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PROBUS Club of Port Perry

JANUARY, 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR



NOTE - We are a GREEN club!

Our hard working volunteers ask that you please bring a mug for your tea or coffee to membership meetings.

••••• NO PARKING

Please do not park on the grass areas surrounding the Hope Church.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new year is now here, the holiday season has passed, the snowbirds have largely left for warmer places, the lakes have finally frozen over and we'll soon be halfway through winter. So it would seem to be a good time to take a pause to reflect on everything one plans on accomplishing this next year and then maybe cut that list in half and take that extra time to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors and all the opportunities to have fun with family and friends.

Janet and I have enjoyed watching the local wildlife around our place. The feeders are full of all different kinds of birds, and with the constant snow cover this season, they're eating the feed at record speed (with the usual help from the squirrels and chipmunks). We now have a family of beavers with a lodge about 20 ft. off our shoreline although they won't be seen again until the ice breaks up. But it meant that I had to fence in the particular trees that they find most attractive for food. We had swans in October, the geese and ducks seemed to have left later than usual this past fall and we also saw turkeys, rabbits, raccoons and foxes out late for our area. So if we can help get all that wildlife through the winter, it should be an active spring for the local animals.

As I noted in last month's newsletter, the club has had to impose a membership cap due to capacity issues for our meeting facility along with some other concerns. Well, we reached that cap before the end of December, and we're now recording names on a wait list for those interested in joining the club.

The Social Committee has a bunch of fun activities planned for the coming few months, and with the number of members we now have, things can fill up fast. So take a look at the schedule of events and sign up early to avoid missing out.

Have a great 2020!!

Tim Casey, President president.portperryprobus@gmail.com 905-985-3991

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

PROBUS CLUB OF PORT PERRY ANNOUNCES A MEMBERSHIP CAP

This past year has been one of phenomenal growth for our club in membership, social activities and interest groups. We're now one of the largest clubs in the Durham Region and one of the larger ones in PROBUS Canada. Two key reasons for that growth have been, first, the wonderful job that has been done by the many volunteers in our club and, second, the welcoming social environment that our members have created in the club and which is constantly attracting new members.

Unfortunately, however, we have reached the occupancy capacity of our beautiful venue, Hope Church.

The Club management committee decided in December to establish a membership cap of 370 members, and we reached that cap at the end of that month. With over 90 new members added since May, it was not feasible to adapt to further such growth.

There is not currently another acceptable facility in the Scugog area to house a PROBUS club of our size, and even if there were, a continued growth in the club is not necessarily something we want to pursue. Adding members to our sizable number puts additional workload on our already busy volunteers and creates the need to attract even more volunteers.

While it's good that we have enough members now to routinely fill a bus for social activities and fill a banquet room for special events (both of which help keep costs down), any further growth will mean having to turn members away from such social activities due to capacity issues. And we want our break time at the

monthly meetings to be one where members can easily circulate and socialize with other members without having to wade through a crowded room or feel that too many members are strangers to them.

Names of potential new members wanting to join after the membership cap is reached will be put on a wait list for when we have openings in the future. Since we always have a number of non-renewals at the beginning of our membership year in the spring, there will be an opportunity for a number of those on the wait list to join the club at that time. We are also now discussing the matter with PROBUS Canada as to options for handling the continued demand for PROBUS in the Scugog community.

So while the management committee was reluctant to put in place a cap on membership when so many over-55s from our area will still want to join the club in the future, we are also cognizant of the need to keep the club at a manageable number that will help ensure its future viability and allow it to provide the fellowship, learning and interest opportunities its members so appreciate.

We will keep you posted on how this all works out over the next year. But we do want to express our thanks to all of our members for your wonderful support and efforts to build such an active and attractive PROBUS club in Port Perry over the last $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years.

