts a star-studded cast, including Piper Gilles & Paul Poirier, Keegan Messing, Satoko Miyahara, Jason Brown, Isabelle Levito and more! Kurt Browning, returns as Director and Choreographer, ensuring every "Rock Stars on Ice" performance is nothing short of spectacular. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobust@gmail.com.

ANYTHING GOES!
Wednesday May 14
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Shaw Festival Theatre, Niagara on the Lake

Luxury Bus Trip from Port Perry Walmart leaving at 8 a.m. Lunch at 11 a.m. at the Prince of Wales Hotel followed by *Anything Goes*. This dazzling production breathes new life into Cole Porter's

timeless tale of romance, intrigue, and high-seas hijinks. Follow the delightful antics of Reno Sweeney, a spirited nightclub singer, as she navigates love triangles, mistaken identities and comical misunderstanding on a transatlantic voyage. Featuring beloved songs like 'It's De-Lovely,' 'You're the Top,' and 'Anything Goes,' this fresh revival brims with spectacular dance numbers and non-stop laughter." Cost is \$192 including bus (407 and driver's tip), lunch, and theatre ticket. This trip is subsidized by the club and restricted to members only. Bus has a limit of 47 passengers so sign up early. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobust@gmail.com.

LUNCH AND DARTS
Wednesday June 4
More information to follow.



BOUNTIFUL LUNCH
Tuesday October 21
Hope Church

following the Membership meeting

Join us for lunch and contributed goodies (by our members). To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobust@gmail.com.



SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW



Half of the signed up members braved the snowy and high winds on Wednesday January 29th to celebrate the Chinese New Year at the Mandarin Restaurant. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

A special thank you to you all.



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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS



HNA TOURS PICKERING

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

OPG (PICKERING) NUCLEAR POWER STATION

Tuesday March 18

**ONTARIO POWER
GENERATION**

1675 Montgomery Park Road, Pickering – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
(arrive 15 minutes early and car-pooling is recommended).

You are invited to the Visitor Centre in the Pickering Nuclear Plant for an information session on the Operation of the Nuclear Plant. OPG's Pickering Nuclear station is one of the largest nuclear stations in the world and has been safely and reliably providing Ontario with power for decades. Learn more about this world-class facility which features four operating CANDU reactors. For additional information contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com.

CANXPLORE BOWMANVILLE

For further information or to reserve your spot email cathy@canxplore.com

For TripAdvisor reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction_Review-g499253-d24887153-Reviews-CanXplore-Bowmanville_Ontario.html

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 5 - 14

Cost: \$5,795

(land and air, incl tax, based on double occupancy)

Prices \$5,795 pp (based on double occupancy) - Return flight included - 10 days/9 nights - Non-refundable deposit of \$500 due on booking. Balance due April 25th, 2025.

Included: 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 Bayh 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, Airport transfers if booking the land + air package, Small group size of 22 maximum, 14 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners). Contact CanXplore to join a presentation on February 10th at 7 p.m.

For more information and to book go to www.canxplore.com/newfoundland.

If you have questions, email cathy@canxplore.com.



WONDERS OF WESTERN CANADA TOUR

September 5-16

Cost: \$7,495 pp

(based on double occupancy)

Return flight included - 12 days/11 nights - Non-refundable deposit of \$500 due on booking. Balance due June 5th, 2025.

Included: Baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), Ground transportation, Services of a Tour Director, Visits to Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Sun Peaks, Whistler, Victoria and Vancouver, Entrance fees to historic sites and museums listed in the itinerary, Guided tour of Heritage Park in Calgary, Calgary Tower visit, Banff Gondola ride, Tickets for the Glacier Skywalk, Boat cruise on Maligne Lake to Spirit Island, Wine tasting at a winery in British Columbia, Peak2Peak Gondola ride in Whistler, Whale-watching boat tour in Victoria (weather permitting), Entrance fee for Butchart Gardens, Afternoon Tea at Butchart Gardens, Airport transfers from Calgary Airport to first hotel and from hotel in Vancouver to Vancouver Airport, Small group size of 24 maximum, 16 meals (11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners). Contact CanXplore to join a presentation on February 12th at 7 p.m. For more information and to book go to www.canxplore.com/westerncanada.

