

#### Club Website: portperryprobus.com

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Greetings to all of our Probus members.

As I gaze out of the window at the blanket of that white stuff covering the lawn where robins were happily hopping around just yesterday, I can't help but wonder how they feel about Mother Nature today! One can only hope that by the time you read this, the weather man will have persuaded her to allow the robins, and us as well, to turn the page.

Spring truly is the time for us to renew ourselves, to bust out the patio furniture and start enjoying the warmer weather along with everything else that comes with it. Of course, there will be grass to cut and weeds to pull, but that really does beat shovelling snow in my book. Not only will our Toronto Blue Jays be back in town, but many of us will need to start thinking about getting out to the grand kids' baseball games as well.

We understand that those who attended the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon in mid-March really enjoyed themselves. I also trust that everyone had a pleasant Easter weekend to wrap up the month. As the snowbirds continue to arrive back from their winter escapes, we look forward to seeing them again. Our Social Committee has been busy with a long list of events and travel destinations planned going forward. Also, our Interest Groups continue to grow in number, giving us yet more ways to enjoy ourselves and have fun. Be sure to check out the weekly dining groups.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next general membership meeting on Tuesday, April 16th.

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



June is renewal month for your Probus membership. Fees must be paid by June 30th to keep your spot.



#### **GUEST REGISTRATION** All members are welcome. Guests

MUST REGISTER UPON ARRIVAL and are restricted to attending no more than two membership meetings.

## HELP

**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. THANK YOU.

#### **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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#### **PROBUS CLUB OF PORT PERRY** MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Social Co-Chairs Ann Skinner **Judy Spring** 

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## **CLUB NOTICES**

#### **APRIL MEMBERSHIP IN-PERSON MEETING**

The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday April 16th from 10 a.m. to noon at Hope Church in Port Perry. You will receive an email blast as a reminder before the meeting.

For the safety of your fellow club members, we ask that members and guests not attend the membership meeting or any other Club event/activity if they test positive for COVID before the meeting/event or have COVID symptoms.

And if anyone who has attended a club function develops COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID within 7 days after the event, please immediately advise the club at <u>portperryprobus@gmail.com</u>

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

The month of June is renewal month for your Probus membership. The cost of membership is \$30.00. Your fees are payable before June 30th, but we are asking that you do your renewal by June 1st if possible as we have quite a long waiting list of folks who would like to join our group. As of July 1st we will accept new applications from those people on our waiting list. We are currently at 347 members so please don't delay if you hope to retain your membership.

You may pay at our Probus General Meeting or mail your cheque in the amount of \$30.00 per person made out to Port Perry PROBUS and send to:

#### Linda Parry, Membership Chair,

2481 Ashbridge Rd., Port Perry, ON L9L 1B4

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

memberfees.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Port Perry PROBUS uses auto deposit so you will not need a password.

If you are paying for more than one person please indicate the members' names.

If you have any questions, please phone Linda at **905-985-8602**. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the

PROBUS Club of Port Perry.

We would also like to ask all existing members to advise our membership chairperson of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers. Please send an email with the changes to Linda Parry at **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

## **"SPRING HAS SPRUNG" PHOTO CONTEST**



Our Winter Scenes Photo Contest is now over. The winning photograph and a few of the other entries are on page 11. To see all of the entries go to our website: <u>www.portperryprobus.com/portperryprobusblooms</u>

Any photo with a link to our spring season is eligible. The winning photo will receive a gift of \$20 and second prize wins \$10. Winning photos will be published in our newsletter and on the website, along with other submissions. All entries have to be in by June 30. So get those phones or cameras out and let's see what interesting photos you can come up with!

Send your photos to portperryprobus@gmail.com

Ideas: Flowers and Blossoms, Wildlife, Sunrise, Morning Fog, Dew Drops, Enchanting Forests, Insect Close Ups, Babbling Brooks and Cascading Waterfalls, Spring Harvest





## THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

#### Guest Speaker – April 16 SHANNON SHEPPARD

"Healthy Hearing: Hear More, Live More!"

You will learn about healthy hearing including:

- How we hear
- What causes hearing loss
- Degrees of hearing loss
- · Signs of hearing loss
- How your hearing is tested Diagnostic hearing tools
- Hearing loss and other conditions

#### About Our Speakers:

Shannon is an independent contractor with both a local and provincial contract in the Hearing Health Care sector. She has a HonsBA in Exceptionality in Human Learning and as a Communicative Disorders Assistant (graduate studies certificate with speech and language therapy and audiology training), she is the Public Relations & Educational Consultant for Advanced Hearing Ontario (five family owned and operated clinics), as well as the Administrative Assistant for the Ontario Association of Professional Audiology Clinics (OAPAC).

