



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

FEBRUARY, 2022



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

**OUR NEXT ONLINE GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM ON
FEBRUARY 15th
FROM 10:00-NOON**

**REGISTRATION IS NOT NECESSARY
IN ORDER TO ATTEND.**

**SEE INFORMATION FURTHER
IN THE NEWSLETTER.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

Less than 6 weeks to go until spring!! We're almost there. And the COVID surge has peaked. If the forecasts hold, then by mid-April we should be back to the much lower COVID infection rate we had through much of last year when there wasn't any surge. So the time for resuming our full range of in-person club meetings (such as membership meetings, social events and interest groups) is fast approaching. And just in time for getting outdoors in spring.

But while winter is upon us, let's try to get out there to enjoy it (at least whenever we're not getting 12 inch snows and bitter cold temperatures). Go for walks through forested trails or on the lake, cross country or downhill skiing, snowmobiling, or sitting on an outdoor patio next to a fire pit enjoying a glass of hot cider. COVID concerns are minimal in these situations, and you can enjoy the awesome beauty of winter in Scugog land.

And speaking of the beauty of winter, get out that cell phone and snap some photos of all that beauty so you can send them to us and be entered in our club's Winter Wonderland photo contest. The contest winner will be showered with riches

in the form of \$20. And better yet, the winning photo along with many of the other photos submitted will be published in our newsletter and website during the next couple months. Possible fame awaits you, so send in those photos!

As we get closer to our in-person membership meetings, we need to start to put together our volunteer teams who help with those meetings. These volunteers assist with things like our food and beverage services, set-up and take down for the meeting, ticket sales, staffing tables for social events, interest groups and travel, etc. In addition we'll initially need some help with ensuring certain COVID protections are in place, and this will take some additional volunteers. All this assistance is very important to the effective operations of the meetings. So if you don't mind coming in about an hour early on meeting days (the third Tuesday in a month) and helping out, please let us know. Our Club's success has always been due entirely to our volunteers.

Enjoy the season and have fun,

Tim Casey, President,
PROBUS Club of Port Perry
president.portperryprobus@gmail.com
905-985-3991

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CLUB NOTICES

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I am pleased to advise that as of this month we have hit our maximum membership of 350 for the year 2021–2022. So as of February 1st I will hold all new membership applications on a waiting list only.

I would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

• Barb and Dan Langer • Irene Skinner • Lynn Tracey

and returning members:

• Sandra Dunham • Beverly Hopkins.

I would also like to ask all existing members to please advise me of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers so that we can avoid anyone missing out on any of our upcoming events or our monthly newsletter. Please send an email with the changes to Linda Parry at: portperryprobus@gmail.com

Linda Parry,

Membership Chair, PROBUS Club of Port Perry

Next Meeting

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 15th by ZOOM

Our next online general membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 15th, from 10:00 a.m. – noon

The February membership meeting will be on **zoom** as we have been doing for almost two years. As usual, you'll receive your meeting invitation/link at the email address you have on file with the club.

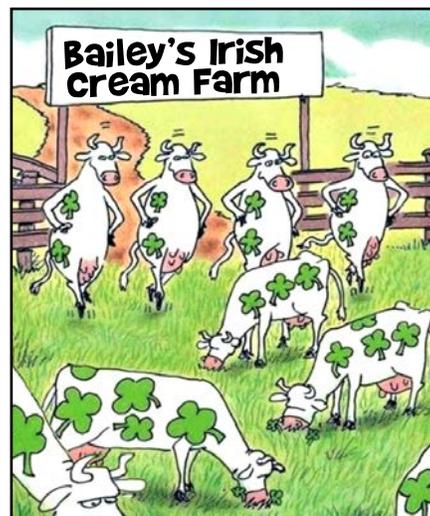
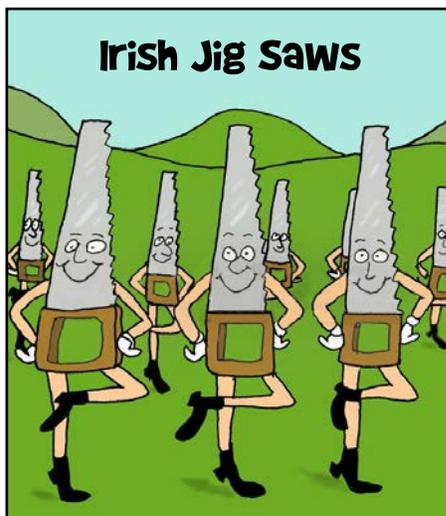
We'll send it out about 10 days before the meeting with the connection information and again just before the meeting as a reminder.