If you have questions, email cathy@canxplore.com.

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



HNA TOURS PICKERING

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PORTUGAL

February 25 to March 19, 2025

Cost: Double occupancy \$3,999 / Single occupancy \$4,499

Includes: Round trip direct flights from Toronto to Faro, Portugal, Motor coach transfer from airport to your hotel, 21 nights' accommodation – 1 bedroom apartment with kitchen at the Paladim & Alagoamar Resort, or a Studio apartment for Singles – <https://www.paladimalagoamar.com> in Albufeira. **SOLD OUT** Your Director. Please note that these tours can be purchased from Tour Rep. in Albufeira.

Deposit is due upon booking – after September 1st, we need to confirm availability with Hotel in Portugal. Non-refundable deposit of \$800 is due upon booking. Balance due December 1, 2024.

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

SHAMROCK ADVENTURE:

THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF IRELAND

October 4th to October 17, 2025

**Cost: \$5,699 pp, double occupancy -
Single occupancy \$6,999**

Includes: 14 day tour. Return flight – direct with Air Canada – Toronto/Dublin/Toronto; Transfers from airport to hotel and then hotel to airport (Dublin); 10 days touring in a luxury motor vehicle with a knowledgeable "Irish" Driver/Guide; 12 night's accommodations in centrally located, 4-star hotels; 12 - Hotel Breakfasts plus Tea and scones on the morning of your arrival in Dublin; 4 - 3 Course Evening Meals at hotel accommodation; Derry City Walking Tour of the City Walls; Belfast Panoramic city tour; 48 hour "Hop on/Hop off" ticket for sightseeing in Dublin; All entrance fees to items listed in the itinerary; and all taxes and government fees.

Non-refundable deposit of \$800 is due upon booking. Balance due June 15, 2025.

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



Join other members on the following cruises:

ARCTIC CIRCLE AND NORWEGIAN FJORD CRUISE

May 18 to June 1, 2025

**Prices (subject to change) \$3,447 pp inside cabin,
\$4,164 pp oceanview, \$4,658 pp balcony.**

14 nights on Holland America – Cruise leaves from Rotterdam (one hour by train from Amsterdam), with eight Norwegian ports of call. The cruise visits the Shetland Island (Scotland), Edinburgh, and London before returning to Rotterdam. Until May 31, an optional all-inclusive package is available. For further information, contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557 or Lori Connor at Expedia Cruises at 905-982-8855. Judy Spring will take the lead on this cruise.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL REVIEW

Canaries, Morocco & Spain Celebrity Infinity Cruise

January 14 to 26

This very happy gang had a wonderful time touring Barcelona, Seville (Cadiz) and Malaga in Spain; Lanzarote, Gran Canaria, and Tenerife, Canary Islands; Casablanca and Tangier, Morocco.



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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION



TOWN HALL 1873 THEATRE

The Mystery at Thade Mountain

Presented by the Borelians

February 7, 8, 14, 15 - 8 p.m. & February 8, 9, 15 - 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$25.00 Adult / \$15.00 Students

Embracing Spirit Tour

Jody Reid, International Psychic Medium

Friday February 28 - 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$48.00

Classic Lightfoot Live

Gordon Lightfoot Concert Experience

Saturday March 8 - 7:30 p.m.

Tickets - \$59.00 All Ages

Call 905-985-8181 for more information or see the website www.townhalltheatre.ca.

THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Valentine's Day on the Ridge!

This summer, Theatre on the Ridge takes you from a field hospital in WWI with Vern Thiessen's *Bluebirds*, to a vacation gone wrong in Michael Ross Albert's *Two Minutes To Midnight*, and finish with a delirious fresh take on *Anton Chekov* by Andy Massingham.

This Valentine's Day treat yourself and a special friend to one of these all Canadian productions under our dynamic performance tent at Scugog Shores Museum.

Starting February 1st, for two weeks only, purchase two tickets to any summer production for only \$65! (Regular single ticket price is \$39)

Details at www.theatreontheridge.ca



JAZZ FROM THE CITY Wednesday Matinees

Probus members are invited to enjoy top rated groups right here in town.

