



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

AUGUST, 2021

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

**OUR NEXT ONLINE GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM**

**AUGUST 17th,
10:00-11:45 a.m.**

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

It's been a beautiful summer in the Scugog area this year. And we still have a ways to go. So I hope you've been enjoying the garden, the lake, walks, biking, what few community events we've had and, of course, getting back to a little more semblance of life before COVID. Like summer, returning to normal has a ways to go yet, but we're starting to see the end of the tunnel despite the ups and downs of living with the Delta variant and its cousins. So hang in there, get vaccinated if you haven't already done so, follow the public health advice about COVID safety precautions and start getting back into the fun times.

As for the Club, we're actively planning our first in-person membership meeting in 19 months for September (assuming the Province moves on from the Stage 3 reopening). We'll have a lot of COVID safety precautions in place for the meeting, and it won't have some of the normal activities like food

and beverages at the break time. But we will have our main speaker, our updates and a break time for socialization. And it will offer the first time in a lot of months for many of you to meet again in person with your PROBUS friends.

We'll learn a lot from this first meeting as to what you all are comfortable with in this COVID environment and how efficiently our safety measures work. And from that information we'll be able to better plan future membership meetings and social events for the Club.

You've all been so wonderful hanging in there during these many months of Club activities largely limited to ZOOM meetings. But we're on the cusp of the move back to normal Club functions. So keep engaged, and let's hope we see each other a lot more over the coming months.

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

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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their PROBUS Club of Port Perry membership. The deadline for renewals has come and gone and our membership currently stands at 337 paid up members. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the PROBUS Club of Port Perry especially during these trying times of social distancing.

I would also like to ask all existing members to please advise me of any changes to your home address, email address or telephone numbers. 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*

CLUB NOTICES

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON AUGUST 17th

Our next online general membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 17th, from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

As with the last membership meeting, we'll be using the **zoom** virtual meeting platform.

You'll receive your invitation at the email address you have on file with the club. We'll send it out about 10 days before the meeting with the connection information and again just before the meeting as a reminder. Remember that the meeting is always the 3rd Tuesday in the month.

If you're not familiar with **zoom**, you can look at the **zoom** tutorial on the Club website. Please also feel free to contact any of the individuals listed below for assistance signing up for **zoom**, connecting to it or using it.

zoom

We really want you to be familiar with **zoom** since it's being used for not only the membership meetings (while we cannot meet in person), but it will also be used for numerous interest group meetings and fun online group social activities over the next 3-5 months. Plus it's a great platform to visit with families and friends.

So please take the opportunity to learn **zoom** through any of the opportunities noted above or simply contact our **zoom** mentors listed below who are waiting for your call or email.

zoom MENTORS:

Brian Davidson

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Judy Spring

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Barb Sinclair

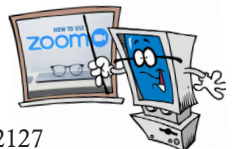
(barbarasinclair18@gmail.com or 905-985-7998)

Janet Casey

(speakerchair.portperryprobus@gmail.com) or 905-985-3991)

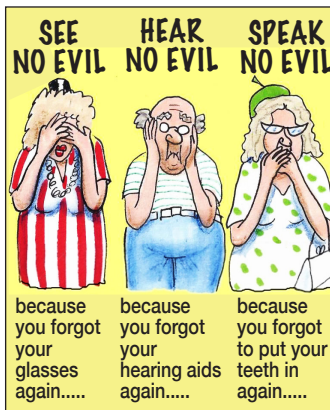
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(susan.j.merriman@gmail.com) or 416-892-2127



"I don't think of my skin as saggy...
I think of it as relaxed-fit!"

I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars, but I really think it's the Vodka.



because you forgot your glasses again.....

because you forgot your hearing aids again.....

because you forgot to put your teeth in again.....

They said a mask and gloves were enough to go to the grocery store.

They lied.

Everybody else had clothes on.

