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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings to all,

The other day while listening to the radio as I was working away on a small task, my attention was drawn to a traffic report that mentioned upcoming road closures this Sunday for Toronto's annual Santa Claus parade. I looked at the calendar just be sure – it was going to be held on November 23rd! I then realized that I had been inundated with commercial messages urging me to hurry and not miss out on the Black Friday sales going on. But Black Friday isn't until November 28th! I mused to myself that some retailers just like to get a head start. Next I recalled that stores had seemingly been clearing out their Halloween merchandise in favour of Christmas things almost before Halloween arrived. My final awakening came when Margaret went out to buy a Christmas tree and found that the apparent favourite Costco tree been sold out since Halloween. That was province-wide. My how times have changed in retail.

I can clearly remember hearing about the lineups that began to form in the early morning hours before the stores opened on the singular Black Friday that occurred the day after US Thanksgiving, which is always on the last Thursday in November. In fact, I am old enough to remember when this day only happened in the USA, when Canadians who lived close enough to the border would drive down to load up on the deals that day.

If all of this sounds like I am complaining, that is certainly not the case – merely a recognition of how differently things are done these days. One thing has not changed. This particular time of year really is special in that there is such a focus on happy times with family and friends.

On behalf of the entire management team, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for the upcoming holiday season. I would also like to thank all of our club's many volunteers for all of the work that has gone in to the many activities we have enjoyed over this past year. And, thank you to all of the club's members for your support throughout the year.



Jim Adamson

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

GUEST REGISTRATION All members are welcome. Guests **MUST REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL** and are restricted to attending no more than two membership meetings.

Preparation for our Monthly Meetings includes setting up and taking down tables and chairs. If you can help, please come about 30 minutes early or stay a few minutes later and lend a hand.

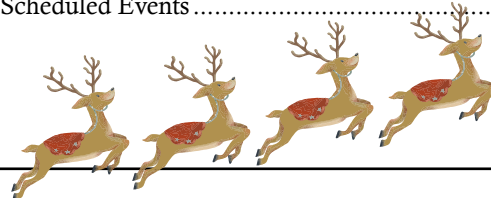
NO PARKING Please do not park on the grass areas surrounding the Hope Church.

NOTE - We are a GREEN club!
Our hard working volunteers ask that you please bring a mug for your tea or coffee.



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CLUB NOTICES

Next Meeting

*The next membership meeting will be held on
Tuesday December 16 from 10 a.m. to noon
at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.
Please remember to turn off your cell phone prior to the start of our meetings.*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thank you to all those members who have paid their renewal fees for the 2025-2026 year.
I would like to welcome the following new members to our club this year. If you see any of these new members at our general meeting or different events please make sure you welcome them.
Their name tags indicate that they are new members to our Port Perry PROBUS club.
Our membership is now closed and anyone who would like to become a member will be put on a waiting list.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Help make Christmas happy for those in need

Please consider donating to Operation Scugog, your generosity will help ensure everyone in our community can enjoy the holidays. Items needed are canned ham, stuffing, cheese whiz, stew, honey, ketchup, mayonnaise, jam, cookies, crackers, juice, laundry soap, dish soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo.

We will again support the local food bank at our **Holiday Luncheon**. Judy will have the back open on her **red RAV4 SUV** close to the door to receive contributions of food or cash/cheques. It's an easy way to provide assistance to those less fortunate.

Judy and Ann



ART Open Studio Interest Group EXHIBIT

The club's Art - Open Studio Interest Group will be exhibiting some of their recent artwork in the Hope Church lobby for the duration of the December meeting.

CHECK IT OUT!!!!

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Club Notices continued

NEW

One of a Kind Club Event

We're going to try something new this year to see if it generates any interest. We'll be periodically offering, probably every few months, an event that the club arranges and is geared to either a learning and/or entertainment activity in Port Perry.

We hope to keep the cost low or free, and that will generally depend on the size and type of venue we need and occasionally on the speaker. Seat availability may at times be limited, so it will be first come-first served based on the sign-up sheet.

This One-of-a-Kind program sort of falls in between a Social Committee event and an interest group, so it will operate

independent of those other two programs. And we're looking for ideas and local talent, both inside the club and in the Region, as either speakers or performers. Subject matter could cover a wide range of content such as history, culture, technology, future, education, creativity, innovation, health & wellness, science, travel, arts & crafts, nature, gardening, performances, etc.

Our One-of-a-Kind events will be advertised in the club newsletter and announced at membership meetings and occasionally by group email. So stay tuned for these special events. Each event will be open to all the Club's membership.

