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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all PROBUS members,

One of the more obscure benefits of retired life is that summer seems to be quite a bit longer than it used to be in our younger years. Much of our sense of how long summer felt then was largely due to what we and our school-aged children were doing during the months of July and August. At that time, we seemed to pack in as much as we could before the Labour Day weekend. Nowadays we do not seem to be influenced by grandchildren's schedules, therefore, we get summers that stretch to three or even close to four months. We also get the benefits of shoulder seasons.

When I began to gather my thoughts for this month's newsletter, I found myself musing over the large number of things that our retired PROBUS members do to pass the time during the warmest part of the year. Interest groups and social events such as golf, lawn bowling, bird watching, outdoor concerts, walking and hiking bring people together, smokey skies permitting. For those who love gardening, within PROBUS or as a self-gardener, it's a great way to reap the benefits of being productive and physically active. Should you be doing "chair gardening", give yourself a pat on the back each time you have to move that stool to another patch of weeds – every effort is therapeutic.

Living in the lovely town of Port Perry provides some of us proximity to cottages to engage in activities such as canoeing, kayaking and fishing,

all of which add to our health and longevity. Also, for those who have taken up pickle ball, you are among 702,000 Ontario pickle ball players leading the country. However, baby boomers now have taken second place to Gen Z's driving the fastest growth in this sport. As an aside to researching this information, I came across the globally similar sport of padel. Should you be pickle ball players travelling to Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, you might just want to check out "The Padel School" before packing your suitcases.

One more pass time that I couldn't help but think about is photography. Summer colours and memories are keen motivators for cell phone shots. I'm sure that many of you have signed up for the new PROBUS "One-of-a-Kind" workshop on "How to Best Use Your Cell Phone Camera".

In closing, I wish you all a wonderful summer. Cheer on our Blue Jays. Turn up those car radios as you go cruising down the road listening to "Hey Jude", "Smile a Little Smile for Me", and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough".

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.

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

BREAK ROOMS Please note there is an extra room available at break time if our regular room and lobby are too crowded.

NOTE -We are a **GREEN** club!
Our hard working volunteers ask that

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CLUB NOTICES

Next Meeting

The next membership meeting will be held on
Tuesday August 21 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 RENEWAL

Thank you to all those members who have paid their renewal fees for the 2026-2027 year.

If you have not yet paid yours, please do so as soon as possible, as I am currently contacting those people who have been on my waiting list and we are trying to maintain our 355 membership so you may lose your opportunity to stay with us.

You may pay your \$35.00 renewal fee either by e-transfer to memberfees.portperryprobus@gmail.com or by cheque given or mailed to me.

Linda Parry, Membership Chair
2481 Ashbridge Rd., Port Perry, ON L9L 1B4

I am pleased to advise these new folks are joining our club this year at this time:

Mike Fowler
Gail Goodbody
Sondra Brown & Stephen Ball
Kathy Spencer
Gina & Richard Nowicki
James Duncan & Nancy Marto
Ken Anderson & Cathy Ly
Nancy Iantonasi (welcome back)
Carol Thornton

Cheryl & Rob Cornish
Yvonne Priebe
Eric Conroy
Sue Brain
Wendy Idiens
Sharon Carmichael
Janice Laevens
Carol & Neil Kilmartin



Linda Parry, Membership Chair, PROBUS Club of Port Perry

ONE-OF-A-KIND WORKSHOPS

As requested by many of our club members, here are three more "One-of-a-Kind" workshops coming soon.

ADVANCED AI WORKSHOP

This is a follow-on workshop to the very successful Basic AI workshop that so many of you attended earlier this year. Following that class, we had a lot of interest expressed for a more advanced workshop on AI, so **Frank Morris** is returning as the workshop leader to conduct this course.

Beyond the Basics:

Practical AI Skills for Everyday Life

Have you tried ChatGPT or another AI tool and wondered, "Now what?" This friendly, hands-on workshop is designed for seniors who already know the basics and want to use AI more confidently in everyday life.

The first two workshop dates were filled almost immediately. We've added two additional sessions as follows:

Thursday October 15, 10:30 a.m. - noon
8 seats available

Friday October 30,
1:30 - 3 p.m.
8 seats available

Cost: Free

Please
reserve early as seats
are going fast.

