

NOVEMBER 2025

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We will Remember

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

For a great many of us, the looming month of November is dominated by one single thought, that of countless leaves all over our lawns, which need to be raked up and stuffed into yard waste bags before collection dates. Along with that task comes the uprooting of all of the soggy, wilted annuals and the tops of frost bitten hostas. Oh, that bouncy spring walk though a nursery or the abundant deals in a Costco! Is there some regret now that we got wooed into buying one more beautiful hydrangea bush or one more pot of bright red geraniums? God bless those of you who still like to grow tomato plants or maybe squash vines. Some of us might even have difficulty remembering whatever got into us when we planted all of this stuff in the first place!

On a much more serious note, this month is indeed the month where Remembrance Day is specifically set aside for us to honor and pay tribute to the sacrifices of all of the men and women who have served our country during times of world conflict. Two ceremonial traditions that I feel help us symbolically reinforce the meaning of Remembrance Day are: the 2 minute silence at 11:00 a.m. and the wearing of a red poppy. Both of these acts are easy to do, but yet can be powerful ways to remind ourselves that peace is not easily preserved and that there are daily sacrifices made by many military personnel currently serving.

I'd be remiss if I, too, didn't include recognition for the many unsung heroes who make our daily lives better in so many ways. When I need a family doctor, the emergency clinic or our hospital, I feel so lucky to have the roster of our Port Perry Medical staff and access to other provincial doctors and specialists. I must also add that it sure is nice to get a warm reception from the people first in line who answer a telephone call or greet me at an appointment. In addition, this country wouldn't be as good as it is if we didn't have our dedicated teachers, police officers and public service workers. I sometimes have to face the truth that being part of an aging sector of our population, I now need to rely on people who help me and who are stronger than me. There is also an ever increasing awareness of the role these people play in protecting and nurturing our children.

In conclusion, I may just be wanting to smile more at our Walmart greeters, restaurant servers and the many people I pass in my busy, retired life.

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.

NO PARKING Please do not park on the grass areas surrounding the Hope Church.

NOTE - We are a GREEN club!

Our hard working volunteers ask that you please bring a mug for your tea or coffee.

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CLUB NOTICES

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday November 18 from 10 a.m. to noon

at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting. Please remember to turn off your cell phone prior to the start of our meetings.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you to all those members who have paid their renewal fees for the 2025-2026 year. I would like to welcome the following new members to our club this year. If you see any of these new members at our general meeting or different events please make sure you welcome them. Their name tags indicate that they are new members to our Port Perry PROBUS club.

Our membership is now closed and anyone who would like to become a member will be put on a waiting list.



Pam & Jerry Fis Annemarie & Elgin Knopp **Terry Conley and Jayne Rees** Joanne Lynch Pat & John Eplett **Caron Weber Frances Hurst Larry Rootham** Donna Stevenson

Robin & Peter Vavoulis : Ellen Mason Stephen Aked Patti & Rod Cooper Susan & Occo Van Tijn Wray Gundry **Nancy Nottingham** Patricia Allen **Gretel Cameron**

Donna McNab Jan Dorrell Rita Hilker Frank Morris **Gail Johnson Morris** Rene Penstone Marylou Burnett

Sue Beatson Anne McDougall **Ray Mountjoy Richard Horst** Hope Poulson and George Davidson **Debbie Harkness** Donna & Vince Hathaway **Barbara Zents** Karen Whalley

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 we can avoid anyone missing out on our club activities or social events.

> Linda Parry, Membership Chair PROBUS Club of Port Perry

REMEMBER TO REMEMBER

2 MIN 11 AM 11 NOV

By remembering, we pay tribute to members of the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP who served to defend our values and freedoms. We also honour those who continue to serve our country today.

In Port Perry, the 2025 Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 11. The event is hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 419 and will feature a parade and a service at the Scugog cenotaph.

Silent March and Parade: Participants will gather at the Scugog Memorial Public Library at 10:15 a.m. to begin the Silent March at 10:30 a.m. The procession will include veterans, the Legion Honour Guard, and local cadets. It will travel along Queen Street to the cenotaph.

