



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

APRIL, 2022



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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

**OUR NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
APRIL 19th FROM 10:00-NOON.**

THIS WILL BE A HYBRID MEETING HELD BOTH IN-PERSON AT HOPE CHURCH (PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED) AND VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM.

SEE INFORMATION FURTHER IN THE NEWSLETTER.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

The better weather is here and spring has definitely sprung. So the early flowers will soon be in full bloom, and we can celebrate getting outside regularly again.

With that re-opening of better weather also comes the re-opening of our club. The club management team is trying to balance, on the one hand, the need for caution as regards the current COVID surge while at the same time figuring out how to operate the club in an environment where the economy and society's social activities have reopened in full.

The government has lifted about all COVID-related restrictions on individuals, businesses and not-for-profits. It has considered the combination of the high COVID vaccination rates in the province and the protections provided against COVID from the large amount of the population that has been infected by COVID in the past. And from that assessment it has said that the hospitalization rates and serious COVID health impacts can largely be controlled even with almost no regulated restrictions. So the government and public health authorities are indicating that this is how we will learn to

live with COVID. Let's hope they're correct in that forecast.

What this means is that, going forward, most of the determination of COVID safety requirements will be left to all of us as individuals. Public Health will still advise when and to whom any particular caution is suggested. Our club will be largely following that lead. So we're now fully open for club activities.

When COVID surges occur and public health authorities recommend protections such as masking or avoiding/reducing large group gatherings or suggesting special enhanced protections for seniors, the club will follow that advice. We still have concerns about our larger events, and we want to make attending such events as comfortable COVID-wise as we can for our members. For that reason we'll still be requiring masking for such events likely until the current surge is largely over. And we also continue to require all attendees at club events to be fully vaccinated against COVID.

We suggest each of our members regularly evaluate their own health situation, and that

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President's Message continued

of their family, in light of the province's COVID infection and hospitalization rate particularly as surges evolve and new highly infectious or serious variants emerge. And with that personal assessment we recommend that you determine what club activities you feel comfortable attending. And even if at some point we don't require safety provisions like masking or social distancing, each member is welcome to still employ such measures if it makes them feel more comfortable in the activity. And we'll regularly remind all our members to respect such decisions of individual club members.

Our club's key COVID safety policies at this time are noted further in this newsletter, and those will be reviewed monthly. They are mainly based on the group size, the nature of the venue, and the time frame of the activity. It's not a perfect science but rather is a reasonable attempt to achieve the balance noted above. We may find on occasion that someone with COVID has attended a club event, and we'll do our best to advise every member who attended the event of that situation so they can make the necessary decisions as to testing and isolation. But

this is no different than what we all will encounter in our day to day activities in the foreseeable future..

So we're not out of the woods yet with COVID, but we are in the "learning to live with it" mode. We have to do our own personal safety and comfort assessments of the COVID environment in every interaction we have during each day. Our club encourages masking even where we don't necessarily require it, and we strongly suggest those with compromised health issues think carefully before attending the club's larger group events and particularly those that are indoors.

It's quite a different world out there than the one we had a little over 2 years ago, but it's one that will likely be with us for quite some time. So let's all figure out together how to make it a COVID-safe one for all of us. Spring is the time for new beginnings, and that appears to be what's happening at this time..

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

CLUB NOTICES

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The month of June is renewal month for your Probus membership. The cost of membership is \$30.00. Your fees are payable before June 30th. As of July 1st we will accept new applications from those people on our waiting list but will hold our membership to 330 for this next year. We are currently at 349 members so please don't delay if you hope to retain your spot.

Please mail your cheque in the amount of \$30.00 per person made out to: Port Perry PROBUS and send to:

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

or you can make a bank e-transfer. You need to send the e-Transfer to the following email address:

memberfees.portperryprobus@gmail.com Interac e-Transfers often require a question and answer to be exchanged by the sender and the recipient of a payment, but that is not required with e-Transfers to Probus, since we have an Autodeposit service, which puts the payments directly into our account at the credit union. In

the process of making the e-Transfer, your online banking service should indicate that the recipient has Autodeposit service, and will ask you to check a box to acknowledge that service. You have to check that box. If there is a question and answer format, the funds will not go into the account, and we have no ability to direct them in. If you are paying for more than one person please indicate the members names.

If you have any questions, please phone Linda at **905-985-8602**.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the PROBUS Club of Port Perry. 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 we can avoid anyone missing out on our club activities or social events at parrylk@gmail.com.

Linda Parry, Membership Chair
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NEXT MEETING

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – APRIL 19th

Our next online general membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 19th, from 10:00 a.m. – noon

At this time we're planning to have the April membership meeting as an in-person one, but we'll also be broadcasting the meeting on [zoom](#).

