



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

NOVEMBER, 2021



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TOGETHER WE *Remember*

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

OUR NEXT ONLINE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM

NOVEMBER 16th,
10:00-11:45 a.m.

REGISTRATION IS NOT NECESSARY
IN ORDER TO ATTEND.
SEE INFORMATION FURTHER
IN THE NEWSLETTER.

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If you or any club member you know has
been having trouble receiving Club newsletters
or email blasts, please let us know at
portperryprobus@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

We've finally hit the cooler weather and darker afternoons. But the holidays will soon be upon us. And that means all the celebrations of the season with family and friends (even if those will in some cases be by **zoom**, Facetime or some other online mechanism). And of course there's the New Year coming in 7 short weeks with all the new beginnings and optimism that brings. So it's a time to look forward to the wonderful things in life we enjoy so much.

We have great news as regards our PROBUS club. As of this date at least (in other words if some type of new regulation or virus doesn't stop our plans), we're going to resume our in-person membership meetings starting in December. We've been waiting 21 months for this. A number of in-person social activities and interest groups are already underway, but this will be our biggest indoor event since mid-February 2020. And for those who don't yet feel comfortable attending the in-person meeting, we'll be simultaneously broadcasting it on **zoom**.

Unfortunately we're still limited somewhat in the number of attendees we can fit in Hope Church at this time due to us incorporating social distancing in the seating, but we'll still be able to seat around 80% of what we can normally accommodate. There's more on these December meeting plans further on in this newsletter, and you'll get additional information on it over the next 5 weeks. But it's great news for all of us in the club.

If you haven't gotten your pre-approval of your full vaccination status, this would be the time to do it. There is a fast increasing number of in-person club activities being planned, and they all require members and guests to be fully vaccinated.

On behalf of the Club's management team, we are really looking forward to seeing all of you in person again. It's been far too long.

Have a great November!!

Tim Casey, President,
PROBUS Club of Port Perry
president.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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CLUB NOTICES

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON NOVEMBER 16th

Our next online general membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 16th, from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The November membership meeting will be on [zoom](#) as we have been doing for well over a year. As usual, you'll receive your meeting invitation/link at the email address you have on file with the club. We'll send it out about 10 days before the meeting with the connection information and again just before the meeting as a reminder.

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

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Although our November meeting will be by [zoom](#), we'll be able to return to in-person membership meetings in December at Hope Church. And for the foreseeable future the in-person membership meetings will be hybrid ones - simultaneously both in-person and by [zoom](#). So if you're not comfortable joining the group at the meeting in person, please join us by [zoom](#).

First key item of note - remember that this December's membership meeting is being held one week earlier than normal. It will be on December 14th (the second Tuesday in the month instead of the 3rd Tuesday).

We will have a limitation on the number of attendees we can have at the meeting (about 80% of our typical attendance). So members wishing to attend the December meeting will have to pre-register with the Club in order to avoid overcrowding. We will advise you well ahead of time as to how to pre-register. This may or may not be a requirement for future meetings.

At the December meeting we'll be taking a number of extra steps to protect the health of our members as regards COVID. Some of the precautions we'll be taking include:

- 1.) All attendees will be required to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 (by using either the vaccination document, prior proof of vaccination submitted to the Club, or the Club-issued "full vaccination" sticker);
- 2.) Masks will be required to be worn except when seated;
- 3.) Modified social-distanced seating (i.e. less than 2 meters separation) and some full social-distanced seating (2 meters separation) will be provided;
- 4.) Hand sanitizer will be provided at all internal and external entrances/exits to the meeting and in restrooms;
- 5.) Commonly touched surfaces will be sanitized before, during and after the meeting;

- 6.) There will be no food or beverage service at the first in-person membership meeting;
- 7.) There will be no social events tables and interest group tables at the first in-person membership meeting;
- 8.) Names will be recorded of all those attending (for purpose of contact tracing);
- 9.) Crowd monitors will be available to ensure no crowding at entrances/exits, in hallways and in open spaces.
- 10.) Signage will be provided throughout the Church to help attendees understand the health precautions in place

VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE IN-PERSON CLUB MEETINGS

Just a reminder to all of our members that anyone attending any in-person Club activity or event (like membership meetings, social events and interest groups) must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and must have provided proof of such vaccination to the Club prior to any such attendance. For information as to how to provide proof of vaccination, please see last month's newsletter or the Club website. About 2/3 of the Club membership has already provided proof of vaccination, so if you haven't as yet done so, please consider arranging it soon.

Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP



I am very pleased to welcome the following people new members to the Club:

Nancy Gardham Jane Vollick
Catherine Whittle Shirley Evans

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and involvement in the Club.

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

*Linda Parry,
Membership Chair, PROBUS Club of Port Perry*

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LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER 11th

Two World Wars and numerous other regional conflicts in the last 107 years have taken a heavy toll on the Canadians who were in those conflicts and the families and others at home who actively supported those efforts.