Cenotaph Service: A service will take place at the Scugog cenotaph, located in front of the municipal office at 181 Perry Street, starting at approximately 10:45 a.m. Wreaths will be placed during the service.

Legion Open House: Following the cenotaph service, the Legion Hall at 484 Bay St. will host an open house and luncheon for the community.



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PORT PERRY PROBUS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CONSENT FORM

1 SEPTEMBER 2025 - 31 AUGUST 2026

The Port Perry PROBUS Membership Directory has been created to enable those who belong to the Club to connect with and provide support to others as well as be able to contact others in an emergency. It will be distributed ONLY to those who are included in the Directory and will not be shared with any 3rd Party nor used for any commercial purposes.

Please fill out this form for inclusion in the Port Perry PROBUS Membership Directory.

Record those pieces of information that you would like to be included (email or phone number at a minimum). The Directory will be distributed electronically to those who are included in the Directory. CHANGE OF INFORMATION FIRST TIME IN DIRECTORY DELETE FROM DIRECTORY ADDRESS: PRIMARY (FOR SORTING): SECONDARY (FOR SORTING): FIRST NAME: FIRST NAME:_____ LAST NAME: ______ LAST NAME: HOME PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: ______ CELL PHONE: CELL PHONE: ______ EMAIL ADDRESS: EMAIL ADDRESS: I /WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A HARD COPY OF THE DIRECTORY AT A COST OF \$5 I confirm that my data recorded above can be included in the Port Perry PROBUS Membership Directory and used for the purpose of assisting our Club Members to stay in touch with each other and to be able to reach out to each other in case of an emergency. I further confirm that, for privacy reasons, I will not share this directory or its contents with anvone else. SIGNATURE:_____ DATE: _____

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guest Speaker - November 18

AMY BARRON

"The History of Camp 30: German POWs in Bowmanville"



How did a Bowmanville Boys Reform school end up housing top-ranking German POWs in the Second World War? Durham Region played many parts in the overseas war effort including hosting important German officers whose one mission to get back to Germany led to many interesting escape attempts. Life in Camp 30 had many interesting ups

and downs, from local recreation activities to the "Battle of Bowmanville". And what will become of this important national historic site now?

About our Speaker:

Amy Barron received her PhD at the University of Toronto in the field of Mesopotamian history and archaeology, specializing on the military history of Iron Age Assyria. She has excavated predominantly in the Middle East but has travelled widely studying the archaeology of various remote parts of the world from Peru to China. Amy has taught archaeology, ancient history and classics at the universities of Toronto and Guelph and presently teaches museum studies in Fleming College's postgraduate program. She has worked in the museum world for over 30 years and loves sharing her passion for the past.

Did you miss our October Meeting? HERE'S A RECAP

Kevin Donovan, the Toronto Star's Chief Investigative Reporter, took listeners inside the walls of the Muskoka Recovery Centre, where one would pay \$40,000 or more to be treated for drug and alcohol addiction. But what if the people treating you were not who they said they were?

He also took questions and provided an update in the hunt for the killers of Barry and Honey Sherman.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

December 16

VINTAGE SOUL DUO

"Musical Entertainment"

January 20

RANDY WILSON

"Brief History of Sound for TV and Film"

February 17

DEIDRE FRANCOIS

"Celebration - Sing-along Vegas Tribute Show"



CONTRIBUTIONS APPRECIATED

We need your input for the newsletter, website and Facebook pages. So if you come across interesting websites, shops, restaurants or places to visit, or future scheduled events of interest, or have some photos of events you have been to, even ideas for speakers, please email us at: portperryprobus@gmail.com



"Research shows that even short periods of silence do wonders for our brain and body. One study found that two minutes of silence can be more relaxing for the body than listening to relaxing music. Silence has also been linked to lower cortisol levels, reduced blood pressure, and even changes in the brain."

April 23, 2025 calm.com Blog: ("How to get comfortable with silence and why it matters.")