UPCOMING SPEAKERS May 21 CONSTABLE DARRYL RICE – Tips for Seniors June 18 JACK HURST – Pegasus Animal Sanctuary July 16 CHRIS BAKER – Durham Transit August 20 LYNN RAE – Mental Health and Wellness



#### Did you miss our March Speaker? HERE'S A RECAP

Our guest speaker was Julien Lebourdais who gave us an inspiring presentation by showing us pictures of many famous people he had photographed during his career as a photojournalist.

The pictures were all black and white and as Julien said, many of the pictures told their own story as he captured emotion, excitement and many different feelings of the people he photographed. Some of his pictures were not of important or famous people but just ordinary people going about their day-today business. He always had his camera ready for any "picture" that he might see, even when not at work.

It was very nostalgic to see so many faces from the past; Prime Ministers, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen mother, John Lennon & Yoko Ono plus the Maple Leafs winning the Stanley Cup, and so many others. Julien had a story for each picture and for the whole hour of his presentation we went back to remember a different time in our lives. It was fun as well as inspirational.





Congratulations everyone!

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-solutely no self-control when it comes to desserts.

## Welcome to old age.

No one tells you that rigor mortis starts while you're still alive. They say with age comes wisdom. Therefore I don't

have wrinkles, I have wise cracks. I tried to log in on my ipad. Turns out it was an etch-a-sketch and I don't own an ipad.

Also, I'm out of whiskey.

APRIL						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		2	3	4	5 Hiking with Bill	6
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m. Bridge/Euchre 12 p.m.		TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 p.m.	
7	8 COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	9 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m.	10	Potential new Probus group 10 a.m. – Hope Church	12	13
	TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m.	BRIDGE 1 p.m. DARTS 2 p.m.	BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS Line Dancing 6 p.m.	INTO THE WOODS Oshawa Little Theatre 2 p.m.
14	15	PROBUS MEETING 16 10 a.m. – Hope Church	17	18 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST THURS 9:30 a.m.	19	20
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. Line dancing 1 p.m. Latin dancing 3 p.m.	DARTS 2 p.m.		ART - OPEN STUDIO 1 p.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS Line Dancing 6 p.m.	DINNER - GWCTD 6 p.m.
21	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m.	23 WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 p.m.	24	25	26	27
	LINE DANCING 1 p.m. Latin Dancing 3 p.m.	DARTS 2 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.	LUNCH GROUP	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. GRAPES OF Pourt 6 p.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS Line Dancing 6 p.m.	
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			FINDING YOUR ROOTS 10 a.m.		HIKING WITH BILL TRAVELLING FOODIES 1:30 p.m. EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS LINE DANCING 6 & 7 p.m.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
LAWN BOWLING Yard Sale	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. TRAVEL GROUP 11:10 a.m. LINE DANCING 1 p.m. LATIN DANCING 3 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.	LAWN BOWLING OPEN HOUSE 6 - 8 p.m. BOWLING FOR FUN 12:45 p.m.		BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS Line Dancing 6 p.m.	LAWN BOWLING OPEN HOUSE 6 - 8 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. Line Dancing 1 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BREAKFAST TUES 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m.	BRIDGE/EUCHRE 12 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. HAPPY HOUR 4 p.m.	HIKING WITH BILL Euchre - Afternoons Line Dancing 6 & 7 p.m.	LAWN BOWLING OPEN HOUSE 10 a.m 4 p.m. DINNER - GWCTD 6 p.m.
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26	27	28	29	30s	31	
	COFFEE & CHAT 10 a.m. Line Dancing 1 p.m. Latin Dancing 3 p.m.	WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m. BRIDGE 1 - 4 p.m. DARTS 2 - 4 p.m. EUCHRE EVENING 7 p.m.		WALK-ABOUT TOWN 9:30 a.m.	EUCHRE - AFTERNOONS Line Dancing 6&7 p.m.	



## PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

Port Perry PROBUS requires that all members attending face to face events have two vaccinations. To register, email: <u>social.portperryprobus@gmail.com</u>

#### LUNCH - BRIDGE & EUCHRE Wednesday April 3 & Wednesday May 15, 12 - 3 p.m.

Colonel Mustard's, 15 Water Street, Port Perry \$5.00 plus the cost of your lunch ordered from the menu.

Pay your \$5.00 at the event – not before. Please indicate your preference when you register to play bridge or euchre. There are prizes for the winning players. To register, please email <u>social</u>. <u>portperryprobus@gmail.com</u> so that we can reserve for an accurate number. Seating is limited in the sunroom. For further information, please contact Judy Spring at **905-447-4557**.

#### INTO THE WOODS Saturday April 13, 2 p.m. Oshawa Little Theatre, 62 Russett Ave., Oshawa Tickets: \$39.55

The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but



the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results. The Brothers Grimm with a twist. If you would like tickets, please register for them by January 20. If we sell 10 tickets, we receive a discounted price of \$36.10 (regular \$39.55). To register, please email <u>social.portperryprobus@gmail.com</u>. Please indicate if you require accessible seating for wheelchairs. For further information, please contact Marg Miller at **226-229-9073**.