It is said that Canada came of age as a nation during WWI due to its exceptional performance in key battles of that war. By war's end Canada and Newfoundland had over 63,000 dead and 175,000 wounded from a combined population of only around 8,000,000 people, and most families had been impacted in some way by those losses.



John McCrae, from Guelph, Ontario, wrote his famous poem, "In Flanders Fields", while serving in the European theatre during WWI. That poem remains a poignant reminder of the cost of war and the call to not let that sacrifice go in vain. John wrote the poem in 1915 not knowing just how prophetic it would be and just how much worse that the Flanders Fields theatre would become. Nearly a million soldiers from over 50 nations were killed, wounded or missing in action in Flanders Fields from 1914-1918. John passed away in January 1918 while on duty in France at the age of 42.



In Flanders Fields

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**



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PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

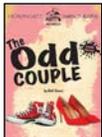
All scheduled events are subject to Provincial COVID-19 regulations and public health advice at the time of the event. Port Perry PROBUS requires that all members attending face to face events have two vaccinations.

Sunday, December 5

CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY EVENT – HERONGATE BARN THEATRE

2885 Altona Rd., Locust Hill – 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$69 including lunch, seasonal music, and a female adaptation of Neil Simon's hit comedy *The Odd Couple*. For this private PROBUS event, we are restricted to 80 members, and will allow each member to bring one friend, with proof of vaccination.



For your information, Herongate is not fully accessible. The dining area is accessible with washrooms. To transition to the theatre, you must take the stairs or walk around the building to access the theatre directly. There are no washrooms on the theatre level.

To register, please email: social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.

Thursday, December 16

PORT PERRY PROBUS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON at Scrambles, Foxbridge Golf Course 350 Reach St., Uxbridge – 12 p.m.



Tickets are \$45 per person including tax and gratuities for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert. Cash bar. For this members only event, we are restricted to 70 members.

To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.



Wednesday, February 2 and February 9, 2022
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHO KNEW? TRIVIA

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

We are limited to 25 computer connections; however, if there are two of you sharing the same computer, that would only count as one (and remember, two brains are better than one!!) Please register by emailing social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.



Friday, February 4

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE MANDARIN

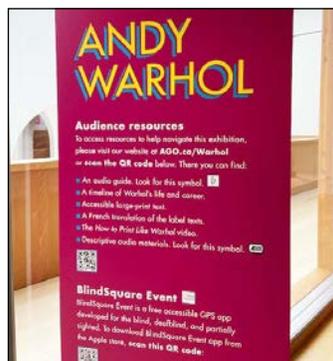
1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa – 12 p.m.

Buffet luncheon with COVID safety protocols - \$25 per person. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, contact Ann Skinner at 905-982-8865.

HAVING FUN AT RECENT SOCIAL EVENTS



Andy Warhol Exhibit Art Gallery of Ontario Thursday, October 14



Afternoon High Tea Heritage Tea Room Wednesday November 3

This event was attended by 31 members and friends. It was a very pleasant experience. Some of our members wore fascinators. We also saw some pearls, but no white gloves.



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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB EXCURSIONS/EVENTS

HNA OFFERS

*Government regulations will be in place. Only 40 allowed on the bus.
Please note that proof of double vaccination is required and you are required to wear a mask.*

ST. JACOB'S SPARKLES

November 25

Cost: \$120

Contact: Shirley Van Putten: shirlievanputten@rogers.com

Kick off your holiday shopping season with in-store sales, draw prizes, festive food sampling and lots of holiday charm. Visit the Farmers' Market, Picard's Peanuts, and the Village Holiday Open House.

Includes:

- Return transportation by luxury Coach
- Dinner at Jacob's Grill
- Visit to Farmer's Market
- Visit to Picard's Peanuts

NOTE: Shirlie has indicated that we need 10 members to book for pick-up at Walmart in Port Perry. Otherwise pickup is behind the Chestnut Centre (formerly Pickering Recreation Centre) at 10:00 a.m. with return leaving St. Jacob's at 7:30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN QUEBEC CITY AND MONTREAL!

December 9 - 12 – 4 days/3 nights

Cost: per person, double occ. \$799. + HST (\$892.70);
single \$1,099 + HST (\$1,241.87)

To Book: Call Shirley Van Putten: 905-619-8583
or email: shirlie@hnatravels.com

Enjoy the atmosphere of the European Christmas Markets in your own backyard!

Includes:

Round trip transportation by deluxe chartered coach • in the heart of Old Quebec at the 4-star Clarendon Hotel (steps from the Christmas Market) • one night at Montreal's downtown Novotel Hotel including full breakfast • City tours of both Quebec City and Montreal • Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director.



FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS PRESENTS "JINGLE AROUND THE CLOCK"

December 14

Cost: \$115

Contact: Shirley Van Putten: shirlievanputten@rogers.com

It's JOY to the world as we Jingle around the Clock. The gift is our vaccine, as we inject you with our love and charm. Bring the whole family and celebrate the new beginning of a new world.

Includes:

- Return transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Lunch at the Theatre
- Ticket to Jingle around the Clock
- Dessert at intermission
- Driver's Tip



PORTUGAL/SPAIN

February 15 – March 10, 2022

Cost: Total selling price including all taxes:

Double occupancy is \$3,420, upgrades available.

For prices on single occupancy and further details, contact
Shirlie van Putten 905-619-8583

Includes:

Transportation: • Direct flight from Toronto to Faro, Portugal • Transfer from the Algarve to the Costa del Sol by Coach • Flight from Malaga, Spain to Montreal and connecting flight to Toronto

Accommodation: • 12 nights' accommodation at the Brisa Sol, Albufeira in 1-bedroom apartment • 10 nights' accommodation at the Sunset Beach Resort, Benalmadena, Spain in 1-bedroom apartment

Also included:

• Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director • Welcome dinner in Albufeira



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Non Port Perry Club Excursions/Events continued

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.

FALLSVIEW CASINO

November 15-17

Cost (taxes included): Double \$395.00

Single \$515.00 Triple \$385.00 Quad \$375.00

Contact: Cardinal Tours: 705-324-2777 or 877-343-7773

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 Fallsview Casino and Resort 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! Let us enjoy the winter weather in a destination that is perfect all year round.



Activity level: active

Departure times from Walmart in Port Perry are confirmed closer to departure. PLEASE TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF PORT PERRY PROBUS.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY

December 7

Cost: \$105.00

Contact: Cardinal Tours: 705-324-2777 or 877-343-7773

As the holiday season gets into full swing, we will venture into Toronto to get into the holiday spirit. Our first stop will be at one of the oldest markets in Canada, the St. Lawrence Market. Your taste buds and sense of smell are sure to have you purchase many treats from the 120 vendors. We will enjoy a delicious, included lunch at the Hot House Café before our highlight of the day, Distillery District. Transformed into a festive holiday experience with the massive Christmas tree, seasonal music and the guy in the red suit, this tour will be a merry addition to your holiday season.



Activity level: moderate

Depart from Walmart in Port Perry at approximately 8:45 a.m. PLEASE TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF PORT PERRY PROBUS.

CANXPLORE – BOWMANVILLE, ON

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 2 - 11, 2022 or July 30 - August 8, 2022

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)

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

What is included: 10 days, 9 nights accommodation, baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel), ground transportation, services of a Tour Director, visits to Gros Morne Park, Grand Falls-Windsor, Twillingate, Gander, Trinity, Bonavista, Cape Spear, St. John's, boat tours on Bonne Bay, cruise Western Brook Pond, in Twillingate and in Bay Bulls (weather permitting), entrance fees to historic sites and museums, guided tour of



Trinity, Anchors Aweigh show, wine tasting at Auk Island Winery, craft beer tasting at Quidi Vidi Brewery, airport transfers if booking the land + air package, small group size of 22 maximum (minimum 14), 13 meals (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners).

\$500 non-refundable deposit per person – final payment due April 25, 2022, (non-refundable once paid). Book by February 1st, 2022 and save \$100 per person.

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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

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-985-2587
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Since this group is all fully vaccinated and well within the regulated number, we are planning on a reunion/luncheon in November. At this time, we will discuss some reorganizing strategies to move forward in the new year. As before, we will be looking towards new members when we know what we can do and where we will be.

BOOK CLUB – THE PAGE TURNERS

Kathy McLeod
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Our group gave top marks to this month's book, "The Room On Rue Amelie". The novel takes place in Paris during WWII.



An American woman, a young Jewish girl and a British pilot are the central characters of the story. Author Kristin Harmel has written a page turning story of love, courage and suspense. A must read for fans of "The Nightingale", "All The Light We Cannot See" and "Lilac Girls".

NEW BOOK CLUB

Marg Miller: 226-229-9073
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The Page Turners Book Club is currently full, and we've had some enquiries about whether we can start another book club. We have an experienced coordinator ready to go – so now we just need to know who would like to join in. Book clubs are particularly great for that long cold winter season. If you're not sure, call Marg or email her to get more information

DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695
Ken Crossley: 705-786-1707
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We will be resume our darts at the Legion starting on November 9th. Legion rules require that when actually throwing your darts, you must wear a mask. After throwing your darts you must return to a table and remain seated at the table.....ie we will not be standing around as usual in the dart room. While seated at a table you can remove your mask. When going to the bar or washroom your mask must be worn.