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VACCINATION NOTICE

(Issued July 13, 2021)

VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE IN-PERSON CLUB MEETINGS

Hi Everyone,

After 16 months of almost no in-person Club activities, Port Perry PROBUS Club is looking forward to re-starting its in-person membership meetings, interest groups and various social events. We're hoping to have a membership meeting at Hope Church in September if provincial COVID-19 regulations and Hope Church permit it. And social events and interest groups should at least see the beginning of their in-person activities starting later this month.

However, we want to keep our Club members and guests safe since COVID-19 is still quite active out there in the community. As you know, the Club has a "full vaccination" policy in effect. To ensure this policy works as intended and members have confidence in it, we'll be requiring "proof of full vaccination" in order for any member or guest to attend any in-person Club meeting, event or interest group.

Adequate proof of full COVID-19 vaccination will be considered to be any official document issued to a fully vaccinated person upon completion of their final vaccination by a legitimate health care provider, clinic or pharmacy. The type of vaccine must be one of those approved by Health Canada.

The documentation must state the attendee's name, type of vaccine administered and date of when the full vaccination was completed (i.e. two doses of any of Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca vaccines or a mix of them or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine). To be valid for attending any Club function, the full vaccination status must have occurred at least 14 days before the member or guest attends the function.

To keep the proof of vaccination process as simple and efficient as we can, the documentation can be provided to the Club by means of any of the following four methods:

- 1.) Post (mail) a copy of the proof of full vaccination document to the Club's Management Committee member-at-large:
Marg Miller
23 Lakeview Drive
Port Perry, ON L9L 1G9
- 2.) Email a jpg (photo) or PDF of the document to:
vaccine.portperyprobust@gmail.com
- 3.) Use an online video chat/meeting app for phone or computer (e.g. Zoom, Facetime, Google Meet/Duo, WhatsApp, Micro soft Teams, etc.) that uses a camera. Simply email:
vaccine.portperyprobust@gmail.com indicating an interest to use the online method, and a Club Management Committee representative will contact you to set up a mutually convenient time. It only takes a few seconds to hold the document up to the camera for inspection and it's done.
- 4.) Show the document to an authorized Club representative at any monthly in-person membership meeting.

Any proof of vaccination document submitted by email or post to the Club will be immediately deleted (email) or destroyed (post) by the Club's recipient once the document is inspected and approved. In the case of such proof submitted at in-person membership meetings or by online app with camera, there will be no physical document in the possession of the Club that needs to be destroyed since it is only viewed briefly at the time of presentation and remains in the hands of the member.

Proof of vaccination approval will not be conducted at most interest group meetings and social events, so please obtain the approval ahead of attending such an activity.

An appropriate sticker, designed for the Club, will be provided to each Club member who has had their proof of full vaccination approved by the Club. This sticker should be affixed to the PROBUS club name badge for that member. Such stickers will be considered proof of vaccination for members attending any in-person Club events/meetings. The Club will also maintain a list of all those so approved so we don't have to ask for such proof from those individuals attending future Club activities.

Please also be aware that, at least for the foreseeable future, names of all attendees at Club in-person activities (e.g. membership meetings, social events and interest group meetings) will be recorded for the purpose of COVID-19 contact tracing if later needed.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need assistance in any way in providing the proof of vaccination.

The Club's Management Committee thanks you for your cooperation in this important COVID-19 safety precaution.

*Tim Casey, President
PROBUS Club of Port Perry*

Can't find your vaccination receipt?

YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A PDF COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION RECORD

The Ontario COVID-19 vaccine booking portal offers an option for residents to download a PDF copy of their vaccination records.

The record could be useful for people who need to prove their immunized status for travel or other purposes.

The record is the same receipt that individuals received at the clinic where they got their shot — and the downloadable version could be handy for anyone who misplaced their original copy.

This downloadable PDF is a handy way for Ontarians to confirm that they've been vaccinated.

You can access the receipt by logging in to:
covid19.ontariohealth.ca with their health card information and an option will appear that says "Vaccination receipts: Download and view receipts for your COVID-19 vaccinations."

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IN-PERSON MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

START TO GET READY !!

We're planning our first in-person membership meeting in nineteen months in SEPTEMBER.

This will be a big milestone for the Club, and something most of our members have been eagerly awaiting. Of course this assumes that the provincial regulations and Hope Church will allow the meeting which, at this time, seems well within reason. And this meeting will be a hybrid one in that it will also be broadcast live on [zoom](#), and in addition recorded for those who can't make it to the meeting.