If you're not familiar with using **zoom**, please check the website or past issues of the newsletter for a list of **zoom** mentors from the Club who are prepared to assist you.



GOLFING SEASON WILL SOON BE HERE!!!

For all you past group members and those club members wanting to join the Golf Interest Group, please contact
Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546 (text) Cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca
so we can arrange a meeting to plan the season.



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MEET OUR CLUB MEMBERS

We have 350 members in the club, and most of us aren't necessarily familiar with all of those individuals. And each member in the club has led a fascinating life. So in this newsletter and future issues we will bring you the biographies of some of your fellow members so you get the chance to know them better and what they've been up to all these years.

This month's profile is:

Bob Ashdown

Bob has provided us with his brief biography as shown below.

Bob was born in Brighton in the U.K. Brighton is located on the South Coast of England and is a seaside resort on the English Channel. Famous for its seafront, beautiful sandy and pebble beaches, the Royal Pavilion, elegant architecture, and amusement arcades.

Brighton also has beautiful countryside and this is where Bob grew up on a council estate with his two sisters. His childhood was idyllic and was spent playing with his friends running and playing over the rolling hills of the South Downs, complete with farms, cows, and wheat fields. Bob completed his education when he was 16 years old. After leaving school Bob decided to attend Technical College and enrolled in a five-year Toolmaker Apprenticeship. He was successful at obtaining a position working for a company called CVA. The company allowed him one day off per week to attend Technical College that included two evenings and one full day of technical college studies every week.

Bob became friends with a workmate, and together they decided to emigrate to Canada. In the 1960's Canada actively sought immigrants, and subsidized the cost of travel to Canada. The cost to fly to Canada was \$20 for the airfare. This to a young Bob seemed like a great affordable way to travel, not thinking of permanent residence. Upon arrival in Canada Bob and his friend met up with another former workmate who was already residing in Canada. The three of them rented a fully furnished apartment in Kingston where Bob got his first job.

In the fall of 1966, Bob suffering from itchy feet and seeking city life plus better employment opportunities moved to Toronto. He found employment as a Tool & Die maker in Etobicoke. Sometime later he decided to switch jobs and found employment in Scarborough with Cochrane Tool & Die. This time he rented an apartment in the Don Valley and Danforth area.

Bob had achieved his goal of living in Toronto, he loved the Toronto nightlife, and this is where fate stepped in and changed the course of his life.

He met his lovely wife, Sonia. With a family to support and a second son on the way, Bob joined IBM as a Toolmaker at the Don Mills Manufacturing location. After some time had passed, he was moved to an Engineering position, then later offered a programmer position in IT. Later he became a department Manager. At this



point, IBM spun off the Manufacturing facility to the newly formed Celestica company where he assisted in the IT integration of worldwide companies. Bob eventually became Director of Celestica Global IT Operations and retired in 2010

In the early days of married life, Sonia and Bob first lived in an apartment opposite what was to later become Fairview Mall. Their first house was located in the Port Union/Lawrence area. They then moved to Whitby and then on to Ashburn. They have just recently downsized to a small bungalow in Brooklin.

Prior to the Pandemic Bob and Sonia enjoyed extensive travel, both business and family vacations. Every year they spent a month in Florida. They have favourite vacations, renting family villas in Portugal, Crete, and a memorable Northern Italy Tuscany tour. In conversation with Bob, he told me that he considers himself very fortunate for the wonderful life and family he has. His wife Sonia, two fantastic sons, and two gorgeous granddaughters. Not forgetting their dogs, Lobo, Aggie, Daisy, and Max along the way. He counts his blessings with all the friends and acquaintances both past and present he has made over a lifetime.

In earlier days Bob was an avid runner and has completed two marathons, numerous half marathons, and 10k runs. He also enjoys road and mountain biking, and to round things off also enjoys Yoga. His late in life fun is playing his Ukulele with the DUKES, and he also participates in Pickleball.

An unexpected pleasure upon retiring was his PROBUS involvement. First forming and then becoming President of the Whitby PROBUS Club. He then went on to help establish PROBUS Clubs in Bowmanville, Uxbridge, and a 2nd, Oshawa Club.

Bob was primarily responsible for setting up and introducing the concept of the PROBUS Club to Port Perry. His support, guidance, sponsorship, and sitting on the nominating committee for the first slate of officers made a strong foundation for the success of our club. In conversation with Bob, he showed a keen interest and pride in how the club has progressed. We owe a lot to Bob, thank you.

