



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

DECEMBER, 2023

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays

Season's Greetings to all of our PROBUS members:

The month of December is always filled with lots of lights – some quite elaborate, and some rather simple – but all in some way meant to help in celebrating the season. It is a time for the many gatherings with family and friends, for gifts for the children, for radio stations that play holiday music all day long, and of course those old holiday movie favourites on television. It is also a time for more serious reflection on the religious meanings of this season. It too does bring out some of the best in us as we remember those less fortunate than we are and we make an effort to donate so that we can bring a little of the season's joy, or the very least a little less stress, to those as well.

On behalf of the entire Management Team, I'd like to thank all of our members for your

tremendous support throughout the past year, for your suggestions and encouragement, for all of you who have volunteered in various capacities. Our club simply could not exist, let alone continue to thrive and grow, without all of the volunteers whose efforts, ideas and energies continue to add so much to the value of our club. A sincere "Thank You All" again, very much!

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our December general members meeting on December 19th, where we will be favoured not only with a speaker talking about holiday music, but we will have our annual Art Show as well.

Wishing you all the very best for the holiday season and happiness for the New Year.

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 like to welcome the final member to our now closed club:

WELCOME

JIM SMITH

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



DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP IN-PERSON MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday December 19th from 10 a.m. to noon at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.

For the safety of your fellow club members, we ask that members and guests not attend the membership meeting or any other Club event/activity if they test positive for COVID before the meeting/event or have COVID symptoms.

And if anyone who has attended a club function develops COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID within 7 days after the event, please immediately advise the club at portperryprobus@gmail.com



HOLIDAY PHOTO CONTEST ON NOW!

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

So please send in your entries to: portperryprobus@gmail.com 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.).



Expression
through Art

ART Open
Studio
Interest
EXHIBIT Group

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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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Christmas Entertainment – December 19

NICK REYNOLDS AND CHERYL GOW
“Music by Vintage Soul”



Vintage Soul is a live performance duo featuring the musical talents of Nick Reynolds and Cheryl Gow.

During our time working together over the past decade or so in various bands we decided we should celebrate our shared passion for ‘vintage’ music and create our own working duet.

Covering a wide selection of songs spanning four decades beginning early 1930s thru late 1970s with music from artists such as Dinah Washington, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Nat King Cole and also Elton John, The Monkees, Fleetwood Mac, Van Morrison and The Beatles.

Vintage Soul is the ideal fit for the more mature crowd.



2024 UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January 16

ROBERT MACKIE – Expedia
GEOFFREY CARPENTIER –
Citizen Science - What's it all about?

February 20

LEE ANN STUTE – 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 November Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

Sean Musson was our main presenter and he told his “Cenotaph Stories” with a great deal of feeling and compassion for the families who lost sons, fathers, brothers, cousins and uncles in the two World Wars. The information was particularly compelling as all the stories he told were about soldiers from the Lindsay, Port Perry and Blackstock areas; so close to home.

Sean knows there are many more stories to be told and as he continues to research the names he finds on the Cenotaphs in the Port Perry, Blackstock areas, he would welcome any input people might be willing to share. If so, please contact cenotaphstorioies@gmail.com.

At the refreshment break, Marie and her House Committee arranged a small memorial at each table with the Canadian Flag and pictures of the young heroes from Port Perry who gave their lives as the ultimate sacrifice in the World Wars, and those who served, and are serving to keep us safe. It was a proud display.



November Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS

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

Neil Kilmartin,
Louise Bardswich,
Marilyn Hann

Congratulations everyone!