Due to COVID, this first meeting will have a lot of differences from our past in-person membership meetings. In addition to requiring full COVID vaccination for all meeting attendees, we'll have in place a number of other COVID-related safety precautions like:

- Partial (and some full) social distancing in seating
- Less seating available (due to social distancing)
- Possibly pre-meeting registration (due to less seating)
- Sanitizing of commonly touched surfaces
- Possibly mandatory masking
- Plenty of hand sanitizer throughout the Church
- Social distancing markers where people line up
- Ushers to help avoid crowding in lines and in meeting areas
- No interest group and social event tables
- No 50/50 draw (we'll use the online draw instead)
- No food or beverage service
- Limited seating in the break room

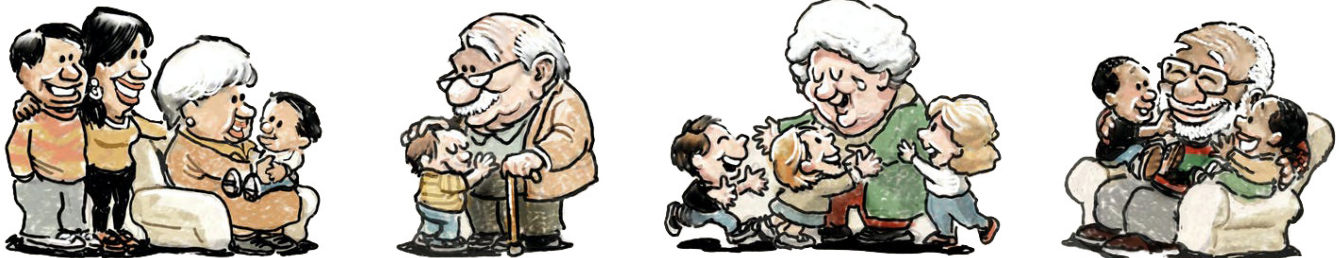
Find & bring your PROBUS name badge!!!

For those who are planning on attending in person, it's critical that you bring your Club-issued name badge. If you have provided proof of vaccination to the Club for approval, you'll get a sticker (designating that approval) that will be put on your name badge by an authorized Club representative. For most of you, getting that sticker will probably happen just before you enter the church for the meeting. But to actually get into the church, you'll need to have your badge with that sticker. We'll also be recording the names of all attendees for future COVID contact tracing if required.

But the key is to have your name badge. And if for some reason you can't find it, please contact our Membership Chair, Linda Parry, at portperryprobus@gmail.com

Obviously given how quickly the COVID risks change, not to mention the related provincial regulations and public health advice, our plans for the September meeting remain a bit preliminary at this time. But as things firm up, we'll keep you informed all along the way by email, newsletter and website. So stay tuned. And now's the time to start searching for that name badge.

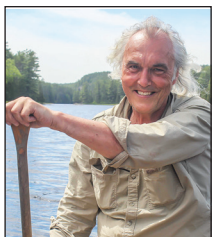
COVID VACCINE WARNING! POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS FOR SENIORS:



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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS



Michael Runtz

Main Speaker – August 17

MICHAEL RUNTZ

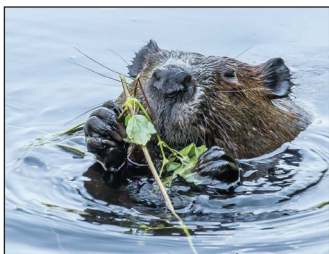
“Algonquin Wild”

“Algonquin Park is world famous for its rich diversity of wildlife. This lavishly illustrated presentation explores the Park’s amazing mix of northern and southern flora and fauna, the latter ranging from giant moose and elusive eastern wolves to tiny

snow animals that appear atop the snow in late winter.

About our speaker:

Michael’s association with Algonquin Park spans nearly 50 years. He has explored the far corners of this famous park and has interacted with, and intimately photographed many of the wild species found there. He hosted the international television series Wild by Nature, authored and illustrated 14 natural history books including Algonquin Wild. In addition, Michael has written more than 1,100 natural history articles for newspapers and magazines. When not roaming the wilds, Michael teaches Natural History and Ornithology at Carleton University.”