Tim Casey, President PROBUS Club of Port Perry

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CLUB NOTICES

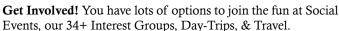
Next Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st

Welcome to PROBUS

When: Each 3rd Tuesday from 10:00 – Noon Where: Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Rd.,





How to quickly join the fun:

- Sign up for any of the Interest Groups or Social Events at our Monthly meetings. Your event/group coordinator will contact you with details for when and where to join in.
- See our monthly newsletter for details and then reach out to the coordinators directly.
- Access our **PROBUS Website** anytime. You can check out our next speaker or all the planned events / interest groups at **www.portperryprobus.com**. See pictures, a calendar, and an archive of past newsletters!

Thank you for joining us! Our PROBUS motto is

Fun, Fellowship, & Friendship!

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Membership

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 please advise our membership chairperson of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers. Please send an email with the changes to Linda Parry at **www.portperryprobus@gmail.com** so that we can avoid anyone missing our club activities or social events.

I would also like to welcome our new members:

Andy Churchill Judy Howsam Roy Finlayson Linda Jones Cathy Finlayson Laurette Vacon

> Linda Parry, Membership Chairperson, Port Perry PROBUS parrylk@gmail.com

Membership List

The Membership List, in whole or in part, is not to be used for commercial or other purposes, or provided to any other party without the prior written permission of the Membership Chairperson or the PROBUS Club of Port Perry.

Coming Up!

JANUARY 23: Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)

JANUARY 29: Chinese New Year Lunch at the Mandarin

FEBRUARY 26: Blue Heron Casino Adventure!!

MARCH 24: Irish Kitchen Party in Niagara Falls

APRIL 4: Oshawa Little Theatre – Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

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Reminders

- PLEASE respond to emails from PROBUS Interest Group and Social Event volunteers!
- The monthly member meeting will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. Noon at Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Road, Port Perry.
- Always check the website www.portperryprobus.com for up to date information.
- Bring your chequebook to meetings in order to sign up for social events make cheques payable to PROBUS Club of Port Perry. Some social events will be booked through sister clubs contact information will be provided.
- PROBUS Club of Port Perry is a **GREEN CLUB** bring your own mug to the meeting to enjoy your coffee or tea.
- Club Constitution, Club By-Laws, application form can be found on the website: www.portperryprobus.com

Thinking of Volunteering?

The success of the PROBUS Club of Port Perry is attributable, to a large extent, to our wonderful volunteers. They work hard to provide you with a variety of Social and Interest Group activities and provide back-of-house services at monthly member meetings. One of the things that is always a challenge with volunteer organizations is to prevent "volunteer fatigue". One of the ways to help avoid this is to expand the volunteer base. More help, less work per volunteer!

If you are interested in any volunteer opportunities (especially as an Interest Group Coordinator), please contact any member of the Management Team and we can direct you to the appropriate person. Thank you.

PROBUS Club of Port Perry Management Team



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OUR SPEAKERS



Speaker – January 21

DR. AMY BARRON

"Adventures of a Female Archaeologist Abroad"

Many people dream of being an archaeologist, but what does that really mean? Especially if you are a woman living and working in the Middle East. Dr. Amy Barron shares her own anecdotes of what life is like excavating in the Middle East. Both the troubles and turmoil caused by the modern social and political climate, and the wonder, beauty and charm of this fantastic part of the world and its peoples.

Amy Barron received her PhD at the University of Toronto in the field of Mesopotamian history and archaeology. She has excavated in the Middle East and elsewhere, and has travelled widely studying the archaeology of various remote parts of the world from Peru to China. She has also worked in the museum field for over twenty years and presently teaches Museum Studies at Fleming College as well as serving as Program Coordinator for the Clarington Museums and Archives.



Speaker – February 18

SOPER CREEK
WILDLIFE RESCUE

"Bringing Education to Life"



Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue is Durham Region's ONLY wildlife rehabilitation and education facility. It is licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Canadian Wildlife Services to RESCUE, REHABILITATE and RELEASE Ontario Native Wildlife. The centre's first priority is to the health and welfare of the animals that come under its care. Together with Carter Veterinary Hospital each individual animal brought to the centre receives the highest standards of care.