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. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS	 EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	CIRQUE DU SOLEIL Oshawa 3:30 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Kedron Dells 11:30 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. - Hope Church Art Studio Exhibit DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.		WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.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
		 DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.		WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.	BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	
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FOR DETAILS BY COLOUR: **SEE THE INTEREST GROUPS** **SEE THE PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS** **SEE THE NON-PORT PERRY EXCURSIONS** **SEE THE OVERSEAS EXCURSIONS**

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS	HIKING WITH BILL TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 9 days
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.	BRIDGE/EUCHRE 12 p.m. BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.	BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. - Hope Church GREAT BLUE HERON CASINO 12:30 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.		WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m. ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	DINNER - GWCTD 6 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.		WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. CLIMATE CHANGE 2 p.m. GRAPES OF POUFT 6 p.m.	NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS	
28	29	30	31			
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	WALK ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DARTS 2 - 4 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



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT KEDRON DELLS GOLF CLUB Wednesday December 13

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

Join us for a three-course Traditional Turkey Dinner with Creamy Cauliflower and Bacon Sauce, Sweet Potato, and tea/coffee. Entertainment provided by musician Irwin Smith. This PROBUS Club subsidized event open to members only until November 15th - \$39 per person. Space is limited. To register please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. For further information, please contact Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.

SOLD OUT

As in the past, we remember those less fortunate by accepting donations (food and money) at the Holiday Luncheon at Kedron Dells, for the local food bank.
Please see list of needed items on page 15.

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.

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 social.portperryprobus@gmail.com 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 social.portperryprobus@gmail.com 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.



Elderly people

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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.

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

NEW

SAN FRANCISCO

April 23 – 29, 2024

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

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

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LET'S JUST GO

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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@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.



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SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW



ROM Wildlife Photographer of the Year

November 29

Seven members and one guest travelled to Toronto to see the Photography Exhibit. We had lunch after that, then took a look around at some of the other exhibits before returning home.



The Elegant Victorian Tea

November 30

The Elegant Victorian Tea on November 30th was a very nice event. The hosts were superb and the venue was very attractive. We enjoyed good refreshments, and brief musical entertainment from high school music students.



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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.

Mudmen

presented by Red Plaid Productions

January 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$30.00, Seniors/Youth \$28.00

Green River Revival

Greatest Hits Of Creedence Clearwater Revival

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

Feeling Bublé

presented by Dreamco

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

Jenny's House of Joy

presented by The Borelians

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

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

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.

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

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

If you are buying me a Christmas gift this year, I'm a size 2 plane tickets to Hawaii.

According to my chocolate advent calendar, there are only 2 days left until Christmas.

I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me "Nothing would make me happier than a diamond necklace."

So I bought her nothing.

MY KIDS AND GRANDKIDS
★ KEEP LAUGHING ★
ABOUT ME
LOSING MY
MEMORY,
BUT THEY
WON'T

BE LAUGHING AT CHRISTMAS
WHEN THERE'S NO EGGS
UNDER THE TREE!

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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.

On December 7th, we had a full attendance of our 10 members at Hope Church to celebrate Christmas by sharing a takeout luncheon from the Thai Restaurant in Port Perry. One of the members surprised everyone by decorating the room with a huge gnome, little gnomes, and table decor. The contributions of sweet treats added to the feeling that Christmas is very near.

At the annual December PROBUS meeting on December 19th (at Hope Church) the Open Studio group will again be setting up an art exhibit. It's always nice to have the opportunity to share our work with those attending this meeting.

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



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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, December 19th at 7 p.m.

Book Clubs

BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

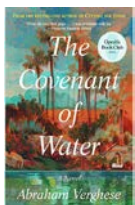
Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

janetbroder7@gmail.com

For November the group read *The Whispers* by Ashley Audrain. Generally the group found the subject matter somewhat disturbing and had difficulty liking any of the characters.

It was well written but we were happy we didn't live in this neighbourhood. Those of us who read Audrain's "The Push", preferred that one! Rating was 7 out of 10.

Book for January is "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese.



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

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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

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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

We had 22 members turnout to Fico Fusion Restaurant in Port Perry on November 18th. Everyone seemed quite happy with their meals.

Due to Christmas family commitments, the group has 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

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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

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

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

Our next Happy Hour will be on Thursday December 21 at Old Flame Brewery at 135 Perry S., Port Perry to start-off some Christmas cheer! 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

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This month's lunch was at the *Brooklin Pub and Grill* in Brooklin. A great group enjoyed good pub food at decent prices. There will be no lunch held in December and we will resume in January, location to be determined.