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#### NEW ("MAKING HER MARK" EXHIBITION AT THE ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO & LUNCH Thursday May 2 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (approx) 317 Dundas St. W. Toronto

Making Her Mark is an exhibit in collaboration with the Baltimore Museum of Art spotlighting women artists over four centuries. Cost of AGO admission is \$30 plus the cost of GO Train \$12.70 for seniors and two subway trips to and from, \$2.30 per trip required in exact cash or using Presto. Following the exhibition there will be a lunch at *Sin & Redemption* (136 McCaul St., Toronto). Lunch is optional and at individual expense. We will encourage carpooling to the GO Train. To register, please email <u>social.portperryprobus@</u> <u>gmail.com</u>. For further information, please contact Judy Spring at **905-447-4557**. WALKING TOUR OF TORONTO ISLAND Wednesday June 5 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (approx) Cost: \$36 per person

The 1-1/2 hours leisurely tour is scheduled for 11 a.m. Two longtime residents are leading tours to show you the homes, gardens and public spaces on Ward's and Algonquin Id

are now many **SOLD OUT** is and Algonquin. These is the instanted in people's front yards to display the work of local artists. Some of the artists are selling their work if people are interested. The cost includes the tour and the ferry to the island, a bottle of water and granola bar. Optional lunch will follow at the Rivera on Ward's Island. Members can take the GO Train as a group or car-pool. Tours go rain or shine. To register, please email **social.portperryprobus@gmail.com**. Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Judy Spring at **905-447-4557**.



#### IMMEDIATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

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#### THE FULL MONTY Wednesday July 24, 2 p.m. Capital Theatre, 20 Queen St., Port Hope Cost: \$50.20 (includes a ticketing theatre fee and a capital improvement charge)

This is a raucous, pop-rock-musical that "takes it all off!" We will work on car-pooling arrangements. To register, please email **social.portperryprobus@gmail.com** Following registration, you will be provided with payment details. For further information, please contact Dorreen Buchan at **905-985-4953**.



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### SOCIAL EVENTS REVIEW

# St. Patrick's Day Luncheon March 17 Forty-nine members and guests enjoyed a three course roast beef lunch at Kedron Dells on St. Patrick's Day. Terrific door prizes thanks to Ann Skinner and Irish music thanks to Geoff Spring.



Eclipse April 8 (3:40 p.m.) Port Perry. Taken by Bill Walker



I am the Earth and the Earth is me. Each blade of grass. Each honey tree, Each bit of mud, and stick and stone is blood and muscle, skin and bone.

And just as I need every bit of me to make my body fit, So Earth needs grass and stone and tree and things that grow here naturally.

That's why we celebrate this day. That's why across the world we say: As long as life, as dear, as free, I am the Earth and the Earth is me.

- Jane Yolen

Copied from www.poetryfoundation.org



## NON PORT PERRY PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

## **HNA TOURS PICKERING**

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

#### NEW Whitby Courthouse Theatre Presents DRINKING HABITS Friday April 19 – 8 p.m. 416 Centre St. S., Whitby Cost: \$25.00

Laugh-out-loud farce - Two nuns at the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing have been secretly making wine to keep the convent's doors open, but Paul and Sally, reporters and former fiancées, are hot on their trail. They go undercover as a nun and priest, but their presence, combined with the addition of a new nun, spurs paranoia throughout the convent that spies have been sent from Rome to shut them down. Wine and secrets are inevitably spilled as everyone tries to preserve the convent and reconnect with lost loves. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at **905-619-8583** or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

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#### Stratford Festival Presents LA CAGE AUX FOLLES May 14

Cost: \$162.00 – Lunch is not included

There will be a stop for lunch at a beautiful place

picnic. Please bring woll DOUT

*Inclue* **Station** by motor coach, Orchestra level ticket, 407 Toll, and Driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at **905-619-8583** or <u>shirlie@hnatravels.com</u>.

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#### Louise Penny THREE PINES TOUR

Saturday June 1 to Tuesday June 4 Cost: \$1,467.87 per person incl. HST

based on double-occupancy \$1,919.87 per person incl. HST based on single-occupancy Nonrefundable deposit of \$200

## CANCELLED

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### NEW

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#### PICTON WINE TOUR WITH VISIT TO BASE 31 Tuesday June 11 – 9 a.m. Cost: \$129.00

Base31 is a cultural destination on the site of a former 70-acre WWII air training base in Picton.

*Includes:* return transportation by motor coach, depart 9 a.m. – return by 6 p.m., visit to Base 31 with guided tour, wine tasting at local winery, and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at **905-619-8583** or <u>shirlie@hnatravels.</u> <u>com</u>.