Lead by Stefanie MacEwan, founder and licensed wildlife custodian, the small team of staff and volunteers work around the clock. Soper Creek is not funded by the government, therefore they have developed educational programming to assist in their ability to rehabilitate wildlife. Without these programs and the public's assistance, the centre would not be sustainable.

They also provide native wildlife education which emphasizes the importance of teaching young people about coexisting with indigenous species.

At Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue, they believe that: "In the end we will only conserve what we love; we will only love what we understand and we will understand what we have been taught." - Baba Dioum

This message is embedded in Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue's unique approach to bringing wildlife education to life. Many of its volunteers are certified facilitators through the Canadian Wildlife Federation. This means they educate children and youth about wildlife conservation through the Project WILD and Below Zero programs. These programs are not only fun but designed to meet the Ministry of Education curriculum for Science, Art & Math.



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PROBUS SOCIAL EVENTS

A cheque payable to the PROBUS Club of Port Perry is required at the time of signup for an event.

If you are unable to sign up in person, please use email or phone to let us know you're interested and to arrange payment. Refunds are only issued under exceptional circumstances, so if it turns out you are unable to attend an event, please offer your ticket to other members or guests.

If you have any questions or suggestions or if you need directions or car-pooling, please email: social.portperryprobus@gmail.com or call Marg Miller at 226-229-9073 or Judy Spring at 905-447-4557.

Here are the upcoming events - please take a few moments to review the choices and make your selections for signup at our next membership meeting at the Social Committee table in the lobby.

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM (ROM)

January 23 (Thursday) Departing Port Perry Walmart at 2 p.m. Returning around 11 p.m.

\$121 for a day trip by motor coach to the ROM, lunch at a



Toronto restaurant, guided tour and free time to wander, and a visit to the Bata Shoe Museum. This trip requires that 15 members participate in order for Shirlie van Putten to pick members up at the Port Perry Walmart. Contact Shirlie van Putten (905-619-8583).

CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH AT THE MANDARIN

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January 29 (Wednesday) at 12 p.m.

\$17.18 (including tax), payable at the Mandarin, 1319 Airport Blvd., Oshawa. Room A is reserved for our members to enjoy the

celebration of the Chinese New Year also known as Spring Festival. People welcome spring and what it brings: planting and harvests, new beginnings and fresh starts. Tables will be reserved for singles and for new members. Contact the event coordinator Ann Skinner: skinntj@gmail.com.



REVISED **BLUE HERON CASINO ADVENTURE!!!**

February 26 (Wednesday) at 11:30 a.m.

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Island Road, Scugog Island



Ultimate brunch buffet (12 p.m. to 2 p.m.) Pay for your own meal, (\$12.99 plus taxes etc.) followed by casino fun of your choice. Please meet Ann Skinner at the inside entrance, wear your PROBUS name tag, and bring photo ID. Contact event coordinator Ann Skinner: skinntj@gmail.com.

IRISH KITCHEN PARTY AT GREG FREWIN THEATRE IN NIAGARA FALLS

March 24 (Tuesday) Departing Port Perry Walmart at 9 a.m. Returning around 6:45 p.m.

\$118 (and optional insurance charge of \$5). A good ol' Irish Kitchen Party with the "American Rogues". Enjoy all the Irish songs and dance and have a great lunch as well. We will make a comfort stop on the way, as well as a quick dinner stop (on



own) following the show. Hop on the coach with washroom and leave the driving to Cardinal Coach Tours. Contact Cardinal Coach Tours (1-877-343-7773) for further information or to pay by Visa. Please tell them you are from Port Perry PROBUS.

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS AT THE OSHAWA LITTLE THEATRE

April 4 (Saturday) at 2 p.m.

\$28.20 for adults and \$19.20 for students. Come join us at the theatre to Lawrence Jameson making his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money. Freddy Benson more humbly swindles women by waking their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother's failing health. After meeting on a train, they attempt to work together, only to find out that this small French town isn't big enough for the two of them. They agree on a settlement: the first one to extract \$50,000 from a

young female target, heiress Christine Colgate, wins and the other must leave town. A hilarious battle of cons ensues that will keep us laughing, humming and guessing to the end. For more information, contact Bob McLeod (905-982-1812).