Our first One-of-a-Kind event will start in January and is described below:

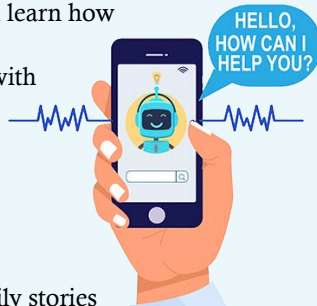
SAY HELLO TO YOUR NEW DIGITAL ASSISTANT: GENERATIVE AI FOR RETIREMENT LIFE

90-Minute Workshop

Curious about AI but not sure where to start? Join us for a friendly, hands-on introduction to Generative AI tools like ChatGPT, Claude, and Google Gemini—and discover how they can enhance your favourite retirement activities.

In this practical workshop, you'll learn how to use free AI tools to:

- Plan trips and local outings with personalized itineraries
- Get quick recipe ideas using ingredients you have on hand
- Draft emails and letters effortlessly
- Organize memories and family stories
- Support hobbies from gardening to woodworking



We'll cover the "5 P's of Prompting"—a simple framework for getting great results—and demonstrate practical prompts you can try immediately. We'll also discuss important safety tips, including how to avoid scams, protect your privacy, and recognize when AI gets things wrong.

No technical experience required! This is about practical tools, not complicated tech. Bring your curiosity (and your smartphone or tablet if you'd like to try along).

What You'll Take Home: A short guide with the 5 best prompts to try today, plus the confidence to start using AI as your helpful new assistant.

The date, time and the cost (if any) for the event are currently being determined, so we'll advise the membership as soon as we have finalized that information. But in the meantime, if you're interested, please sign up at the December membership meeting or let the event coordinator, Tim Casey (timcasey22@gmail.com), know.

...and about the workshop leader:

Your workshop leader is Frank Morris. He's not just an enthusiastic adult educator with many years of college and private sector teaching experience, he's a long-time PROBUS member too. To take advantage of his retirement years, he's embarked on a doctorate in GenAI education at University of Ontario Institute of Technology and now wants to share what he's been learning with others.

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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guest Speaker – December 16

VINTAGE SOUL DUO “Musical Entertainment”



Vintage Soul is a live performance duo featuring the musical talents of Nick Reynolds and Cheryl Gow.

During our time working together over the past decade or so in various bands we decided we should celebrate our shared passion for

‘vintage’ music and create our own working duet. Covering a wide selection of songs spanning 4 decades beginning early 1930s thru late 1970s with music from artists such as Dinah Washington, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Nat King Cole and also Elton John, The Monkees, Fleetwood Mac, Van Morrison and The Beatles. Vintage Soul is the ideal fit for the more mature crowd.



Did you miss our November Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

Amy Barron discussed the history of Camp 30 which was a German prisoner of war (POW) camp during WWII. It was located in the former Bowmanville's Boys Reform school and housed top-ranking German POWs. Durham Region played many parts in the overseas war effort including hosting important German officers whose one mission to get back to Germany led to many interesting escape attempts. Life in Camp 30 had many interesting ups and downs, from local recreation activities to the “Battle of Bowmanville”.

Ms. Barron also talked about the Jury Lands Foundation which is a non-profit organization working to preserve and protect this unique national landmark. Through education, community engagement and site restoration, the Foundation intends to ensure that the legacy of Camp 30 and the history of the Jury Lands are never forgotten. For more information visit jurylandsfoundation.com



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January 20

RANDY WILSON “Brief History of Sound for TV and Film”

February 17

DEIDRE FRANCOIS “Celebration - Sing-along Vegas Tribute Show”

March 17

ERICA NOL “Will Songbirds Survive?”



If you have CAA, you can get complimentary coffee/tea and coat check at CAAMirvish theatres.

Also.....

If you have a PRESTO card, available at Shoppers Drug Mart for \$4, you can get numerous perks including 50% off at Mirvish – see all the perks at <https://www.prestocard.ca/en/about/presto-perks>

A PRESTO card is a reloadable electronic fare card used on public transit systems across the Greater Toronto, Hamilton, and Ottawa areas. It allows you to pay for your fare by tapping the

card on a reader, eliminating the need for cash or paper tickets and often providing discounted fares. You can load money onto a physical card, or use a digital version of PRESTO through your phone's mobile wallet.

If you go to Toronto on the GO train, TTC is included for two hours after tapping off at Union (and other stations of your choice).