#### Capital Theatre Port Hope Presents THE FULL MONTY Wednesday July 17 – 2 p.m.

Cost: \$115.00

*Includes:* Ticket to see show, return transportation to Theatre, and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at **905-619-8583** or <u>shirlie@hnatravels.com</u>.

Westben Theatre Campbellford Presents BARNFUL OF BROADWAY Tuesday July 23 – 2 p.m. Cost: \$144.00
To celebrate their 25th season, Westhen are post of the best of Part <b>SOLDOUT</b> platourne guest artists. <b>Solution</b> by motor coach, picnic lunch, ticket for show and driver's tip. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at <b>905-619-8583</b> or <u>shirlie@</u> <u>hnatravels.com</u> .
Shaw Festival Stratford Presents

#### MY FAIR LADY Wednesday September 11 Cost: \$149.00

*Includes:* Includes return transportation by deluxe motor coach, ticket at the Festival Theatre, driver's tip, and 407 Toll. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at **905-619-8583** or **shirlie@hnatravels.com**.

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### CAN**XPL@RE BOWMANVILLE**

For further information or to reserve your spot email <u>cathy@canxplore.com</u>

For TripAdvisor reviews:

https://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attraction\_Review-g499253-d24887153-Reviews-CanXplore-Bowmanville\_Ontario.html

#### SPRING GARDEN TOUR Thursday June 13

Cost: \$189 per person (all taxes included)

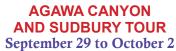
*Includes:* a visit to Hendrie Park at Royal Botanical Gardens, plus a guided tour of Whistling Gardens and a picnic lunch, a visit to Northland Nursery to shop for plants and the services of a CanXplore Tour Director. For further information or to book, go to <u>www.canxplore.com/springgardentour</u> or contact Cathy Spracklin at <u>cathy@canxplore.com</u> or **289-275-1182**.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY WINE TOUR Thursday June 20

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#### Cost: \$199 per person (all taxes included)

*Includes:* a stop at The Big Apple, plus wine tasting at Waupoos Estates Winery (4 samples), lunch at The Waring House, wine tasting at The Grange Winery (4 samples), wine tasting at Sandbanks Estate Winery (5 samples) and the services of a CanXplore Tour Director. For further information or to book, go to <u>www.canxplore.com/prince-edward-county</u> or contact Cathy Spracklin at <u>cathy@canxplore.com</u> or **289-275-1182**.



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#### Cost: \$1295.00 per person based on double occupancy (all taxes included)

*Includes:* Roundtrip luxury coach tour from Durham Region with stops in Bowmanville, Oshawa, Whitby and Port Perry, 4 days and 3 night accommodation, breakfast daily, 2 lunches, train tour of Agawa Canyon to see the beautiful fall colours, entrance fee to Science North Museum, IMAX and planetarium presentations at Science North Museum, visit to the Big Nickel in Sudbury, a 2.5 hour boat cruise with lunch on Lake Muskoka and the services of a CanXplore Tour Director. For further information or to book, go to <u>www.canxplore.com/agawacanyonmainpage</u> or contact Cathy Spracklin at <u>cathy@canxplore.com</u> or **289-275-1182** 

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## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

## **HNA TOURS PICKERING**

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### NEWFOUNDLAND

July 23 to August 2 Cost: double occupancy \$4,419 +HST (\$4,993.47) Single occupancy \$5,499 + HST (\$6,439.87)

*Includes:* Roundtrip airfare from Toronto to Deer Lake and return from St. John's, Newfoundland, roundtrip airport transfers, 10 nights' accommodation in Newfoundland, breakfast daily, 5 dinners, 5 lunches, sightseeing in Gros Morne Park, boat cruise of Bonne Bay, tour of Port au Choix National Historic Site, tour of L'Anse aux Meadows, tour of Sir Wilfred Grenfell Mission, visit to Twillingate, excursions to Trinity and Bonavista, City tour of St. John's, visit to Bay Bulls with boat cruise, tour of Cape Spear National Historic Park, and services of a HNA Travels Director. For further information or to book contact Shirlie van Putten at 905-619-8583 or shirlie@hnatravels.com.

CRUISE

#### **ALASKA CRUISE**

ONLY NOW August 26 to September 2 VAILABLE Cruise Cost: Balcony - \$4,299; Oceanview - \$3,199; Inside Cabin - \$2,799 based on double occupancy Call for single occupancy rate

7-Day/6-Night Port Cruise aboard the Norwegian Jewel with all meals included plus the premium beverage package and WIFI package. Group shore excursions, to enhance your experience, will be arranged to purchase prior to departure. Your Cruise package includes return airfare from Toronto to Anchorage and Vancouver to Toronto, all connecting transfersbetween airports and Anchorage; Seward; and Vancouver, and City Tour of Vancouver.

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due upon booking. Balance due April 1, 2024.