THURSDAY DINNER OUT

Marg Miller: 226-229-9073
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Last month we met at Slab Town Cider Company and enjoyed the day with our dinner out friends on the patio. It was decided that we were ready to move to indoor dining at favourable venues. We will be meeting on Thursday, November 25th at 5:30 at Bistro '67. This is the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food, second floor, Durham College, Whitbe campus. The address of the venue is 1604 Champlain Ave, Whitby, ON. If you are interested in joining us, please email or phone Marg Miller to book a chair at the table.

BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube – 905-985-7102
interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We are back to playing regular euchre every two weeks in each other's homes, on Friday afternoons. Feeling almost normal again is very enjoyable. If you would like to try playing with us occasionally as a Spare, please telephone or email.



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EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube – 905-985-7102

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We have enjoyed returning to our games every second Friday. The old brains are challenged and we have fun, and snacks, in each other's homes. If you would like to try Euchre, and join the group as a spare, please email or give Ann a call.



EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Given the need to use cards, which are handled and passed around a table setting in our homes, this group has decided to wait and see when we can safely resume in-person gatherings. Perhaps once the winter weather returns, we may consider returning to playing in person.

GENEALOGY

Neil Kilmartin: 289-388-8039

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Anyone is welcome to contact me by any way you're comfortable with, though email is my preferred method of communication. Hopefully, we'll get this challenging time of our lives behind us soon enough, and I look forward to us getting together as a group.

HIKING

Bill Morrison

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



"The group has hikes on the first and third Friday's of each month. The next outings are planned for November 19 and December 3. Contact Bill for more information.

LAWN BOWLING

Judy L. Anderson

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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

MOVIE GROUP

Denise Throp

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Movie theatres are now open. Kanopy movies can be streamed from Ajax and Lindsay libraries. The Scugog library is now showing live movies. "The Father" will be playing on November 4 and 18 at 6:30. Virtual **zoom** film discussion from the Scugog library on November 23 at 2:00 p.m - Meditation Park.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Jim Wakeford: 905-985-2030

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter. Nothing is happening with the photography group, yet, but with controls slowly being loosened, we may get together before the year is out.

SINGLES GROUP

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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.

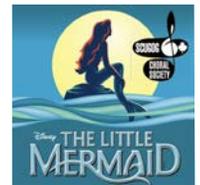


TOWN HALL THEATRE

Judy L. Anderson: 905-985-4257

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The Little Mermaid finally opens on November 26 with most of the original cast ready to perform. Some new faces have joined to complete this Scugog Choral Society (SCSMusicals) production. Call the box office **905-985-8181** to book your ticket or email info@townhalltheatre.ca. This show has something for all ages with lyrical songs such as "A Whole New World" and lively dancing in "Under The Sea".



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WINE TASTING I

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Hosting our wine group on Friday, November 19th is Bill and Mary Morrison. They will be returning from their visit to British Columbia where they visited their son and family. They met their first grandchild, Theo Alexander! Due to travelling, this meeting will be by **zoom**. The wine we will be tasting will be from British Columbia.

NEW WINE TASTING INTEREST GROUP

Our current Wine Tasting Group is full as well, and it's had a fun time this last year at in-person and **zoom** tastings and **zoom** wine adventures. We regularly get questions about starting a new wine tasting group. So here's your chance. We have a few people interested and just need a few more to make it viable. Give us a call or email if you're possibly interested.

Call Tim at 905-985-3991 or

email: Interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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 the groups needing a coordinator.

BOARD GAMES

Bill Morrison: 905-985-2624

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

BOWLING FOR FUN

Ann Skinner: 905-982-8865

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

BREAKFAST CLUB

Coordinator Needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

BRIDGE - BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

Coordinator Needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

CREATE AND CHAT

Coordinator Needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

If you are interested in anything crafty, and having wonderful conversations while doing them, consider heading up this group.

CRIBBAGE

Coordinator Needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

CURRENT EVENTS

Coordinator Needed!

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

Carole Matthews: 905-982-2702

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

FOODIES

Melodie Scott: 905-767-1505

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

LUNCH MEETUP

(After monthly meeting)

Melodie Scott

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

MODEL BOATS

Coordinator Needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

TRAVEL

Judy Spring: 905-447-4557

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ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED

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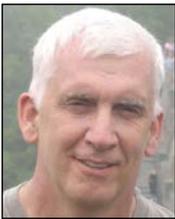
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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS

Main Speaker – November 16

RICHARD PYVES

“Night Madness: A Rear Gunner’s Tale of Love, Courage, Adversity and Hope in WWII”



Richard Pyves

Richard Pyves will speak about his book, “Night Madness.” The book chronicles the incredible story of Ron Pyves, a teenager who fought as a tail-gunner over the war-torn skies of Europe during those last deadly months to eliminate Hitler’s hold over Europe. For 35 harrowing nights, Ron and his crew flew out from the Scottish coast, deep into the Rhineland. Despite skies dark with Messerschmitts

and deadly anti-aircraft flak, they returned to home-base, only to face the fight, night after night.