HOW TO BEST USE YOUR CELL PHONE CAMERA

Most of us have a little familiarity with the camera on our phone, but the phone cameras these days have a lot of "bells and whistles" that we likely don't even know about. And even with those features, photography still requires some basic knowledge of how to take a good photo in different situations.

This 3-hour introductory workshop will demystify the many camera and video settings found on today's cell phones, helping you to get the best use from your cell phone camera, and it's all done by an instructor in photography with Ontario Tech University, **John Smith**.

The first two workshop dates were filled almost immediately. We've added an additional session as follows:

Port Perry Retirement Villa
Monday September 14,
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
11 seats available
Cost: \$10

Please
reserve early as seats
are going fast.

STORYTELLING

For anyone who has read a book or told a story to your grandchildren, or even for people who would like to be able to better tell stories about your life, your experiences and your adventures to your family and friends, this workshop should give you the tools and confidence to do just that. The workshop will be led by a member of our Port Perry PROBUS club, **Cathy Jeffrey**, a retired teacher with her own storytelling business.

Once Upon a Time

This workshop will cover how to choose stories to tell, how to prepare and practice your story, and how to tell a story. It may be of interest to those who wish to pass down their family stories and histories.

Venue and Time TBD
Cost: Free

If you're interested in any of these workshops, please email me at timcasey22@gmail.com or sign up at the Interest Group table at the August membership meeting. If you have any ideas for other potential workshops, please let me know.

Tim Casey, One-of-a-Kind Workshop Coordinator, Port Perry PROBUS Club

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guest Speaker – August 18

GEORGE TAKACH

***“Taiwan and Cold War 2.0:
What Canadians Need to Know”***



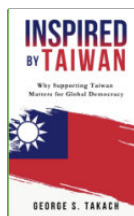
“Taiwan is a very important country that Canadians don’t know enough about. In terms of strategic geopolitics, Taiwan is indispensable to democracies because it produces over 90% of the most advanced semiconductor chips used in the world, including the critical chips that run the most powerful artificial intelligence software in civilian and military applications. Unfortunately for Taiwan and the rest of the world, the autocracy in Beijing claims Taiwan to be part of China, and threatens to take over the small island by military force if necessary.

In his new book, *“Inspired By Taiwan”*, George S. Takach, discusses Taiwan and its outsized importance to geopolitics and countries all over the globe, including Canada. George will highlight what Canadians need to know about this marvelous, very relevant and dangerously situated country, including the critical posture of the United States and President Trump towards Taiwan. George makes the case that the world’s democracies should support Taiwan in order to keep the peace in Asia. George also argues that Canada has a lot to learn from Taiwan, given Canada’s own challenges with a much larger neighbour that is threatening Canada’s own wellbeing.”

About Our Speaker:

“George Takach has undergrad and law degrees from the University of Toronto, and an MA from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. He practiced technology law for over 35 years as a partner at McCarthy Tetrault. During his legal career he was also an Adjunct Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School for 22 years, a columnist for Lexpert Magazine, and wrote three books on tech/law topics. Currently he writes books on technology and geopolitics for a general audience, including *Cold War 2.0: Artificial Intelligence in the New Battle Between China, Russia and America*, which was published in 2024 and *Inspired by Taiwan: Why Supporting Taiwan Matters for Global Democracy* (2025).

George will bring copies of his books for purchase and signing. All proceeds from the book sales will go to Camp Scugog, a charitable camp dedicated to serving kids in difficult circumstances.” Cost for his new book is \$30.00.



Did you miss our July Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

Renowned naturalist and author, Steve Burrows was the guest speaker. Merging his twin passions of birding and mysteries, Steve turned his hand to

fiction to create the Birder Murder Mysteries series. The first title in the series entitled, "A Siege of Bitterns", won the Crime Writers of Canada award for Best First Novel in 2015 and was selected as one of the Globe & Mail's Top 100 Books of the Year.