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



**HNA Tours** PORTUGAL TRIP February 26 - March 20 Some of the Port Perry PROBUS group living it up in Portugal!! They had had a blast!

## OVERSEAS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES



Join other members on the following cruises:

#### **EMERALD RIVER CRUISE – DANUBE EXPLORER & BUDAPEST WITH PRAGUE**

September 23 to October 5, 2024

Current cost is \$6290 pp for cabin with high window and \$7395 pp for cabin with balcony.

Spend three days in Budapest hefe e River SOLD OUT au, Austria, Germany cruise b epublic. Finish with three days in Prague. The and booking includes a credit of \$1850 towards the Economy flight, the eight-day river cruise, two additional days in Budapest and three days in Prague. It also includes gratuities and wine and beer at lunch and dinner on the cruise.

Cost and inclusions will vary depending upon the date of the booking. For further information, please contact Judy Spring at 905-447-4557.

#### 12-NIGHT CANARIES, MOROCCO & SPAIN **CELEBRITY INFINITY CRUISE** January 14 to 26, 2025

Priced at \$2,799 for an inside cabin and \$3,789 for a balcony based on double occupancy.

Book early and get an on board credit to spend on tours, etc.

Barcelona, Spain - At Sea - At Sea - Lanzarote, Canary Islands Gran Canaria, Canary Islands - Tenerife, Canary Islands - At Sea - Casablanca, Morocco - Tangier, Morocco - Seville (Cadiz), Spain - Malaga, Spain - At Sea - Barcelona, Spain. Book early and get an On Board credit to spend on tours, etc. To book and get a current price, contact Robert Mackie at 905-982-8855 or email rmackie@expediacruises.com and advise that you are travelling with Brenda Moore and the Port Perry PROBUS group. Also please advise our member Brenda Moore at brendamoore3175@ gmail.com. Brenda will take the lead on this cruise.

#### **21-DAY MARQUESAS & TAHITI ADVENTURE** March 19 to April 9, 2026 Porthole cabin (SP) - \$7,530 US per person and

Oceanview cabin (S) - \$8,230 US per person. Deposit is \$2,429.70 US at time of booking. Final payment is due on December 19, 2025. For further details overview (windstarcruises.com) To book and get a current price, contact Laurel Arnott at 905-982-8855, Ext. 235 or email larnott@ expediacruises.com and advise that you are travelling with Kim Lendvay and the Port Perry PROBUS group. Also please advise our member Kim Lendvay at interest.portperryprobus@gmail. com. Kim will take the lead on this cruise.



## SCHEDULED EVENTS IN DURHAM REGION

#### TOWN HALL THEATRE

Here are some of the upcoming shows at Town Hall 1873 Theatre. Proof of vaccination and wearing a mask in Town Hall 1873 Theatre are not required. Call 905-985-8181 for more information or see the website www.townhalltheatre.ca.

#### The Last Resort

Murder Mystery/Musical Comedy April 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8 p.m. April 13, 14, 20 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$30.00

Saturday April 27 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$50.00

#### **Beatlemania** The Pirates of Penzance

Musical Concert Sunday May 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$38.00



#### ZED

The Led-Zeppelin Experience Saturday May 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$50.00

#### **JAZZ FROM THE CITY**

Many PROBUS members continue to enjoy our Wednesday Matinees at Jester's Court in the "Listening Room" upstairs. This is perfect for those who choose not to drive into Toronto to hear top rate groups. Meet savvy retirees! You will see other PROBUS members there.

Please wear your PROBUS name tag! For more information contact Lynn McDonald, 289-354-1140 or lynn@lynnmcdonaldjazz.com.

#### THEATRE ON THE RIDGE **Port Perry Snapshots Short Play Festival**

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An annual playwriting competition celebrating the moments that can define either a single life or a whole community in a small Ontario town.

> Friday May 10 at 7:30 p.m, Saturday May 11 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00 www.theatreontheridge.ca or call the box office at 905-242-9343.



These and many more events can be found on our website at https://www.portperryprobus.com/thingstodo

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



#### SCUGOG LAKE STEWARDS **25th Anniversary**

**Annual General Meeting** Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024



Where: Scugog Memorial Public Library, Port Perry Time: Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Meeting begins at 7 - 8:45 p.m. .....

#### Become a Theatre on the Ridge Homestay Host this summer!

Many of our summer artists and team require accommodations each year and being a billet/homestay host can be a rewarding experience. Not only do you get to be a part of a young actor's creative journey but you also get to see some incredible shows and receive a charitable receipt. Billet host Suzy tells you more at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> reel/439082465206172

or contact us at info@theatreontheridge.ca.