APRIL IN-PERSON MEMBERSHIP MEETING REQUIREMENTS

This will be our first in-person membership meeting in over two years. There are a number of additional activities we have to implement in order to conduct the meeting, and we'll also have to accommodate some socially-distanced seating. Consequently we'll be limiting the attendance at this first meeting to 110 members, and to effectively do that, any member who wants to attend will have to **pre-register** with the Club.

To **pre-register**, please send an email to portperryprobus@gmail.com indicating your name and the names of any other members you're pre-registering for, and note in your email that you're pre-registering for the April 19th membership meeting. Pre-registration for the meeting started with the issuance of the last month's newsletter. It's on a "first come - first served" basis. Once we reach the 110 seating capacity, we'll close off pre-registration and advise anyone attempting to pre-register after that that their name will be kept on a waiting list in case someone cancels their registration.

Hopefully April will be the only month for which we have to use a meeting pre-registration and we can get back to our normal membership meeting regimen at future meetings.

Please note that the April membership meeting will have the following restrictions:

- No food or beverages will be served other than water (which will be available at the break time on the patios);
- Masks will be required to be worn in the Church at all times;
- There will be a limited amount of socially distanced seating plus some partial socially distanced seating (i.e. one empty chair between singles or couples) with both available on a first come-first-served basis. There will also be regular seating available;
- There will be a socially distanced section delineated in the break room; and
- Attendees will have to show proof of vaccination. That would be one of:
 - a) PROBUS Club vaccination sticker (issued by the Club) on their name badge or prior approval of full vaccination status by the club;
 - b) Government-issued vaccination record showing full vaccination; or
 - c) The related QR code from the government-issued vaccination record on their phone or other document.

For those who wish to attend the meeting via [zoom](#), we will send the link prior to the meeting.

REVISED COVID SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

The club has revised its COVID-related safety requirements for club activities, and the revised safety measures are as follows:

- 1) All attendees at club-sponsored meetings, events and travel must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and have provided proof of such vaccination to the club.
- 2) Interest groups meeting at a personal residence must follow the COVID safety precautions determined by the host of the meeting.
- 3) Interest groups meeting at a non-residential indoor or outdoor venue shall decide as a group as to what COVID safety provisions will apply to the group (for example, masking and social distancing) although all venue-imposed

safety precautions shall be followed as well.

- 4) Attendees at any Club-sponsored meetings, activities, events and travel (including related transportation), where the group will exceed 20 persons, shall be masked except:
 - a) when seated indoors;
 - b) when eating or drinking; and
 - c) when outdoors.All attendees shall also follow all COVID safety requirements of the venue.
- 5) Attendees at the Club's monthly membership meetings shall be masked while in Hope Church except when eating or drinking.

If you have any questions, please contact the Club at portperryprobus@gmail.com

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PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

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

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



MUSIC TRIVIA Wednesday, May 11

Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Rd., Port Perry
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Come join us for an afternoon of Music Trivia and fun. We will test your memory on songs, singers and music memorabilia. There will be refreshments served and prizes to win so please book your spot to join in on the fun. The cost will be \$25.00 per person.

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

Covid regulations will apply to this event. For further information, please contact Linda Parry at 905 985-8602.



WALKING TOUR OF TORONTO ISLAND Wednesday, June 22

Approx. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Timing is approximately 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with the 1-1/2 hours leisurely tour scheduled for 11 a.m. Two long-time residents are leading tours to show you the homes, gardens and public spaces on Wards and Algonquin Islands. In addition, there are now many Tiny Galleries throughout Ward's and Algonquin. These are gallery boxes installed in people's front yards to display the work of local artists. Some of the artists are selling their work if people are interested. The cost is \$25.50 per person which includes the tour and the ferry to the island. Optional lunch will follow at the Island Café. Members can take the GO Train as a group or car-pool. Seniors' return GO Train tickets are \$12.25 payable at the GO Train. Tours go rain or shine.

To register, please email: social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557.

HAVING FUN AT RECENT SOCIAL EVENTS

Dinner and Theatre

Sunday, April 10 at Herongate Barn Theatre

On Sunday April 10th, 29 of our members attended Herongate Barn Theatre. We had members join us from the Uxbridge PROBUS Club as well as members from the Durham Central Club. A lovely lunch of mixed salad, roasted cauliflower soup, roast beef, lemon garlic chicken, meat balls and roast potatoes. A large variety of desserts was also served.

After lunch we enjoyed watching *Broken Up*, a comedy revolving around a soon to be divorced couple.

During intermission we were treated to a visit from Benjamin a ten-year-old pet rabbit.

A good time was had by all.



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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB EXCURSIONS/EVENTS



All Tours depart from Pickering / Ajax.