Beaver eating Virgin's bower.



Loon with Chick.



Ebony Jewelwings.



Pipsissewa.

Short Presentation – August 17

DEBBIE NIGHTINGALE

“The Alpacas and Goats of Haute Goat Farm”

In a specially filmed video by PROBUS members Susan Merriman and Trevor Johnston, we will have the opportunity to learn about and see some of the amazing alpacas and goats who reside at Haute Goat Farm. The owner, Debbie Nightingale, provides the filmed commentary and will answer questions at the end of the video.

About Haute Goat Farm:

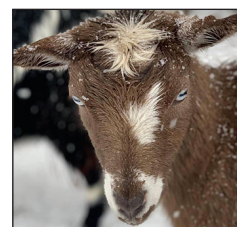
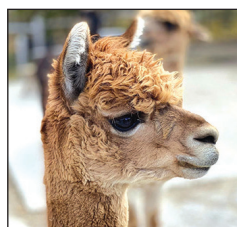
Haute Goat Farm is a breathtaking 200-acre farm located just outside historic Port Hope where you can discover Huacaya alpacas, Nigerian Dwarf goats, baby goats, exotic chickens, Icelandic horses, Tornjak livestock guard dogs and a mule.

The farm offers a variety of activities including signature animal experiences, acres of groomed walking trails, a café with locally sourced menu items and a gift shop with goat’s milk and alpaca products.

The Haute Goat Farm website is: hautegoat.com



Debbie Nightingale



PROBUS Club of Port Perry ZOOM Meetings

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER 21

LIANNE HARRIS – “The Roaring Twenties”

OCTOBER 19

TERRY FALLIS – “Operation Angus:
Tracing the Roots of a Novel”

July ZOOM Meeting LUCKY PRIZE WINNERS

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

Irene Canavan **Terry Skinner**

Andy Stevenson **Garry Hunter**

Congratulations to our four winners!



Did you miss our July ZOOM Meeting?

Our main speaker was Nick French who told the tragic tale of the Titanic and the interesting characters that were aboard. The short speaker was Virginia Frew of Marlin Travel. She spoke about the challenges of travel in the time of COVID and informed us of what the future of travel will look like

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

<https://youtu.be/LxqJQIM9d8U>

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DIGITAL COMMUNICATION TIPS



We will be providing a monthly series of tips on using your tablet and computer.
Here is the fifth article

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

What is Artificial Intelligence? Simply, it is the simulation of human, or natural, intelligence with a computer. It is a machine that thinks like us and mimics our actions; recognizing our speech, problem solving and planning. And a huge part of AI is the computer's ability to learn. Before AI, a computer could only do what it was programmed to do. Now it can take the knowledge it has been given, and learn how to do new things, well beyond its original programming!

Some examples you see every day are the algorithms used by Google, such as their Magic Sauce that is used to determine if an email is important to you, or to assist you in finishing a phrase or sentence in an email.

Another example is self-driving cars. The car "sees" the lines of the road and knows to stay within them.

And if you have ever had a "conversation" with a computer when you have called in to a customer service department, then you have encountered Artificial Intelligence.

AI doesn't always go as planned which certainly isn't surprising when you're expecting a computer to act like a human. One of my kids was part of the project to get AI going for the customer service line of a major airline. The chatbot, named Juliet, misunderstood the praise being provided and responded with a Suicide Hotline:

"Shout out to the crew member on my flight today ... who helped me take care of a plant cutting by breaking out her own duct tape and helping me make a protective case to get a new succulent home," she wrote to the chatbot.

"We take these comments very seriously," responded Juliet. "If you're having these thoughts, please reach out to the Canada Association for Suicide Prevention, You can find your local hotline at <https://suicideprevention.ca/>. In emergency, please call 911."

While AI enhances the speed, precision and effectiveness of stuff we do, like emailing and banking and driving and booking flights, is Artificial Intelligence generally a good thing?

