



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

FEBRUARY 2024



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all of our PROBUS members.

While it may be a bit of a combination of my imagination and perhaps a dose of wishful thinking, but it seems that evening darkness is holding off by at least an hour since the new year began. Not that I am complaining, by any means! That, combined with exceptionally warmer (or should I say, less cold) temperatures and very little of the white stuff, has given us a pretty reasonable winter thus far. Perhaps not pleasant enough to cause Snowbirds to come flocking back early, but certainly welcome relief for those of us who have remained.

February is the month of Chinese New Year celebrations and Valentine's Day – we do hope that everyone gets to enjoy them both in one way or another. Our social committee has made that a bit easier for some by combining both into a luncheon at the Mandarin restaurant on Valentine's Day.

They also are off to a roaring start to the new year by bringing a whole gang together at Port Perry Town Hall to see Norm Foster's play

entitled "Jenny's House of Joy".

Our club membership has grown to 347 members, a growth that has forced us to temporarily stop accepting new members as our meeting facility is bulging at the seams. Our interest groups continue to grow and prosper due in large part to the efforts of the many volunteers who give so much of their time and efforts to provide our members with new and fun opportunities to connect and enjoy meeting new people.

Last month's membership meeting heard excellent presentations on cruises and also on the subject of Citizen Science, which was most interesting.

At our February general membership meeting, we are expecting to hear some helpful things about moving and to also hear about our own Port Perry Hospice. We do hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Jim Adamson

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



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

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. There is currently a waiting list of 23.

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*

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP IN-PERSON MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday February 20th 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

We  our Volunteers

REMINDER TO ALL PROBUS MEMBERS

The people who organize our luncheons, social activities and interest groups are all volunteers.

They share their valuable time and service to support our PROBUS group and we thank them.

Please appreciate their efforts and generosity by showing respect, kindness and politeness when participating in our group activities.

Volunteer Bakers!

We all agree that the refreshments during break time at the monthly meetings are much appreciated – the food is soooooo good!

We always need bakers, so if you would like to help us, please contact the House Chair, Marie, to make arrangements or to be added to the list of on-call bakers.



NEW INTEREST GROUP!

Line Dancing

So excited to have started this new interest group in January and we already have 14 members! We meet weekly – Monday 1 p.m. (*Beginner/Intermediate*) and/or Friday 6 p.m. (*Beginners Only – a great way to learn the basics*) at the Port Perry Legion on Bay Street.

No experience is required (*most of us are just starting*) only a love of music and the willingness to try to follow steps and laugh at ourselves when we mess up.

See more details in the Interest Group section page 12.



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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Main Speaker – February 20

**MEGHAN MCLEOD
and BETTE HODGINS**
“Oak Ridges Hospice”



OAK RIDGES HOSPICE



About Our Speakers:

Meghan McLeod has been at Oak Ridges Hospice for just over a year and is currently an administrative assistant there. She oversees donations, receipting, and assisting other staff members with their day to day responsibilities. Meghan also assists with donor relations and making sure all donations are recognized to family members of past residents.

Bette Hodgins has worked in the health care sector for many years, in both the acute and community care sectors. Throughout this time she has enjoyed many opportunities including Chief Operating Officer for Lakeridge Health Uxbridge and Lakeridge Health Port Perry.



Currently Bette volunteers as a Patient Advocate on the Durham Ontario Health Team and helps out with speaking engagements on behalf of the Hospice.

Short Presentation – February 20

LEE ANN SLUTE

“Senior Move Management”



BEYOND THE MOVE



Downsizing your home and moving is a stressful experience for anyone, but Older Adults are often greatly affected.

Through personal experiences Lee Ann realized many older adults, their families, and loved ones, are faced with the daunting task of downsizing and relocating and often with very limited support. Beyond the Move provides a caring, thoughtful approach to your downsize and transition to your new home.