Location:

Jester's Court upstairs in the "Listening Room."

Please wear your PROBUS name tag!

For more information contact Lynn McDonald, 289-354-1140 or

lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com



NORTH DURHAM NATURE

Winter Events

February 5 - 9:30 a.m.

Ballyduff Trails Snowshoe Hike

February 25 - 7 p.m.

Where have the Songbirds Gone

March 22 - 10:30 a.m.

Warbler and Sparrow I.D.

March 25 - 7 p.m.

Birding in Mongolia

Non-members welcome! Donations appreciated!

For registration, information and membership: northdurhamnature.com

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

SCUGOG SENIORS COALITION

Shared Living Information Session - Monday February 10

A significant challenge facing some Scugog seniors is housing and affordable rentals. The mission of the Scugog Seniors Coalition is for Scugog seniors to be able to age in place. The Scugog Seniors Coalition and the Port Perry Lions are pleased to invite you to an afternoon with Pat Dunn, Founder of Senior Women Living Together, **Monday February 10** at 2 p.m. at the Scugog Library at 231 Water Street in Port Perry. Pat was featured in the February issue of *Focus on Scugog*.

Pat will share her experiences looking for a housemate in 2019 and how this innovative platform helps women share

accommodations and reduce the costs of housing. Senior Women Living Together is a platform where you can learn about shared living, find compatible homemates and together find suitable accommodations. Learn the questions to ask and what should be part of a cohabitating agreement. Pat will discuss innovative approach to aging in place. Since 2019 this platform has helped more than 60 seniors find affordable accommodations

A question and answer session will follow. Seating is limited so please RSVP by emailing scugogseniors@gmail.com



THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Call for Committee and Board Members!

Theatre on the Ridge is looking for volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors and Committees for a three-year term (April 2025– March 2027).

Theatre on the Ridge is seeking up to four individuals to play key roles – board member, committee member- in the delivery of the company's mission and strategic plan to tell individual and collective stories through high calibre theatre work and community engagement.

Visit www.theatreontheridge.ca or email info@theatreontheridge.ca for more information and a recruitment package.



NEED A RIDE?

Jooles Driving Service can Help

Jooles is driving for Uber and is serving seniors in our community.

Call or text her at 905-409-5171 to arrange a ride.

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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

POTENTIAL NEW INTEREST GROUPS!

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

DARTS ON THURSDAYS

We are currently in discussions with the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry to start a second dart group which would play Thursday afternoons. Legion membership is not required. It's not a league – we'd just play for fun. If you are interested in joining this potential NEW interest group or helping coordinate it, please contact the Interest Groups Chair.

BOOK CLUB #3?

We are wondering if there are any members who would like to join a third book club? The group members would decide when, where and how often to meet and what to read. If you think you might be interested in joining, please contact the Interest Groups Chair and someone will follow up with you. And if you think you might like to co-coordinate this group, let us know that too.

BILLIARDS ON THURSDAYS

We are currently in discussions with the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry to start a Billiards group which would play Thursday afternoons. Legion membership is not required. It's not a league – we'd just play for fun. If you are interested in joining this potential NEW interest group or helping to coordinate it, please contact the Interest Groups Chair.

POKER

We were thinking ... there must be some poker players amongst our Probus membership! If so, would you like to play in a NEW Poker interest group? Day, time and frequency to be decided by the group members. If you are interested in playing poker, please advise Kim Lendvay (Interest Groups Chair). And if you think you might like to co-coordinate this group, let us know that too.

VIRTUAL GOLF AT DUNNY'S DIVOTS

We have met with Dunny's Divots and they have virtual golf (as well as other fun activities)! We could play in their virtual golf league, start our own Probus league or just play for fun! They're on Old Simcoe Rd. beside the Port Perry recreation centre/arena. Date, time and frequency of Virtual Golf will be decided by group members. They also have a golf pro who can teach us lessons combined with a continental breakfast, hummm...

If you're interested in joining this potential NEW interest group and/or helping coordinate it, please contact the Interest Groups Chair.