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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PIG-IT & HOG-IT 1 p.m.	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	WALKING GROUPS 10 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	CRIBBAGE 1 p.m.	ST JACOBS WALKING GROUPS 10 a.m DINNER OUT THURSDAYS	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	8
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16 HOCKEY GAME Oshawa 2 p.m. PIG-IT & HOG-IT 1 p.m.	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. – Hope Church WALKING GROUPS 10 a.m. JIGSAW PUZZLERS 10:30 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	19	WALKING GROUPS 10 a.m HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. DINNER - GWCTD 6:30 p.m.	22
23	24	25 SOUND OF MUSIC Toronto 3 p.m.	26	27	28	29
30 PIG-IT & HOG-IT 1 p.m.		WALKING GROUPS 10 a.m BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m.	WALKING GROUPS 10 a.m. ART OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. GRAPES OF POURT 6 p.m.	EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. BOWER POWER 7 p.m.	

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

NOTE - You may pay cash for events at the social table at the membership meetings, if the event is under \$10.00 and you have exact cash. Otherwise, e-transfers and cheques are accepted in payment.









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Port Perry Probus Social Events continued

OSHAWA GENERALS VS ERIE OTTERS

Sunday November 16 - 2 p.m.

Oshawa Tribute Centre, 99 Athol St., Oshawa Cost: \$40.00

We are invited by Uxbridge Probus to join them for a fun afternoon of hockey and food. A group of seats in the Medallion Lounge has been reserved. Your tickets include pizza. Drinks are at your expense. You may register by emailing social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com. Please advise them you are from Port Perry Probus. Payment by cheque or email transfer to treasurer.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

SOUND OF MUSIC AND DINNER

Tuesday November 25 - 3 p.m.

Princess of Wales Theatre Cost: \$213.00

Mirvish Production of Sound of Music and early dinner (entrée of your choice) at the Hot House Café. Luxury Bus Trip from Port Perry Walmart at 3 p.m., followed by dinner then the show with Orchestra seats at 7:30 p.m., returning home at approximately 11 p.m. Bus has a limit of 47 passengers so sign up early. Final date to register and pay was Friday, October 10th but Mary Morton may still be able to purchase additional tickets on request. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WITH IRWIN SMITH

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Friday December 5 - 8 p.m.

Port Perry Town Hall, 302 Queen St., Port Perry Cost: \$35.00

Proceeds supporting Town Hall 1873's "Reshaping the Future" campaign. To registerplease email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

FESTIVE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON BUFFET

Wednesday December 10 – 12:30 p.m.

Wooden Sticks Golf Club 40 Elgin Park Drive, Uxbridge

Cost: \$65 pp for members (subsidized) \$75 for guests

Please arrive early and enjoy some time before lunch. There will be a cash bar. The sumptuous buffet includes soup, three salads, beef, turkey, pasta, mashed potatoes, vegetables, a variety of desserts including fruit, and tea/coffee. This is a PROBUS Club subsidized event. Space is limited. To register please email social. portperryprobus@gmail.com.

THE CELTIC TENORS – A CELTIC CHRISTMAS TOUR

Tuesday December 16 – 8 p.m.

Regent Theatre 50 King Street East, Oshawa
Cost: \$69.00

To register or for further information, please email <u>social</u>. <u>portperryprobus@gmail.com</u>. Tickets will be purchased following registration and payment.

LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE

Wednesday January 7, Wednesday February 4, Wednesday March 4, Wednesday April 1 12 - 3:30 p.m.

Colonel Mustard's, 15 Water Street, Port Perry Cost: \$5.00

plus the cost of your lunch ordered from the menu

Please indicate your preference when you register to play bridge or euchre. Prizes for the winning teams. To register, please email **social.portperryprobus@gmail.com** so that we can reserve for an accurate number. Seating is limited in the sunroom.



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HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY

Tuesday January 20 following meeting

Hope Church, Port Perry Cost: \$20

Join us following the meeting at Hope Church for an afternoon of tropical food, fun and laughs. Limit of 72 people. To register or for further information, please email <u>social.portperryprobus@gmail.com</u>.

