



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

MARCH 2026



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to everyone.

As tempting as it might be to roll out the old cliché about lions and lambs and March, somehow this particular winter seems to make that all seem just too risky! It is very likely that all of our piles of snow will be gone at some point? In April, at least? Surely!

After taking one of the club's AI workshops, I was curious to see what an AI Chat GPT would look like for this newsletter message. What an amusing exercise that proved to be! I put in the descriptors "retired people, end of winter, what do seniors look forward to". The result was definitely 500 words long as I had requested, but warranted a second try with a new prompt – "Don't make it sound like a smarmy old man." (Our professor told us that we could ask AI to "dumb it down", "make it sound like a 10 year old", ...). Well, try number two was different, but it just didn't sound like I wrote it and felt like a Google search.

So, what did AI say seniors look forward to when winter ends? Nothing new – seniors look forward to increased mobility (yes, no ice), more social interaction (Probus has lots of that), and real Vitamin D (the kind from a warmer sun and longer days).

This led me into reading why this vitamin is so essential to our health, both physically and mentally. Getting outside for fresh air to walk, talk and laugh with others is so much more enjoyable and motivating than our basement treadmills and a gloomy gym. This club is very

fortunate to have three walking/hiking interest groups – all ready to get moving! Our Social committee and Interest Group chairs are also working on various other events and activities such as golf, blooming gardens and day trips. Before you know we'll be driving around the country on our next cleverly planned Probus "Scavenger Hunt".

As well, keep your eye out for postings or announcements of possible opportunities to take in new educational workshops (like "AI") or stimulating lectures.

Of course, no March would be complete without our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration – this year at the Red Lion. I hope to see you there with all our good Probus Irish friends and those who wish they were, if only for a day, to celebrate the man responsible for driving all of the snakes out of Ireland.

Here's to all the sunshine and natural Vitamin D to come!



Jim Adamson
President, PROBUS Club of Port Perry
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GUEST REGISTRATION All members are welcome. Guests **MUST REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL** and are restricted to attending no

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 March 17 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.



As you know, Probus clubs are volunteer-managed. Volunteering is integral to keeping our club active. We encourage our club's members to volunteer to help organize social activities, excursions, and special interest hobby groups. Please consider sharing your experience with others by giving a helping hand. It's a great way to stay fresh with your skills, to meet new people, and to pay your love for an activity forward. And you will have lots of fun too!



Our new singing group needs a pianist!
First and third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m.
Please contact: joannenixon3@gmail.com
marykmorrison@icloud.co

BAKERS NEEDED

The House Committee which is responsible for refreshments at the monthly membership meetings is looking for volunteer bakers to bake cookies, squares, etc. If you volunteer, you would receive an email at the beginning of the month asking for volunteers. Once we have 7-8 volunteers, we advise that we have enough bakers. When you bake, you are compensated \$10 for supplies.

If you are interested in supporting the club in this manner, please contact Judy Spring: Judith.spring@outlook.com or 905-447-4557.



take note

Are you uncomfortable with the number of people in the breakroom? Too loud?

If so, feel free to enjoy your coffee and snacks in the lobby or in a second room which was made available to us.



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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Guest Speaker – March 17

ERICA NOL

“Will Songbirds Survive?”



Erica Nol is a Professor of Biology at Trent University in Peterborough. She will share her research on how climate variability impacts shorebird populations. Specifically, how are songbirds coping with human impact on the planet.

What we will hear comes from many long days out in the forest and grasslands carefully observing birds and their habits. Her methodology examines food availability, food traps and nest searching.

About Our Speaker:

Erica Nol has been a professor of biology for nearly 40 years with much of her research focusing on breeding biology. Erica has supervised grad students investigating arctic breeding shorebirds, forest and grassland birds, as well as pollinators and amphibians. Her teaching and research have taken her to Nicaragua, Mexico, Cuba, the Galapagos, Southern Ontario, coastal Virginia and the Arctic.

Short Presentation - March 17

TOM PATTON

President, Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club

“Lawn Bowling - Give it a Try”

See more information below.

Did you miss our February Meeting?