In his lecture, "Travels and Travails: Researching & Writing the Birder Murder Mystery Series," Steve outlined the theme from each of his eight books in a lively and upbeat way. His writing showcases his unique ability to blend suspenseful whodunits with environmental themes which resonate with a wide range of audiences. One does not need to be a birder to appreciate his novels. Steve's ninth book will be released in September 2026.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September 15

MAYOR DAN CARTER

“Punished or Prepared”

October 20

LISA BROWNING

***“Ontario Turtles Conservation Centre -
Where Community and Conservation Connect.”***

November 17

TED BARRIS

“Battle of Britain”

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

NOTE - E-transfers and cheques are accepted in payment.

**THERE'S STILL TIME!
REGISTER NOW!**

PICNIC

IN THE PARK

& CIVIC MUSIC CONCERT

..... featuring
IRWIN SMITH

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5
Palmer Park, Port Perry
See details on page 5



LAST CALL!



"RIDE OF YOUR LIFE"

CELEBRATION OF SPEED



MONDAY AUGUST 3
Canadian Tire Motorsport Park
See details on page 5

SIGN UP NOW - LIMITED SPOTS!

REGISTER NOW!

Space is limited.
Don't miss out
on the fun!

SCAVENGER HUNT

& Potluck Lunch

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24**
Hope Church
See details on page 5



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Port Perry Club Social Events continued

CELEBRATION OF SPEED AT MOSPORT

Monday August 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park,
3233 Concession Rd. 10, Bowmanville
Cost: \$100 for 3 laps in 3 different cars.

To register for a thrilling day on the race track, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Information on payment to follow. You may bring a picnic or you can purchase food from the vendors there. Tickets are limited for this outing.

SUMMER PICNIC AND CONCERT IN THE PARK featuring Irwin Smith

Wednesday August 5, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Palmer Park, Water Street, Port Perry
Cost: \$10.00

Please join us for a picnic and civic concert featuring Irwin Smith. We will be having Burgers and Pizza. Contribution of salads and or desserts are always welcome and appreciated. Ice cream or ice lollies will also be offered again this year. Cost \$10.00 per person. The event will proceed rain or shine. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

*Get ready for it. We listened to you. You wanted a return of
The Scavenger Hunt and Pot Luck Lunch.*

SCAVENGER HUNT AND POTLUCK LUNCH

Thursday, September 24, 9 a.m.

Hope Church
Cost: \$15.00



Meet at Hope Church to sign in, drop of a potluck food contribution either main or dessert and sign a waiver at 8.30 a.m. This year's theme is yet to be decided. No repeat of last years' costumes. Prizes will again be awarded. Register now by email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com in order to secure your spot as space is limited and we don't want you to be disappointed. Of course, if you need partners, we will always try to team you up to make a foursome.

Please make your payment of \$15.00 asap by e-transfer to Social1.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

BOUNTIFUL LUNCH

Tuesday, October 20

Hope Church

Cost: \$25.00

Join us once again following the meeting in the breakroom for our Bountiful Lunch featuring a new hot catered lunch and contributed goodies by our members. We all look forward to tasting everything. *Again, space for this event is limited and you would be wise to register now.*

Please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com to sign up.
To pay, email Social2.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

GIRLS NITE OUT

Thursday, October 29, 8 p.m.

Regent Theatre, 50 King St., Oshawa

Cost: \$46.50 (final sale)

Girls Nite Out" event at the Regent Theatre, Oshawa is the all female stand-up and improv comedy show. Girls Nite Out is a celebrated all-female comedy troupe that delivers a fast paced mix of stand-up and improvisation. The show celebrates women, friendship, and the hilarious realities of life. *If you are interested in seeing this show, we need to know now as we have to book and pay for your ticket immediately.* No tickets will be purchased without payment up front.

Please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com to sign up.
To pay, email Social2.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

NEW

A DAY IN NIAGARA

Monday, December 2

Cost: \$98.00

We'll start our day off in Niagara-on-the-Lake with some browsing in the unique shops and lunch on own. Then we'll travel south along the scenic Niagara Parkway arriving in Niagara Falls. Browse the attractions along Clifton Hill or stroll along the world-famous Niagara Falls. For those who do not wish to journey to Niagara Falls you may spend the day in Niagara-on-the-Lake. You may also choose to spend time at the Outlet Mall. Transportation by Mary Morton Tours on the 407.