Interest groups provide an opportunity to interact with those who have similar interests and passions as you do.

Whatever they are, there are lots of others who share the same.

Consider introducing your interests to others who have either never tried it, or have made unsuccessful attempts to learn. At the same time, take the opportunity to improve your own skill levels and learn other and different ways to approach them.

Events are happening all through the year — sign up to join the fun.



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Probus Interest Groups continued

Remember to wear your Probus badge to all events.



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



Feeling Creative?

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-432-4948
evsurfing@gmail.com

We will be presenting our show in April 2026. If you are interested in joining our group, contact Evelyn at the above number.

ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

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

The members at the Open Studio sessions use acrylic, watercolour and oil paint, clay and wood as their medium to work on individual art projects from 1-4 p.m. at the Hope Church. This group provides the participants with an opportunity to share their art with other people who have a common interest in visual arts. It also motivates them to keep active in their own artistic pursuits, as well as brings them together with a regular social circle.

Meeting dates are every second and fourth Thursday of the month.

CRAFTING CORNER

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546
cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

Love to create? Bring whatever you have an interest in: crafting, painting, d'coupage or crochet, knit, felt, macramé, resin pour, make jewellery, cricut, wood work, etc. We get creative people together with monthly meetups sharing passions for arts and crafts.

We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. Our next meeting will be at Hope Church on Tuesday February 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Other future dates include: March 11, April 8, and May 13.

The room is comfortable with couches, a conference table and Chairs, and running water. Please contact Catherine if you're Interested in joining us. Bring your lunch, treats and coffee. Please contact Catherine for more information and to confirm your attendance.



Let's Play!!

BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube: 905-985-7102
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Bid Euchre is played on alternate Friday afternoons. Each group member takes a turn hosting, about twice a year. We usually have two or three tables and play six - seven games, then share refreshments and socialize. We are happy to teach new players.

BRIDGE

Judy Spring: 905-447-4557
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Bridge games are now scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. We welcome new members! Please email the Coordinator if you are interested in playing regularly or as a spare.

BUNCO

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BUNCO is a progressive dice game for 12 or more players. Bob and Sue Armitage (members of the NEW Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Club) are coordinating this group. More news next month! If you are interested in joining this group, please contact the Interest Groups Chair at the email above.

CRIBBAGE

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If you would like to join us please email the coordinator.

DARTS FOR FUN

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

Every Tuesday 2 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.

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EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

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Regular euchre is played on alternate Friday afternoons, group members taking turns hosting in their homes. We play six or seven games and then adjourn for refreshments and socializing. If you are interested in joining this group please email or telephone Ann.

EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

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This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting. The evening is a mix of starting with card games as well as time to share fun conversations and refreshments. So far attendance usually fills three tables, which means our membership has had to cap. We have a faithful list of subs who we call upon as we try to keep all tables full (no “sit-outs” for the evening). Much appreciation to all of you.

Our next game will be on Tuesday February 25th.

BOWER POWER

Kim Lendvay • interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. (except December). Our next euchre game will be on Friday February 28 at Kim at Geoff’s home.

We have four spares but would like to get two or three more regular players to ensure we’ll have three tables even during high member travel periods! Please email the Coordinator if you are interested in playing regularly or as a substitute.

JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

We meet at break time in the sanctuary at our monthly Probus meeting where we exchange puzzles! Over the winter months, we’re planning get together at members’ homes. If you are interested in joining this puzzle swap group, please contact the coordinator.

MAHJONG – THE JOKERS

Barb Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

It is a tile-based game that originated in China in the 19th century. It is played by 4 players (with some 2 and 3-player variations) and involves forming melds and pairs with the tiles.

We play bi-weekly Monday games with at 1 p.m. start time. We are experimenting with a weekly Monday game if there is enough interest.

If you are interested in playing Mahjong, need lessons, or if you already know how to play, please contact the coordinator to be added to the waitlist or spare list.

Book Clubs

BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

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We read a nonfiction, historical thriller this month. “A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan’s Plot to Take Over America and the Woman Who Stopped Them” by Timothy Egan. It is a horrifying narrative that took place 100 years ago and one that is very timely because we are hearing some of the same ideals and values today. We all agreed that we would recommend this book to others!