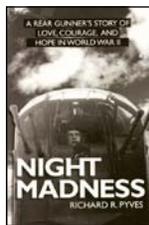
Breaking all odds for a tail-gunner, Ron made it through the war physically intact, only to face a new battle on the home front - fighting Post Traumatic Stress Disorder caused by the memories of battle and his participation in the deadly bombing of Dresden.

Based on interviews, painstaking archival research, and a long-distance love affair captured in daily correspondence, Rick Pyves weaves together a touching love story and one man’s very personal war.

About the author:

Rick Pyves is a published author, avid historian and genealogist who grew up in Montreal.

After leaving a successful management career, Rick decided to devote his energies and time to writing, with a particular interest in historical non-fiction with a direct linkage to his family. His first book is *Night Madness: A Rear Gunner’s Story of Love, Courage, and Hope in World War II*.



PROBUS Club of Port Perry ZOOM Meetings

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

DECEMBER 14
HOLIDAY MEETING

DANIEL AONSO – “*Music of the Season*”

JANUARY 18/22

AMY BARRON – “*Digger, Teacher, Soldier, Spy*”

October ZOOM Meeting LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS

At our October membership meeting there were four winners of \$25 each. The prize draw winners were:

Louise Swain
Marian Bartrop

Ann Berube
Helga Lange

Congratulations to our four winners!



Did you miss our October ZOOM Meeting?

Our short presentation speaker was Matt Somerville with Two Blokes Cider who talked about how he created a new business venture in cider making on his century-old family farm.

Our main speaker was Terry Fallis who talked about his new novel, *Operation Angus*, which brings back some of the characters from his first novel, *The Best Laid Plans*.

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

<https://youtu.be/SKuDTkpx9cs>

I LEFT MY GLASSES...

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch.

After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip.

When, leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn’t miss them until they had been driving for about 40 minutes.

By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel further before they could find a place to turn around so they could return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the geezer husband became the classic grumpy old man.

He fussed and complained, and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return trip.

The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn’t let up for a single minute.

To the woman’s relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant.

As the woman got out of the car to hurry inside and retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, “While you’re in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card.”



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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 a fascinating story about one of your ancestors or how they lived in times long ago.

Here is Club member Jayne Rees' story about her father:

Frank's Early Years and WWII

Bell Island is a rugged but stunningly beautiful big rock off the coast of Portugal Cove not far from St. John's in Newfoundland. My father's family emigrated from Wales to Bell Island in 1792. To strengthen the gene pool, my ancestors would travel to Nova Scotia to find suitable brides, (thank goodness). The family grave markers in the cemetery in Lance Cove, where many of my early family members were laid to rest, include one woman who died in 1823 with my own full name!

When the iron ore mine was opened in the 1890s, prosperity came to the Island. As a child, I recall visiting relatives there in the 1960s and wondering why all the dogs were pink. And most of the houses were pink too. Turns out the iron ore turns dog hair pink, but the pink houses were the result of the government giving free paint to the residents of the island in fuchsia, of all colours.

My father Frank, the first son of Julia and Leslie, was born on the second floor of his grandfather's house on Bell Island, with a shock of red hair and supposedly weighing in at over 13 lbs.

But Newfoundland was hit hard by the depression, and when he was five, the growing family moved to Toronto in 1929, settling in the Danforth / Pape area.

Frank went to Danforth Tech, and in 1942 at the age of 18, he joined the Air Force. I was listening to him give a talk to some high



Frank Rees

school students at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, and one of the kids asked him why he chose the Air Force rather than the Navy or Army. He replied that at the time his feet hurt and he thought it would be better to stay off them.

He was sent to Saskatchewan for flight training and then to England in 1943. He was a Navigator of Mosquitos – a small “British twin-engined, shoulder-winged multirole combat aircraft” that was made primarily out of wood to avoid radar detection.

Frank (or Red as he was called) was in the 409 squadron called the Nighthawks. It was the first night fighter squadron to cross over to Normandy following the Allied landings and operate from the Continent, and the first to be stationed in Belgium and Germany.

He returned home in 1945 at the end of WWII, with the rank of Pilot Officer. Years later, when concerned about chronic neck pain, Frank's family doctor inquired if he had been in any accidents. Frank hesitated and then asked, “Do plane crashes count?” He survived three; one in Saskatchewan, one in Lille, France in 1944, and one in Germany in 1945.

Frank was on the troop ship on the St. Lawrence Seaway in August 1945, still in wartime blackouts, coming home after VE Day for a one month furlough before being sent to the Pacific war, when the lights came on in the ship. The Japanese had surrendered and he could come home for good.