December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	CHOIR 12:30 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.	HANSEL AND GRETEL Port Hope 4:30 p.m. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS	IRWIN SMITH Port Perry Town Hall p.m. HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Wooden Sticks 12:30 p.m.	BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 a.m. ART OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m.	EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	PROBUS MEETING 10 a.m. – Hope Church CELTIC TENNORS Regent Theatre 8 p.m. JIGSAW PUZZLERS 10:30 a.m. CHOIR 12:30 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.		HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.		MERRY Christmas		
28	29	30	31			
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.				

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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

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

SIGN UP NOW

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

with
Irwin Smith

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 5
Town Hall Theatre

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Register

NOW

FESTIVE HOLIDAY BUFFET

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 10
Wooden Sticks Golf Course

See details on page 7



REGISTER NOW!!



TUESDAY
DECEMBER 16
Regent Theatre, Oshawa

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SAVE
THE DATE!

HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY

TUESDAY
JANUARY 20
Hope Church

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Port Perry Probus Social Events continued

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS WITH IRWIN SMITH

Friday December 5 – 8 p.m.

Port Perry Town Hall, 302 Queen St., Port Perry

Cost: \$35.00

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

FESTIVE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON BUFFET

Wednesday December 10 – 12:30 p.m.

Wooden Sticks Golf Club

40 Elgin Park Drive, Uxbridge

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

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

THE CELTIC TENORS – CELTIC CHRISTMAS TOUR

Tuesday December 16 – 8 p.m.

Regent Theatre 50 King Street East, Oshawa

Cost: \$69.00

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

LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE

Wednesday January 7, Wednesday February 4,

Wednesday March 4, Wednesday April 1

12 - 3:30 p.m.

The Red Lion (formerly Colonel Mustard's)

15 Water Street, Port Perry

Cost: \$5.00 + the cost of your lunch from the menu

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

HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY

Tuesday January 20 following meeting

Hope Church, Port Perry

Cost: \$20

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

NEW

Mirvish Production of

SOME LIKE IT HOT & LUNCH

Wednesday February 25 – Departure 9:15 a.m.

CAA Ed Mirvish Theatre, 244 Victoria St., Toronto

Cost: \$260.00 for members and \$270 for non-members

Includes lunch (entre of your choice) at the Hot House Café. Luxury bus trip from Uxbridge Walmart at 9:15 a.m., followed by lunch then the show with Orchestra seats at 1:30 p.m. Final date to register and pay is January 14. To register or for further information, please email social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or phone Peggy Kennedy at 647-394-0289 or Gail Geroux at 416-525-7152.

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

AT THE MANDARIN

Wednesday February 25 – 12:30 p.m.

1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa

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

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL

Tuesday March 17 – 12:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Colonel Mustard's,

15 Water Street, Port Perry

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

PORT PERRY SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

November 25

Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed opening night of the Sound of Music at the Princess of Wales and dinner at the Hot House Cafe.



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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS



HNA TOURS PICKERING

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

HANSEL AND GRETEL, THE NAUGHTY PANTOMIME

Thursday December 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Capital Theatre, Port Hope (leaving from Ajax)

Cost: \$159

Hansel and Gretel are siblings who are abandoned in a forest, and due to some rather unfortunate navigation, they fall into the hands of a nasty witch who lives in a gingerbread house. With songs you know and love, hilarious characters, and the silliest of stories, this sugar-laden Panto will have you rolling in the aisles!

Cost includes ticket to see show; dinner at Railside Restaurant, return transportation to Theatre, and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie at **905-619-8583** or shirlievanputten@rogers.com



CANXPLORE BOWMANVILLE

For further information or to reserve your spot email cathy@canxplore.com

For TripAdvisor reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction_Review-g499253-d24887153-Reviews-CanXplore-Bowmanville_Ontario.html

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

July 4 - 13, 2026

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

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

NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. JOHN'S TO ST. PIERRE TOUR

August 14 to 23, 2026

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

Discover the rugged charm and vibrant culture of Eastern Newfoundland and the enchanting French island, St. Pierre. This is a small group tour (24 maximum). **Early booking bonus if booked by January 1, 2026.** For tour information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/stjohnstostpierre



WONDERS OF WESTERN CANADA TOUR

September 4 - 15, 2026

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

Small group size of 24 maximum. **Early booking bonus if booked by January 1, 2026.** For tour information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/westerncanada

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OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



HNA TOURS PICKERING

All Tours depart from Pickering/ Ajax.

If more than 10 Probus members book, there may be a pick up at Walmart in Port Perry.