If more than 10 PROBUS members book, Shirlie may be able to pick up at Walmart in Port Perry.

For more information on any of these tours, contact Shirly Van Putten at:

905-619-8583 or email: shirly@hnatravels.com

PLEASE ENSURE THAT SHIRLY KNOWS THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF PORT PERRY PROBUS.



OTTAWA AND DISCOVER YOUR CAPITAL

May 19 - 21

Cost: \$699 + HST (double),
\$929 + HST (single)

Your Tour includes return transportation by deluxe highway motor coach, two night's accommodation at the Historical Lord Elgin Hotel – ideally located downtown, free time to explore the famous Byward Market, for shopping or dining at your leisure, two breakfasts and one lunch, city tour including Rideau Hall; Royal Canadian Mint; Tulip display at Dow's Lake; National Art Gallery; Museum of History; Canadian War Museum/Rideau River Afternoon Cruise; Diefenbunker Cold War Museum.

TRIP TO NEWFOUNDLAND

July 24 - August 3

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

\$800 deposit per person due upon booking



What is included: Roundtrip airfare from Toronto to Deer Lake, Nfld, 10 night's accommodations in Nfld. Breakfast daily; 2 dinners; 4 lunches. **SOLD OUT** National Park, Port au Choix, Tour of Port au Choix National Historic Site, Tour of L'Anse aux Meadows, Tour of Sir Wilfred Grenfell Mission (provided first medical services in Labrador & Nfld), Visits to Twillingate, Trinity & Bonavista, City Tour of St. John's, Visit to Bay Bulls with boat cruise, Tour of Cape Spear National Historic Park, Services of an HNA Travels. Prices include all taxes.

REVISED

SHAW FESTIVAL

June 21 - 22

Cost: \$499 + HST (double)

Your Tour includes orchestra level tickets to two plays at the Festival Theatre – *The Importance of Being Ernest* and *Damn Yankees*, one-night's accommodation at the Holiday Inn in Niagara on the Lake including breakfast, visit to Whistling Gardens, picnic lunch, driver's tip



STAY TUNED
FOR MORE TOURS!
WE ARE STAYING IN
CANADA FOR 2022



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I put my weigh scale
in the
bathroom corner,
and that's where the
little liar will stay until
it apologises.

Sometimes I shock myself
with the smart stuff
I say and do.

Then there are times
when I try to get out of the
car with my seatbelt on.

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CARDINAL COACH TOURS – LINDSAY, ON

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

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

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

FALLSVIEW CASINO

April 26 - 28

Cost: Double \$395.00 Single \$515.00
Triple \$385.00 Quad \$375.00

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



tour and tasting near Niagara-on-the-lake!
Activity level: Active
Departure times from Walmart in Port Perry are confirmed closer to departure with minimum of 10 members booking. Prices include all taxes.

Review: November 15-17, 2021, Fallsview Casino

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



ME AT AGE 18:
This radio station is playing
my songs.

ME AT AGE 25:
This bar is playing my songs.

ME NOW:
This grocery store is playing
my songs.

**THIS IS A VERY POPULAR EVENT
AND TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!**

HAMILTON HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Thursday, May 26

Cost: \$145

Who loves HGTV and watching shows with tours of beautiful old homes and magnificent gardens? Come join us for a wonderful tour of Whitehern Historical House and Garden. Since 1848 three generations of McQuesten's lived in this Late Classical house. The influence of Georgian, Victorian, and Edwardian can be seen everywhere as you wander this peaceful lush walled oasis in the heart of downtown. After a historical morning, we head to Dutch Mill Country Gardens for a light lunch and flower shopping before we head to smell the lilacs at the Royal Botanical Gardens.

A guided tour of Arboretum gardens will be the highlight of the day learning and smelling the many different types of lilacs.

Activity level: VERY active

Depart from Walmart in Port Perry at approximately 8 a.m. (with a minimum booking of 10 members). Call Cardinal Tours to book and also call Social Committee member Pat McDougall at 905-985-8306 so that she can keep track of the number of members attending.



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CANXPLORE

CANXPLORE – BOWMANVILLE, ON

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

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 2 - 11 or July 30 - August 8

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

NOTE – RESERVATIONS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 24, 2022

What is included: 10 days, 9 nights accommodation, baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), ground transportation, services of a Tour Director, visits to Gros Morne Park, Grand Falls-Windsor, Twillingate, Gander, Trinity, Bonavista, Cape Spear, St. John's, boat tours on Bonne Bay, cruise Western Brook Pond, in Twillingate and in Bay Bulls (weather permitting), entrance fees to historic sites and museums, guided tour of Trinity, Anchors Aweigh show, wine tasting at Auk Island Winery, craft beer tasting at Quidi Vidi Brewery, airport transfers if booking the



A **zoom** Newfoundland Discover Tour Presentation will be available on April 19, 2022 at 7 p.m. For further details or to book the presentation or the Tour, contact Cathy Spracklin.