If you are interested in this outing, we are now taking names and payment. Space is limited. More information to follow.

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Vive 
Lavender Farm

RECENT SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW



VIVE LAVENDER FARM

**July 8
Sunderland**

The ladies that attended this event were greeted by the scent from the fields of various types of lavender. We enjoyed an afternoon tea and scone served with jam and clotted cream, tea and lemonade. It was a beautiful setting, as we were surrounded by gardens, forest, trails and ponds. We left with lots of information about lavender. A very relaxing and calming day indeed.



August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 CELEBRATION OF SPEED Bowmanville COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. CRIBBAGE 1 p.m. EUCHRE MON 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m. LAWN BOWLING	4 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. SINGERS 12:30 p.m. CANASTA 1 p.m. LAWN BOWLING	5 PICNIC & CONCERT Palmer Park, Port Perry BID EUCHRE WED. 1 p.m.	6 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. DINNER OUT THURS 5:30 p.m. LAWN BOWLING	7 GOLF GROUP 9 a.m. HIKING 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE FRI. 1 p.m.	8
9	10 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	11 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. BETWEEN THE COVERS 1 p.m. LAWN BOWLING	12 BILLIARDS & POOL 2 p.m.	13 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. GOLF GROUP 9 a.m. BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 a.m. LAWN BOWLING	14 EUCHRE AFT 1 p.m.	15
16	17 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. EUCHRE MON 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	18 PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. - Hope Church WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. JIGSAW PUZZLERS 10:30 a.m. SINGERS 12:30 p.m. CANASTA 1 p.m. LAWN BOWLING	19 BID EUCHRE WED. 1 p.m.	20 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. GOLF GROUP 9 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4:30 p.m. LAWN BOWLING	21 HIKING 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE FRI 1 p.m. POKER 2 p.m. DINNER - GWCTD 6:30 p.m.	22
23 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	24	25	26 LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m. BILLIARDS & POOL 2 p.m.	27 WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. Tastes of Pourt 6 p.m. LAWN BOWLING	28 GOLF GROUP 9 a.m. EUCHRE AFT. 1 p.m. EUCHRE BOWER POWER 7 p.m.	29
30	31 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	WALKING GROUPS 9 a.m. EVENING EUCHRE 7 p.m. LAWN BOWLING				

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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



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 the Hope Church.

Meeting dates are every second and fourth Thursday of the month. **This group takes a break for the summer months so our next session will be September 10th.** We usually connect over lunch or a coffee during this break.

NEW

IMPROV

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



We enjoyed May's speaker so much, we've been inspired and are starting an Improv group! If you're interested, please contact Catherine, she is co-coordinating this group with Jane Vollick.

Let's Play!!

BID EUCHRE – FRIDAY 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. We usually have two or three tables and play 6-7 games, then share a snack and socialize. This group is currently full.



NEW

BID EUCHRE – WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Donna Stevenson: 647-984-0846
donnastevenson829@gmail.com

Donna has volunteered to create and coordinate this NEW Bid Euchre group! Games will be on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in playing.

BILLIARDS AND POOL

Tim Casey:

timcasey22@gmail.com



The Billiards and Pool interest group holds games every month at the Port Perry Legion from 2-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Please contact Tim Casey for more details.

BRIDGE - TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Linda Brooks: 416-451-9567

brooks.lindamay@gmail.com

Bridge games are now scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please email the coordinator if you are interested in playing as a spare. **Please note that the group will break for July and August.**

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 Probuss Club) are coordinating this as a joint interest group with Port Perry, Uxbridge, as well as Scugog-Uxbridge Probuss Clubs. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Bob & Sue directly.

We have so much fun that people are always looking forward to the next game. We have had games with 12 to 24 players, and we still have room for more. In fact, the more the merrier!



CRIBBAGE

Jooles Blaney: 905-409-5171

jooles1234@aol.com

We play cribbage on the first Monday of the month (unless a holiday Monday) between 1-3 p.m. followed by half an hour for socializing over a tea/coffee afterwards. Please reach out to Jooles if you would like to be a spare or to be on the waitlist to join. We are a very friendly, casual group so welcome both experts and beginners alike. The group are contacted as to who is hosting a week before and is done on rotation.