HERE'S A RECAP

We were wonderfully entertained by Deidrey Francois and her show, “Celebration: A Sing-along Vegas Tribute Show.” The show celebrated Black excellence in music and showcased eight well known singers, amazing popular music and lively and surprising impersonations. Deidrey is indeed a very talented singer/ performer and Joy-bringer, and at the end of the show she received a well deserved standing ovation from our PROBUS members. We will look forward to her performing at a future meeting.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 21

DIANA TREP KOV

“Forensic Art and the Lost Franklin Expedition”

May 19

ROBIN CLIPSHAM

“No Wrong Answers: Improv for Adults”

June 16

MIKE DALEY

“The Life & Music of Gordon Lightfoot”



PORT PERRY LAWN BOWLING CLUB



Spring is in the air, we hope, and everyone is starting to plan for the summer. Lawn Bowling in Port Perry is open to all ages, but a majority of existing members are seniors from the community. There is no equipment to purchase, bowls are supplied by the club, casual attire, with tea, coffee and pastries after. New players are assisted with a buddy system and coaching clinics to understand the rules and etiquette of the game. Lawn bowling is like curling, three or two person teams playing on well trimmed grass. The club, on Old Simcoe, starts the year with our traditional giant Yard and Bake sale on Saturday, May 2, that also includes an Open House to try bowling. Regular season play is on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6:30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. There are also eight club fun tournaments throughout the year. Come to one of our Open Houses and give it a try, we would love to see you!

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	SINGERS 12:30 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	BRIDGE & EUCHRE The Red Lion 12 noon	VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m. DINNER OUT THURSDAYS	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
PIG-IT & HOG-IT 1 p.m.	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. CRIBBAGE 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	BILLIARDS Afternoon	ART OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m. CRIBBAGE 1 p.m.	EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
15	16	 17	18	19	20	21
	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 ST. PAT'S DAY LUNCH The Red Lion 12:15 p.m. JIGSAW PUZZLERS 10:30 a.m. SINGERS 12:30 p.m. BETWEEN THE COVERS 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.		BREAKFAST CLUB 9:30 a.m. VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 4:30 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL 9:30 a.m. BID EUCHRE 1 p.m. POKER 2 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. DINNER - GWCTD 6 p.m.	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
PIG-IT & HOG-IT 1 p.m.	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. MAHJONG 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	BOOK CLUB 1 p.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	BILLIARDS Afternoon LUNCH GROUP 1 p.m.	ART OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. VIRTUAL GOLF 1 p.m.	EUCHRE 1 p.m. LINE DANCING 6 p.m. BOWER POWER 7 p.m.	
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PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

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

SIGN UP NOW!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

EAT AND DRINK BE IRISH

TUESDAY MARCH 17
The Red Lion
See details on page 6

SIGN UP NOW!



Tour of
PURPLE WOODS SUGARBUSH
and optional lunch at
Sweet **MAPLE**
BREAKFAST & LUNCH

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8
Port Perry
See details on page 6

REGISTRATION OPEN

SPRING TEA

WEDNESDAY MAY 19
Hope Church,
Port Perry
See details on page 6



SHAW FESTIVAL

COMING UP SOON!
REGISTER NOW!

FUNNY GIRL

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17
Niagara-on-the-Lake
See details on page 6



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Port Perry PROBUS Social Events continued

LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE
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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL
Tuesday March 17 – 12:15 - 3:30 p.m.

The Red Lion, 15 Water Street, Port Perry

Entrance fee is \$5 paid following registration. Cash bar. Choice from a limited St. Patrick's Day menu for individual lunch orders. The menu will be sent to you following registration so that the lunch choices can be provided to the restaurant in advance. To register, email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Seating is limited to 35 people in the sunroom.

TOUR OF PURPLE WOODS
SUGAR BUSH

Wednesday April 8 – 1:15 p.m.

Purple Woods Sugar Bush, 38 Coates St. E., Oshawa.

One-hour tour. There is a travelled path down the hill to the sugar shack. A golf-cart type vehicle is available to bring those with mobility issues up the hill. Cost of the tour is \$6.00 payable to Port Perry PROBUS. Pancake lunch or lunch of your choice at your own expense at Sweet Maple Restaurant, 20 Water St., Port Perry

at 11:30 a.m. The tour is limited to 30 and the restaurant has provided a reservation for 16 but may accommodate more. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com and indicate if you will be doing the tour or the tour and lunch so that we can reserve for an accurate number.

