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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to everyone,

In the midst of recent nagging concerns brought about by too much bad news and too much darn snow, we might find respite in a soothing favourite comfort food. Whether you are eating a home cooked stew or mac and cheese, the simple act of eating can provide temporary diversion and foster a sense of connection and belonging. This latter benefit can especially be found by belonging to our Port Perry PROBUS club. Through the work of many, we have many opportunities to gather over food – each time finding camaraderie while boosting our "feel-good" neurotransmitters.

No matter how we share our meals, recipes or dishes, be it at one of our varied Port Perry restaurants or in our homes, we are fortunate to also have the comfort of knowing we have world-wide recognition of our poutine, maple syrup and butter tarts, among the other strengths that unite us as a nation.

In conclusion, the wonders of comfort foods or culinary delights are as diverse as our personal lives and experiences. Each emotional association that we have with food, serves to weave through our families, friends, generations, cultures and histories. I'm sure that you all have stories to share about a food that gives you a yearning for home, a sense of security and an endearing memory. For me, even as a 70+ year old adult, it is the memory of my mother proudly bringing her brown crock cookie jar to our farm table in rural Saskatchewan. In fact, her ashes were eventually lovingly sealed in that very cookie jar for eternity.

So, the next time you crave a comfort food or would love to share a bite with someone. rest assured that is one of the best things you could think of doing. Medicine for the body and for the soul! Enjoy!



Jim Adamson President, PROBUS Club of Port Perry

president.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Take **GUEST REGISTRATION Notice**

All members are welcome. Guests MUST REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL

and are restricted to attending no more than two membership meetings. ••••••

HELP

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.

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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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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Spring Forward **SUNDAY MARCH 9**

> Set clocks 1 hour ahead

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CLUB NOTICES



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

at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.

Please remember to turn off your cell phone prior to the start of our meetings.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the PROBUS Club of Port Perry

If you see any of these new members at our general meeting or different events please make sure you welcome them.

Their name tags indicate that they are new members to our Port Perry PROBUS club.

We would also like to ask all existing members to advise our membership chairperson of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers. Please send an email with the changes to Linda Parry at www.portperryprobus@gmail.com so that you can avoid missing our club activities or social events.

Linda Parry, Membership Chair



URGENTLY NEEDED!!!

INTEREST GROUP CO-CHAIR

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

- Facilitate the management of Club Interest Groups and the establishment and promotion of new Interest Groups as suggested by Club members.
- Solicit coordinators for Interest Groups.
- Ensure that members of the group are members of the Club (i.e. no guests).
- Work with the individual Coordinators
- to help establish new groups, recommended maximum group size for the Interest Group, help identify when a group's numbers become too large to manage and suggest to the coordinator to break off and create a new similar interest group.
- Provide timely responses to those
- members who reach out via phone or email inquiring about Interest Groups.
- Maintain a master list of Interest Groups and their Coordinators to facilitate monthly updates for newsletter.

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

Duties may include:

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

HOUSE CO-CHAIRS

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

bags for tea/coffee break if required.

• After the meeting, tidy up, dispose of garbage and store equipment.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS APPRECIATED

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

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



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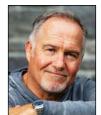
THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Guest Speaker - March 18

NEIL CRONE

"My Life in Canadian Film and Television"

"I'm not a real person but I play one on TV."



About Our Speaker:

After 37 years in the business, Emmynominated actor Neil Crone's face will likely be familiar but even then you'll wonder where the heck you know him from. From his days on set as a nervous newbie to working as a regular cast member in more than a dozen television series, Neil takes

you on an insightful, often hilarious, behind-the-scenes look at the life of a Canadian actor. His obvious love for the crazy, unpredictable life of a performer, his delightful optimism in the face of uncertainty and his seminal message of 'follow your bliss' is wonderfully contagious

Short Presention – March 18 KARA WRIGHT BScH, PharmD, RPh "North Durham Family Health Team"



The North Durham Family Health Team (NDFHT) is a team of health care professionals collaborating with the physicians of Medical Associates of Port Perry to deliver expanded medical services to Port Perry and our surrounding community. We aim to ensure fair access by offering a variety of programs, services, workshops,

and events to all members of the North Durham community

About Our Speaker:

Kara is the Executive Director of the North Durham Family Health Team and she also works as a Pharmacist in the Memory Clinic. She's been a part of the team since 2017.