The CanXplore website is www.canxplore.com.

MARITIMES EXPLORATION TOUR

August 27 – September 7

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

What is included: 12 days, 11 nights accommodation, baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), ground transportation, services of a Tour Director, visits to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island including visits to Halifax, Peggy's Cove, Baddeck, the Cabot Trail, Saint John, Saint Andrews, two ferry crossings, entrance fees to historic sites and museums listed in the itinerary, whale watching tour (weather permitting), guided walks of Charlottetown, Lunenburg, and Saint John, wine tasting in the Annapolis Valley, airport transfers if booking the land + air package, **small group size of 22 maximum**, 16 meals (11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners) and much more. Tour price \$4495 per person, double occupancy (land only), \$5195 per person, double occupancy (land + air (Air Canada) to and from Toronto. All taxes and fees are included, \$500 non-refundable deposit per person, Final payment due June 1, 2022 (non-refundable once paid).



A **zoom** Maritimes Exploration Tour Presentation will be available on April 20, 2022 at 7 p.m. For further details or to book the presentation or the Tour, contact Cathy Spracklin.

The CanXplore website is www.canxplore.com.

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PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

New Interest Group Opportunities

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

Our club has a corporate account should you wish to set up a virtual meeting, and it has no time restraints!

Just contact Tim Casey at president.portperryprobus@gmail.com or 905-985-3991 to use it.

We are here to help should you want to try a meeting virtually!

CURRENT INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-985-2587

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

ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

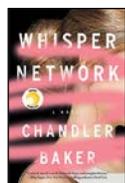
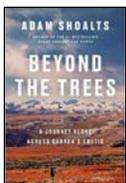
Fortunately we will be able to resume meeting in person at our new location, Hope Church. At this point we are a small enough group to be accommodated in a room that provides us with bright light and easy access. Our first session of 3 hours begins on Thursday, March 10th (1:00-4:00 p.m.). We will be meeting every other week at this time. Covid restrictions still apply, in that we will be required to wear masks while in the building. Guess, we'll get to know what school children, grocery clerks, nurses, medical staff, and others feel like. Nevertheless, everyone is excited at the thought of getting together again.

BOOK CLUB – THE PAGE TURNERS

Kathy McLeod

If you are looking for a good read, here are a few books recommended by members of our bookclub. For adventure lovers, "Beyond The Trees: A Journey Alone Across Canada's Arctic" follows the 2017 canoe trip of Adam Shoalts as he navigates 4,000 km from the Yukon to Nunavut. "Whisper Network" is a workplace mystery/thriller by Chandler Baker and is described in one review as "The Firm meets 9 to 5". "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett is a moving story spanning fifty years in a family's life. It explores the bond between siblings, childhood memories and life changing decisions.

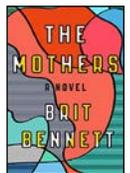
All good choices for a rainy day!



BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

The Next Chapter book club discussed "All the Lonely People" by Mike Gayle. We felt that this novel is timely and its discussion of loneliness, isolation, community, regrets and mental health resonated with us. We also learned that Gayle, a UK author, is known for writing "lad lit" – a term none of us had ever heard before. On April 29 at 10:30, we are going to be discussing "The Mothers" by Britt Bennett. It might be on [zoom](#) or, weather depending, outside.



CREATE AND CHAT

Lou Clement-Hobbs

705-879-1072 • chichi@persona.ca

The Create and Chat group is about to be resurrected. Those wishing to share their crafts, whether it's knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, quilting, jewelry making, etc., are invited to meet on a given afternoon for working, chatting and sipping a favourite beverage. Our first session will be held on [zoom](#) where we will discuss venues, times and dates. Join for a relaxing and fun time. Please let us know if you wish to participate in this group.

DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695

Ken Crossley: 705-786-1707



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

Everyone is welcome, no Legion membership is required. This is not a league, we play just for fun. Masks are not required in the Legion unless it is a personal preference.

DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller

226-229-9073 • margandrodmliller@gmail.com

We will be meeting on Thursday, May 5th at Slabtown Cider Co. at 4559 Concession Rd 6, Uxbridge at 5:00 p.m. We meet the 1st Thursday of the month. We are open to new members. If you are interested in joining us, please email or phone Marg to book a chair at the table.

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BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube – 905-985-7102

We will start playing again regularly on March 11th. Games will then be played on alternate Friday afternoons, group members taking turns hosting in their homes. If you would like to learn how to play Bid Euchre and join this group as a spare, please telephone or email.

EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube – 905-985-7102



Our games will begin again on March 4th – hooray! We will then be playing on alternate Friday afternoons, group members taking turns hosting in their homes. If you would like to learn more about joining the group please telephone or email.

EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

As the coordinator, I have been waiting for safer times to get together again and for this frigid winter to be over. As I listen to people venturing out more, wanting to get back to a new normal and feeling fairly safe with most having 3 vaccinations, it may be time to resume our group's in person games. We had a core group, which we'll first reconnect with to find out who still is interested. Also, due to COVID still a concern, we likely won't add to the group just yet.

GARDENING – BLOOMERS

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



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

GENEALOGY

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

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

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



GOLF LEAGUE

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

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

FORE! We're a mixed golf league. Newcomers and old are welcome! Please contact me to learn more while there are spots available.

This will be an unforgettable golf season! Looking forward to talking all things golf with you.

HIKING WITH BILL

Bill Morrison

"The group has hikes on the first and third Fridays of each month. The next outings are planned for April 15 and May 6. Contact Bill for more information by emailing the interest group.

LAWN BOWLING

Judy L. Anderson

The Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club will reopen in May when the grass is dry. There will be times to give it a try soon after. I will organize a group to learn to play and to practise this sport as soon as the dates are decided. If you are interested in Short Mat bowling at the Latcham Centre or Indoor Carpet Bowling in Markham please contact Judy (interest group email).



LUNCH BUNCH

Marg Miller: 226-229-9073

We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 27th at the Piano Café on Queen Street in Port Perry at 1 p.m. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We are looking for a coordinator to head up this group. Please contact Marg Miller, 226-229-9073 or email the interest group to book your chair at the table.

MOVIE GROUP

Denise Throp

Cinemas are now open at 100% capacity. The Scugog library is now showing live movies again. Kanopy movies can be streamed from Ajax and Lindsay libraries.



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SINGLES GROUP

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey

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

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

TOWN HALL THEATRE

Judy L. Anderson: 365-770-1331

Coming up at Town Hall 1873 Theatre:

The Mudmen – April 23

Sean Cullen and Friends Comedy Show.

A Fundraiser for the Town Hall Theatre – April 29

Edge of Dylan. A Bob Dylan Tribute – April 30

All shows are listed on the Town Hall website.



WINE TASTING I

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Our next wine tasting is slated to have a Mediterranean theme. Unfortunately it will not occur until after this issue of the newsletter is out. A report will be included in this space next month.



GRAPES OF POURT

Barb Langer: 416-805-9223

We had another terrific wine tasting via zoom, for most of the group, on April 7. It was hosted by the dynamic duo of Janet Broder and Jane Vollick. All three wines this month were very reasonably priced choices from France, all with low sugar content. Jane, wearing her saucy French beret, regaled us with tips, trivia and info on the winemakers' locations in France. She reminded us of the 5 S's in wine tasting: see, swirl, sip, swirl (again), and savour. Janet had reminded us to refrigerate the rosé and white wines until 20 minutes before opening, and to put the red wine into the fridge for about 20 minutes before opening.

Our first wine was La Vieille Ferme rosé from the southern Rhone Valley, paired with Ossau-Iraty, a sheep milk cheese from the French Basque region. We agreed that this would be a lovely summer wine. Many of us found the wine tasted even sweeter with the cheese.

Our second wine was a white Aurèle Viognier, paired with a Grand Crème Delin cheese. This was a full-bodied, fruity wine, with undertones of flowers, citrus and green grapes. The grapes are grown in the south of France, west of Marseilles, and benefit from the ocean breezes.

Our last wine, in a unique bottle, was a J.P. Chenet Pinot Noir, paired with Comte or Brie aux Truffes. Another wine from the south of France, on the Mediterranean, it had a lovely taste with the paired cheese. It's no wonder that it has won approximately 100 awards in the last 5 years.

We all felt that the wines provided excellent value for money.

We ended our tasting session by planning the meetings for the rest of the year and, for in-person meetings, we will turn them into themed pot luck dinners. We are all looking forward to next month's choices!

The following interest groups have suspended operations during the COVID-19 crisis. Please stay tuned because some of the groups might be looking at ways to start up as we move towards re-opening. Keeping our interest groups going can provide an outlet for sharing like interests. Please consider volunteering for one of these groups needing a coordinator:

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

BOARD GAMES

Bill Morrison: 905-985-2624

BOWLING FOR FUN

Ann Skinner: 905-982-8865

BREAKFAST CLUB
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

CRIBBAGE
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

CURRENT EVENTS

COORDINATOR NEEDED!