SPRING BONNET TEA
Wednesday May 19
Hope Church following
Probus General Meeting

Wear your best spring hat for a chance to win a prize!!



FUNNY GIRL AND LUNCH
Wednesday June 17
Departure 8:30 a.m.

Festival Theatre, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Cost: \$250.00

Luxury bus trip via the 407 with Mary Morton Tours from Port Perry Walmart at 8:30 a.m., returning at approximately 7 p.m. Deadline to register is May 1st. To register, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE PEACH FESTIVAL
Saturday, August 8

Cost: \$159.00

With Cardinal Lakeshore Tours.



PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

The Sweet Delilah Swim Club

Sunday February 8, 1873 Town Hall Theatre

On February 8th, 24 of our members enjoyed the matinee performance of The Sweet Delilah Swim Club at the Town Hall.



Lunch at the Mandarin

Wednesday February 25

Here are just some of the members at the Mandarin helping to celebrate the Chinese New Year - Year of the Horse.



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NON PORT PERRY PROBUS TRAVEL



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.

DISCOVER VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND

May 10 - 17

Cost: \$3,999.07 incl HST - double occupancy. Single occupancy - \$5,196.87

Due to fluctuating airline costs, the price shown above is only guaranteed until February 27th. Non-refundable deposit of \$800 due upon booking. Balance due March 25th.

Includes: AIR – HOTEL – TOURS – TRANSPORTION - Airfare (direct/non-stop from Toronto) and taxes; two nights at the Best Western Tin Wis Resort, Tofino; five nights at the Huntingdon Hotel & Suites, 330 Quebec Street, Victoria; airport transfers plus motor coach transportation during entire stay in

Victoria; Butchart Gardens – admission + Afternoon Tea; Abkhazi Gardens – admission + Afternoon Tea; tours to the various attractions (list provided); six breakfasts; two lunches; two Dinners; two “High Teas”; mandatory 20% gratuity to Coach Driver/Guide plus Victoria Enviro Charges; services of an HNA Travels Tour Director – Shirly van Putten.

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

DISCOVER NOVA SCOTIA AND CAPE BRETON

June 5 - 11

Cost: \$3,999.07 incl HST - double occupancy. Single occupancy - \$5,083.87

Due to fluctuating airline costs, the price shown above is only guaranteed until February 27th. Non-refundable deposit of \$800 due upon booking. Balance due April 5th.

Includes: Flight to Sydney, NS. With Air Canada; two nights at the Silver Dart Lodge, Baddeck; three nights at the Hampton Inn, Halifax or similar hotel; private highway motor coach transportation during your stay in Nova Scotia; over-night on

“The Ocean” Sleeper Plus of Via Rail – Halifax to Montreal; private motor coach from Montreal train station to the GTA; experience the Cabot Trail – a day long experience; lots of sightseeing – and meals; and services of Shirly, your HNA Tour Director.

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

NEW

SERENGETI BUSH CAMP

Monday June 22

Toronto Zoo

Cost: \$165.00

Fall asleep to the sounds of Lions roaring at the Serengeti Bush Camp. Enjoy an overnight experience sleeping in authentic African tents, learn about African animals with unique behind the scenes and experience more at the Toronto Zoo.

For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirlyvanputin@rogers.com.

NEW

STARSTRUCK

Wednesday September 16

Famous People Players, Toronto

Cost: \$159.00

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

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

For further information or to book contact Shirly van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirlyvanputin@rogers.com.

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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

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

This is a small group tour (24 maximum). For tour information and to book go to www.canxplore.com/newfoundland

NEWFOUNDLAND

ST. JOHN'S TO ST. PIERRE TOUR

August 14 to 23

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

This is a small group tour (24 maximum). For tour information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/stjohnstostpierre

WONDERS OF WESTERN CANADA TOUR

September 4 - 15

Cost: 7,495 pp

(based on double occupancy)

Small group size of 24 maximum. For tour information and to book, go to www.canxplore.com/westerncanada

If you have questions, email cathy@canxplore.com



OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

NEW

BRITISH ISLES AND PARIS CRUISE

April 19 to May 1, 2027

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

Prices subject to change.