Currently, Bob now assists in supporting the National Canada PROBUS website.

Prepared by: Ann Skinner

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PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB 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

WHO KNEW? TRIVIA Wednesday, February 9 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

No charge – sponsored by your Social Committee. Who Knew Trivia is a **zoom** based trivia game for people 50+. It is interactive and fun and there will be prizes for the winners.



We are limited to 25 computer connections; however, if there are two of you sharing the same computer, that would only count as one (and remember, two brains are better than one!!)



Monday, April 11 RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM

288 Bremner Blvd., Toronto

Reserved admission is at 10:30 a.m.

Group rate tickets are \$22.10. Members can take the GO Train as a group or car-pool. Seniors' return GO Train tickets are \$12.25 payable at the GO Train. Optional lunch to follow at the Steam Whistle or a location of your choice. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Marie Lucifora at 905-982-2721.

Save the date

Thursday, March 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON



SENIOR IN THE LCBO

There was a bit of confusion in the LCBO this morning.

When I was ready to pay for my whisky, the check-out assistant said to me, 'Strip down facing me.'

Making a mental note to complain to my Member of Parliament about the excessive security rules, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to my debit card.

I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB EXCURSIONS/EVENTS

HNA OFFERS

Government regulations will be in place. Only 40 allowed on the bus.

Please note that proof of double vaccination is required and you are required to wear a mask.

To book, contact Shirley Van Putten at 905-619-8583 or email: shirlic@hnatravels.com

TRIP TO NEWFOUNDLAND

July 24 – August 3

Cost: Double occupancy – \$4,518.87 Single occupancy \$6,100.87

\$800 deposit per person due upon booking and balance due May 24.

What is included: Roundtrip airfare from Toronto to Deer Lake, Nfld, 10 night's accommodations in Nfld, Breakfast daily; 2 dinners; 4 lunches, Sightseeing in Gros Morne National 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 (provided first medical services in Labrador & Nfld), Visits to Twillingate, Trinity & Bonavista, City Tour of St. John's, Visit to Bay Bulls with boat cruise, Tour of Cape Spear National Historic Park, Services of an HNA Travels.

Prices include all taxes.

CARDINAL COACH TOURS – LINDSAY, ON

All customers joining Cardinal Coach Tours currently will be required to be double vaccinated and will be asked to provide proof prior to joining the tour. • Customers are required to wear face coverings (i.e., masks) always on the coach and off the coach when social distancing is not possible.

To book, call Cardinal Tours at 705-324-2777 or 877-343-7773.

PLEASE TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF PORT PERRY PROBUS.

THE LEGENDS OF COUNTRY MUSIC

April 13

Cost: \$145

Bingeman's Amusement Centre in Kitchener

Includes transportation by deluxe coach, the show, and a buffet luncheon. If you are a country music lover, you will not want to miss this show. Perfect soundalike and lookalike impersonations of all of the Country Music's biggest stars singing their greatest hits; Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, Loretta Lynn, Reb McEntire, Faith Hill, and Canada's own Shania Twain and many more.

Activity level: Light

Morning departure times from Walmart in Port Perry are confirmed closer to departure with minimum of 10 members booking. Price include all taxes.



FALLSVIEW CASINO

April 26-28

Cost: Double \$395.00 Single \$515.00

Triple \$385.00 Quad \$375.00

Niagara Falls is known for its landscape, entertainment, hotel accommodations, and Casinos! In our overnight tour we will be offering all of this and more. We will be spending two nights at the Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel & Suites where a daily breakfast is included each morning. You will have the opportunity to play at the Casino and see the beauty of the falls. This tour will also include a winery tour and tasting near Niagara-on-the-lake!

Activity level: Active

Departure times from Walmart in Port Perry are confirmed closer to departure with minimum of 10 members booking. Prices include all taxes.



Review: November 15-17, 2021, Fallsview Casino

Linda Elliot and I (Judy Spring) went on this bus tour and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We were picked up at Lowes in Oshawa at 1:15 p.m. The bus had a washroom but there was one stop both coming and going. We were upgraded to a two-bedroom suite, without charge. The winery tour and tasting were very enjoyable. The pool and spa were closed, but the Double Tree Hotel, which is a short walk away, has a very good spa and allows people with spa appointments to use their pool (by appointment). Return from Niagara Falls was at noon.