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE MANDARIN

Wednesday February 25 – 12:30 p.m.

1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa

Cost: \$23.48 tax incl. + gratuity to Mandarin

This amount is subject to change by the restaurant. We will use best efforts to advise you of any change. To register, please email **social.portperryprobus@gmail.com** so that we can reserve for an accurate number in a private room.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL

Tuesday March 17 – 12:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Colonel Mustard's, 15 Water Street, Port Perry

Cash bar. To register, please email <u>social.portperryprobus@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> so that we can reserve for an accurate number. Seating is limited to 35 people in the sunroom.

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PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

BOUNTIFUL HARVEST LUNCH

October 21

On October 21st we had a full house for the annual Bountiful Lunch celebrating Thanksgiving and the Fall season. Ann and team decorated the hall beautifully and the lunch and delicious homemade desserts were well received by our members



The church hall was transformed into a magical autumn display.



Each decorated table had a floral centerpiece.



As usual, there was a wonderful turnout for the annual event.



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BOUNTIFUL HARVEST LUNCH



The delicious homemade desserts – AMAZING!.



Celebrating autumn with a maple leaf designed cake.



The team that brought it all together, just missing Jim.



Congratulations to Ruth for winning our door prize which was well deserved after making such a delicious soup for us all today.



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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

A 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.

ST. JACOBS

Thursday November 6

Cost: \$99.00

Your tour includes return transportation by deluxe motorcoach, visit to the Farmer's Market; Outlet Mall; Picard's Peanuts; and the Town of St. Jacob's. Also included is the 407 Toll and the driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com



HANSEL AND GRETEL, THE NAUGHTY PANTOMIME

Thursday December 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Capital Theatre, Port Hope (leaving from Ajax) Cost: \$159

Hansel and Gretel are siblings who are abandoned in a forest, and due to some rather unfortunate navigation, they fall into the hands of a nasty witch who lives in a gingerbread house. With songs you know and love, hilarious characters, and the silliest of stories, this sugar-laden Panto will have you rolling in the aisles! Cost includes ticket to see show; dinner at Railside Restaurant, return transportation to Theatre, and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com



CANXPL@RE BOWMANVILLE

For further information or to reserve your spot email <u>cathy@canxplore.com</u> For TripAdvisor reviews:



https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction Review-g499253-d24887153-Reviews-CanXplore-Bowmanville Ontario.html

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 4 - 13, 2026

Cost: \$ 6,095 pp tax included (based on double occupancy)

Experience the unique history and culture of Newfoundland and go home with unforgettable memories. This is a small group tour (24 maximum). \$100 off per person if booked by January 1, 2026. For tour information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/newfoundland

NEWFOUNDLAND ST. JOHN'S TO ST. PIERRE TOUR

August 14 to 23, 2026

Cost: \$6,195 pp tax included (based on double occupancy)

Discover the rugged charm and vibrant culture of Eastern Newfoundland and the enchanting French island, St. Pierre. This is a small group tour (24 maximum). \$150 off per person if booked by December 1, 2025. For tour information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/stjohnstostpierre



WONDERS OF WESTERN CANADA TOUR

September 4 - 15, 2026

Cost: 7,495 pp

(based on double occupancy)

Small group size of 24 maximum. Early booking bonus - \$200.00 per person if booked by December 1, 2025. For tour information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/westerncanada



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OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



A 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.

EMOTIONS BY HODELPA PUERTO PLATA IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

January 13 - 23, 2026

Cost: Adult Only Section room – single (30 sq. ft) for \$2,799 or Adults Only Junior suite – double occupancy (40 sq. ft) \$2,599 each

Eleven days / ten nights just 15 miles from the air all-inclusive hotel has five amazing pot bars, Wi-Fi, fitness centre, 24-hour drinks/snacks. Prices include all meals, drinks, airfare daily activities, nightly entertainment, services of a tour director (Shirlie & Paul) and taxes.