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PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS UPDATE

Happy New Year! As you look forward to the new decade, please consider adding in a fun activity. Making new friends, and deepening others, is one way to get the most out of your time in PROBUS. Below is a list of the Interest Groups we have planned and those that are running now.!

Gail Johnson Morris

New interest group opportunities!

GENEALOGY • MODEL BOATS • WINE TASTING II

Please sign up at our next PROBUS meeting.

Please find below our current interest groups; and above are a few of the potential groups on offer! For those who are thinking about starting up an interest group, Gail can support you through the process. To get rolling, first confirm a group coordinator that will email your group reminders for when/where the next meeting is and any necessary reservations. **Test Drive Option**: if you want to try a group, contact that group coordinator to find out how the group

operates, its schedule, and any other questions you may have. Taking a 'test drive' is a terrific way to meet some new folks and have fun.

If you would like to coordinate a new group, please let Gail know at interestgroups.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

Count on Gail to have sign-up sheets at our monthly PROBUS membership meetings.

Current interest group updates:

NOTE - in the case of all Interest Groups, if you have questions or wish to join, please contact the Coordinator

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie evsurfing@gmail.com • 905-985-2587

The Acting For Fun interest group is open to new members. We rehearse here in Port Perry on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoon of the month. We sure have lots of fun! If interested contact Evelyn.

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ART - PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

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

The Open Studio group continues to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The new year schedule will begin with January 13th, 27th and February 10th. New members are always welcome as we have room at the warm, bright Prince Albert Hall. Access is easy, with a flat, well plowed driveway. A warm and special thank you to our PROBUS Open Studio members for sharing their works with us at our December meeting!

BOARD GAMES

Jenny Yorgason j.yorgason@xplornet.ca • 905-986-5441 and Bill Morrison billandmaryare@gmail.com • 905 439 0484.

The Board Games Group usually meets on the first and third Thursday of the month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Scugog Library. The group typically has four to six members at each session; given the number of members waiting, we are considering starting up a new section. Among the games played so far have been Sequence and Mexican Train, and even players new to board games have found it quite fun learning the new games.

BOOK CLUB

Mary Arlt arltmary21@gmail.com • 905-982-0159

Our book club is running smoothly and at the moment we will not be adding any readers to our group. However, from time to time there could be changes to our numbers and I will keep you informed. Here is a heads up on upcoming books for 2020: *The Lost Letter* by Jillian Cantor, *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah and *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides.

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Brenda Manns mannsx2@sympatico.ca and Agnes Shaw theshaw@sympatico • 905-982-1558

The Bookworms are currently reading, *A Woman is No Man* by Etaf Rum. Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If you have any questions about this group please email Brenda.

BOWLING FOR FUN

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Ann Skinner skinntj@gmail.com and Pat McDougall patmcdougall@yahoo.com

We enjoyed our Bowling Christmas get together at Castle John's Pub where fun, lunch, and darts were on the menu. Bowling restarts Thursday January 30th. If you would like to join our bowling group contact Ann or Pat by email.

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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

BREAKFAST CLUBS

Mary-Anne Unwin interestgroups.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Both the Tuesday Breakfast club (2nd Tuesday of the month) and the Thursday Breakfast club (2nd Thursday) are currently full.

BRIDGE – BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE

Judy Anderson judykins999@yahoo.ca

This group continues to meet on a weekly basis on Tuesday afternoons. With the basics of bidding and play of the hand have been covered, we've moved to a shuffle and play format. This allows the group to feel comfortable with playing traditional kitch-

en bridge which incorporates scoring. Occasional discussions come up regarding bidding, but for the most part players have become independent. Although our group is currently full, we anticipate adding new members in the new year.