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CANXPLORE – BOWMANVILLE, ON

Contact: Cathy Spracklin at 289-275-1182 or email: cathy@canxplore.com

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 2 - 11 or July 30 - August 8

Cost (taxes & fees included): \$3695 per person, double occupancy (land only), \$4595 per person, double occupancy (land + air (WestJet) to and from Toronto – one checked bag included)

What is included: 10 days, 9 nights accommodation, 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 Bay, cruise 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 at Quidi Vidi Brewery, airport transfers if booking the

land + air package, small group size of 22 maximum (minimum 14), 13 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners).

\$500 non-refundable deposit per person – final payment due April 25, 2022, (non-refundable once paid). **Book by February 1st, 2022**

and save \$100 per person.

A **zoom** Newfoundland Discover Tour Presentation will be available on February 17 at 7 p.m. For further details or to book the presentation or the Tour, contact Cathy Spracklin.

The CanXplore website is www.canxplore.com.



MARITIMES EXPLORATION TOUR

August 27 – September 7

Cost (taxes & fees included): \$3695 per person, double occupancy (land only), \$4595 per person, double occupancy (land + air (WestJet) to and from Toronto – one checked bag included)

What is included: 12 days, 11 nights accommodation, baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), ground transportation, services of a Tour Director, visits to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island including visits to Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Baddeck, the Cabot Trail, Saint John, Saint Andrews, two ferry crossings, entrance fees to historic sites and museums listed in the itinerary, whale watching tour (weather permitting), guided walks of Charlottetown, Lunenburg, and Saint John, wine tasting in the Annapolis Valley, airport transfers if booking the land + air package, small group size of 22 maximum, 16 meals (11

breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners) and much more. Tour price \$4495 per person, double occupancy (land only), \$5195 per person, double occupancy (land + air (Air Canada) to and from Toronto. All taxes and fees are included, \$500 non-refundable deposit per person, Final payment due June 1, 2022, (non-refundable once paid).

Book by March 1st, 2022, and save \$100 per person.

A **zoom** Maritimes Exploration Tour Presentation will be available on February 17 at 7 p.m. For further details or to book the presentation or the Tour, contact Cathy Spracklin.

The CanXplore website is www.canxplore.com.



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PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

New Interest Group 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 Tim Casey at president.portperryprobus@gmail.com or 905-985-3991 to use it. We are here to help should you want to try a meeting virtually!

CURRENT INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-985-2587

The Acting For Fun Interest Group is continuing to practice our lines for a show we are looking forward to performing for the PROBUS group hopefully when we re-open.

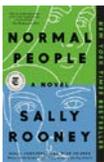
ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

We will be waiting to see what February Omicron restrictions enable us to do about meeting in person. In the meantime, we have space reserved for our small group at the Hope Church Hall when they can accommodate us. Some members are entertaining another zoom meeting before then.

BOOK CLUB – THE PAGE TURNERS

Kathy McLeod



Our group started the new year with a book that gave us one of our most interesting discussions to date. Although *Normal People* by Sally Rooney didn't receive top marks from us, we couldn't stop talking about it! This month our selection will take us back to a book published in 1946 and still very relevant in today's world. In March we will follow a refugee family's journey to Canada. We are hopeful we will soon be meeting in person again.

BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

January saw us reading and discussing "The Glorious Guinness Girls" by Emily Hourican. The novel follows the lives of Aileen, Maureen and Oonagh Guinness during the Roaring Twenties, as seen through the eyes of Felicity (Fliss) Burke, a companion to the wealthy heiresses. We all enjoyed the descriptions of the life of the idle rich, but felt that the writing lacked depth. Our average rating was 6.1/10. Our next book is: *What Strange Paradise* by Omar El Akkad. As the 2021 Gillier Winner and a contender in the 2022 Canada Reads competition, we have high expectations for its discussion on Friday, February 25 at 10:30 a.m.



CREATE AND CHAT

Lou Ellen Clement-Hobbs: 705-432-3229

This group will restart in the spring. Please let us know if you wish to participate in this group.



DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695

Ken Crossley: 705-786-1707

Every Tuesday: 2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Legion Branch 419, 484 Bay Street, Port Perry.



Everyone is welcome, no membership is required. This is not a league, we play just for fun.

Legion masking protocol in effect while playing and walking around.

THURSDAY DINNER OUT

Marg Miller: 226-229-9073

Our group is on hiatus for a month and possibly longer. We are open to new members. If you are interested in joining us, please email or phone Marg Miller to book a chair at the table.

BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube – 905-985-7102

Our hiatus will continue for another month, but this group hopes to re-start in March. Games will then be played on alternate Friday afternoons, group members taking turns hosting in their homes. If you would like to learn how to play Bid Euchre and join this group as a spare, please telephone or email.

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EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

This group has still decided to wait and see when we can safely resume in-person gatherings. Perhaps when spring returns, we might consider playing cards in person.



GARDENING – BLOOMERS

**Linda Elliott: 905-429-8538
and Marilyn Lauricella: 905-982-2003**

We have found two coordinators to head up this group which will be starting up later in the spring. We welcome new members to join. Please indicate your interest by emailing the interest group.

GENEALOGY

Neil Kilmartin: 289-388-8039
neilmkilmartin@gmail.com



Past participants as well as those wishing to join the genealogy group are encouraged to contact me so that we can determine how we are going to proceed with the group when circumstances allow for in person activities. I wish to compile a list of people to contact to facilitate this soon, so send an email to me ASAP.

In the interim, I am happy to assist and advise, and willing to start some research on your behalf.

GOLF LEAGUE

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

Love to Golf!?! Then this group is for you!

Past members and new! Please contact me ASAP to learn more while there are spots still available. Let's meet virtually in March to discuss all things golf, tournaments, hole-in-ones, dinner/lunch options and your ideas. This will give us time to prep for an unforgettable golf season! Looking forward to talking golf with you.

HIKING WITH BILL

Bill Morrison

"The group has hikes on the first and third Fridays of each month. The next outings are planned for February 18th and March 4th. Contact Bill for more information, email the interest group.



LAWN BOWLING

Judy L. Anderson

Outdoor lawn bowling is finished for this year. Other carpet bowling options are available throughout the winter. If you are interested in Short Mat bowling at the Latcham Centre or Indoor Carpet Bowling in Markham please contact Judy (interest group email).

LUNCH BUNCH

Marg Miller: 226-229-9073

Due to current COVID 19 outbreak, this group is on hiatus for a month and possibly longer. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We are looking for a coordinator to head up this group.

MOVIE GROUP

Denise Throp



Cinemas reopened on January 31 – you can even buy popcorn again! Kanopy movies can be streamed from Ajax and Lindsay libraries.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Jim Wakeford: 905-985-2030

A valiant effort has been made over the past year or so to get the photography group going. It's unfortunate that there isn't enough interest from the club membership and particularly because photography is such a great hobby. We are closing this group until more interest is declared.

SINGLES GROUP

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey

The purpose of the singles' group is to facilitate alliances between individual Port Perry Probus members who would like to participate in some activity with one or more other members. You do not have to be single to join the singles' group – it is a group of individuals as opposed to couples.

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey maintain the singles' group member list which is shared amongst all members of the group, however any member of the group may post a suggested activity and invite other members of the group to join them in that activity. The member posting the activity would also be responsible for coordinating the activity with the members who expressed an interest in joining them to do something.



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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

TOWN HALL THEATRE

Judy L. Anderson: 365-770-1331

Town Hall 1873 reports that there will not be any performances in the building throughout February. The Mudmen moved their date to April 22nd.



SCSMusicals, Scugog Choral Society, are planning a 45th Anniversary Review for April. Planning and rehearsing will commence online in February. This show will feature favourite songs from musicals over the past 45 years. Familiar faces will return to the stage, with some new cast members, to sing and dance and celebrate live musical theatre in our Port Perry community.

The Borelians present "Live From Port Perry Town Hall 1949" – A comedy featuring three episodes from the Golden Age of Radio re-enacted live from February 25 to March 6. Tickets go on sale this coming weekend.

Edge of Dylan – Bob Dylan Tribute band –
Saturday March 12, 8 p.m.

WINE TASTING I

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Our latest wine tasting was held virtually via **zoom** on January 22. The group enjoyed three medium-bodied, dry Italian wines - one each from the northern, central, and southern regions of the country.

In attempting to identify a "winner" out of the three, one of the more interesting outcomes was that in each case, wives and husbands voted differently! A second outcome was that preferences were virtually equally divided between the three wines. This was all the more surprising given that the price per bottle ranged from a low of \$8.25 to a high of \$19. This last outcome proved to be most objective because no one was aware of the price variance until the very end.

All in all, a most enjoyable evening of enjoying each other's company (and tasting wines too).