DINNER – GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER (GWCTD)
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

JAZZ
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

LUNCH MEETUP

(After monthly meeting)
COORDINATOR NEEDED

MODEL BOATS
COORDINATOR NEEDED!

TRAVEL
Judy Spring: 905-447-4557

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Main Speaker – April 19

GEOFF CARPENTIER

“Penetrating the Impenetrable Forest”



Join our speaker, Geoff Carpentier, on an amazing journey to Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania as he searches for gorillas, chimpanzees, and big cats and delves into the local culture and features of these incredible countries.

About Our Speaker

Geoff Carpentier's interest in nature began in childhood when he wandered through the woods and countryside near his Canadian home, learning about nature first hand. From the time he went to university to study wildlife to when he worked for Parks Canada and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, he has dedicated his life to protecting and studying wild things – be they birds, mammals, insects or plants. After his retirement in 2006 Geoff headed off on a new career path where he put his lifelong studies to work – he became an expedition and interpretive guide. He has led numerous trips to Antarctica, Svalbard, Russia and Alaska, Eastern Europe, Cuba, Borneo and Tanzania. A prolific author, Geoff wrote a previous book on mammals, is widely published in nature magazines and newspapers including the Port Perry Standard. He is also a member of the PROBUS Club of Port Perry.

Did you miss our March ZOOM Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

The March short presentation was a TED Talks video entitled, “Inside the Mind of a Master Procrastinator”, which encouraged us in a humorous way to think harder about what we're really procrastinating about.

The main presenter was Marnie Hare Bickle who created the book, “Native Born Son: The Journals of J. David Ford”, which is the first-hand telling of Ford's suspenseful exploits while growing up in the eastern arctic during the 1920s and 30s.

Copies of “Native Born Son” can be purchased directly from the presenter for \$25 plus \$5 shipping. Contact Marnie Bickle at 905-885-6571 or by email: marniebickle@me.com

To watch the March meeting, click on this video link:

<https://youtu.be/0X54uJhwrpE>

Short Presentation – April 19

CAREY NICHOLSON, TOTR Artistic Director and
MICHAEL SERRES, Program Coordinator

“Connecting Seniors Through Theatre On and Offstage with Theatre on the Ridge”



“Carey Nicholson and Michael Serres will talk about a new program to reconnect through a variety of theatre related experiences being offered by Theatre on the Ridge, through their new Connecting Seniors Through Theatre program, made possible with the support of the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program (ESDC), which provides seniors with access to creation, performance and behind the scenes experiences and new social interactions. The program offers several activities to engage with theatre process and performance through readings, hands on workshops and programming and also as audience members by attending local theatre productions with facilitated pre/post performance conversations. No previous theatre experience or knowledge is necessary and the program structure encourages participants to explore all activities at their own comfort level.”

About The Presenters

“Carey Nicholson is currently the artistic director and co-founder of Theatre on the Ridge, Durham Region's not for profit, professional theatre company.



Carey has been involved with community and professional theatre companies in Durham, York Region and elsewhere in many capacities, primarily as board member, producer, director, choreographer, performer, instructor, set and costume designer.

Michael Serres, Connecting Seniors Through Theatre Programme Coordinator, has been involved in theatre arts since high school. He has been active throughout the Durham Region as an actor, director, and award-winning sound designer and instructor. He has also been a theatre administrator at the Town Hall Theatre in Port Perry since 2015. Through his company, Smart Acts, he developed theatre programming for seniors as a means of maintaining and strengthening cognitive abilities as we age.”



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Speakers continued

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

MAY 17

“The Birth of the Beatles”

Musical presentation with Mike Daley

JUNE 21

“News from the Zoo”

Adam Huston, Director of Guest Experience, Toronto Zoo

JULY 19

“Stories Behind the Art”

Sonya Jones from the Robert McLaughlin Gallery

AUGUST 16

“Royal Scandals”

Lianne Harris

March Zoom Meeting LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS

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

The prize draw winners were:

Tallya Moore **Diane Sutherland**
Mary Fitzgerald **Jan Thompson**

*Congratulations
to our four winners!*



MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

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

We’re publishing a new feature for the newsletter and website.

And it’s all about YOU and your family. We’re seeking interesting stories about our members’ lives and their families and ancestors.

The content could be anything from a short anecdote in one or two paragraphs or something more substantive up to 500 words.

It could be a particularly heartwarming experience, a fascinating snippet from your childhood, a special cultural experience in your

travels, a famous person you’ve met, something interesting or courageous a family member did, or an educational story about one of your ancestors or how they lived in times long ago. You can include your name or not – your choice.

We would like to include a few of these in each newsletter edition in order to bring a smile to the faces of your fellow club members.