February Meeting SHARE THE WEALTH PRIZE WINNERS



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

JANET CASEY, BARB BROWN AND MARION KOPPERS

The winners each received \$27.

Congratulations everyone!

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

Our guest presenter was Wilf Malette who is the Co-chair of the Durham Ride for Dad charity, headquarters in Blackstock Motorsports.

He told us how the program was initiated in Ottawa, has chapters in many areas across Canada and this year is the 25th Anniversary. The goal of the Ride for Dad program is to raise funds to support research and to make people aware of prostate cancer as well as promoting the benefits of medical proactivity.

Wilf introduced Ben Burghout who is in his 12th year as a survivor of prostate cancer. Ben underwent surgery and a long-term difficult treatment after being diagnosed. Ben's message was to encourage men over 40 years of age to see their doctor for a PSA blood test which can discover prostate cancer in early it's early stages.

People came away from the meeting with a clear message about prostate cancer. There was much discussion about speaking to men in their families about the importance of early detection, a simple PSA blood test. Statistics estimate that 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 15
CAROL O'NEIL

Alzheimer Society Durham Region

"Dementia Friendly Communities"

May 20
PATRICIA BAYLEY
"Lifelong Learning"

June 17
DONNA SMITH

Durham Home Respiratory Services

"Sleep Better with CPAP"

July 15

LIANNE HARRIS

"Amazing Women - Hidden Lives"



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m.	DARTS 2 p.m.	LUNCH/BRIDGE/EUCHRE Col. Mustard's 12 p.m. FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m. DINNER OUT	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	8
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16	ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL Col. Mustard's 3 p.m. COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. CLIMATE GROUP 10:30 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m.	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. – Hope Church JIGSAW PUZZLERS Hope Church 10:30 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	19	BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m. WALK-ABOUT TOWN 10 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE-AFT. 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	22
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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS



LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE AT COLONEL MUSTARD'S

Wednesday March 5 – 12 to 3 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.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL

Monday March 17 - 3 to 5 p.m.

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

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

EASTER TEA

Tuesday April 15

Hope Church

following the Membership meeting

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

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

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Port Perry Social Events continued

ROCK STARS ON ICE

Wednesday April 30 – 7 p.m.

Tribute Communities Centre, 99 Athol Street E., Oshawa Cost: \$50.00

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

ANYTHING GOES!

Wednesday May 14 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Shaw Festival Theatre, Niagara on the Lake

Luxury Bus Trip from Port Perry Walmart leaving at 8 a.m. Lunch at 11 a.m. at the Prince of Wales Hotel followed by *Anything Goes*. This dazzling production breathes new life into Cole Porter's timeless tale of romance, intrigue, and high-seas hijinks. Follow the delightful antics of Reno Sweeney, a spirited nightclub singer, as she navigates love triangles, mistaken identities and comical misunderstanding on a transatlantic voyage. Featuring beloved songs like 'It's De-Lovely,' 'You're the Top,' and 'Anything Goes,' this fresh revival brims with spectacular dance numbers and nonstop laughter." Cost is \$192 including bus (407 and driver's tip), lunch, and theatre ticket. This trip is subsidized by the club and restricted to members only. Bus has a limit of 47 passengers so sign up early. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

LUNCH AND DARTS

Wednesday June 4

1894 Scugog St., Port Perry – 12 to 3 p.m

Please join us for lunch (each person responsible for their own bill) and darts. Please bring your own darts. Registration fee



is \$5 towards prizes. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

NEW

CELEBRATION OF SPEED AT MOSPORT



Monday, August 4 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park 3233 Concession Rd. 10, Bowmanville