NEW WINE TASTING GROUP

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



A new wine tasting interest group has been formed with 11 members, and about half of them are fairly new to the club. We discussed a variety of ways to do wine tasting events both at home and farther afield, and the group was enthusiastic about the opportunities. So it should be a lot of fun with wonderful conversation and some great wines to experience and learn about as we go forward.

NOTE: Barb Langer has volunteered to be the group's coordinator.

The following interest groups have suspended operations during the COVID-19 crisis.

Please stay tuned because some of the groups might be looking at ways to start up as we move towards re-opening.

Keeping our interest groups going can provide an outlet for sharing like interests.

Please consider volunteering for one of these groups needing a coordinator:

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

BOARD GAMES

Bill Morrison: 905-985-2624

BOWLING FOR FUN

Ann Skinner: 905-982-8865

BREAKFAST CLUB
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

CRIBBAGE
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

CURRENT EVENTS
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

**DINNER – GUESS WHO'S COMING
TO DINNER (GWCTD)**
Carole Matthews: 905-982-2702

JAZZ
COORDINATOR NEEDED

LUNCH MEETUP
(After monthly meeting)
Melodie Scott: 905-767-1505

MODEL BOATS
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

TRAVEL
Judy Spring: 905-447-4557

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Main Speaker – February 15

YVETTE BROWN,
Bata Shoe Museum
“All About Shoes”



“Take a fascinating journey and experience the many facets of footwear: its evolution and symbolism through the ages, the methods and materials of its manufacture and its place in our imaginations.”

The Bata Shoe Museum’s flagship exhibition, *All About Shoes: Footwear Through the Ages*, is a voyage through four and a half millennia of shoes. As well as presenting an engaging overview of the history of footwear, *All About Shoes* also explores the wider context of our fascinating collection.”

About Our Speaker

Yvette Brown is the Head of Education at the Bata Shoe Museum. Her role is to deliver all educational programs and activities for all ages that broaden the understanding of the history and cultural significance of footwear.

Yvette is focused on arts-based social justice initiatives, tackling social issues and social justice causes.

In addition to working at Bata Shoe Museum, Yvette has worked at Sheridan College as a professor in 3 community-based programs; Social Service Work, Community Justice, and Police Foundations. She also worked as an Assistant Director within the Violence Against Women sector for 18 years, working tackling issues such as gender-based violence and community development

She holds a Master’s degree in Adult Education and a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work.

She brings her experience of teaching, passion for arts-based community justice as well as her love of shoes to the museum.



Short Presentation – February 15

TEDTALKS VIDEO
WITH CHRISTOPH NIEMANN
“You are fluent in this language
(and don’t even know it)”

In a charming talk packed with witty, whimsical drawings, Niemann takes us on a hilarious visual tour that shows how artists tap into our emotions and minds – all without words.

PROBUS Club of Port Perry ZOOM Meetings

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

MARCH 15

“Native Born Son: The Journals of J. David Ford”

Editor talk with Marnie Bickle

APRIL 19

“Oh Canada – Our Home and Inventive Land”

with Prof. Mark Rector

MAY 17

“The Birth of the Beatles”

Musical presentation with Mike Daley

January Zoom Meeting LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS

At our January membership meeting there were four winners of \$25 each.

The prize draw winners were:

Judy L. Anderson **Jane Vollick**
Marilyn Hanna **Janice Kavanagh**

Congratulations to our four winners!



Did you miss our January ZOOM Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

Our main speaker in January was archaeologist Amy Barron who talked about archaeologists who assisted military intelligence during WWI, including TE Lawrence, aka Lawrence of Arabia.

Our short presentation was a TedTalks video entitled “The Art of Creating Awe” with Rob Legato, a Visual Affects Guru in the movie business. We watched movie special affects to see if we could figure out how they were achieved.

The link to see the January membership meeting recording is available upon request. Email Janet Casey at:

speakerchair.portperryprobus@gmail.com for the link.

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT “YOU” AND YOUR INTERESTING FAMILY AND ANCESTORS

We’re seeking interesting stories about our members’ lives and their families and ancestors.

The content could be anything from a short anecdote in one or two paragraphs or something more substantive up to 500 words. It could be a particularly heartwarming experience, a fascinating snippet from your childhood, a special cultural experience in your travels, a famous person you’ve met, something interesting or courageous a family member did, or an educational story about one of your ancestors or how they lived in times long ago.

You can include your name or not – your choice. We’d like to include about a few of these in each newsletter edition in order to bring a smile to the faces of your fellow club members.