WEBSITES TO ENJOY

TO THE MOON WE GO

NASA’s Artemis I mission begins the establishment of human presence on the moon. You, too, can be a part of this mission by adding your name to a flash drive that will accompany the Artemis spacecraft.

To add your name and get your “Boarding Pass”, visit this website:

<https://www.nasa.gov/send-your-name-with-artemis/>

Note: You can also sign up as a virtual guest for news on the mission.



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

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

NATIVE PLANT GARDENING



The North American Native Plant Society, based in the Greater Toronto & Hamilton area “is dedicated to the cultivation and promotion of flora indigenous to North America.” Their website is a rich source of information. There you can find upcoming and past speakers and webinars such as: Plant Selection that’s for the Birds, The Wild and Wonderful World of Butterflies, Native Plant Gardening for Your Balcony, and many more.

An upcoming Webinar is:

Collecting and Cultivating Native Plant Seeds

April 13th @ 7 - 8 p.m. EDT FREE (Register on-line)

<https://nanps.org/category/all-speakers-workshops/>

OUR PREHISTORIC ANCESTORS



Creswell Crags in the UK contain caves that saw human activity between 43,000 and 10,000 years ago. They contain several layers of occupation and, so, are an important archaeological site. The Creswell Crags Museum presents a series of live streamed

zoom talks about prehistoric times. The talks are free, but a donation of £3 (abt \$4.93 CAD) is suggested. Or you can join their Mountain Hare membership level for £4 per month (abt \$6.57 CAD) for access to their Patreon channel to view recordings of the talks after they have finished.

Upcoming talks are:

Easter Folklore

Apr 18 1 p.m. EDT

Social Care, Medicine and Rituals in the Stone Age

May 2 1 p.m. EDT

The Evolutionary and Cultural History of Dogs

May 16 1 p.m. EDT

Australia’s Lost Giants:

New Ways to Study Old Faunal Remains

May 30 1 p.m. EDT

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/online-talks-40609>

(Click on “Past” to see a list of previous talks)

<https://www.patreon.com/CreswellCrags>

(for membership information)



DURHAM REGION THINGS TO DO

Spring events are happening everywhere in Durham. Take a look at all the interesting events scheduled over the next month such as a butter tart festival, antique & folk art show, theatre experiences, etc.

<https://calendar.durham.ca/tourismevents>

“CANOE THE NONQUON” RACE IS BACK



The 52nd Annual Canoe the Nonquon race is taking place on Saturday, June 4th, 2022 in Port Perry

The race is sanctioned by the Ontario Marathon Canoe and Kayak Racing Association (OMCKRA). The race was started by the Lake Scugog Historical Society as a fundraiser for the Scugog Shores Museum Village. Over 40 volunteers help plan and organize the race each year.

The course starts on the twisty Nonquon River. For the first few kilometers there are many tight bends to practice your rudder turns. There are also some dead end channels along the river section (when in doubt always keep right). There is 12 km of river paddling followed by an 8 km sprint along the shores of Lake Scugog to the finish line.

Participants race the clock and can start anytime between 8 and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. This is a well-attended race with a long-standing history in the community. Amateurs and professionals, young and old, may compete in a large number of competitive or recreational categories. Shuttle vans are available to take participants back to their cars upon concluding the race at either Robinglade Park (river only) or Palmer Park (full course).

REGISTRATION:

Registration takes place at the Latcham Centre, 121 Queen Street, Port Perry on Friday, June 3rd from 6:00 – 9:00 pm and Saturday, June 4th from 7:00 – 10:00 am. The registration fee is \$60/canoe or kayak or SUP. Participants are encouraged to gather pledges, a prize will be awarded to the top fundraiser! All participants **MUST** bring a completed registration form, signed waiver, and emergency contact form to the Latcham Centre before proceeding to the start line. Upon registration at the Latcham Centre, you will receive your race number. You will not be permitted to start the race without this number.

CLASSES:

Participants must register in one of the following classes:

Canoe full course: C1, C2, Men, Women, Mixed, 40 or Better Men, 40 or Better Women, 40 or Better Mixed, Family Jr. & Sr., SUP

Canoe river only: 17 & Under, Men, Women, Mixed

Kayak full course: K1, K2, Men (single paddler), Women (single paddler)

Kayak river only: 17 & Under (single paddler), Men (single paddler), Women (single paddler)

START LOCATION:

Bridge on Scugog Line 12, between Old Simcoe Road and Simcoe Road North near the village of Seagrave, 10 minutes north of Port Perry.

FINISH LOCATION:

Robinglade Park (if racing river only), or public pier in Port Perry, at the Latcham Centre (if racing full course)

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Canoe the Nonquon continued

SPONSORS - Thank you to our sponsors! Event sponsored by Durham Tourism. Prize for top fundraiser provided by Brock's.