About Our Speaker:

In 2020, my husband and I made the decision to downsize our family home of 20 years. I can appreciate first-hand the effort and stress associated with this task. My love for organization and process, as well as my attention to detail, led me to train in the Senior Move Management industry. I am also a Professional Consultant on Aging (CPCA)®. I spent over 30 years in a corporate career where I built strong client relationships based on understanding and trust. I have lived in Durham Region my entire life and now reside in Port Perry where I grew up.

Did you miss our January Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP



Robert Mackie of Expedia Cruises was our first guest speaker. He has travelled extensively world wide and worked for several cruise lines before buying the Expedia franchise in Port Perry.

He gave us a brief overview of the Celebrity Infinity Cruise that he had just returned from. It is a cruise that is offered again in January 2025 and several of our PROBUS members have signed up for it already. Robert showed pictures and spoke about the itinerary in glowing terms.

He ended his presentation by listing the 10 most often asked questions about cruising, all of which were very funny, i.e: What time is the midnight buffet offered?

Our main guest speaker was Geoff Carpentier. He too is a world traveller and has visited over 80 countries on all seven continents. He has a wealth of knowledge about all creatures. His talk informed us how we as individuals can become citizens of science.



We learned that there are apps available free of charge that people can use to find out about different species of birds or flowers, insects, etc. and also post something they might find interesting. This helps researchers/scientists who might

be looking for information to add to the knowledge already available, or tracking which species are thriving and where others are not.

His presentation was very thought provoking.

January Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS

The winners of this month's
Share the Wealth draw for \$30 each were:

**Claudia Little, Evelyn McKenzie
Mona Mathews**



UPCOMING SPEAKERS



March 19

CONSTABLE DARRYL RICE – Tips for Seniors

April 16


SHANNON SHEPPARD – Advanced Hearing Ont.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	 2 HIKING WITH BILL TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	3
4	5	6	7	8	DINNER OUT THURSDAYS BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		
						

FOR DETAILS BY COLOUR: **SEE THE INTEREST GROUPS** **SEE THE PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS** **SEE THE NON-PORT PERRY EXCURSIONS** **SEE THE OVERSEAS EXCURSIONS**

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 ST. PATRICK'S LUNCHEON 12:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

*All scheduled events are subject to Provincial COVID-19 regulations and public health advice at the time of the event.
Port Perry PROBUS requires that all members attending face to face events have two vaccinations.*

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

LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE

Wednesday March 6 &
Wednesday April 3, 12 - 3 p.m.



Colonel Mustard's, 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.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 17 – 12 p.m.

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



Tickets are \$59 per person including tax and gratuities

Luncheon includes butternut squash soup, roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, cheesecake with a mixed berry topping and a raspberry coulis and tea/coffee. Cash bar. Irish music. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Ann Skinner: 905-982-8865.

CASINO

Lunch & Fun at the Great Blue Heron Casino

January 16

A number of members enjoyed a delicious lunch and great conversation at the Great Blue Heron Casino.

And since they were already there a few of them tried their luck at the slots.

SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW



Everyone was pleased with their lunch orders and no one went away hungry due to generous portions.



Considering the modest wager they were willing to gamble, some of them did okay.



Some did much better than others.



And a couple went home with their heads held low.



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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.

NEW

Stratford Festival Presents **LA CAGE AUX FOLLES** May 14

Cost: \$162.00 – Lunch is not included

There will be a stop for lunch at a beautiful place suitable for a picnic. Please bring your lunch.

Includes: Return transportation by motor coach, Orchestra level ticket, 407 Toll, and Driver's Tip. For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirly@hnatravels.com.

NEW

Capital Theatre Port Hope Presents **THE FULL MONTY** July 17, 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$115.00

Includes: Ticket to see show, return transportation to Theatre, and Driver's Tip. For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirly@hnatravels.com.

NEW

Louise Penny **THREE PINES TOUR** Saturday June 1 to Tuesday June 4

**Cost: \$1,467.87 per person incl. HST
based on double-occupancy**

\$1,919.87 per person incl. HST based on single-occupancy

Nonrefundable deposit of \$300 upon booking –
balance due April 7, 2024.