Experience the exciting Grand Prix circuit as a passenger in an exotic car with a track-experienced driver. Vehicles may include Lamborghini, BMW, Mercedes, McLaren, Porsche, Corvette, Mustang. Tickets are \$100 for 3 laps in 3 different cars. Trackside, additional 3-lap tickets may be purchased for \$50. Anyone 10 years old (seat belt must fit) and up can co-pilot. Tickets are shareable and will be available online in early May. Great gift for Mother's/Father's Day. Wonderful opportunity for bonding... Father, Son, Grandson.

Website: cmhf.ca. Celebration of Speed. (CMHF stands for Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame). To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

BOUNTIFUL LUNCH

Tuesday October 21



Hope Church following the Membership meeting

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

MIDDLE-AGED CHOPPER



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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS



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

OPG (PICKERING) NUCLEAR POWER STATION

Tuesday March 18 - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

1675 Montgomery Park Road, Pickering (arrive 15 minutes early and car-pooling is recommended).

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

contact Shirlie at **905-619-8583** or shirlievanputten@rogers.com.



NEW

TWO DAY OVERNIGHT THEATRE PACKAGE

June 4th to June 5th

Cost: \$569 pp+HST (dbl. occupancy) - Single \$669 + HST

Included: One night at the Holiday Inn Hotel in St. Jacob's includes breakfast and happy hour; visit to Whistling Gardens in Hamilton (see the peonies) with picnic lunch; ticket to see 'Annie' at the Festival Theatre in Stratford; ticket for 'Halfway There' at the Hamilton Theatre in Cambridge; return transportation by deluxe motor coach; visit to town of St. Jacob's and the Farmer's Market; services of HNA Travels Tour Director, Shirlie Van Putten. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due upon booking. Balance due May 1st. 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:

 $\underline{https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction_Review-g499253-d24887153-Reviews-CanXplore-Bowmanville_Ontario.html.}$

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 5 - 14

Cost: \$5,795

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

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

Included: Baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), Ground transportation, Services of a Tour Director, Visits to Gros Morne Park, Grand Falls-Windsor, Twillingate, Gander, Trinity, Bonavista, Cape Spear, St. John's, Boat tours on Bonne Bayh Western Brook Pond, in Twillingate and in Bay Bulls (weather permitting), Entrance fees to historic sites and museums, Guided tour of Trinity, Anchors Aweigh show, Wine tasting at Auk Island Winery, Craft beer tasting, Airport transfers if booking the land + air package, Small group size of 22 maximum, 14 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners). Contact CanXplore to join a presentation on February 10th at 7 p.m.

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

If you have questions, email <u>cathy@canxplore.com</u>.



WONDERS OF WESTERN CANADA TOUR

September 5-16

Cost: \$7,495 pp (based on double occupancy)

Return flight included - 12 days/11 nights - Non-refundable deposit of \$500 due on booking. Final date to book and balance due June 5th.

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

If you have questions, email <u>cathy@canxplore.com</u>.

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OVERSEAS 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.

SHAMROCK ADVENTURE: THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF IRELAND

October 4th to October 17, 2025

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

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

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

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



Join other members on the following cruises:

ARCTIC CIRCLE AND NORWEGIAN FJORD CRUISE

May 18 to June 1, 2025

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

14 nights on Holland America – Cruise leaves from Rotterdam (one hour by train from Amsterdam), with eight Norwegian ports of call. The cruise visits the Shetland Island (Scotland), Edinburgh, and London before returning to Rotterdam.

For further information, contact Judy Spring at **905-447-4557** or Lori Connor at Expedia Cruises at **905-982-8855**. Judy Spring will take the lead on this cruise.





People need to understand the difference between wants and needs.

I want abs, but I need ice cream.