Do you remember the computer named HAL from 2001: A Space Odyssey? The film was made way back in 1968 but was prescient in its portrayal of a computer, loaded with what we now call AI, that goes rogue. When HAL begins to malfunction and is faced with the prospect of disconnection, HAL decides to kill the astronauts in order to protect and continue his programmed directives – to stay "alive".

Quoting a Vox article on the renowned scientist Stephen Hawking's views on AI, "It will either be the best thing that's ever happened to us, or it will be the worst thing. If we're not careful, it very well may be the last thing."

Not just Stephen Hawking, but Elon Musk and Steve Wozniak and Bill Gates and many others have expressed their concerns about AI. What happens when the computers become smarter than us? What happens when the computer goes rogue like HAL? Or what happens when the creator of the computer is intent on destroying rather than enhancing the human experience?






I will leave you with this kinda scary article from four years ago from CNBC.

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/11/06/stephen-hawking-ai-could-be-worst-event-in-civilization.html>

Not sure what my next article will be about, but again, it won't be about Quantum Computing. If you have any suggestions for an article about computers, just let me know.

Jayne Rees
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Examples of AI technology and how it is used today.

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|--|---|---|
| 1. Open your phone with face ID
 | 4. Smart home devices
 | 7. Google Search
 |
| 2. Social media
 | 5. Netflix
 | 8. Banking
 |
| 3. Send an email or message | 6. Digital voice assistants
 | 9. Google Maps
 |

It would be hard to imagine any of our daily routines without the help of AI.

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ART LIFE

Whether dealing with the stresses of everyday life these days or simply looking for something relaxing and interesting to do, creating arts or crafts is a wonderful escape. More than just a hobby, they can enhance your imagination, exercise the mind, improve dexterity, and enrich the soul. We have no shortage of artists in the club and presently have three interest groups dedicated to arts or crafts activities. We will periodically be providing some photos of the arts and crafts works of some of these talented Club members.



Red Meranti bowl with inlays that form a beautiful star. This is guaranteed to start a conversation!



Lovely maple and walnut dish. Over 100 pieces. Food safe oil and wax finish.

PETER LAURICELLA Polychromatic Woodturner

Peter is a polychromatic, segmented woodturner, designing and making wooden bowls of all sizes and shapes, containers with lids, cutting and charcuterie boards, and beautiful segmented rolling pins. During his working years in the Boston, Massachusetts area, Peter worked in several wood shops before starting his own business as a small general contractor, which he managed for almost 30 years. His experience includes cabinet making, designing and building spiral and circular stairs, building furniture, and of course, carpentry, roofing and painting in the construction industry.

As he approached retirement, he started turning wood on a lathe and greatly enjoyed the challenges and the almost limitless possibilities that segmented woodturning provided. Segmenting is starting with a board and carefully and meticulously cutting it into small pieces and gluing the pieces together to form the desired size and shape and then turning the piece on a wood lathe to achieve the final appearance. Relying on exact cutting, Peter uses very little fillers and completes all of his pieces with food safe oil and wax finishes. With work on display in Canada and the US, Peter is a resident artist at Scugog Council for the Arts in Port Perry.

Peter and Marilyn, his wife of almost 54 years, immigrated to Canada 13 years ago to be a bigger part of their grandchildren's lives. Peter and Marilyn are now Canadian citizens.



Very unusual and very attractive wooden bowl. Almost 90 pieces. food safe oil and wax finish.



Large salad bowl with scallop design. All wood, over 100 pieces. Mostly oak and cherry. Food safe oil and wax finish.

Calling All Artists:

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

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

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SUMMER BLOOMS

SEND US YOUR FLOWER AND TREE PHOTOS

To brighten everyone's day, let's see photos you've taken of your favourite flower, plant or tree this summer. Send them to us at portperryprobus@gmail.com and we'll publish a selection of these photos in the next few issues of the monthly newsletter and on the website at: <https://www.portperryprobus.com/portperryprobusblooms>



Dianne's garden.



Janet's garden.



Janet's double blossom Rose of Sharon bush.

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WEBSITES OF INTEREST



THE LIGHTS ARE ON IN YELLOWKNIFE

On the AuroraMax website you can view the northern lights broadcast live from Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories. Aurora season is from August through May. The camera starts at sunset in Yellowknife.