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DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695 • jleahy6@gmail.com and
Ken Crossley • magentis@checkmail.ca



Every Tuesday from 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. in Port Perry. This is not a league – we just play for fun. However, the dart group at present time is FULL.

This group will be taking a summer hiatus from June 16 thru to September 8.

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 6-7 games and then enjoy refreshments and socializing. This group is currently full.



EUCHRE – BOWER POWER

Joanne Drury: 905-985-8661
joanne.drury7@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 August 28th. We have room for a couple more regular players. And of course, we can always use more spares to help with coverage during high travel times. This is a joint interest group between the Port Perry Probud and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probud clubs. Please email the coordinator if you are interested in joining as a regular player and/or being a spare.

EUCHRE – EVENING

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

This group meets at each other's homes on a rotating schedule (the Tuesday evening after the General Meeting). A pattern for the evening has evolved into lots of easy conversations, refreshments mixed in with euchre games. It's a relaxed group that loves getting together. Unfortunately, we are not able to add new members, but we welcome and appreciate subs when we are able. Our next game will be on Tuesday August 25th.

NEW

EUCHRE – MONDAY AFTERNOON

Donna Stevenson: 647-984-0846
donnastevenson829@gmail.com



Donna has volunteered to create and coordinate this NEW Euchre group! Games will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in playing.

NEW

HAND & FOOT CANASTA

Donna Stevenson: 647-984-0846
donnastevenson829@gmail.com



Donna has volunteered to create and coordinate this NEW Hand & Foot Canasta group! Hand & Foot is a fun and challenging card game played in groups of four (similar to Canasta). Games will be on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in playing.

JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise Throp: Deniset1954@gmail.com

We meet at break time at our monthly Probud 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 (AMERICAN) 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 variations for 2 and 3 players). We play bi-weekly on Mondays with a start time of 1 p.m. We are on hiatus until September. If you're interested in playing American Mahjong, please contact the coordinator for lessons or to be added to the spare list.

NEW

MAHJONG (AMERICAN) DRAGON QUEENS

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



Playing American Mahjong offers powerful benefits for **brain health, social connection and emotional well-being**. Research highlights key advantages including enhanced memory, strong social bonds, and improved mental sharpness. If you're interested joining us, please contact Catherine.

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 1:00 p.m. **We are on hiatus until September.** Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in playing.

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POKER GROUP

Trevor Johnston: 647-333-9234
trevorjohnston06@gmail.com

This group meets monthly on the 3rd Friday from 2-4 p.m.

Please contact the group coordinator Trevor Johnston if you would like to join us. The next scheduled meeting is Friday August 21st.



Book Clubs

THE NEXT CHAPTER

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

The Next Chapter did not meet in July but will meet in August to choose the books for next season.

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Lynda Brownson: lsusan54@gmail.com

At the meeting July meeting we enjoyed a discussion about the book, *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. In August we will be discussing *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. We have room for one more member to join us! The group meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Lynda if you are interested.



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
dandibagley@gmail.com



We meet every Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Tim Hortons 15930 Old Simcoe Road (at the corner of Reach and Old Simcoe). Please contact Joyce if you would like to join us or if you have any questions. **Please wear your Probus name tag!**

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

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Twelve members met on July 17th at the Farm & Founder in Ashburn (Whitby). We had their lovely patio booked but with the forest fires smoke we ate in their sunroom instead which still had a lovely view. Our next GWCTD will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday August 21st at 9 by Tin in Uxbridge. 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: margandrodmliller@gmail.com

We meet the 1st Thursday of the month. We are extending a warm invitation to any new Probus members who would like to meet with us as our group is not full. Please contact the coordinator if you'd like to join us.



HAPPY HOUR

'Where Everybody Knows Your Name'

Heather Jeffrey: 905-985-3969
heather.jeffrey@hotmail.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 4:30 p.m. at the Old Flame Brewery. Please contact Heather – the NEW coordinator for this group with any questions!