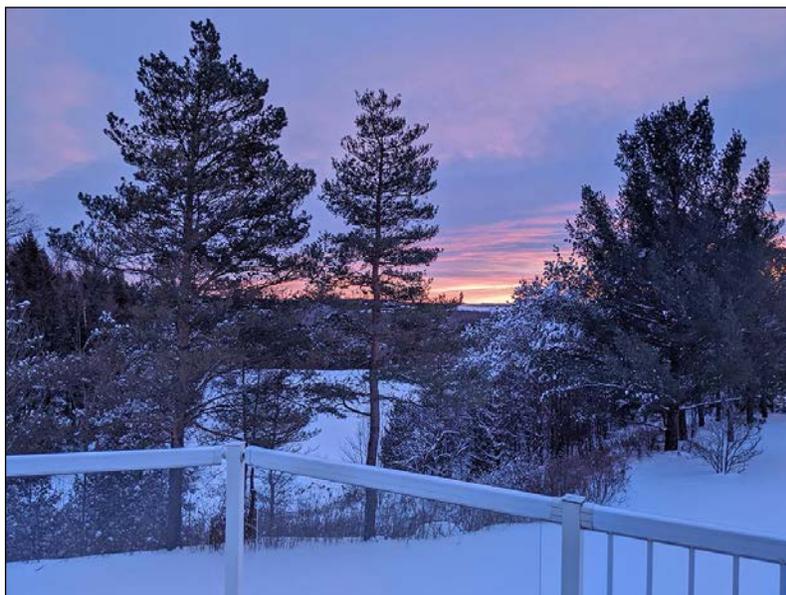
FEBRUARY PHOTO CONTEST

WINTER WONDERLAND

We’re now running our “Winter Wonderland” photo contest. These could be photos of wildlife, pets, family, winter scenes, deep snow, snow covered trees, fun in the snow, etc..

Please submit as many of your photos as you want of your winter wonderland by February 28th in order for them to be entered in the contest. We’ll publish as many of these as possible in our newsletter and on the Club website. And the winner of the Winter Wonderland photo contest will receive a \$20 prize.

Send your photos to portperryprobus@gmail.com



Sunset on the Deck by MJ Rees

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WEBSITES TO ENJOY

THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD (i.e. A Typical Canadian Winter)



SHOE WITH
HEEL TRANSMITTER

The International Spy Museum in Washington, DC is one of the area's most popular tourist sites. It documents all aspects of espionage and has one of the largest collections of espionage artifacts from around the world. You can explore

highlights of this collection at:

<https://www.spymuseum.org/exhibition-experiences/about-the-collection/collection-highlights/>

The museum also presents some online programs such as a Virtual Spy Chat with the Spy Museum Director, Chris Costa. The webinar will be held on Feb. 17th and Mar. 28th at noon. For further information and to register online go to:

<https://www.spymuseum.org/calendar/?category=&audience=&submit=Submit>

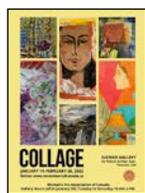
RUN!!! IT'S A GRIZZLY!!

Probably not too many people would call a grizzly bear "cute". But how about a grizzly cub? How about six grizzly cubs? If you didn't see it on TVO recently or last April, below is the TVO website video link about the journey of six orphaned grizzly cubs from tiny tots to their release in the wild. Make sure you start with Episode 1 (of 2). It really is a cute story. And if you ever wondered how well bears climb trees (in case you ever needed to escape from a bear), this story should answer the question for you.



<https://www.tvo.org/programs/grizzly-bear-cubs-and-me>

BEAUTIFUL ART FROM THE WOMEN'S ART ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



"Collage" is an exhibition at the Dignam Gallery of the Women's Art Association of Canada. It will be open for in-person viewing Feb 1 – Mar 1, 2022. The Dignam Gallery is located on Prince Arthur Avenue in Toronto. Check their website for hours and COVID restrictions. The artwork, along with artist statements, is also available for

viewing online through Mar 1. Simply scroll down the webpage to view.

<https://womensartofcanada.ca/news-events/collage/>

HOW ONE PERSON CAN HELP SAVE OUR PLANET ONE SPECIES AT A TIME

From the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, watch this video of one woman's effort to save the endangered Greater Adjutant stork and how she motivated communities in Assam, India to embrace this undertaking. "The story of the Greater Adjutant sets the best of human nature against the realities of the human condition, and our planet's unraveling ecology."