Includes: Return motor coach from the Ajax/Pickering area, three night's accommodation at the Domaine Chateau Bromont, admission to all attractions stated in the itinerary, meals: three breakfasts; three lunches; one dinner (Welcome dinner), two full days of Sharman – a Louise Penny Guide specialist, and services of an HNA Travels Tour Director. For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirly@hnatravels.com.



The only time I ever reached my Fitbit goal was the day I got lost in Ikea.

My husband cooks for me like I'm a goddess – by placing burnt offerings before me.

People say I'm condescending.
(That means I talk down to people.)

The older I get, the less surprised I think I'd be if a random body part just fell off one day.

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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

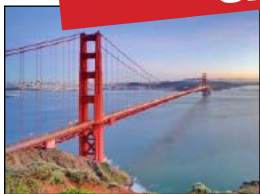
HNA TOURS PICKERING

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, and a day tour to Monterey, Muir Woods National Monument, and a 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 Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.



CANCELLED

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 Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.



**CRUISE
ONLY NOW
AVAILABLE**

ALASKA CRUISE August 26 to September 2

Cruise Cost:

Balcony - \$4,299; Oceanview - \$3,199;

Inside Cabin - \$2,799 based on double occupancy

Call for single occupancy rate

7-Day/6-Night 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 package includes 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 non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due upon booking. Balance due April 1, 2024.

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



Why we love traveling in groups

Traveling with a group can push you out of your comfort zone. When you don't have to worry about things like logistics and safety, you can focus on just relaxing and enjoying the ride, and often new experiences. Plus, meeting new friends with different interests may encourage you to try new things!

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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 river cruise heading to the Rhine, Germany and the Netherlands. 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.



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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.



Beethoven Fest

March 3 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00

Gordon Lightfoot Tribute

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

A Tragically Hip Show!

March 23 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$45.00

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>

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Vacancy for a Volunteer Director to the Board

We are seeking applications for our Board of Directors (Treasurer role) prior to the 2024 AGM, in late March.

For a full recruitment package and details please contact the General Manager at carey@theatreontheridge.ca.

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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 chats. Our group meets alternating Thursdays at the Hope Church (1 to 4 p.m.). February dates are as follows: February 8th and 22nd.

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 Friday afternoons. Each group member takes a turn hosting, about twice a year. Everyone can't play all games, so two or three tables are usually set up. We play 6-7 games, share refreshments and socialize. We are looking for a couple of new players, and we would be happy to teach you if you are new to the game.

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 Wednesday 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.

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.

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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

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. If you would like to learn more about joining the group, please email or telephone.



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, February 27th (7 p.m.). This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General PROBUS meeting.

Book Clubs

BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

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



In January, we met and discussed *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. This was a very long, very beautifully written book and we needed the extra time to finish it! Most people enjoyed this book. In February, we will be reading and discussing a lighter read: *Our Last Days in Barcelona* by Chanel Cleeton.

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.

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

We had a great turnout Saturday January 20th at Castle John's in Port Perry. Everyone enjoyed their meals and there was great conversation as we had lots to catch-up on since we didn't meet in December.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month.

Our next GWCTD will be on Saturday February 17th at 6 p.m. at Colonel McGrady's in Uxbridge.

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.

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.

We were back at the Old Flame Brewery on January 18th and loved it! Several of us ended-up going for dinner afterwards.

This month we're heading west to Wixan's Bridge in Uxbridge on Thursday February 15th at 4 p.m.

Please let Kim (Interest Group Chair) know via email if you're planning to join us – of course 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 had a great turnout at Hyland Family restaurant this month, the food is always plentiful and very good. This month's lunch will be on Wednesday February 28th at the Lakeview Pub, details to follow. Please contact the coordinator.

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TRAVELLING FOODIES

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

To keep it local during what we thought would be wintery conditions, our last outing was to Jester's Court in Port Perry, always a great place!

Our outings have generally been scheduled for the first Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and we hope to continue with that.