I have finally discovered what's wrong with my brain:

On the left side, there is nothing right, and on the right side, there is nothing left!!! A cop pulled me over and said, "your eyes are red, have you been drinking?"

I said, "Your eyes look glazed. Have you been eating donuts?"

We laughed and laughed.
I need bail money.

I told the waitress my steak was bad. She picked it up, slapped it, put it down and said, "If it gives you any more trouble, just let me know!"

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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS



New Interest Groups Opportunities

If you would like to coordinate a new group or shared experience, let us know at interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

POTENTIAL NEW INTEREST GROUPS!

Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

DARTS ON THURSDAYS

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry has advised us that they have Thursday afternoon (2-4pm) available to Probus for a second darts group. Legion membership is not required. It's not a league – we'd just play for fun. If you are interested in joining this potential NEW interest group or helping coordinate it, please contact the Interest Groups Chair.

BILLIARDS ON THURSDAYS

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry has advised us that they have Thursday afternoon (2 - 4 p.m.) available to Probus for a Billiards group. Legion membership is not required. It's not a league – we'd just play for fun. If you are interested in joining this potential NEW interest group or helping to coordinate it, please contact the Interest Groups Chair.

VIRTUAL GOLF AT DUNNY'S DIVOTS

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

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

BOOK CLUB #3?

Would you like to join a book club but are disappointed our other two book clubs are full? If so, we can start a third book club! The group members would decide when, where and how often to meet and what to read. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Interest Groups Chair. If you think you might like to help coordinate this group, let us know that too!

POKER

We were thinking ... there must be some poker players amongst our Probus membership!? If so, would you like to play in a NEW Poker interest group? Day, time and frequency to be decided by the group members. If you are interested in playing poker, please advise Kim Lendvay (Interest Groups Chair).

BIRDWATCHING WALKS

May and June are the best times to see birds! We have a huge variety of species in Durham Region. Join Geoff Carpentier (Professional Nature Guide & experienced birdwatcher) as he shares secrets of the lives of our local birds. Geoff will be leading two walks: Friday May 16 and Tuesday June 10. Both walks are from 8 a.m. - 10.a.m at a location to be decided but will be local to the Port Perry area. If you're interested in attending, please contact the Interest Groups Chair.

Interest groups provide an opportunity to interact with those who have similar interests and passions as you do. Whatever they are, there are lots of others who share the same. Consider introducing your interests to others who have either never tried it, or have made unsuccessful attempts to learn. At the same time, take the opportunity to improve your own skill levels and learn other and different ways to approach them.

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

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Probus Interest Groups continued

Remember to wear your Probus badge to all events.



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS **UPDATES**

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



Feeling Creative?

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-432-4948

evsurfing@gmail.com

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

ART - PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

madamson905@gmail.com

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

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

CRAFTING CORNER

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

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

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

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

Let's Play!!

BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOON

Ann Berube: 905-985-7102 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.

••••• **BRIDGE**

Judy Spring: 905-447-4557 judith.spring@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 the Coordinator if you are interested in playing regularly or as a spare.

••••• **BUNCO**

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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

CRIBBAGE

Julie Blaney • jooles1234@aol.com

If you would like to join our group, we meet once a month at a location confirmed the week before. Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 4th so please reach out to Jooles if you would like to join in.

DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695 • Jleahy6@gmail.com and Ken Crossley • magentis@checkmail.ca

Every Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry. Legion membership is not required. This is not a league - we just play for fun. However, the dart group at present time is FULL. Anyone interested in joining, please contact the coordinator to be put on our waitlist.

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EUCHRE - AFTERNOON

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.

EUCHRE - EVENING

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

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

Our next game will be on Tuesday March 25th.

••••• **EUCHRE - BOWER POWER**

Kim Lendvay • interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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

This interest group is currently FULL. We also have 4 spares to ensure we'll have 3 tables even during high member travel periods! Please email the coordinator if you are interested in being on the waitlist.

JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

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

••••• **MAHJONG - THE JOKERS**

Barb Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

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

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

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

Book Clubs

BOOK CLUB - THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

janetbroder7@gmail.com

At the time of the newsletter deadline, we had not had our meeting yet. We will be discussing "The Secret Daughter" by Shilipi Somaya Gowda. In March we will be discussing "The Life Impossible" by Matt Haig.

••••• **BETWEEN THE COVERS**

Louise Bardswich: lbardswich@gmail.com

In February, we read "The Quiet Tenant' by Clemence Michallon. The group was fairly unanimous in agreeing that it was a disturbing read, but as usual, a book that not everyone loves generates the best discussions. In March we are reading 'Loving Frank' by Nancy Horan. The group is FULL but if you are interested in joining us, please contact the coordinator to be placed on a waitlist.

Food & Drink

BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY

Bill Morrison: billandmaryare@gmail.com

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



COFFEE AND CHAT

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064 dandjbagley@gmail.com

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!

we've been having, we'll eat nearby!

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

Joanne Nixon: joannenixon3@gmail.com

Eight members braved the weather and went to Pickles & Olives on February 15 and had a lovely quiet dinner in a private room. Our next GWCTD will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday March 15th at Bamboo Restaurant in Port Perry. With the wintery weather

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

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DINNER OUT - THURSDAYS

Marg Miller: 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'

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064 dandibagley@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 meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Old Flame Brewery.

Upcoming dates include March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19 at 4 p.m. Joyce will send out an email at the beginning of each month and a reminder the week of.

Please let Joyce know via email if you're planning to join us – of course you can just show up too!

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

LET'S DO LUNCH

Betty Anne LaSalle: 905-985-9351

bettyannelasalle@yahoo.ca

This group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. We have room for a couple more members but we are keeping the group small and intimate. If you would like to join our group, please contact the NEW coordinator!

We met at the new Mexican restaurant in town called MI Pueblito Lindo in February – it was great!

On Tuesday March 12th, the group will be going to Bamboo Restaurant in Port Perry.

•••••• **LUNCH GROUP**

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

Plans for our February lunch are trying the newly renovated Jinju Sushi on Water Street in Port Perry. They offer more than sushi, bento boxes and many other options. It's always fun to try something different! 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

Our group has paused for the winter as a number of our members are travelling or otherwise not available. We look forward to getting everyone back together again next month.

WINE TASTING - GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer • 416-805-9223

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

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

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

Let's Get Physical

BLOOMERS - GARDENING

Marg Miller: margandrodmiller@gmail.com

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



BIRDIES & BOGEYS -GOLF GROUP

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

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



HIKING WITH BILL

Bill Morrison: billandmaryare@gmail.com

The group has hikes on the first and third Fridays of each month. Contact Bill for more information.

•••••• **LATIN DANCING**

Anne-Marie Sacco

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

This group meets monthly on the 2nd and 4th Monday from 3 - 4 p.m.in Uxbridge. You do not need to be a couple to join, they pair us up at the lessons, as needed. Each member is required to pay the instructor \$15/lesson.

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

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LAWN BOWLING Lynn Tracey: 905-985-5678

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Yahoo - February is over, and what a month it was! So much snow, may not get out for a month or so! The good news is that it brings us another month closer to lawn bowling! Our new programs need to be refined to implement once our season starts. Please come out and join us for a game of bowls and see how much fun we have!

Some dates to remember: May 3 - Giant Yard and Bake Sale; May 5, 10, 14 & 17 - Open House for new members. Great sport and you get to spend your day in the sun.

Our yard sale is our biggest fund raiser. If you have anything you would like to donate, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will arrange pick up. Hope to see you on the greens!

LINE DANCING

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We meet weekly at the Port Perry Legion (484 Bay Street) and it costs \$5 per person. Join us Mondays at 1 p.m. (sort of Beginners but closer to Intermediate) OR Fridays at 6 p.m. (BEGINNERS ONLY) a great way to learn the basics! Some of us attend both days! No experience required.