<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/hargila-film-save-greater-adjutant/>

TAKE YOUR COOKING TO A NEW LEVEL THIS WINTER

Are you interested in online cooking courses where you can learn (or simply improve) your skills in the privacy of your own kitchen? An article on the site sheknows has listed "The 22 Best Online Cooking Classes That Will Take You From Amateur to Pro in No Time." These courses are at various skill levels and prices (USD). There you can find options such as Gordon Ramsay's Masterclass, Wolfgang puck's Masterclass, Top Chef University, America's Test Kitchen, and more.



<https://www.sheknows.com/food-and-recipes/articles/1079046/best-online-cooking-classes/>

NEW WORD GAME: WORDLE

Have you tried the newest word game called WORDLE? Guess the WORDLE in 6 tries. Each guess must be a valid 5 letter word. Hit the enter button to submit. After each guess, the colour of the tiles will change to show how close your guess was to the word. Each day there is a new WORDLE to discover. It's fun and easy to play.



<https://www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle/>



These website links and many more are available on our website at:
<https://www.portperryprobus.com/learning-entertainment>

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

FOGHLAIM AR EACHDRAIDH GU 'N AITHNICHEAR AR DAOINE

(time for Google Translate)



History Scotland is a magazine “written by a team of historians, curators, archeologists and authors...” Their website contains a wealth of online historical and genealogical information. Take a look at the “Scottish Family History Month 2022” for online talks. On page 2, note the “History Scotland Online Lecture Programme, Spring 2022” for webinars about various aspects of Scotland’s history. Cost for most of these events is £10 GBP (about \$17.15 CAD). Note that the times for these events are listed as GMT (many are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. GMT which is 1:30 p.m. in Toronto).

<https://www.historyscotland.com/virtual-events/?CurrentPage=1>

AMPHIBIANS AND THEIR LARVAE WITH NORTH DURHAM NATURE

North Durham Nature is hosting a webinar with Peter Mills on February 22 at 7 p.m. Frogs and salamanders may be familiar, but this presentation will showcase the mysterious egg and larval stages, and the transformation of these under-appreciated animals. To take part in this informative webinar simply become a member of North Durham Nature at:



www.northdurhamnature.com

ABOUT TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT GARDENING

Even if we can’t get out into the garden at this time of year, we can still learn new gardening techniques and interesting facts. The University of Saskatchewan, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, has a series of online gardening classes such as: Native Plants for Woodlands, Gardening for Bumblebees, The Hardest Orchids, and many more. Most classes start at 7 p.m. CST (or 8 p.m. EST) and last 2 hours. Cost starts at \$20, plus \$10 for any additional students at the same location.



<https://gardening.usask.ca/public-workshops/live-workshops-events.php#OncampusSaskatoonSKworkshopsandevents>

Thanks to club members Joyce Svedberg and Janet Casey for finding and researching these websites.



I thought I lost weight once, but it turned out that my sweatpants had just come untied.

You know when you buy a bag of salad and it gets all brown and soggy? Cookies don't.

Not only did I fall off the diet wagon, I dragged it into the woods, set it on fire, and used the insurance money to buy cupcakes!

Yesterday I wore something from 5 years ago and it still fit. Yes!!! It was a scarf. But still. Let's be positive here.

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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 world-

- wide 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.



SOME QUICK REMINDERS

PROBUS CHALLENGE - ASSISTING FELLOW MEMBERS

You are challenged to consider fellow PROBUS members who live alone or may be having trouble throughout this lengthy period of social distancing. And this winter will only increase some of that anxiety after having already experienced almost two years of isolation.

Members may have trouble coping with that isolation or just day-to-day. They may not wish to reach out for help. So consider giving one or two members a friendly call to brighten their day. If you don't have their contact information, email Judy Spring at judith.spring@outlook.com and the information will be provided. And if you're feeling isolated or need some assistance, please reach out to us.

CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's new Facebook group. We have around 125 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, recently re-opened shops, restaurants or places to visit, or future scheduled events of interest, please email us at portperryprobus@gmail.com

NOTICE: VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE IN-PERSON CLUB MEETINGS

Just a reminder to all of our members that anyone attending any in-person Club activity or event (like membership meetings, social events and interest groups) must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and must have provided proof of such vaccination to the Club prior to any such attendance.

For information as to how to provide proof of vaccination, please see the Club website. Over 70% of the Club membership has already provided proof of vaccination, so if you haven't as yet done so, please consider arranging it soon.

Thank you.