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Louise Bardswich: lbardswich@gmail.com

Our January meeting focused on ‘The Family Upstairs’ by Lisa Jewel. We had a lively wide-ranging discussion of the book and other areas of common interest. In February we will be reading ‘The Quiet Tenant’ by Clemence Michallon. The group is FULL but if you are interested in joining us, please contact the coordinator to be placed on a waitlist.

Food & Drink

BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY

Bill Morrison: billandmaryare@gmail.com

The Thursday Breakfast group meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please contact Bill for more information.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064

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We meet every Monday at 10 a.m. at Tim Hortons 15930 Old Simcoe Rd. (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)

Joanne Nixon: joannenixon3@gmail.com

Eleven members met at the Port Social on January 18th. As usual it was busy and therefore rather loud which made conversation a tad difficult.

Our next GWCTD will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday February 15 at Pickles & Olives in Port Perry.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month (except December). Please contact the Joanne if you’d like to join us.

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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.

HAPPY HOUR

'Where Everybody Knows Your Name'

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064

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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 meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Old Flame Brewery.

Upcoming dates include February 20, March 20 and April 17 at 4pm. Joyce will send out an email at the beginning of each month and a reminder the week of. Please let Joyce know via email if you're planning to join us – of course you can just show up too!

Please wear your Probus name tag so we can spot each other!

LET'S DO LUNCH

Mary-Anne Unwin

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This group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm. We have room for 1-2 more members. If you would like to join our group, please contact the Interest Groups Chair.

Five of us met for the first time on January 8th at Fico Fusion in Port Perry and enjoyed lunch at this local favourite which never disappoints!

On Tuesday February 12th, the group will be going to the new Mexican Restaurant in town called MI Pueblito Lindo.

LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030

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Thirteen of us met at Jester's Court on January 22nd – the fish tacos as usual were fantastic! Our group always has a great time. Our next lunch will be on Wednesday February 26th venue to be determined. The group is currently at maximum capacity, please contact the coordinator for further details or to be placed on a waitlist.



WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Usually when our group gets together for a wine tasting, there is a theme of some sort. January's tasting began with our host and hostess announcing that the evening's theme was: "No Thinkin', just Drinkin'".

In fairness, the evening was a very entertaining blend of five different wines beginning with a "bubbly" toast to the new year. This was followed up with wines from New Zealand, Niagara, and California. Each wine was served with a delicious food pairing and capped off with a "Tuxedo cake".

What turned out to be a novel added feature of the evening was that all of the wines and all of the pairings came from Costco! Truly a delightful evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

We are taking the winter off, due to travelling wine lovers! We will be back drinking wine and enjoying each others' company in April.

Our group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Members take turns hosting. The host(s) decides on a theme, selects and buys the wine. All the participants share the cost of the wines and everyone brings a dish to the tasting, so we have a pot-luck style evening of appetizers or dinner.

Please contact Barb Langer if you would like to join us!

Let's Get Physical

BLOOMERS – GARDENING

Marg Miller: margandrodmliller@gmail.com

Please let Marg Miller know if you wish to participate in this group and she will be in touch with you to let you know about upcoming events.

**SPRING
START UP!**

BIRDIES & BOGEYS – GOLF GROUP

We will start playing in May (maybe April if we have an early spring!) Players who are Beginners, experienced and everything in between – all are welcome! Day, time and frequency to be decided by group members. Also, our first 9 & Dine will be on Monday June 23 at Sunnybrae Golf Course – Save the Date!!

If you are interested in playing golf regularly, or just at the 9 & Dines, please advise Kim Lendvay (Interest Groups Chair). If you're interested in being the Coordinator for this group, or perhaps willing to share the role with Kim, please let her know that too!



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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.

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

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Latin Dance is a hit! You do not need to be a couple to join, they pair us up at the lessons, as needed. Each member is required to pay the instructor \$15/lesson.

This is a Joint Interest Group with the Uxbridge PROBUS Club. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com. The coordinator is Anne-Marie Sacco.