booking - \$300. Balance due October 31, 2025. Deposit due upon

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



PORTUGAL

February 24 to March 18, 2026

Cost: \$3,879 double occupancy (One Bedroom Apartment- Pool view) Single occupancy - \$5,179

Includes: Round trip direct flights from Toronto to Faro, Portugal, Motor coach transfer from airport to your hotel, 21 nights' accommodation – 1 bedroom apartment with kitchen at the Paladim & Alagoamar Resort, or a Studio apartment for Singles - https://www.paladimalagoamar.com/en/, Welcome dinner in Albufeira, Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director. Please note

that optional tours can be purchased from Tour Rep. in Albufeira. Non-refundable deposit of \$800 is due upon booking. Balance due December 1, 2025.

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

My grandchild asked why, when lightning strikes a corn field, it does not fill with popcorn.

i don't know either. My body isn't a temple, it's a haunted house. It needs a lot of work, makes mysterious creaking sounds, and contains the spirit of a creepy old lady that's always mad about something.

I found a \$20 bill in a parking lot and thought to myself, what would Jesus do?

So, I turned it into wine.

I remember when I could lay in one position for hours.

Now I have to rotate like a rotisserie chicken every 15 minutes or a hip hurts.

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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS **UPDATES**

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.con



Feeling Creative?

ART - PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

madamson905@gmail.com

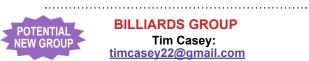
The members at the Open Studio sessions use acrylic, watercolour and oil paint, clay and wood as their medium to work on individual art projects from 1 - 4 p.m. at Hope Church. Meeting dates are every second and fourth Thursday of the month. The remaining dates for 2025 are November 13th and 27th, and December 11th.

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. We usually have two or three tables and play six - seven games, then share refreshments and socialize. We are happy to teach new players.



BILLIARDS GROUP

Tim Casey: timcasey22@gmail.com

We hope to get a billiards group going soon on at least a monthly frequency. This is a great opportunity to have informal discussions and beverages, and to meet people over some games of billiards. Sign up at the next membership meeting or let Tim Casey (the coordinator) know. This would be a great group to get going this fall as the coming cold weather means moving inside for the winter.

••••• **BRIDGE**

Linda Brooks: 416-451-9567 brooks.lindamay@gmail.com



Bridge games are now scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 - 4:30 p.m. We welcome new members! Please email the Coordinator if you are interested in playing regularly or as a spare.

BUNCO

Bob & Sue Armitage: 416-271-5139

BUNCO is a progressive dice game for 12 or more players. Bob & Sue Armitage (members of the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Club) are coordinating this as a joint interest group with Port Perry, Uxbridge, as well as Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Clubs!

We're excited to announce that Bunco will be back in September after a brief summer break! Dates are still being confirmed, but we're looking forward to getting together again.

We're currently considering whether to continue with daytime games or if there's more interest in evening games. Please send your thoughts and preferences to the coordinators. If you haven't signed up yet and enjoy fun and companionship – please call or email to join!

CRIBBAGE

Jooles Blaney • jooles1234@aol.com

If you would like to join our next monthly cribbage group which is being held between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday November 5th - venue TBD - please reach out to Jooles. All levels of players are welcome. This is a very easygoing casual group who enjoy playing together. •••••

DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695 • <u>Jleahy6@gmail.com</u> 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 the 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. If you are interested in joining this group please email or telephone Ann.

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Probus Interest Groups continued

EUCHRE - EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

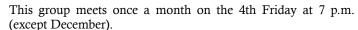
madamson905@gmail.com

This group meets once a month at 7 p.m. on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting. The evening is a mix of starting with card games as well as time to share fun conversations and refreshments. So far attendance usually fills three tables, which means our membership has had to cap. However, on occasion subs are still needed. If you are interested in a fun night out, we always enjoy other Probus members.

Our next game will be on Tuesday November 25th.

EUCHRE – BOWER POWER

Joanne Drury: 905-985-8661 joanne.drury7@gmail.com



Our next euchre game will be on Friday November 28th.