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

LUNCH GROUP

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

July's lunch was held at Wooden Sticks Fairway Restaurant in Uxbridge. Twelve of us enjoyed some delicious food and some lovely golf course views. This group meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday but is at full capacity. Please contact coordinator to be placed on a wait list.

TASTES OF PourT

Food, Wine and Conversation

Melodie Scott: bmgscott101@gmail.com

Barb & Dan hosted our June tasting dinner with an Italian theme! All wines were from Italy of course. We had 2 kinds of lasagne with sides & for dessert ... Jane served a delicious lemon gelato with a blueberry, raspberry & mint leaf garnish!

Our group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Members take turns hosting and a theme is selected for appetizers or a potluck meal or sometimes eating out. Wines are purchased and all participants share the cost of the wines. We have room for 4-5 more members - singles and couples – all are welcome! Please contact the co-ordinator (Brian) if you would like to join us!



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WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878



Our group's latest wine tasting, held just four days before Canada's 159th birthday, celebrated that birthday with six different VQA wines from Ontario. Two were from Prince Edward County, two from Niagara Region, and two from Lake Erie North Shore. In keeping with the "festive" nature of the event, the group enjoyed "mac and cheee" bites, hot dog sliders, and tourtière tarts along with the wines. This was all capped off with three distinctly Canadian desserts - butter tarts, Nanaimo bars and matrimonial cake [aka date squares in Eastern Canada]. All in all, yet one more group get-together filled with laughter and great conversation.

Let's Get Physical

BIRDIES & BOGEYS GOLF GROUP

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

This group plays 9 holes weekly alternating Thursday/Friday mornings at 9 a.m. rotating between Sunnybrae, Foxbridge, Crestwood, Spring Creek and Golfers Dream. We are enjoying the game, the outdoors and meeting more Probus members.

The schedule for the season has been emailed to group members. Note: if you can only join us biweekly or occasionally that's perfectly fine! Please ensure you respond to the weekly email from the coordinator stating whether you'll be joining us that week.

This is not a league but simply an opportunity to play golf with other Probus members. This is a joint Interest Group with the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. If you want to be added to the list for the 2026 season, please email Kim.



HIKING

Bill Morrison: billandmaryare@gmail.com

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

LAWN BOWLING

Lynn Tracey: 905-985-5678
dlynnttracey@gmail.com

Lawn bowling is now in full swing. Regular bowling on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with Wednesday and Saturday mornings as practice times.

On the Monday of every long weekend, we have a Jitney that all members can enjoy – which is two games of bowling followed by a fabulous BBQ. We also have two district tournaments – one in July and one in August.

We would love to welcome Probus members to come out and see what lawn bowling is all about! A local, friendly club that knows how to have a good time! Please contact the coordinator for more information

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



This group meets every Monday from 3 p.m. - 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

WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne: diannedraper886@gmail.com

We meet weekly in front of CIBC at 145 Queen St. in Port Perry at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you plan on joining this group, please contact Dianne.

WALKING - LOLLYGAGGERS

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



This group has started walking Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We meet in front of the CIBC at 145 Queen St. in Port Perry and walk around the downtown area. Contact the coordinator to advise if you are planning to join.

VIRTUAL GOLF

Catherine Whittle: cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

Since the greens are now open - **this group is on hiatus until fall.** If you're interested in participating next fall, please contact the coordinator to be added to the list. All skill levels are welcome!

Other Nifty Interest Groups

BLOOMERS - GARDENING

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

On July 9th we visited Penny's gorgeous garden and learned how she created this stunner over the last 5 years.

On July 16th we visited Grey Silo Lavender Farm and were surrounded by a field of purple and the amazing fragrance of lavender! We drank lavender lemonade and ate creamy lavender ice-cream – you can stop in to taste it for yourself or buy a tub to take home – they're open year-round!

Upcoming outings: Claremont Native Plants tour; more visits to members' gardens to show-off our hard work and who knows what else we'll think of!!!! We enjoy all things garden! Please contact Kim if you wish to participate.

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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.

Three members went to see *Come from Away* in Port Hope, preceded by lunch on the patio of The Thirsty Goose - one member kissed the (cardboard) cod! Two members took an overnight trip to Muskoka with Cardinal Lakeshore Tours, returning on the Wenonah II.