LAWN BOWLING

Lynn Tracey: 905-985-5678

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Yippie! January is finally over! The count down for lawn bowling has officially started! The Executive Committee is working hard at creating ways to attract new bowlers. Lots of new programs to be introduced to show the community what a great sport lawn bowling is. What better way is there to spend a warm, sunny afternoon than on the greens enjoying a game of bowls?

If a group would like to come out, learn some basics, and throw a few bowls, we would love to reserve a day for you to come out and see what lawn bowling is all about.

To start the season, our Giant Yard Sale is on May 3rd, starting at 8 a.m. If you have anything you would like to donate to our yard sale, please contact me and I will be more than happy to pick up.

LINE DANCING

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We meet weekly at the Port Perry Legion (484 Bay Street) and it costs \$3 per person. Join us Mondays at 1 p.m. (sort of Beginners but closer to Intermediate) OR Fridays at 6 p.m. (BEGINNERS ONLY) a great way to learn the basics! Some of us attend both days! No experience required.

Contact Kim to be added to the group's email list. Try to let Kim or the others know you're planning to attend so we can watch for you (or you can just show up too)!

Please wear your Probus name tag so we can spot each other!

LOLLYGAGGERS

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546

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We like to meet once/twice a week and walk in downtown Port Perry, along the waterfront in Palmer's Park and the surrounding area. Of course distance depends on the number of benches and times we stop to chat. Contact the coordinator for information on meet-up location and times or with any questions.

WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne: diannedraper886@gmail.com

We meet Thursdays at 10 a.m. for the winter. Our new meeting place is now in front of the Latcham Centre. The walks are approximately one hour, along our beautiful lakefront. If you're interested in joining the Walk-About Town group, please contact Dianne and let's get going!

Music & Entertainment

MOVIE GROUP

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

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

Other Nifty Interest Groups

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

Ginny Colling: 905-985-0637

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Last year, we watched in horror as every province in Canada, and the NWT, saw forest fires burning records broken. This year, howler monkeys fell dead from the trees in Mexico, 1,300 pilgrims died on their way to Mecca and tourists in Greece died while hiking in the extreme heat. Globally, July 22 was the hottest day in human history! The good news is that we don't have to sit back and experience it, we can take action. Climate Conversations is a coffee-shop forum for talking about what we are doing or could be doing to reduce climate impacts. Our group meets on the third Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at That Place on Queen. Contact the coordinator if you're interested in turning knowledge into impactful action.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilMkilmartin@gmail.com

We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to noon in the Scugog Library's Board Room. We have recently opened up our group to the members of the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus club, and have tentatively met our revised cap of 16. But if you wish to join us, let me know, and your name can be added to the waiting list. However, If you want to drop in for a meeting or two and check us out, don't hesitate to contact Neil via email. You will be welcomed!

We are open to 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 initial help researching is always available.



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GIRLS (AND GUYS) JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

*(formerly known as the Group of Ones
and the Singles Group)*

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com and

Cathy: cjef@bell.net

Although this group is currently mostly women, we now have a man in the group who would be interested in attending either movies or other events, in a group or one on one. Perhaps there are other men who would like to join the fun?? The group is comprised of individuals, not couples – it provides an opportunity for both attached and unattached individuals to get together to share a fun activity.

Are you interested in an activity, but don't want to go alone, or don't mind going alone but want to find out if someone else would like to share your activity – then the group of Girls (and Guys) Just Wanna Have Fun is for you! 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

The Travel Interest Group met on January 6th. We discussed members' travel plans and recent travel experiences (such as a trip to Munich, Bavaria and Austria). The feature slide presentation was about a small ship cruise touching on the coastal areas of Amsterdam, Belgium, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The next meeting will be at 11:10 a.m. on Monday, February 3rd, in the Sunroom of Col. Mustard's Pub in Port Perry. All Club members are welcome!

CONTRIBUTIONS APPRECIATED

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



We would love it if you shared photos of your group in action!

INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW



Dinner Out – Thursdays

Thursday January 9

Our group went to Pickles and Olives and our dinner was very good. The wait staff did an excellent job serving us.