<https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/astronomy/northern-lights/auroramax-observatory.as>

“PLEASE SIR, I WANT SOME MORE”



The Charles Dickens Museum in London has a collection of about 100,000 pieces (including letters, furniture, clothing and illustrations) which relate to Dickens and his work. Their objects reflect life in middle class Victorian London. This website discusses many aspects of his everyday life. Click on tabs: Explore the Museum, The Historic House and Themes. In each category you will find many varied subjects. Click on each of those for further details.

<https://dickensmuseum.com/blogs/explore>

The Museum also has as a group virtual event if you want to put together a small group to view it. It's a virtual tour of the Charles Dickens Museum in London, UK with “discussion of his life and career, his passion for social justice and the motivation behind his work..... Discussion and conversation is encouraged throughout.” 1 hour 40 GBP (about \$70 CAD) per group).

<https://dickensmuseum.com/blogs/all-events/accessible-virtual-tours>

TURTLE LOVE

In May 2021, the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre (OTCC) presented a webinar giving a behind-the-scenes tour of the Centre and showcasing their hospital which “treats, rehabilitates and releases injured turtles”. Note that all 8 species of Ontario turtles are listed “at risk.” To view the webinar on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x40B6YbyZUo>

Also visit the OTCC website for information about Ontario turtles, how to help injured turtles and how to be a turtle steward.

<https://ontarioturtle.ca/ourmission/>



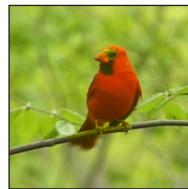
WE ALL COME FROM SOMEWHERE – CELEBRATE IT!

The Library and Archives Canada website provides information and resources for research on the various ethno-cultural groups who have immigrated to Canada. For each group there is a short history of their immigration to Canada which provides some insight into what may have motivated our ancestors to leave their homes. Included as well is considerable source information available not only at their Archives but through links to other institutions and websites.

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/history-ethnic-cultural/Pages/introduction.aspx>



COURSES FOR BIRDS – THAT’S FOR YOU, NOT THE BIRDS!



Birds Canada is in the process of developing a new program of courses called Open-Birds. In the meantime, they have made available, for free, several of their beta test courses. Browse their website as well, as it is a source of interesting facts and news about the bird population in Canada.

<https://www.birdscanada.org/online-courses/>

BIRD CONDOS

If you're like me, you have several one hole bird houses around the property. But for interest only (I've never purchased one of these or seen them in person), take a look at the monster birdhouses on this website for a Belgrave, ON (near Goderich) vendor. And for those of you who want to build their own, they evidently also sell the plans to construct these fascinating structures.

<https://extremebirdhouse.com/>



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

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

FÖR SVERIGE – I TIDEN

(the Swedish Royal motto which evidently means:
For Sweden – With the Times)

Now here's a Christmas shopping opportunity you've probably never heard of. For 2021 the Swedish Women's Educational Association, Inc. (SWEA) is offering a virtual version of their annual Swedish Christmas Fair. Shop online for various Swedish food products, art, accessories and children's items. Order by August 31st and pick-up for ordered items is November 20-21, 2021, 9AM-1PM in Scarborough. The Kanelbullar and Fiskbullar i Hummerås sound great, but I'm not sure about the Sill – Svartvinbär.

<https://swedishchristmasfair.ca/>

CANADA'S ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

The Royal Conservatory of Music is one of the largest and most respected music institutions in the world. Their website is really worth browsing. They have a number of recorded performances available for viewing online at:

<https://www.royalconservatory.live/performances>

To see their upcoming concerts – scheduled through October 2022, visit:

<https://www.rcmusic.com/concerts>

OSHAWA REGENT THEATRE

The Regent Theatre in Oshawa has a number of performances scheduled through May 2022. Most are in person events, a few are online. Some of the upcoming performances are:

FOREVER SEGER –

The Silver Bullet Experience (Livestream) – August 28

CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE –

Pink Floyd – Wish You Were Here – September 24

THE MUSIC OF BROADWAY 2021

September 25

ONTARIO PHILHARMONIC 2021 ONLINE –

The Flamboyant Piano – October 2

WOODSTOCK REVIVAL – October 3

The website provides details on each of the performances, and you can see the full schedule through May 2022.