PROBUS SINGERS

Joanne Nixon: joannenixon3@gmail.com and
Mary Morrison: marykmorrison@icloud.com

Love to sing? Come and join us at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Hope Church. We will be taking the months of July and August off to focus on family and travel and will reconvene in September. We now have 3 male singers interested, so if we get one more male, we can sing in 3 or 4 part harmony. No matter if you sing high or low, please contact Mary if you're interested in joining us, or you can sign up at our general meetings at the interest groups table.

TONE CHIME CHOIR

Peter Lauricella: PeterALauricella@gmail.com

The Almost World Famous Tone Chime Choir is currently 2 men and 3 women. We would like to expand to 8 or even 10 members, which would allow us to play a wider variety of folk songs, hymns or traditional songs. We are currently taking the summer off but expect to return to Hope Church for practice in mid September. Exact dates and times have not yet been established. It would help if you could read music, but that is NOT a requirement for membership or participation. If interested, please contact the coordinator for more information.



TRAVEL INFORMATION GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

In June, we enjoyed Kim Lendvay's presentation on 'Southern Africa – Safaris & Road Tripping'.

The Travel Information Group is hiatus for the summer and will hold its next meeting on Monday September 14th at 11:10 a.m. in the sunroom of the Red Lion Pub in Port Perry.

At our September get together (note it's one week later due to Labour Day weekend), after we briefly discuss recent travels taken by club members, the feature presentation will be by Kim Lendvay on "The Best of Vietnam – north to south". All Club members are welcome!



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Girls (and Guys) Just Wanna Have Fun

July

Capital Theatre, Port Hope

Three members from Girls (& Guys) Just Wanna Have Fun interest group went to see "Come From Away" in Port Hope, preceded by lunch on the patio of The Thirsty Goose – one member kissed the (cardboard) cod! Two members took an overnight trip to Muskoka with Cardinal Lakeshore Tours, returning on the Wenonah II.



Bloomers Gardening Group

July 16

Gray Silo Lavender Farm, Port Perry

Donna, Kim, Marg and Melba toured the gardens of lavender, and also enjoyed a sample of their lavender ice cream.



Lawn Bowling Club

July 16

Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club



Birdies & Bogeys Golf Group



July 3

Foxbridge North Golf Course



July 17

Crestwood Golf Course

Jim, Betty, Marilyn, Rob.



July 23

Golfer's Dream

Vince, Rob, Sandy, Graham

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NON PORT PERRY TRAVEL AND EVENTS



HNA TOURS PICKERING

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

STARSTRUCK

Wednesday September 16

Famous People Players, Toronto

Cost: \$159.00

This is an electrifying musical experience will dazzle and inspire you. It's something you can only see in the dark!

Includes: Return transportation by motor coach, delicious lunch in dining room, performance at the world-renowned Black Light Theatre, dessert served in the dining room, driver tip.

For further info or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputin@rogers.com.

GUYS & DOLLS

Tuesday, October 6

Stratford Theatre

Tickets \$230.00 (no refunds)

Matinee performance, Motor Coach, Orchestra seats, Lunch included. Contact Ken Hurst: hurstk@rogers.com.

This is not a Probus Club outing, only an FYI.

NEW

ST. JACOB'S

Thursday, November 26

Cost: \$99.00

What better way to start off the Shopping Season then a visit to St. Jacob's! We will start our day with a visit to the Farmer's Market and then over to town.

Includes: Return transportation by deluxe motor coach, visit to the Farmer's Market, Outlet Mall, Picard's Peanuts, Town of St. Jacob's, 407 Toll, Drivers Tip.

For further info or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputin@rogers.com.

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Cars these days
have too many
gadgets.

I started to reverse
and it played a
video of someone
being run over.

One minute
you're young and
fun, the next
minute you're
predicting the
weather with your
bad knees.

I'm giving up
eating chocolate
for a month.

Sorry, bad
punctuation.

I'm giving up.
Eating chocolate
for a month.

It's been
month's since
I bought the book
"How to scam
people online".

I'm still waiting
for it to arrive.