CREATE & CHAT

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Lou Ellen Clement-Hobbs chichi@persona.ca • 705-432-3229

Great news! The first get-together for the create and chat group will be Wednesday January 16th at the home of Lou E Clement-Hobbs at 2 p.m. There is room for three more people to join a fun-filled two hours of working on your own projects, warm conversation, and delicious treats. How can it get any better? Please contact Lou for more details.

CRIBBAGE

Barb Rootham brb.rootham@gmail.com • 905-985-9066

"The Fifteen For Two Crew" meets bi-weekly on Thursday afternoons at alternating members' homes. Cribbage can be



played with 2, 3, or 4 players, so there is never a challenge of not enough players to enjoy the afternoon games. We currently have nine members, and new members are always welcome. Contact Barb for more information.

CURRENT EVENTS

Linda Schell lindaschellconsulting@gmail.com 905-242-8877

The Current Events group meets at Port Perry Villa, Terrace Room – 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month. Please contact Linda Schell if you are interested in our news and views.



FUN DARTS

John Leahy jleahy6@gmail.com • 905-982-2695 2695 and Ken Crossley magentis@checkmail.ca or 705-786-1707

Fun Darts meets every Tuesday 2:15 – 4:30 p.m. at The Canadian Legion Branch 419 at 484 Bay St. (basement), corner of Bay and Old Simcoe St, in Port Perry. A Legion Membership is not

required. Ladies are welcome. Don't worry about your skill level this is not a league, it's just for fun only. We also have a 50/50 draw. **P.S.** Please remove your hat when entering the Legion out of respect for the fallen. For information please contact John or Ken.



DINNER GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER (GWCTD)

Carole Matthews dandcm43@yahoo.ca • 905-982-2702

This group is open and meets once a month on a Saturday evening. We send an email to the group with details of our next meeting. We expect a lot of members to attend our dinners throughout the spring and summer, and many restaurants in the area only have a limited amount of room, so when you get the notice of the dinner, please RSVP early. If we get more interest than the number of seats available, we do keep a wait list in the event of cancellations. New members are always welcome! Please contact Carole for questions.

DINNER - THE MUNCHKINS

Marg Miller
margandrodmiller@gmail.com • 226-229-9073
Marilyn Hanna
jf.hanna@powergate.ca • 905-985-6322

The Munchkins Dinner Group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Our next dinner is scheduled for Thursday January 16th at 5:30 p.m. at Bamboo Kitchen & Bar, 155 Queen St., Port Perry. Please RSVP to Marg or Marilyn to ensure your seat at the table each month.

EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

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

This Group continues to enjoy its games on alternate Friday afternoons. In December, members of the Regular and Bid Euchre groups celebrated together in the lovely home of Ann and Terry Skinner. The festivities included a delicious Pot Luck lunch, much "wine tasting", a fun gift exchange, happy socializing, and even a few hands of euchre. This annual gathering is really in danger of becoming a Tradition after three years! While the group is full at present, we can add a name to our Spares list if you would like to play please contact Ann at the email above.

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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

BID EUCHRE - AFTERNOON

Jayne Rees rees.jayne@gmail.com • 905-852-4997 or **Ann Berube** ann.sundowner@gmail.com • 905-985-7102

The Bid Euchre Group plays on alternate Fridays and usually has good attendance and a lot of fun. We have lots of regular players and spares for now, but we may be looking for new players in the future!



EUCHRE - THE TABLE TALKERS - AFTERNOON

Barb Rootham brb.rootham@gmail.com • 905-985-9066 Susan Merriman susan.j.merriman@gmail.com • 416-892-2127

The group meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in members' homes. Please contact Barb or Susan for information.

•••••• **EUCHRE – EVENING**

Margaret Adamson

madamson905@gmail.com • 905-773-2878

These monthly euchre games are played at 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesday evening of our Probus General Meeting. A rotating schedule for the members to host in their homes has been set up for 2020.

FOODIES!