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

required. For further information, contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557 or Lori Connor at lconnor@expediacruz.com or at 887-982-8855. Judy Spring will take the lead on this cruise.



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PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS



CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



Feeling Creative?

ART – PROBUS OPEN STUDIO
Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878
madamson905@gmail.com

The members at the Open Studio sessions use acrylic, watercolour and oil paint, clay and wood as their medium to work on individual art projects from 1-4 p.m. at the Hope Church. Meeting dates are every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Our twice monthly sessions will be on March 12 and 26. Often this group likes to celebrate birthdays and munch on treats while they chat and work on individual art pieces or exercises. Our group will be working towards having our annual art exhibit some time in the spring!

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 6-7 games, then share refreshments and socialize. This group is currently full, but we can add a Spare or two to our list if you are interested in playing occasionally.

BILLIARDS AND POOL
Tim Casey:
timcasey22@gmail.com

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



BRIDGE
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. Please email the coordinator if you are interested in playing 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. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Bob & Sue directly. We have so much fun that people are always looking forward to the next game. We have had games with 12 to 24 players, and we still have room for more. In fact, the more the merrier!

CRIBBAGE

Jooles Blaney: 905-409-5171
jooles1234@aol.com

We now have two groups playing cribbage once a month on either Mondays or Thursdays between 1-3:30pm. With half an hour for socializing over a tea/coffee afterwards. Please reach out to Jooles if you would like to be a spare that can play on either day depending on where needed or to be on the waitlist to join either one. Our next get togethers are on Monday March 9th and Thursday March 12th. We are a very friendly, casual group so welcome both experts and beginners!



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. Our next game will be on Tuesday March 24th.

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 March 27th. 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. The game dates for march are March 9 and 23. 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 1:30pm. The March games are scheduled for March 8 and 22. Please contact the coordinator if you are interested in playing.

POKER GROUP

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



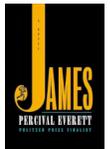
This group meets monthly on the 3rd Friday at 2 p.m. Please contact the group coordinator Trevor Johnston if you would like to join us.

Book Clubs

THE NEXT CHAPTER

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

In January, the Next Chapter Book Club group met to discuss Monica Wood's *How to Read A Book*. Everyone enjoyed the book! In February we will be meeting after the press deadline to discuss *James* by Percival Everett.



BETWEEN THE COVERS

Lynda Brownson: lsusan54@gmail.com

At the February meeting we enjoyed a discussion about *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Our book choice for March is the *Spoon Stealer* by Lesley Crewe. We welcomed one new member at the January meeting and have decided there's room for one more member to join us! The group meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Please contact Lynda if you are interested.



Food & Drink

BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY

Bill Morrison: billandmaryare@gmail.com

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

COFFEE AND CHAT

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

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



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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

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

Kim Lendvay:

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Twelve members met on February 20th at Castle John's in Port Perry for a nice gathering. Our next GWCTD will be at 6 p.m. on Friday March 20th at One Eyed Jack in Uxbridge.

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

DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS

Marg Miller: margandromiller@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'

Heather Jeffrey: 905-985-3969

If you'd like an afternoon libation – this is perfect! If you don't indulge - no problem! This is simply an excuse to get together and chat. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Old Flame Brewery. Please contact Heather – the NEW coordinator for this group with any questions!

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

LUNCH GROUP

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



Last month 12 members met at Jester's Court for a delicious lunch on Wednesday February 25th. This group is at full capacity, please contact coordinator to be placed on a wait list.

WINE TASTING 1

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

The group has opted to suspend tasting during the holiday season due to many conflicts and also travel schedules. We are very much looking forward to getting back together in January.

WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT

Barb Langer: 416-805-9223

Barblanger4296@gmail.com



Due to travel over the winter months, we take a break in the winter, but we look forward to meeting up again with our group in the spring. Our group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Members take turns hosting and a theme is selected for appetizers or a potluck meal or sometimes eating out. Wines are purchased and all participants share the cost of the wines. We have room for 4-5 more members – singles and couples – all are welcome! Please contact Barb Langer if you would like to join us!