However, due to the tremendous interest in this group, we are finding that lunch venues generally cannot accommodate our numbers. Therefore, the Coordinator has decided to suspend the group for the month of March while she rethinks how best to proceed – we'll likely be splitting into two separate Interest Groups to be held on two separate days. Please stay tuned to hear about how we'll be proceeding for April and what a great venue we have planned!

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Our group went on a two day wine adventure to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Falls. We experienced tastings at Jackson-Triggs and at Strewn. The Strewn visit proved to be most interesting in that we learned all about new oak barrels versus re-used oak barrels, how different the same wines can be from one year to the next depending on/climate/weather and all sorts of other interesting factors. Then we capped it all off with the obligatory dinner at the Skylon restaurant overlooking the colourfully lit up and frosty Horseshoe Falls.

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF POURT

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



For our January tasting, we enjoyed an evening of French cuisine and wines, hosted by Christy and Andy Cox. We enjoyed two whites and two reds from France, with the reds being the biggest favourites. They were Beaujolais Villages from the Domaine de La Madone winery and Revelations Cab-Merlot from Badet Clement. We are on hiatus for February and March, resuming our schedule on April 25.

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

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 bowl indoors this winter in Markham, please contact Judy L.

NOTICE: 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.

NEW

LINE DANCING

Kim Lendvay

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We meet weekly – some of us Monday 1 p.m. while others Friday 6 p.m. (some of us attend both!) at the Port Perry Legion (484 Bay Street). Monday's class is Beginner/Intermediate whereas Friday 6 p.m. is for Beginners Only and a great way to learn the basics since most of us are just starting.



No experience required – only a love of music and the willingness to try to follow steps and laugh at ourselves when we mess up.

Contact Kim (Interest Group Chair) at the above email to be added to the group's email list. You can let Kim know if you're planning to attend so we can watch for you or you can just show up as we'll be there!

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PICKLEBALL GROUP

**Joanne Nixon • joannenixon3@icloud.com and
Melba Tentorey • 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

Due to the ever-changing weather, we decided to suspend the walking until spring. Watch for start-up date and join us!

Music and Entertainment

MOVIE GROUP

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

One member saw Queen Rock Montreal in Imax, and is looking forward to seeing Bob Marley: One Love. 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



Our small group found it difficult to find a suitable meeting time so we are putting our group on hold. If anyone is interested in looking at the types of climate action we can take, whether individually or collectively, to help improve outcomes for our grandkids, please contact the coordinator and she will put you on her mailing list to receive environmental information.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilmkilmartin@gmail.com

We will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. 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.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group had a very informative Powerpoint presentation from Kim Lendvay about her recent trip to Morocco followed by a short presentation about "how to find companies in other countries to develop a private tailored trip".

Next month (March 4th at 11:10 a.m. Col. Mustard's Pub) we'll have another presentation by Kim which will cover her recent Viking River cruise along the Nile in Egypt. A short presentation/discussion will follow comparing Viking's River, Ocean and Expedition ships and their travel formats – if you've ever wondered about Viking do come!

INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (GWCTD)

January 20

Comradery and delicious meals were enjoyed by members of GWCTD at Castle John's Pub in Port Perry.



Jackson-Triggs tasting in Niagara-on-the-Lake and then on to the Stewn Winery to taste theirs.



Wine Tasting 1 January 22

This group had a two-day wine tasting adventure in the Niagara Region, where they tasted and enjoyed the locally made wines and fabulous food.



Dinner at Skylon Restaurant with a view of the colourfully lit up Horseshoe Falls.

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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

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



SOME QUICK REMINDERS



WINTER SCENES PHOTO CONTEST

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!

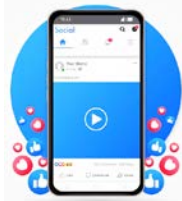
(Ideas: winter landscapes, cozy cabin in the woods, nature, frozen lake, frosted window, winter wildlife, family fun in the snow, etc.).



CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's Facebook group. We have around 190 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

February

A nice snowy February, before the appearance of green shoots and the sound of spring, is the best time to snuggle in and enjoy good food, delicious teas (or your favourite drink), read a good book or two, or begin a mindfulness practice.