Melodie Scott

bmgscott101@gmail.com • 905-767-1505

Happy New Year everyone! The Foodies first meeting since our original planning meeting is on Saturday January 11th. We are all looking forward to enjoying the soup and appetizer creations that our members are bringing. To finish up the meal, Brenda will be providing dessert for all of us. We plan on discussing different options and ideas for our upcoming meetings and coming up with some interesting and exciting ideas, themes and some date(s). Next month we should have some pictures of us and our yummy creations to share. Until then, Bon Appétit.

•••••• **GARDENING - BLOOMERS!**

Heather Hill Gibson hhillgibson17@gmail.com • 905-985-9108



Our gardening group renamed itself to 'Bloomers!'. We enjoyed a social time at Gail Johnson Morris's home and each received a beautiful amaryllis bulb to plant and enjoy over the festive season. Our next meeting will be in March – stay tuned for details.

GOLF

Dave Matthews dandcm43@yahoo.ca • 905-982-2702

The golf group has wound down for the season – all that is left is a settling of bets and sharing of tall tales. Watch this space for notice of the Spring game start-up.

HIKING

Bill Morrison billandmaryare@gmail.com

905-439-0484 (home) or 905-439-0484 (cell)

Typically the hiking group meets twice monthly, on the first and third Fridays. However, the group is on a hiatus for the next three sessions – and will hike again on Friday January 17th. Hikes usually start at 9:25 a.m.; particulars for each hike are emailed to group members a few days before the planned hike date. To join the group, or for any questions, please contact Bill.

••••• **INVESTMENT - PORT INVESTMENT GROUP**

Ann Skinner skinntj@gmail.com

The festive season was celebrated with a pot luck lunch and Secret Santa at the home of Ann Skinner where fun and food were had by all. The Port Investment Group will meet on Monday Jan. 20th at 10:00 a.m. at Scrambles Restaurant in Uxbridge. They will have their AGM meeting combined with the regular monthly meeting. The group is currently full but a waiting list is held for prospective members. - -

JAZZ

Coordinator Needed!

We seek a new coordinator for the Jazz interest group. If you have an interest in Jazz and have a few minutes each month to coordinate the group, please contact Gail Johnson Morris at interestgroups.portperryprobus@gmail.co.

•••••• **LAWN BOWLING**

Dennis Bayley

dennis.bayley@icloud.com • 289-989-0178

Thirteen PROBUS members are enjoying lawn bowling at the Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club. The club is located on Old Simcoe Rd. just north of Reach Rd. Wear flat soled shoes or sneakers.

Please contact Dennis for the latest information on this group.

•••••• **LUNCH MEETUP**

Gail Johnson Morris interestgroups.portperryprobus@gmail.com

After each of our monthly member meetings, we reconvene for a social and lively lunch. Gail asks for a show of hands so we have an estimate for how many are joining the monthly get together at Colonel Mustard's Bar and Grill on Water St. in Port Perry. See you there! continued next page

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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

THE LUNCH BUNCH

Susan Barber susan_barber_4@live.com • 905-854-5771

This Lunch Group is now open for new members & meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday at 12:00 Noon. Our group is a great way to really get to know some members! Please contact Susan for information about the upcoming restaurant for our next meeting.

MODEL BOATS

Coordinator Needed!

We have several members interested in building model boats. We just need a coordinator to get the group going. If you're interested in Model Boats and possibly to join the interest group, please sign up at the next member's meeting.

MOVIE GROUP

Denise Throp deniset1954@gmail.com

Get on the distribution list to hear about all the movies on offer that PROBUS friends are likely to attend. **Bargain Alert!**: Join to get early notice of the excellent \$2.00 movies held at the Port Perry Library, 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings! Two members went to see the movie Bombshell on New Year's Day. Quite a start to our year!

PHOTOGRAPHY

Reinhardt Arlt rlarlt@sympatico.ca • 905-982-0159!

The photography group is now well underway! To join in or for any questions, please contact Reinhardt.

SINGLETONS

Denise Throp: deniset1954@gmail.com and Cathy Jeffrey: cjef@bell.net

Join our group if you want to get out and enjoy life and our community!