EMOTIONS BY HODELPA PUERTO PLATA IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

January 13 - 23, 2026

Cost: Adult Only Section room – single (30 sq. ft) for \$2,799
or Adults Only Junior suite – double occupancy (40 – 50 sq. ft) for \$2,599 each

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

SOLD OUT

guaranteed until September 1, 2025. Deposit due upon booking - \$300. Balance due October 31, 2025.

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

TWO DOUBLE
AND TWO SINGLE
ROOMS LEFT

PORTUGAL

February 24 to March 18, 2026

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

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

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

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



Managing your weight around the holidays just requires a little planning...
For example, I took the batteries out of my scale already.

Based on my checking account balance, it looks like everyone is getting a text message this Christmas.

Everyone is posting pictures of their Christmas trees, and I'm over here like, I probably should get rid of those rotting pumpkins on my porch.

Holiday safety tip:
If your birth year begins with 19, you should no longer wrap gifts on the floor.
You're welcome.

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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



Feeling Creative?

ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

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

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

Let's Play!!

BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube: 905-985-7102
ann.sundowner@gmail.com

Bid Euchre is played on alternate Friday afternoons. Each group member takes a turn hosting, about twice a year. We usually have two or three tables and play six - seven games, then share refreshments and socialize. We are happy to teach new players.



BILLIARDS GROUP

Tim Casey:
timcasey22@gmail.com

We have enough members to start a monthly billiards/pool group, so an organizing meeting will be scheduled for early December or January.

A Billiards/Pool interest group is a great opportunity to have informal discussions and beverages, and to meet people over some games of billiards/pool. Sign up at the next membership meeting or let Tim Casey know.

BRIDGE

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



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

BUNCO

Bob & Sue Armitage: 416-271-5139



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

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

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

CRIBBAGE

Jooles Blaney • jooles1234@aol.com

If you would like to join our next monthly cribbage group which is held between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., please reach out to Jooles. All levels of players are welcome. This is a very easy-going casual group who enjoy playing together. We don't meet in December due to everyone's busy Christmas season.



DARTS FOR FUN

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

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



EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Ann Berube: 905-985-7102
ann.sundowner@gmail.com

Regular euchre is played on alternate Friday afternoons, group members taking turns hosting in their homes. We play six or seven games and then adjourn for refreshments and socializing. If you are interested in joining this group please email or telephone Ann.

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Probus Interest Groups continued

EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

madamson905@gmail.com

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

We don't meet in December due to everyone's busy Christmas season; our next game will be on Tuesday January 27th.



EUCHRE – BOWER POWER

Joanne Drury: 905-985-8661

joanne.drury7@gmail.com

This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. (except December). Our next euchre game will be on Friday January 23rd. This interest group is currently FULL but we could use a couple more spares to help with coverage during high travel times.

This is a joint interest group between the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. Please email the coordinator if you are interested in getting on the waitlist and/or being a spare.

JIGSAW PUZZLERS

Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

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

MAHJONG – THE JOKERS

Barb Rootham: brb.rootham@gmail.com

It is a tile-based game that originated in China in the 19th century. It is played by 4 players (with some variations for 2 and 3 players). We play bi-weekly on Mondays with a start time of 1 p.m. If you are interested in playing Mahjong, need lessons, or if you already know how to play, please contact the coordinator to be added to the waitlist or spare list.



PIG-IT & HOG-IT

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

Pig-it & Hog-it is played with two teams at each table. This card game adds a twist to Euchre because there is a strategic aspect to it that gets you thinking. Games are bi-weekly and played on Sunday afternoons with a start time of 1 p.m. We don't meet in December due to everyone's busy Christmas season; our next game will be on Sunday January 11th. Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in playing.

POKER GROUP

Tim Casey:

timcasey22@gmail.com



We have just enough members interested in a Poker group to get the group going. We're hoping to hold an organizing meeting in early December and get the group going in January. But we could still use at least a few more members.

The frequency of the sessions will be up to the group members. Sign up at the next membership meeting if you're interested or let Tim Casey (interim coordinator) know.

Book Clubs

THE NEXT CHAPTER

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

janetbroder7@gmail.com

This month our group was a bit smaller due to the whacky weather, but we had a great discussion about Ann Napolitano's *Hello Beautiful*. A book that covered themes of family, love, betrayal, loss, trauma, friendship, mistakes, forgiveness, secrets, communication and mental health. We really liked this book and would recommend it. We take December off and will meet again in January.