WEBSITE - For additional information, or to download registration forms and waivers, visit www.scugog.ca/museum

Canoe the Nonquon is the largest annual fundraiser for the Scugog Shores Museum Village. Minimum race entrance fee is \$60, but all participants are encouraged to raise more money through sponsorship to support our community and the Museum as we celebrate the 52nd running of the race!

For more information please contact:

**Victoria Karakian, Assistant Curator,
Scugog Shores Museum Village**
museum@scugog.ca • 905-260-2017

CALLING ALL PROBUS LADIES FOR A TRULY INTERNATIONAL EVENT

PROBUS Global is having a LADIES chat May 3 by **zoom** that will be hosted by Marlene Pearce, Past President of PROBUS CANADA and liaison for PROBUS Global. It will be fun talking to ladies all over the world. Hope you will be able to join in. It will be at 2 p.m. Atlantic time which is 1 p.m. Port Perry time. See the invitation below for the **zoom** link.



zoom Link

us02web.zoom.us/j/81032222447?pwd=UzhMRW10dFNOL2RDVmxNdGZtOUNLdz09

Meeting Code: 810 3222 2447 Passcode: 677251

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON BROADWAY

**Theatre on the Ridge receives funding for new
theatre based seniors program titled**

“Connecting Seniors Through Theatre On and Offstage”

Theatre on the Ridge is pleased to announce that, through Employment and Social Development Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program, the company will launch a theatre based program for seniors to offset the negative mental and emotional impacts of COVID.



Funds in the amount of \$25,000 will be used over the next year to give seniors a diverse opportunity to connect with themselves and others while enriching their life skills and regaining social connections. Through engagement and education, this program will provide seniors with access to creation, performance and behind the scenes experiences to expand their knowledge of theatre process and performance through a variety of workshops and programming. Participants will also enrich their audience experience by attending local theatre productions with facilitated pre/post performance conversations to encourage participation on a deeper level, enhancing their enjoyment of theatre.

Theatre on the Ridge artistic director, Carey Nicholson says, “This is an exciting opportunity to re-emerge from the pandemic and re-establish that community engagement and enrichment that has been so difficult over the past two years, and we can't wait to get started putting the program details together!”

The details will come together through project coordinator, Michael Serres and the establishment of a program committee, made up of interested seniors, who will play a key role in determining the specific program content and activities within the program's framework. Michael, well known locally as a theatre artist and educator is looking forward to being a part of this project and says “Theatre on the Ridge is blazing a trail of psychological recovery from this pandemic through this program, providing the means for seniors to re-connect, and to once again grow and flourish through new learning and new experiences. Program committee members in particular will play a vital role in shaping these experiences by sharing their knowledge and unique perspective on igniting our passion for living through creativity.”

Recruitment for committee participants is already underway and program activities will begin later in the spring, running through to March 2023. Anyone interested in joining the committee or learning more about the program are invited to contact Michael Serres at info@theatre3x60.ca for more information.

Stay up to date with all Theatre on the Ridge productions and events at www.theatreontheridge.ca and on Facebook and Instagram.

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PROBUS GLOBAL

For a wider view of the PROBUS world, consider joining PROBUS Global at <https://probusglobal.org/>

It's free to join, and you have access to lots of fascinating information and benefits from this online PROBUS organization such as:

- Finding and learning about PROBUS clubs all over the world, reading their newsletters, attending their membership meetings by **zoom**, connecting with their members;
- Becoming an email or chat pal with PROBUS members world-

- wide or joining chatrooms with other such PROBUS members;
- Have an instant PROBUS connection in many countries when you travel and also have the opportunity to learn about the worldwide travels of other PROBUS members;
- Access the PROBUS Global newsletter;
- Join a PROBUS Global interest group and
- Many other benefits.



SOME QUICK REMINDERS

PROBUS CHALLENGE - ASSISTING FELLOW MEMBERS

You are challenged to consider fellow PROBUS members who live alone or may be having trouble throughout this lengthy period of social distancing.

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

LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

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

CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's new Facebook group. We have around 125 members now in the group and are looking for more to join. There's no obligation to input anything if you don't want to, but you'll find a lot of good information, inspiration and laughs on the site from those who do. The only rules are that posts must not be political, religious, or offensive. No fundraising except as approved by the management committee.

For any issues or to get assistance with joining the Facebook group, feel free to email judith.spring@outlook.com



WANTED PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEMBERS



Looking for members who are interested in getting together in a group to enjoy taking photographs. A Coordinator has already stepped forward to guide you.

If you are this person, please contact:
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



HAPPY . . .
Easter
. . . EVERYONE