THEATRE TOWN HALL

Judy L. Anderson ukeladyjudy@gmail.com • 905-985-4257

Welcome to events in Port Perry at Town Hall 1873 Centre For the Performing Arts, now branded as Town Hall Theatre. Four performances are given by our local community theatre groups, known collectively as the Port Perry Town Hall Players. Other entertainers also provide excellent dramatic and musical experiences. Borelians Community Theatre and Scugog Choral Society (SCSMusicals) offer Season Tickets for all shows which are available now! Come to the Town Hall Theatre Interest Group table at our member meetings to find events are coming up at the Town Hall Theatre here in Port Perry.

Theatre Town Hall continued

List of events:

• Borelians - Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Opening February 13

Please email or speak with Judy if you are interested in a group rate ticket. She will try to get 6 or more people to attend the same show and pay just \$20.00

Join me for several tribute shows with incredibly talented artists performing the music we love, the way we remember it.

• Simon and Garfunkel Tribute Band February 1

SCS Musicals presents Disney's

• The Little Mermaid

March 27th - April 11th

A local doctor will be playing the role of the prince and a retiring Probus member is in the chorus. It opens with a Gala on Friday March 27th for 3 weekends. Dates and times are: Mar. 27, 28, Apr. 3, 4, 9, 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Mar. 28, 29, Apr. 4, 5, 11 at 2:00 p.m. Meet Judy at the Town Hall Theatre Interest table. Let's choose a date and take a Probus group to our Town Hall!

The box office is now open at **www.townhalltheatre.ca** for all productions. Come early. Park nearby. Enjoy dinner and walk to the theatre. Group tickets can be arranged. If you would like to volunteer at any Town Hall Theatre shows, please speak to Judy about how you could help your community theatre.

TRAVEL - INTERNATIONAL

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Judy Spring judith.spring@outlook.com • 905-447-4557

Winter alert: We are on a snowbird hiatus! Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12th at Colonel Mustard's at 11:30 am. Judy will provide a Travelogue on the cruise to South America. Happy Birthday to Judy! Judy is enjoying her birthday on the South American cruise with other PROBUS members. Nice.

WINE TASTING I

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The group elected to pause for the month of December to make room for all of the demands related to the frenetic holiday preparations. We will resume our monthly tastings as early in the new year as snowbird schedules allow.



JANUARY, 2020

PHOTO GALLERY

THE DUKES (DURHAM UKULELE KLUB) "CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG"







BOWLING FOR FUN GROUP



The bowlers' holiday party included darts!

SOUTH AMERICAN CRUISERS IN CHILE





Magellan penguins in Patagonia.



Sea Lions in Ushuaia, Argentina

PIG FESTIVE POTLUCK



HAVE A LAFF!

WARNING: Retired person on premises. Knows everything, and has plenty of time to tell it!

JANUARY, 2020

NON PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB EXCURSIONS/EVENTS 2020 EXCURSIONS BY HNA TRAVELS

Tours organized by HNA Travels – 877-672-3030 – Tico #50017223

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2020 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

March 7th to 19th, 2020

Cost \$899.00 per person based on double occupancy (\$1,399 single occupancy due to high cost of accommodation).

Early bird discount of \$50 if fully paid by Dec. 20th, 2019.

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 due upon booking. Balance due Jan. 17th.

Please note – we require a minimum of 20 participants to guarantee departure.

Your tour includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation at the centrally located 4-star Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia (1701 Locust St., Philadelphia 215-735-6000
- Round trip transportation by private chartered deluxe coach
- Admission to the Philadelphia Flower Show,
- · Admission to Longwoods Gardens

• Optional admission to either the BARNES, of the Philadelphia Museum of Art OR stay at the Philadelphia Flower show

Departure Locations:

This tour will start in Burlington and head east with pick-ups in Toronto and along the 401. Border crossing will be at the Thousand Islands. Current Canadian Passport required.