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

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

LOLLYGAGGERS

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

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

WALK-ABOUT TOWN

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Dianne: diannedraper886@gmail.com

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

Music & Entertainment

MOVIE GROUP

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

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

Other Nifty Interest Groups

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilMkilmartin@gmail.com

We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon in the Scugog Library's Board Room. We have recently opened up our group to the members of the Scugog-Uxbridge PROBUS Club, and have tentatively met our revised cap of 16. But if you wish to join us, let me know, and your name can be added to the waiting list. However, If you want to drop in for a meeting or two and check us out, don't hesitate to contact Neil via email. You will be welcomed! We are open to people with any degree of genealogical experience, right from the newbie to the seasoned family historian. Our focus tends to be on "sharing our individual experiences". Guidance and initial help researching is always available.

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?? Two members had an impromptu drive up to Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls to see the fall colours and had a lovely lunch in a restaurant with the windows open to the lock. 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.

Three members got together for dessert and a movie, but got too busy visiting to watch the movie!

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group met on February 3rd when we discussed members' travel plans and recent travel experiences. Our feature presentation was by Judy Spring about the PROBUS Group of 22 on the Danube River Cruise in September 2024. The discussion was quite informative, and particularly around river cruises and some of the 'adjustments' that such cruises might have to make if the rivers experience flooding or low water.

The next meeting will be at 11:10 a.m. on Monday, March 3rd in the sunroom of Col. Mustard's Pub in Port Perry. The feature presentation will be Denise Throp speaking about a river cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium. All Probus members welcome!

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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION



TOWN HALL 1873 THEATRE

The Yacht Rock Show Canada Smooth Rock Sounds of the 70s and 80s

Friday March 7 - 8:00 p.m. Tickets - \$45.00 All Ages Classic Lightfoot Live Gordon Lightfoot Concert Experience Saturday March 8 - 7:30 p.m. Tickets - \$59.00 All Ages Annie
April 4, 5, 11, 12 - 7:30 p.m.
April 5, 6, 12, 13 - 2:00 p.m.
Tickets - Adult \$35.00 Seniors \$30

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

JAZZ FROM THE CITY

Wednesday Matinees

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

Location:

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

Please wear your PROBUS name tag!

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

lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com

NORTH DURHAM NATURE

Upcoming Events March 22 - 10:30 a.m. Warbler and Sparrow I.D.

> March 25 - 7 p.m. Birding in Mongolia

> > April 22 - 7 p.m.

Charles Fothergill:
Ontario's First Ornithologist

May 27 - 7 p.m. The Lives of Ants

Non-members welcome! Donations appreciated! For registration, information and membership: northdurhamnature.com

THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Spring Tune Up for Not-For-Profits and Community Organizations

A workshop series covering fundraising, budgeting, grant writing, governance and human resources in an interactive format.

There are two sessions on **Saturday, March 22** and two sessions **Saturday, April 12**.



Register for a single workshop or for both of them: www.theatreontheridge.ca/5-point-workshop-series/

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Call for Board & Committee Members

BE PART OF OUR CAPTIVATING TEAM!

One of the paths to happiness lies in being part of something greater than yourself. Another is investing in ongoing personal and creative development. You can experience both at Theatre on the Ridge as a board or committee member. As we grow, we have need for dynamic individuals with skills and expertise to share. Nomination deadline is March 15, 2025

Theatre on the Ridge is also looking for volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors and Committees for a three-year term (April 2025– March 2028).

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

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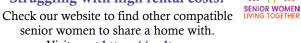


A new group of unaligned activist seniors from Scugog who want to provide options to our seniors to age in place in Scugog. We want to accurately define what Scugog mature residents and elders require and then seek solutions to allow us remain in the community we love and have lived in for years. We want to move past the constant discussion to actual working solutions.

Find out more on Facebook or email scugogseniorscoalition@gmail.com

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