#### THEATRE ON THE RIDGE Seeking recruits for its **Board & Committees**

(TOTR) is seeking volunteers to join its board AND committees, including Finance, Development (Fundraising/

Marketing). Volunteer/Outreach Committees. Our recruitment needs are focussed through attitude and aptitude. No prior theatre engagement required, just a passion to enrich lives through theatre. For a full information package. contact carey@theatreontheridge.ca.

#### Join the Theatre on the Ridge **Costume Crew!**

We're beginning work on the inventory and assessment of our extensive costume collection and are looking for volunteers to help us get the job done! We welcome anyone with interest and/or experience in sewing, costuming or just curious to learn more about this fascinating part of theatre production. For more information, contact us at info@theatreontheridge.ca.



## WINTER SCENES PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

The winners of the Winter Scenes Photo Contest are members Audrey McLaughlin – first prize of \$20 for her photo of walking in the woods with her dog, and second prize winner is Jayne Rees for her photo of ice circles on her pond. Some of the other submissions are included below. Have a look on our website to see all of the amazing entries. www.portperryprobus.com/portperryprobusblooms



**KEEP THOSE CAMERAS HANDY!** The "Spring has Sprung" Photo Contest is on now. Deadline for entries is June 30th. Make it snappy!



## PORT PERRY PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

**New Interest Groups Opportunities** 

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

Our club has a corporate account should you wish to set up a virtual meeting, and it has no time restraints! Just contact Jim Adamson at <u>president.portperryprobus@gmail.com</u> to use it. We are here to help should you want to try a meeting virtually!

## **NEW INTEREST GROUPS!**

#### **Photography**

Photography Are you interested in learning to take great pictures by experimenting with different camera settings/lenses and other techniques? We are currently

working with a local photography guru to set-up some instudio workshops to learn some basics after which we'll have some projects to do and then receive feedback. See details below under "Feeling Creative" heading.

Join us! Email interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



"Let's Play" heading on page 13

## CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

Email: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

### **Feeling Creative?**

**Jigsaw Puzzlers** 

members who may have puzzles to donate, or who may like

to join our sharing group? Perhaps members could meet at

each others homes to work on a puzzle together while having

a coffee or wine visit while doing so! See more details under

If interested contact Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

A couple of Probus members have been exchanging

jigsaw puzzles and wondered if there are more

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

Our members come to work on various art media – acrylic, watercolour and oil paints, clay and wood. It is always interesting to share new ideas and works in progress, as well as friendly chats. Our group meets alternating Thursdays at the Hope Church (1 to 4 p.m.). We will continue to meet until the end of June when we take a summer break.

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#### CREATE AND CHAT

#### Contact: <a href="mailto:interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com">interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com</a>

This group's members have all gone their separate ways so we're hoping to restart the group with new folks! Hoping to get creative people together with a monthly meet-up sharing one's passion for arts and crafts while conversing/visiting. Please contact the Interest Group chair if you're interested.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

#### Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Looks like we're up & running again! We have 7 members already! We are currently working with a local photography guru to set-up some in-studio workshops to learn some basics after which we'll do some projects and then meet up to get feedback.

If you'd like to join us, contact interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



#### 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. We are looking for a couple of new players and would be happy to teach you if you are new to the game.

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#### BOARD GAMES Bill Morrison: 905-985-2624 billandmark/arc@gmail.com

#### billandmaryare@gmail.com

For more information or to sign up, please contact Bill directly.

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#### BOWLING FOR FUN

#### Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Bowling for Fun has resumed playing at Neb's Fun World on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:45 p.m. Cost will be \$15.00 for two games and includes shoe rental. If you are

interested in signing up for Bowling for Fun, please contact the Interest Group Chair. Come and join in the fun!





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#### BRIDGE Judy Spring: 905-447-4557 judithspring@outlook.com

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

> **CRIBBAGE** 10 COORDINATOR NEEDED Contact: interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com



We had the longest book club meeting yet for this group as we discussed "Irreversible Damage" by Abigail Shrier. This book was informative and is very polarizing and we all said we would recommend it judiciously and with caution! In April we will read and discuss "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

#### Food & Drink

**Book Clubs** 

**BOOK CLUB – THE NEXT CHAPTER** 

Janet Broder: 416-659-4491

janetbroder7@gmail.com

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB - THURSDAY Bill Morrison**

billandmaryare@gmail.com

The Thursday Breakfast group meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please contact Bill for more information.



**BREAKFAST CLUB - TUESDAY** 

Jane Sweatman • jane@sweatman.com and Lee Baverstock • ilbaverstock@gmail.com

The Tuesday breakfast group has restarted and are meeting at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please contact one of the coordinators for more information.



**COFFEE AND CHAT** Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064 dandjbagley@gmail.com

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

..... DINNER – GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

#### (GWCTD) Kim Lendvay • interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Due to numerous unfortunate last minute cancellations & several folks being away for the winter, a small group of six members enjoyed One-Eyed Jack in Uxbridge on March 16.

We meet on the third Saturday of each month (except December).