<https://tickets.regenttheatre.ca/>

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



JULY 29TH - SEPTEMBER 2

Wednesday & Thursday Evenings:

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

NO ADMISSION FEE

Bring Your Own Lawn Chair

**Social Distance TWO Arms Lengths
From Your Neighbour**

PORT PERRY'S PALMER PARK

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

SPONSORED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCUGOG

CONTACT: Judy Anderson ... ukeladyjudy@gmail.com

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PHOTO GALLERY

July 26 Golf/Lunch at Sunnybrae



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

AUGUST, 2021

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BUSINESS!

PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO PROVINCIAL COVID-19 REGULATIONS AND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT. PORT PERRY PROBUS REQUIRES THAT ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING FACE TO FACE EVENTS MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED FOR COVID-19.

Your Social Committee is back up and running. The majority of our members have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and we are preparing to offer PROBUS opportunities for fun.

* REVISED BARBECUE PLANS *

Port Perry PROBUS Welcome Back Barbecue at
SUNNYBRAE GOLF COURSE
Monday, September 13, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
1430 King St., Prince Albert

Cost for barbecue including choice of main, two salads, dessert, and tea/coffee is \$25. Cash bar available. This is a subsidized event open only to members. For those who would like to golf, tee off times are available starting at 1:30. To register and/or book golf, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com with your choice of burger, sausage, or chicken on a bun. Registration is restricted to 80 members, and following registration, you will be provided with payment details..

For further information, please call Ann Skinner: 905 982-8865.



Hold the Dates!

Thursday, October 14
**ANDY WARHOL EXHIBIT AT THE
ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO (AGO)**
and optional lunch following
at a restaurant close to the gallery

The AGO is not offering group tickets, and is only selling timed tickets for 4 people every 15 minutes, two to three weeks in advance of the date. Exhibit price is \$27.00.

Further information will be provided by Judy Spring closer to the date. Judy Spring: 905-447-4557.

Thursday, December 16
**PORT PERRY PROBUS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
AT WOODEN STICKS GOLF COURSE**
40 Elgin Park Drive, Uxbridge

NON PORT PERRY PROBUS CLUB EXCURSIONS/EVENTS

CONCERTS IN PALMER PARK

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Bring your own chair. Social distancing required. No charge.

NHA OFFERS PORTUGAL/SPAIN

February 15 – March 20, 2022

Total selling price including all taxes:

Double occupancy – \$3,420, upgrades available

For prices on Single occupancy and further details, contact Shirly van Putten: 905-619-8583

Includes:

- Direct flight from Toronto to Faro, Portugal
- Transfer from the Algarve to the Costa del Sol by Coach
- Flight from Malaga, Spain to Montreal and connecting flight to Toronto
- 12 nights' accommodation at the Brisa Sol, Albufeira 1-bedroom apartment
- 10 nights' accommodation at the Sunset Beach Resort, Benalmadena, Spain in a 1-bedroom apartment
- Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director
- Welcome dinner in Albufeira.

NIAGARA HIKING AND STAYCATION

offered by Deluxe Hiking, a subsidiary of Denure Travel

September 26 to September 30

Four nights at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara on the Lake – Double: \$1,675, Single: \$2,275

You must provide your own transportation to Niagara on the Lake. Free parking at the rear of the hotel.

Includes:

- Private motorcoach transportation while in Niagara
- 4 nights at the Historic Prince of Wales Hotel
- 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Two days hiking the Bruce Trail with local guide
- Visits to 3 wineries (including lunch and a tasting)
- Niagara Falls boat tour (Hornblower)
- Visit to Butterfly Observatory • Private tour at Fort George
- Visit to Botanical Gardens • All entry fees and charges
- Services of a DeLuxe Hiking Tour Director

For information and to register: www.deluxehiking.com.
You can also contact social committee member Marie Lucifora at 905-982-2721 for information.