His beloved fiancée, Peggy, whom he met before he went overseas, was waiting for him in Exhibition Stadium when they were marched in. He broke rank and ran into the stands to embrace her, much to the chagrin of his mother who was also anxiously waiting to see her boy returned to her.

The rest is history. My history, actually. Frank and Peggy were married in September 1945 and over the next nine years had a boy and a girl. They lived a comfortable life in Don Mills and had been married for over 65 years when Peggy passed away. Frank lived to be 96, sore neck and all.

Jayne Rees

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Frank and daughter Jayne.

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Member Contributions continued

And this is Club member Janet Casey's story about some exceptional members of her family:

Strong Women in My Family Tree

My 3rd great grandmother on my father's side was born in 1778. She was a Mennonite in Lancaster, PA as was her husband, and they married when she was 23.

In 1825, as they were preparing to move to Waterloo, Ontario, my great grandfather cut his wrist accidentally on an awl. Unfortunately it became infected and he soon died. A few weeks later my great grandmother finished packing up her family and moved with her 11 children to Waterloo – about a 500 mile journey by wagon. They were part of a migration of Mennonites to Canada that occurred in the 1820s.

Then there's my mother. She was raised on a potato farm in PEI in the early 1900s. Life was quite hard in rural PEI at that time with no hydro and a wood cook stove. My mom and siblings had to walk 2 miles to school, but this often was not possible in winter due to excessive snowfall.



Isabel, Janet's mother

At age 14, when my grandmother suddenly passed away, my mother took on the job of raising her younger sister and brother, looking after the cooking and cleaning for my father and the farm hands (baking bread and desserts daily) and doing a lot of farm hand chores. Mom used to brag that she could easily win arm wrestling matches against the farm hands. Even though she was a teenager, she was expected to lift 50 lb. bags of potatoes at harvest time. During WWII Mom moved to Ottawa to join the public service, and after a long career in medical office administration she retired at age 91.

Looks like I have some strong women in my family history. And I'm grateful that I did not have the challenges that these women faced.

Janet Casey

FALL COLOURS PHOTO PAGE

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS OF HOLIDAY COLOURS (AND MAYBE WIN SOME CASH !!!)

We continue to highlight our area's FALL COLOURS for this newsletter issue. A committee of three management team members will select the best photo with the contributor winning \$20. And get your camera (probably your phone these days) ready because in December we'll be running a HOLIDAY COLOURS photo contest!!



Graham Baldwin

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YOUR CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteer bakers on the House Committee are certainly missing the monthly opportunity to bake for our PROBUS friends, and we know how much you look forward to the goodies! So we are offering a simple recipe which you can make yourselves and enjoy during the **zoom** meeting in the comfort of your own home.

Yes! You can eat and drink during the presentation! If you're not a baker, perhaps you could partner with a friend or neighbour, and if you are a baker, think about sharing with other PROBUS members nearby. Either way, we hope you will join us to enjoy these delicious snacks at the meeting.

Here's this month's recipe submitted by Barb Sinclair:

This year, we may actually have people dropping by through the holiday season, and this is a super simple recipe that's great to have on hand, or to package in festive containers as gifts. It's also fun to make with the kids or grandkids - let them measure all the dry ingredients - and don't be afraid to substitute your family's favourite snacks (eg. Shreddies, pretzels, cheese nibs). In our house, we always make a double batch in Brad's grandmother's big blue enamel roasting pan - and they disappear in a flash!

snack
attack

NUTS & BOLTS



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Cup Cheerios
- 2 Cup Rice Chex or Crispix
- 2 Cup Goldfish
- 2 Cup Nuts (peanuts, cashews)
- 2 Cup Sesame sticks
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 Cup Butter (Melted)
- Tsp Onion salt
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 Tsp Celery salt
- 1/2 Tsp Garlic salt
- 1/2 Tsp Paprika

DIRECTIONS:

Measure dry ingredients into a large roasting pan. Combine melted butter and seasonings and pour over cereal mixture. Mix thoroughly. Bake at 275F for 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes.

"Healthy snacks
fuel my
fabulousness!"



Light travels
faster than
sound. This is
why some people
appear bright
until you hear
them speak.

If I were
two-faced,
would I be
wearing
this one?



If you think
you are too
small to make a
difference,
try sleeping with
a mosquito.

People who
think they know
everything are a
great annoyance
to those of us
who do.

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MEET OUR CLUB MEMBERS

We have over 340 members in the club, and most of us aren't necessarily familiar with all of those individuals. And each member in the club has led a fascinating life. So in this newsletter and future issues we will bring you the biographies of some of your fellow members so you get the chance to know them better and what they've been up to all these years.

If you would like to be featured in the Meet Our Club Members column, contact Ann at skinntj@gmail.com.