Our next GWCTD will be on Saturday April 20 at 6 p.m. in Port Perry at Ciao Bella. Please contact the Kim via email if you'd like to join us.

DARTS FOR FUN

Please email if you are interested in participating in this group. 

#### 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 present time is FULL. Anyone interested in joining, please contact the coordinator to be put on our wait list.

#### **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. This group is currently full. If you would like assistance starting a new group, please email or telephone ..

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#### EUCHRE – EVENING Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878 madamson905@gmail.com

The evening is a mix of starting with card games as well as time for social chatting and refreshments. So far attendance usually fills three tables, which means our membership has had to cap. However, a list of subs helps make the evening more inclusive.

Next date is Tuesday April 23 at 7 p.m. This group meets once a month on the Tuesday following the week of the General Probus meeting.

#### **JIGSAW PUZZLERS**

#### Denise: Deniseet1954@gmail.com

We have just started this group and already have 9 members! Some have puzzles to donate, others just to share amongst the group. We generally seem to prefer 1000 pieces, although we will do 750 and 500, and prefer those that are not overly difficult (or overly easy!). If you are interested in joining this puzzle swap group, please contact the coordinator.



#### DINNER OUT – THURSDAYS Marg Miller

margandrodmiller@gmail.com

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

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HAPPY HOUR 'Where Everybody Knows Your Name' Joyce Bagley: 905-985-8064



dandjbagley@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 will try out various locations in the area. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m.

10 of us enjoyed the Old Flame Brewhouse on Thursday March 21. We'll be gathering at Old Flame Brewery once again on Thursday April 18 at 4 p.m. Once patio season opens up, we will be meeting on patios outside the area. Please let Joyce know via email if you're planning to join us – of course you can just show up too! Please wear your Probus name tag so we can spot each other!

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



We had a great turnout this month at Jester's Court, the food was good, everyone enjoyed their meal and there was discount for seniors day! This month's lunch will be on Wednesday April 24, location to be determined. Please contact the coordinator.

#### TRAVELLING FOODIES Carol Kilmartin foodies.probus@gmail.com

This is the first month the Travelling Foodies Groups will meet with the new format of two groups; 1st Friday of the month and 2nd Thursday of the month. The groups are capped at 16 and have both reached their capacity. If you would like to add your name to a waitlist, please contact the coordinator.

The coordinator role is shared by Carol Kilmartin, Communications; Mona Mathews, Restaurants & Bookings; Catherine Whittle, Presenter at Probus Meetings. Catherine will attend Friday lunches and Carol and Mona will attend Thursday lunches as hosts. Each month, Carol will contact group members one week prior to the lunch with details about the venue.

## WINE TASTING 1

#### Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

Our group is very much looking forward to a resumption of our tasting get-togethers now that winter escapes and various other trips have subsided.

#### WINE TASTING – GRAPES OF PourT Barb Langer • 416-805-9223 barblanger4296@gmail.com

We were on hiatus for February and March, but are resuming our schedule on Thursday April 25 which will be co-hosted by Kim Lendvay & Barb Langer.

Our group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 6pm.

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

BLOOMERS - GARDENING Marg Miller margandrodmiller@gmail.com



It's almost gardening season & we're so excited! We are interested in gardening, swapping and sharing bulbs, seeds, plants and cuttings, even gardening

magazines and pictures! Last year we visited some garden centres, each other's gardens and attended a couple of events like lavender farms and the peonies festival. This group likely won't be meeting on the same day each month but instead we'll venture here and there whereever our green thumbs take us! We'll always give you enough notice though to come along!

If you share the vision of this group and love all things garden, please contact the coordinator.

#### 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

Lawn Bowling is just around the corner at Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club. It is a great social sport

where you can enjoy the outdoors and get some gentle exercise. Instruction is always available, and first year bowlers are provided equipment free of charge. Our Open Houses are set for May 8 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., and May 11 and 18 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come out and give it a try and see how much fun we have!

If you are interested in short mat indoor bowling, you can do that at the Latcham Centre in Port Perry on Thursday afternoon.

On May 5 we will be holding a giant yard sale. If you are moving, or just wanting to get rid of 'stuff'', please feel free to contact me, and I will arrange a pick up.



#### **LATIN DANCING** Anne-Marie Sacco interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com



Latin Dance has been a hit so far! Upcoming classes are April 15 & 22 and May 6 & 27 from 3-4 p.m. at Douglas Crossing (6 Douglas Rd., Uxbridge). 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. Interested in joining this group? Please contact interestportperryprobus@gmail.com.

> ..... LINE DANCING Kim Lendvav interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We meet weekly at the Port Perry Legion (484 Bay Street) and it costs \$3 per person.

We meet either Monday 1 p.m. (which is sort of Beginners level but closer to Intermediate class) OR Friday 6 p.m. (BEGINNERS ONLY) which is a great way to learn the basics since most of us are just starting. Some of us attend both days!