BETWEEN THE COVERS

Louise Bardswich: lbardswich@gmail.com

We have decided to take December off. Busy month! In January we will be discussing *Broken Country* by Clare Lesley Hall. We look forward to welcoming two new members in December and have decided there's room for one more! The group meets at 1 p.m. every third Tuesday. Please contact Louise if you are interested.



Food & Drink

BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY

Bill Morrison: billandmaryare@gmail.com

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

COFFEE AND CHAT

Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064

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

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

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

November's GWCTD was held at the new Waterfront Kitchen & Bar in Port Perry where members enjoyed a social Friday evening out.

Our next GWCTD will be at 6:30 p.m. on Friday January 16th at Fico Fusion in Port Perry. We meet on the third Friday of each month (except December). Please contact the coordinator if you'd like to join us.

DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller: margandrodmliller@gmail.com

We meet the first Thursday of the month. Please contact the Coordinator if you'd like to join us.

HAPPY HOUR

'Where Everybody Knows Your Name'

Coordinator is needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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

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

LUNCH GROUP

Ruth Cain: 905-410-6030

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This month's lunch was held at Marwan's/Port Social where we had a lovely lunch. No complaints from anyone and that's a good sign! This was our last lunch of the year and we will start again on January 28th, location to be determined. This group is at full capacity, please contact leader to be placed on a wait list..



WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

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

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

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

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer: 416-805-9223



Our November tasting had to be canceled due to illnesses in the group; and we don't generally meet during winter when several members travel. But we look forward to meeting up again in April.

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

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

Let's Get Physical

HIKING WITH BILL

Bill Morrison:

billandmaryare@gmail.com



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

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

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

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

LINE DANCING

Kim Lendvay: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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

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LOLLYGAGGERS

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546
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This group will not be walking through the winter. Watch for update in the spring.



WALK-ABOUT TOWN

Dianne:
diannedraper886@gmail.com

This group will not be walking through the winter. Watch for update in the spring.

Other Nifty Interest Groups

CHOIR

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

Love to sing? We have started a choir interest group that meets at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month! We are currently looking for a pianist. Please contact the coordinator if you're interested in joining us to sing or just to play the piano.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilmkilmartin@gmail.com

We are currently looking for new members for our group. We have been meeting at the Scugog Library since our inception, but will be convening our meetings at my house in the Simcoe and Reach area for subsequent meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of each month, from 10 a.m. to Noon.

We welcome anyone who is currently pursuing their family history, or who wishes to explore this interesting pastime. We welcome seasoned family historians, or the newbies! Assistance is available with getting into research and/or utilizing a suitable database. We also have some interest in local history. Please contact the coordinator if you wish to attend a meeting to try us out, or to join us for the season! The next meeting is Wednesday, December 3rd. If you wish to attend this meeting, contact me for further details.

GIRLS (AND GUYS) JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

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

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

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

In October, four members went to see the Downton Abbey movie, preceded by lunch, then six members met for for a "bring your own lunch" with the host providing dessert and drinks. Three members have signed up to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at Globus Theatre near Bobcaygeon, preceded by lunch in Lindsay.

TRAVEL GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group had to cancel its November meeting because the venue it was scheduled to be held in had suddenly closed for 2 weeks.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 1st, in the Sunroom of the Red Lion Pub (formerly Colonel Mustards Pub) at 11:10 a.m. Our feature presentation will be about Portugal's Algarve region – a European haven for year-round travel, including in winter. All Probus Club members are welcome!



Piano Player Needed



Our new choir interest group needs a pianist!
First and third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m.
Please contact Cheryl Lovisa: cheryl_lovisa@yahoo.com



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Season of Wonder

~ Author Unknown ~

*In the hush of winter, where snowflakes dance,
The world is aglow, wrapped in a trance.
Twinkling lights shimmer on every street
As laughter and joy make the season complete.
Families gather, hearts open wide,
With stories and memories shared by the fireside.
The scent of fire mingles with sweet cinnamon,
Each moment a treasure, each smile a song.
Carols drift softly through crisp, starry nights,
While warmth fills the air with festive delights.
The spirit of giving, a hand to hold,
In the glow of the season, love never grows old.
So let's raise a glass to the magic we find,
In the bonds that connect us, both gentle and kind.
In this season of wonder, let our hearts align,
Creating a tapestry of joy, pure and divine.*

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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

TOWN HALL 1873 THEATRE



IRWIN SMITH Home for Christmas

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

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

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OFF THE ROCK Great Big Sea Tribute Show

Saturday December 20th - 7:30 p.m.

Off the Rock is North America's premier tribute to one of Canada's greatest musical icons - Great Big Sea.

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