This month's profile is:

Judy Spring



Judy grew up in east Toronto, an identical twin, and one of four children. She and her twin Joanne got into many hijinks as their teachers, their boyfriends, and their first employer couldn't tell them apart. When it suited them, they would change places or assigned work hours.

At the end of high school, without a clear career goal, Judy's mother encouraged her to enroll in an Executive Secretarial course at Shaw Business College with the advice that "at least you will be able to get a job." Typing 75 wpm has always been a useful skill. While working in downtown Toronto as a legal assistant for four years, Judy completed the Law Clerk's course at Centennial College. Following her marriage to Geoff in 1973, Judy relocated to Durham region and was hired as a law clerk with a Whitby/Oshawa law firm. While working as a law clerk, Judy became involved as an executive member of the board of the Institute of Law Clerks, Durham Region. This led to a part-time teaching position at Durham College where she taught real estate and estate planning for the Institute of Law Clerks for six years. In 1986, Judy was hired full-time to teach a variety of courses in the Law Clerk and Office Administration, Legal Option, programs at Durham College.

From an early age, Judy enjoyed doing volunteer work starting with work as a candy striper at Scarborough General Hospital. This taught her that she wasn't cut out for a career in health care. She is married to Geoff and has two children, Melanie and Robert, followed more recently by five grandchildren. While her children were small, Judy delivered Meals on Wheels and held a variety of positions with the Oshawa YWCA, including chair of the Board of Directors. When she decided to run for an elected position on Oshawa Council, she attributed her success in part to the support of her friends at the YWCA. Judy was elected as a local councilor in Oshawa from 1991 to 1997.

Enjoying variety in life, and lots of challenges, Judy completed a BA, Sociology, at Trent University and a MA, Adult Education, at Central Michigan University, both taken part-time as a mature student. She held various positions at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, including President of the Board of Trustees. Judy was the first chair of the Board of Governors of Lakeridge Health Corporation following the amalgamation of the hospitals in Port Perry, Uxbridge, Bowmanville, Whitby, and Oshawa in 1998. This volunteer position was advertised in the local newspaper. Judy's husband suggested it was possible that no one else had applied for the job. It was an interesting and challenging position. During the time that Judy held the position of Chair, approval was given by the Province of Ontario for the R. S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre in Oshawa. Judy has always been proud that she had the opportunity to provide support to this initiative.

After teaching full-time for 16 years, Judy was promoted to the position of Dean at Durham College, a position that she held for 14 years until her retirement in 2016. When Judy retired, her twin gave her a membership in the Oshawa PROBUS Club with the advice that she should become involved in the development of a new PROBUS Club serving North Durham. As they say, that was history, and Judy became the first President of the PROBUS Club of Port Perry. Judy loves to travel and has organized three solo cruises including PROBUS members – two transatlantic trips and a South American tour. Judy enjoys spending time with her family and friends, spending time at the cottage, golfing, skiing, curling, and playing bridge. She is currently Past President of the PROBUS Club of Port Perry, and Co-Chair of the Social Committee. Judy is also active in her local community in Seagrave, where she is the Vice-President of the King's Bay Residents Association.

It's fair to say that a lifetime of volunteer work has enriched not only her life but also those in her local community.

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WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

2021 – CANADA'S 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REMEMBRANCE POPPY

As described by the Royal Canadian Legion:



“Madame Anna Guérin, later christened “The Poppy Lady from France”, inspired by John McCrae’s “In Flanders Fields”, had an idea: to adopt the distribution of the Poppy on Armistice Day as a way to raise money for Veterans’ needs and to remember those who had given their lives during the First World War. In July of 1921 the Great War Veterans Association (which in 1925 would unify with other Veteran groups to form the Canadian Legion) adopted the Poppy as the flower of Remembrance. Since then, the Legion and its members have upheld this tradition of Remembrance.”

Visit the Royal Canadian Legion’s website for more information or watch their video to learn more about the poppy’s history.”

<https://www.legion.ca/remembrance/poppy-100-anniversary>

WHEN THE WAR CAME TO CANADA'S SHORES

The Shipwreck Society of Newfoundland and Labrador partnered with the Bell Island Heritage Society and has created a virtual museum exhibit about the German U-boat attacks that sank four merchant ships at Bell Island in 1942. Read about how WWII found its way to the shores of Newfoundland.



<https://www.communitystories.ca/v2/wwii-came-to-bell-island-seconde-guerre-mondiale>

A VIVID EXAMPLE OF HOW WWI IMPACTED ONE CITY IN CANADA – LONDON, ONTARIO

The Community Stories Project of the Royal Canadian Regiment Museum tracks the effect of WWI on the city of London, ON. Their virtual exhibit “Topography of Grief: Mapping the Great War Dead in London, ON (1914-1921) tells a compelling story of personal loss detailing how the community supported the families and survivors, and commemorated the dead.