No experience required – but you gotta enjoy country music, be willing to try to follow some dance steps and be prepared to laugh at ourselves when we mess up.

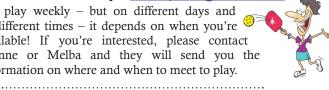
Contact Kim (Interest Groups Chair) at the above email to be added to the group's email list. You can let Kim know if you're planning to attend so we can watch for you or you can just show up as we'll be there!

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

#### PICKLEBALL GROUP

Joanne Nixon • joannenixon3@icloud.com and Melba Tenthorey • onestep1996@hotmail.com

We play weekly - but on different days and at different times – it depends on when you're available! If you're interested, please contact Joanne or Melba and they will send you the information on where and when to meet to play.



#### WALK-ABOUT TOWN

#### Dianne: diannedraper886@gmail.com

We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. behind the Scugog St. Tim Hortons. Our walks are approx. 50 minutes, along our beautiful lakefront. If you're interested in joining the Walk-About Town group, please contact Dianne and let's get going!

#### **Music and Entertainment**

#### **MOVIE GROUP** Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com

If you're looking for someone to go to a movie with sometime, please contact the coordinator.

#### **Other Nifty Interest Groups**

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE** Ginny Colling: 905-985-0637 ginnycolling@gmail.com



Our group is currently on hold. If anyone is interested in looking at the types of climate action we can take, whether individually or collectively, to help improve outcomes for our grandkids, please contact the coordinator and she will put you on her mailing list to receive environmental information.

#### **FINDING YOUR ROOTS**

#### Neil Kilmartin: neilMkilmartin@gmail.com

We will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month from We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to noon in the Scugog Library's Board Room. We don't currently meet over the summer. Our group is capped at 12, but we currently have 2 openings, and if anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Neil directly via email. We welcome people with any degree of genealogical experience, right from the newbie to the seasoned family historian. Our focus tends to be on "sharing our individual experiences". Guidance and help in researching is always available.

Our May meeting will feature a member of the Scugog Historical Society who will give us an introduction to what the Society does, and some of the tools they use to investigate genealogy for groups and individuals.

#### **GROUP OF ONES** Denise: Deniset1954@gmail.com and Cathy: cjef@bell.net

Would you be interested in doing something without your partner? If so, why not join the Group of Ones?! The purpose of the Group of Ones group is to facilitate alliances between PROBUS members who would like to participate in some activity with one or more other members. You might be single, or you might have a partner who doesn't want to go out. Group of Ones is a group of individuals as opposed to couples.

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 saw Exhibition on screen: *Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse* in Peterborough on Sunday March 10, preceded by brunch at Cora, which was very good.

One went on her lonesome to the Museum of Illusions followed by dinner at the St Lawrence Market and then *Message in a Bottle* at Meridian Hall – a breathtaking new dance-theatre production set to the music of 17-time Grammy Award winner Sting.

#### TRAVEL GROUP Tim: timcasey22@gmail.com

The Travel Interest Group had a very informative Powerpoint presentation from Kim Lendvay about her recent trip to Egypt followed by a short presentation about the differences between Viking Cruises' Expedition, Ocean and River lines.

We meet monthly at Col. Mustard's Pub. There's plenty of room in the Travel group with lots of interesting presentations, so if you wish to attend, please contact Tim.

#### **INTEREST GROUPS EVENTS REVIEW**



#### Hiking with Bill March 15

11 hikers enjoyed a great day at East Duffins Headwaters on the Oak Ridges Moraine, despite a few mud holes here and there along the way.



Happy Hour! March 21 A happy group enjoying a beverage and a chat at Old Flame Brewery. Why not join them next time???



Walk-About Town April 9 Beautiful day for a walk. Spring is beginning to show!



## **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

#### **CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP**

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's Facebook group. We have around 190 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

#### **LOOKING FOR** CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

email us at: portperryprobus@gmail.com



#### **PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT POTENTIAL NEW NORTH DURHAM PROBUS CLUB** Thursday April 11, 10 a.m.

#### Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry

The Port Perry and Uxbridge Probus clubs are going to be holding a public information meeting about a possible new North Durham Probus club. The meeting will be held at Hope Church in Port Perry at 10 a.m. on Thursday April 11.

That meeting will enable our two clubs to assess the extent of the interest in a possible new club in North Durham that would possibly be jointly sponsored by both clubs.

You're welcome to attend the information meeting, and if you know anyone in the North Durham Region who might be interested in joining a Probus club but are not familiar with Probus or have been discouraged by the long waiting lists, please let them know about the upcoming public meeting.

> For more information contact: northdurhamprobus@gmail.com

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"April is the month of new beginnings, and a time to bloom like the flowers and trees, it's the time to start fresh and shed those cool weather layers."



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