TRAVELLING FOODIES

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546

Cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

Our last outing was at Whisky John's in Brooklin on Friday, December 1st. They're not your typical burger & wing joint! They have a large ranging menu with options for all appetites. Servings were huge and everyone enjoyed their meals.

Our next outing's location is still being researched by the Coordinator Catherine has set the date for Friday, January 5th at 1:30 p.m.

Please let the Coordinator know if you will attend as space often limited. Looking forward to seeing you!

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

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At our November tasting, we had a black glass (blind) tasting. Everyone had to guess the wines presented and first place was a tie between Jane Vollick and Andy Cox. We enjoyed 6 wines, with the Cono Sur Bicicleta Rosé being a favourite of many. Another great evening with lots of fun, good food and conversation! Our next tasting will be on January 25.

Our group meets on the last Thursday of every month at 6pm. 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 has decided to take a break until the new year due to all of the other social demands of the holiday season. We are all very much looking forward to the resumption of our tasting get-togethers in January 2024!

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!



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Music and Entertainment



MOVIE GROUP

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

Three members went to see Priscilla, which although a sad story, held their attention. If you're looking for someone to go to a movie with sometime, please contact the coordinator.

Other Nifty Interest Groups

CLIMATE CHANGE

Ginny Colling: 905-985-0637

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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.

Three members went to see Priscilla at the Century Cinema in Lindsay, preceded by lunch. Two members went to Jonathan Van Bilsen's travelogue on Rome.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group met on December 4th at Col. Mustard's Pub for lunch and a discussion about recent trips of members plus a presentation on the most beautiful villages on the French Riviera. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday February 5th at 11 a.m. at the same location. New members to the group are always welcome!



INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW

Travelling Foodies

December 1

This large group had a great lunch at Whisky John's in Brooklin. They have a large menu and the servings were huge. Everyone enjoyed their meals.



Art – PROBUS Open Studio

December 7

The group enjoyed a Christmas luncheon of Thai takeout at Hope Church surrounded by several gnomes.



Walk About Town

December 8

This group found other things they have in common besides walking. Here they are at Applewood Winery after shopping at Bella Fleur, then lunching at Jester's Court.

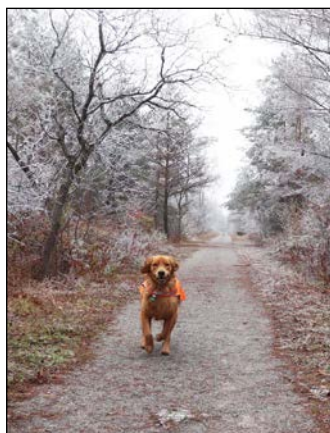


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FALL COLOURS PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

*The winner of the **Fall Colours Photo Contest** is member Darla Jemmett for her photo of colourful pumpkins. Some of the other amazing submissions are included below. Have a look on our website to see all of the amazing entries. Thank you to our judges, Linda Parry, Arlene Walker and Lynn Hoey and all those who participated in this contest.*



AND THE WINNER IS Darla Jemmett



*Members! Don't forget the **Holiday Celebration** photo contest, which is underway. Make sure your photo submissions are in by December 31st. Send them to: portperryprobus@gmail.com*

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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

got ideas? Everything begins with a simple idea.
LET'S HEAR THEM!



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.

FOOD BANK FACTS

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box.
2. Boxed milk is a treasure, although Operation Scugog supplies milk vouchers.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
4. Canned veggies and soup are always needed – preferably with pop tops, although Operation Scugog will give can openers if needed.
5. Oil is a luxury, but needed for Rice a-Roni which they also get a lot of.
6. Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
7. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
8. Sugar and flour are treats.
9. They fawn over fresh produce donated by farmers and grocery stores.
10. Seeds are cool in Spring and Summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
12. Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
13. Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
14. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
15. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing, especially at holiday time.

Operation Scugog supplies cheese slices, margarine, hotdogs, ground beef, chicken, eggs and bread.

Submitted by Judy Spring