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



HNA TOURS PICKERING

EXPLORING THE UK

October 3 - 13

Cost: \$5,399. Per person/double occupancy (no HST) and single occupancy: \$7,199. (no HST)

Non-refundable deposit of \$800. due upon booking; Balance due August 15, 2026.

Includes: Flight to Heathrow airport with Air Canada – direct/non-stop, three nights at the Hampton Inn, Torquay, UK – or similar, three nights in the Hampton Inn, Bath, UK – or similar, three nights at the Premier Inn County Hall, London – or similar, private highway motor coach transportation during your touring in the UK, private motor coach to and from Heathrow airport,

attractions mentioned in the itinerary – admissions and tours etc., 48-hour London “Hop-on/Hop-off” bus ticket; tickets to the Agatha Christie: Witness to the Prosecution, included meals: nine breakfasts; one High Tea; one dinner, and services of Shirlie, your HNA Tour Director.

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



BRITISH ISLES AND PARIS CRUISE

April 19 to May 1, 2027

Cost: \$1,892 pp double occupancy (inside cabin), \$2,314 pp (restricted view balcony), \$2,523 (deluxe cabin) (Prices subject to change)

12 nights on Princess. Cruise leaves on the 5-star Majestic Princess from Southampton with two additional stops in England, three in Ireland, three in Scotland, and one in Paris (Le Havre) returning to Southampton. \$280.00 non-refundable deposit

required. For further information, contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557 or Lori Connor at lconnor@expediacruzises.com or at 887-982-8855.

Judy Spring will take the lead on this cruise.



NEW

COLOURS OF PROVENCE CRUISE

October 12 - 19, 2028

Note: The host is Cathy Spracklin, former owner of CanXplore.

Enjoy France on a cruise aboard the AMA Kristina. You will visit: **Arles**, considered one of the most beautiful cities in France; **Avignon**, aptly names the City of Popes; **Viviers**, take in the quaint surroundings, a charming commune that sides up the bank of the Rhone; **Vienne** situated between the wine regions of

Beaujolais and Cotes du Rhone; **Lyon**, take a walking tour that starts in Foueviere Hill, part of the city's historic region that is now designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

For information please contact Cathy at sprackca@gmail.com.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

TOWN HALL 1873 THEATRE

PEARL - A JANIS JOPLIN EXPERIENCE

Friday October 30 - 7:30 p.m.

Relive the magic of songs like Piece of My Heart, Summertime and Half Moon along with all her hits and deep cuts recreated in detail. Spirit/hippie wear encouraged!

Tickets: \$55.00

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



CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Weekends throughout the summer from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Gazebo in Palmer Park Port Perry. No admission. Bring your own lawn chair. Rainy days move to Latcham Centre.

August 5	Irwin Smith	August 6	The Lakeview Sessions
August 12	Wren Men	August 13	The Remnanz
August 14	Rainstone	August 20	Black Paint
August 26	Frances Grove	August 27	Queen & The Crandells

NOTICE: Town Hall Theatre Closed For New Elevator Installation from Monday June 29 to Thursday October 29.

THEATRE ON THE RIDGE

Open air entertainment under the Theatre on the Ridge tent at Scugog Shores Museum



SKETCHES OF LEACOCK

August 5 – 23

The brilliant and satiric writing of Canada's much beloved author and essayist, Stephen Leacock.

Tickets: \$48.25

PIGGYLAND

September 9 – 20

Inspired by true events that took place in Sunderland, Ontario in the early 1960s.

Tickets: \$48.25

BUY NOW!

Email: boxoffice@theatreontheridge.ca Phone: 905-242-9343 For more information: www.theatreontheridge.ca

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



NORTH DURHAM FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

The North Durham Family Health Team (NDFHT) is located in the North Durham Health Centre, across from the Port Perry Hospital. Our team works collaboratively through our Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Social Workers, Pharmacists, Dietitians, Smoking Cessation Counsellors, Respiratory Therapist, Health

Care Navigator, and Chiropractors to provide services at no cost in Scugog, Brock and Uxbridge focused on supporting seniors and people living with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and respiratory illness, individuals experiencing mental health challenges, unattached patients, and Indigenous populations.

Please call to find out more about our services. 905-985-2895 - Ext. 6070