This interest group is currently FULL but we could use a couple more spares to help with coverage during high travel times. This is a joint interest group between the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. Please email the coordinator if you are interested in getting on the waitlist and/or being a spare.

JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

We meet at break time at our monthly PROBUS meeting where we exchange puzzles, but if you cannot come to a meeting, please contact the coordinator to make alternate arrangements. You do not need to donate a puzzle in order to borrow one, or vice versa. New puzzles are always being added. FYI – the Uxbridge library has a great selection of puzzles!

MAHJONG – THE JOKERS

Barb Rootham: <u>brb.rootham@gmail.com</u>

It is a tile-based game that originated in China in the 19th century. It is played by 4 players (with some variations for 2 and 3 players. We play bi-weekly on Mondays with a start time of 1 p.m.

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

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PIG-IT & HOG-IT

Barb & Larry Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

Pig-it & Hog-it is played with two teams at each table. This card game adds a twist to Euchre because there is a strategic aspect to it that gets you thinking. Games are bi-weekly and played on Sunday afternoons with a start time of 1 p.m. We had our first games on the 21st. Aileen was the Pig-it winner! Some tried Hog-it, but didn't make it. Our next games will be on November 2, 16 and 30. Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in playing.



POKER GROUP

Tim Casey:

timcasey22@gmail.com

We're hoping to start a Poker group, but we'll need 6-7 members minimum to get it going. The frequency of the sessions will be up to the group members. Sign up at the next membership meeting if you're interested or let Tim Casey (coordinator) know. Let's get this group going this fall.

Book Clubs

THE NEXT CHAPTER

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

This month we met to discuss a quirky, murder mystery by Benjamin Stevenson, *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*. This novel had a unique structure and some twists but not everyone enjoyed it. Next month we will read *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano.



BETWEEN THE COVERS

Louise Bardswich: lbardswich@gmail.com

At our October meeting, we discussed *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. The group was unanimous is finding this one a compelling read. In November we plan to discuss *The Secret Messenger* by Mandy Robotham. The group is FULL but if you are interested in joining us, please contact the coordinator to be placed on a waitlist

Food & Drink

BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY

Bill Morrison: billandmaryare@gmail.com

The Thursday Breakfast group meets at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please contact Bill for more information.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064

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We meet every Monday at 10 a.m. at Tim Hortons 15930 Old Simcoe Rd. (at the corner of Reach and Old Simcoe). Please contact Joyce if you would like to join us or if you have any questions. **Please wear your**

Probus name tag!



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DINNER OUT – GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER (GWCTD)

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

October's GWCTD was held at Corrado's in Brooklin where 16 members enjoyed lively conversation and fabulously delicious meals!

Our next GWCTD will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday November 21st at Waterfront Kitchen & Bar in Port Perry. We meet on the third Friday of each month (except December. Please contact the coordinator if you'd like to join us.

DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller: margandrodmiller@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'

Coordinator is needed!

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f you'd like an afternoon libation – this is perfect! If you don't indulge - no problem! This is simply an excuse to get together and chat. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Old Flame Brewery.

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



LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030 rannevan@hotmail.com

October's lunch was at FICO Fusion in Port Perry, always a local favourite. Next month's location to be determined. The group is currently at maximum capacity, please contact the coordinator for further details or to be placed on a waitlist.

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

For our latest wine tasting at the very tail end of August, our host and hostess elected to "Buy Canadian", taking full advantage of "subdued inter-provincial trade barriers" by selecting a group of wines from the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia.

As the music of Nova Scotia played in the background and images of the province cycled on a large screen, we sampled four wines produced from the Marquette grape. Firstly, a rose, followed by a blended red, next a full-bodied red made using the appassimento technique of fermenting dried grapes, and finally a pure Marquette red. All of this was paired with delicious dates stuffed with pistachios, scallops, and donair bites, with napkins of official Nova Scotia tartan.

A couple of mouth-watering deserts were matched up with a truly novel chaser. The hostess produced a brandy/orange juice-based sangria, to which she added the remains of all of the four bottles of the Marquette wines. What a night!