PORTUGAL

March 10th to 25th, 2020

\$2,299 (double occupancy) per person studio in Hotel Brisa Sol (\$2,899 single occupancy) per person (Upgrades – Limited Availability)

Deposit of \$700 per person required immediately - balance due Nov. 23rd



Your tour includes:

- 14 nights' accommodation at the Hotel Brisa Sol, Albufeira, Portugal (in the Algarve Province)
- Round trip flight from Toronto to Faro, Portugal
- Motor coach transfer from Faro airport to your hotel
- Transfer from you hotel to the airport
- Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director
- Welcome dinner in Albufeira

CROATIA

May 12th to 27th, 2020

\$4,069 per person based on double occupancy (\$6,038 single occupancy).

Non-refundable deposit of \$700 due on booking with balance due on March 31st, 2020.

Hotel upgrades in Split and Biograd – seaview upgraded room add \$96 per person.

Your tour includes:

- 14 nights' accommodation at 4 and 5 star hotels with private bath or shower
- Breakfast daily and eight dinners
- Return air flight Toronto to Zagreb, Croatia
- · Zagreb, Ljubljana, Opatija, Biograd and

Moru, Split, and Dubrovnik

• Luggage handling for one piece of luggage in and out of each hotel

- Tours and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Transportation by modern motor coach
- Services of Margaret Dailey-Plouffe as your tour director



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PORT PERRY PROBUS TRAVEL

BEAUNE, FRANCE

Early September, 2020

Janet and Tim Casey are planning a week-long visit to the Burgundy wine region of France early next September and are inviting interested PROBUS Club members to join them. They will be returning to the beautiful medieval walled town of Beaune and use that as a base to explore the many vineyards, wine tasting opportunities, cooking classes, chateaus and historic villages and sites throughout the area. The weather at that time is normally quite temperate, the crowds are gone and the grape harvest is just coming in, so it's a wonderful time to visit this land of iconic Chardonnays, Pinot Noirs and Chablis.

Beaune is famous in its own right for its great food and wine with numerous Michelin award restaurants. It also has a variety of wine cellars, museums, galleries, art shows and shopping opportunities in addition to a lot of history in this 2,000-year-old

town. And if you're interested in possibly extending your stay to perhaps visit one of the other fascinating regions bordering Burgundy, or if you'd like to spend some time in Paris, the Casey's can help provide some advice on that as well.



Contact Tim Casey at timcasey22@gmail.com or 905-985-3991.

DURHAM TRAVEL

(Offered to Clarington PROBUS)

NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY

July 4th to 13th, 2020

Cost \$3495 per person double occupancy with no airfare or \$4395 per person based on double occupancy with airfare from Toronto

SMALL GROUP TOUR 22 person max. *Your tour includes:*

- 9 nights' accommodation 13 meals
 (9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners)
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Baggage handling (one suitcase per person at each hotel)
- Services of a Tour Director
- Entrance fees to historic sites and museums with visits to Gros Morne Park - a UNESCO World Heritage site, Grand Falls-Windsor, Twillingate, Gander, Trinity tour, Cape Bonavista, Cape Spear, St. John's with city tour
- Boat tours on Bonne Bay, Western Brook Pond, Twillingate to look for whales and icebergs, and in Bay Bulls to see whales and puffins (weather permitting)
- Beyond Words Tour A Come From Away Experience in Gander
- Anchors Aweigh show, wine tasting at Auk Island Winery
- Travel through the beautiful forests of Terra Nova National Park with a stop at the Visitor Centre
- Enjoy Quidi Vidi village and a visit to Quidi Vidi Brewery to taste some local craft beers

Airport Information:

- Airport transfers * (from Deer Lake Airport to Shallow Bay Motel on July 4th, 2020 and from Delta Hotels by Marriott in St. John's to St. John's airport on July 13th, 2020. Please note that flights must arrive at Deer Lake airport between 1 and 3 p.m. on July 4th, 2020 and leave St. John's airport by 3 p.m. on July 13th, 2020 to be eligible to use these transfers. Transfers to and from Toronto airport are not included. There will be no refund for missed or unused transfers)
- A current Canadian Passport is required



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