Let's Get Physical

BIRDIES & BOGIES GOLF GROUP

Coordinator is needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Numerous members expressed interest last season to play golf. Kim Lendvay will be sending an email this month to anyone who has previously contacted her about joining this interest group so that consensus can be reached on when and where to play this season and to find a group coordinator or two co-coordinators. If you want to be added to the list for golf season 2026, please contact us.

BLOOMERS - GARDENING

Coordinator is needed!

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This group has 14 members but needs a coordinator - hopefully someone(s) will step-up before spring arrives!! We will start off this season with a tour at Richter's Herbs on May 6 or 11; next we'll attend the local Garden Show on Saturday June 20. Stay tuned for more outings to learn about and explore all things garden! Please contact the Interest Groups Co-Chair if you wish to participate and/or co-ordinate this interest group.



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.



LAWN BOWLING

Lynn Tracey: 905-985-5678

dlynntracey@gmail.com

We know with the temperatures outside and the amount of snow we've gotten this winter, it's hard to think about Lawn Bowling but .. the Executive at Port Perry Lawn Bowling have started planning events for the coming season: **May 2 - Yard & Bake Sale.** We are now accepting any donations for the sale. If needed, contact Lynn and she will be more than happy to pick up items. **May 2, 9 & 16 - Open Houses** - your perfect opportunity to come out and give lawn bowling a try! **May 5 - Season starts** - Lots of activities are being planned, stay tuned! Contact Lynn for more information.

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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

LATIN DANCING

Anne-Marie Sacco

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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.

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

LOLLYGAGGERS

Catherine Whittle: 416-906-1546

cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

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

VIRTUAL GOLF

Catherine Whittle: cwhittle2001@yahoo.ca

This new interest group meets weekly at Dunny's Divots in Port Perry on Thursdays at 1 p.m. We play 9 holes of simulator golf which takes approx. 2 hours at one of 300 golf courses from around the world!! We're planning to play at least until the outdoor golf season starts and we can play on real greens! Maximum 4 players/bay at a cost of \$43/bay (including tax) which is split between the number of players/bay. If you're interested in participating, please contact the coordinator for information. All skill levels are welcome!



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

Geoff Carpentier

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



Join Geoff Carpentier (Professional Nature Guide, e . . . birdwatcher & Probus member) as he teaches you about numerous species of both local & migrating birds. Geoff will be leading a spring migration bird walk on Tuesday May 5 at 4pm-6pm. Location will be within a 15-minute drive from Port Perry. If you're interested in attending, please mark your calendars and contact the Interest Groups Co-Chair to be added to the list.

FINDING YOUR ROOTS

Neil Kilmartin: neilmkilmartin@gmail.com

We are sad to report that due to diminishing numbers of attendees from both our Port Perry and the Scugog-Uxbridge probus clubs, that this interest group has decided to disband. We thank Neil for his diligence in coordinating Finding Your Roots for several years! Maybe there will be interest in the future to start up again.

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.

Two members went to see Marty Supreme at the Oshawa Cineplex, preceded by lunch. Three members are planning to see Mamma Mia at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope, preceded by lunch.

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Joanne Nixon: joannenixon3@gmail.com and

Mary Morrison: marykmorrison@icloud.com

Love to sing? Come and join us at 12:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month. We meet at Hope Church. Please contact Joanne or Mary if you're interested in joining us.



TRAVEL INFORMATION GROUP

Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Information Group will hold its next meeting on Monday March 2nd at 11:10 am in the Sunroom of the Red Lion Pub in Port Perry. After we briefly discuss recent travels taken by club members, the feature presentation will be by Kim Lendvay on 'The Galapagos Islands: Small Ship Adventure'. All Club members are welcome!

PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS REVIEW

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Group

Thursday February 20, Castle John's



When people ask me what is more important, food or love, I don't answer because I'm too busy eating.

Question:
Is it really necessary for the first square of toilet paper be glued down?

The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?"
I said, "Diddly."

Saw a sign in a store that said:
"We Treat You Like Family!"
Not going in there again.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

TOWN HALL 1873 THEATRE



SHANIA TWIN

Shania Twain Tribute Show

Friday March 13 - 8:00 p.m.

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