WINE TASTING - GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer: 416-805-9223

Our October tasting had to be canceled for reasons beyond our control, but we're looking forward to meeting up again in November at the Scotts.

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

Let's Get Physical

BLOOMERS - GARDENING

Coordinator is needed!

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There are several members in this interest group already but unfortunately we no longer have a coordinator! Please contact the Interest Groups co-chairs if you wish to participate and/or co-coordinate this interest group and we will be in touch with you.

BIRDIES & BOGEYS – GOLF GROUP

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Golf has wrapped up for the season. Kim will send an email in April 2026 to anyone who has contacted her about joining this interest group and decisions will be made in April 2026 on when/where to play regularly as a group. This will continue to be a joint interest group between the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. If you want to be added to the list for golf season 2026, please email Kim.

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.

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LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

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This group meets every Monday from 3-4 p.m. in Uxbridge (except on Holiday Mondays). You do not need to be a couple to join, they pair us up at the lessons, as needed. Each member is required to pay the instructor \$15/lesson.

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

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LINE DANCING

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Mondays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 6 p.m. at the Port Perry Legion (484 Bay Street) and it costs \$5 per person. No experience required. Contact Kim to be added to the group's email list.

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

LOLLYGAGGERS

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

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



WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne:

diannedraper886@gmail.com

Our new meeting time for the fall/winter is **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.** at the corner in front of the CIBC. The walks are approximately one hour, along our beautiful lakefront. Fast or slow, everyone walks at their own pace. If you're interested in joining the Walk-About Town group, please contact Dianne and let's get going!

Other Nifty Interest Groups

CHOIR

Cheryl Lovisa: cheryl_lovisa@yahoo.com

Love to sing? We have started a choir interest group! Please contact the coordinator if you're interested in joining us.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilMkilmartin@gmail.com

We are currently looking for new members for our group. We have been meeting at the Scugog Library since our inception, but will be convening our meetings at my house in the Simcoe and Reach area for subsequent meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of each month, from 10am to Noon. We welcome anyone who is currently pursuing their family history, or who wishes to explore this interesting pastime. We welcome seasoned family historians, or the newbies! Assistance is available with getting into research and/or utilizing a suitable database. We also have some interest in local history. Please contact the coordinator if you wish to attend a meeting to try us out, or to join us for the season! The next meeting is Wednesday, November the 5th. If you wish to attend this meeting, contact me for further details.

GIRLS (AND GUYS) JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com and Cathy: cjef@bell.net

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

Are you interested in an activity, but don't want to go alone, or don't mind going alone but want to find out if someone else would like to share your activity – then the group of Girls (and Guys) Just Wanna Have Fun is for you! Denise and Cathy maintain the group member list which is shared amongst all group members. Any member may suggest an activity and invite other members of the group to join them. The member proposing the activity would be responsible for coordinating with those who expressed an interest in joining them.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group last met on October 6th and enjoyed the feature presentation by Club members Andy Churchill and Linda Jones about travel tips for saving money and a bit of a travelogue on southern Spain. Linda and Andy are very experienced travellers, so their presentation was very informative.

NOTE: Due to renovations at our regular venue, our November meeting is canceled.

We will resume to meet next at 11:10 a.m. on Monday December 1st, in the sunroom of Col. Mustard's Pub in Port Perry. Our feature presentation will be about Portugal's Algarve region— a European haven for year round travel, including in winter. All Probus Club members are welcome!

PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS REVIEW GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

October 17

Enjoying a great meal at Corrados in Uxbridge.



PROBUS Club of Port Perry

NOVEMBER 2025

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Mark your calendars for **December 18th** at 7 p.m. for the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ON THE RIDGE PARTY AND **VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION**

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IRWIN SMITH Home for Christmas

Friday December 5th - 8:00 p.m.

Get ready to kick off the holiday season with an unforgettable evening of music and memories! Beloved Port Perry performer Irwin Smith returns to Town Hall 1873 Theatre on December 5th with "Home for Christmas" an intimate holiday show filled with warmth, laughter, and toe-tapping tunes.

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