<https://www.communitystories.ca/v2/topography-of-grief-topographie-du-deuil/>

CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

 The Canadian War Museum website contains a wealth of information about military history in general and, especially, Canadian military history. The museum seeks to emphasize the human experience of war. Browse through their website to see what is currently on display at the museum as well as to access their online exhibitions and their museum-at-home collections, resources, activities and talks. Note especially their online exhibition “Canada and the First World War” which details Canada’s contribution to the war through topics such as “Battles and Fighting,” “Life at the Front,” and more.

<https://www.warmuseum.ca/exhibitions/online-exhibitions/>

CANADA IN WWII AND NORMANDY

Juno Beach Centre in Normandy is a Canadian museum of the D-Day beaches. One of their core purposes is to educate people about the role of Canada in WWII. The website is a source of extensive information and insight into all aspects of their participation in the war. Browse the site as there are articles of interest throughout. Fascinating, too, is “Witnesses to History” – personal histories of those who fought in WWII.



<https://www.junobeach.org/>

ONTARIO IN WWI

 The Ontario Historical Society is committed to the preservation of archival records and historic sites as well as the interpretation and promotion of Ontario’s heritage. Although they currently have no upcoming webinars, this past webinar may be of interest: Ontario’s WWI History: 100 Years On at Vimy, Passchendaele and Hill 70.

<https://ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/ontarios-wwi-history-100-years-on-at-vimy-passchendaele-and-hill-70/>

REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCES

<https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10502693-covid-19-again-curtails-scugog-remembrance-day-traditions/>

<https://www.durhamradionews.com/remembranceday>



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

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



If you love gardening, the Online Learning program at the Toronto Botanical Gardens has a variety of lectures and workshops. Two of them are very apropos for the holidays: “DIY Holiday Wreath Workshop” (Nov. 16th) and “Tis the Season for Centerpieces” (Nov. 30th). They also have other interesting ones including ones like “Sacred Plants – Spiritual and Medicinal Uses” (Dec. 2nd) and “Tending the Earth: Gardens of Resilience” (Nov. 18th). Costs range from \$15 to \$50.

<https://torontobotanicalgarden.ca/learn/adult/online-learning/>

DURHAM REGION EVENTS

If you haven't checked out Durham Region's tourism website for all the events over the next 30 days, you're missing some awesome opportunities. And a lot of them are holiday oriented.

<https://www.durham.ca/en/tourism/index.aspx>



CHILDREN'S OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS AT SCUGOG SHORES MUSEUM

As described by the Museum “Step back in time and tour our historic village traditionally decorated for the holidays with ever-green boughs, bright ribbons, and berries. View heritage demonstrations, visit with Santa, and take home a holiday package with a treat and activity. General admission applies. Adults \$5, seniors and students \$4, children under 12 enter free with a food donation for Operation Scugog. Spots must be reserved in advance by booking online or contacting the museum.” Sunday, December 5, 2021 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

<https://calendar.scugog.ca/default/Detail/2021-12-05-1100-Childrens-Old-Fashioned-Christmas>



WILD WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Here's a fun and COVID-safe way to enjoy the spirit of the holidays while helping our community. Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue is heading up their second Annual Festival of Lights in support of the Super Sophia Project, Rays of Sunshine Everywhere (ROSE), JumpStart Canada, local food banks & more. The Festival will be held at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, 3233 Concession Rd 10, Bowmanville, running from Friday, December 10th to Sunday, December 19th, 2021. Timing is 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. This is a drive-through ticketed event.

For information and tickets go to:

<https://wildwinterfestivaloflights.com/tickets/>



Thanks to club member Joyce Svedberg for finding and researching most of the above websites.

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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 worldwide 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

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

PROBUS CHALLENGE - ASSISTING FELLOW MEMBERS

You are challenged to consider fellow PROBUS members who live alone or may be having trouble throughout this lengthy period of social distancing. And this coming winter will only increase some of that anxiety after having already experienced 20 months of isolation. Members may have trouble coping with that isolation or just day-to-day. They may not wish to reach out for help. So consider giving one or two members a friendly call to brighten their day. If you don't have their contact information, email Judy Spring at judith.spring@outlook.com and the information will be provided. And if you're feeling isolated or need some assistance, please reach out to us.

CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's new Facebook group. We have around 120 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



Calling All Artists:

We have so much creative talent here in Port Perry PROBUS. From woodworking to quilting, crafts, jewellery making and painting in various mediums, sculpting and more, we've got it all! We have a page on our website dedicated to our talented Port Perry PROBUS membership called Port Perry PROBUS Creates. Check it out here. <https://www.portperryprobus.com/creates>

We would love to show off your creative talent too! Please send photos of your creative work to: portperryprobus@gmail.com to be included in the website. The more the merrier!