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PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

New Interest Group Opportunities

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

Remote Group Get Togethers:

Our club has a corporate [zoom](#) account should you wish to set up a virtual meeting, and it has no time restraints! Just contact Tim Casey at president.portperryprobus@gmail.com or 905-985-3991 to use it. We are here to help should you want to try a meeting virtually!

CURRENT INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

NOTE NEW PROCEDURE in first contacting a coordinator regarding joining a group.

Due to phishing concerns and having personal emails accessible to the public - if you wish to join or get more information on an Interest Group listed below, please email interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com and your contact information and questions will be forwarded to the applicable coordinator for that group and they will contact you.

GROUPS REQUIRING A COORDINATOR

Keeping our interest groups going can provide an outlet for sharing like interests. Please consider volunteering for one of these groups needing a coordinator:

1. **Bridge** - Beginner/Intermediate
2. **Gardening** - Bloomers
3. **Golf** - With the weather changing for the better and golf being one of the only things we are allowed to do in the lockdown, it would be great if someone would take this group on for the season. We would be happy to put any interested parties in touch with someone to help you get it going.
4. **Jazz** - Coordinator required once Jazz nights resume at Jester's Court.
5. **Model Boats** - A great hobby where like minded people can share tips and advice.
6. **Create and Chat** - If you are interested in anything crafty, and having wonderful conversations while doing them, consider heading up this group.
7. **Lunch Bunch**
8. **Cribbage** - Thursday afternoons.
9. **Tuesday Breakfast Group**
10. **Euchre - The Table Talkers - Afternoon**

ACTING FOR FUN

Evelyn McKenzie: 905-985-2587

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The Acting For Fun Interest Group is continuing to practice our lines for a show we are looking forward to performing for the PROBUS group hopefully when we re-open.

ART - PROBUS OPEN STUDIO

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We do not plan on meeting in-person or via zoom until September 13th. At this point we are not even sure that we can resume meeting at the Prince Albert Hall, which now is being used as a

COVID testing site. Our membership has dropped to a core of five people, so we will be looking for new members to join us.

BOOK CLUB - THE BOOK WORMS

Brenda Manns or

Agnes Shaw - 905-982-1558

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The Bookworms were finally able to meet outdoors in person at the end of June. It was wonderful to be together again and discuss *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes. We have decided to hold bimonthly meetings for the next while. We're planning to meet outdoors again at the end of August. Our next book is by Allan Doyle of Great Big Sea fame. *All Together Now: A Newfoundlander's Light Takes for Heavy Times* is described as a gathering in book form - a virtual Newfoundland pub.



BOOK CLUB - THE PAGE TURNERS

Kathy McLeod

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Author Sue Williams writes, "Three hundred miles from shore, I'm cold and sick and afraid. I can't help but ask myself, what the hell was I thinking?" So begins Sue's journey to accompany her husband on his dream to cross the Atlantic in a sail boat. A year later Sue returns with a new perspective on her own life and family. *Ready To Come About* is a beautifully written memoir that shows us that there is nothing more precious than charting one's own course on the ocean or in life!



BREAKFAST CLUB

Coordinator Needed!

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The Breakfast Club will be resuming indoor dining on August 19th and the 2nd Thursday of each month thereafter as long as COVID-19 protocols don't change. Confirmation of vaccination will be needed. We are not accepting new members at this time.

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PROBUS Interest Groups continued

EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Jayne Rees – 905-852-4997 or
Ann Berube – 905-985-7102

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We have twelve members of the Euchre group playing on-line on Friday afternoons. The program we are using is called *Trickster Cards*, and it has a video chat feature that allows us to “see” and speak to each other while we are playing. The group is considering meeting in person starting in September for an afternoon of games. Let Ann or Jayne know if you would be interested in meeting in person to play Euchre every other Friday afternoon.

BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Jayne Rees – 905-852-4997 or
Ann Berube – 905-985-7102

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

We hope to begin playing in person starting in September. Please let Ann or Jayne know if you would be interested in joining the Bid Euchre group, playing every other Friday afternoon.

EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Given the need to use cards, which are handled and passed around a table setting of four as well as indoors/our homes, we will have to continue to wait and see when this interest group can be resumed. Perhaps once the winter weather returns, we will maybe need to consider an app like Trickster.



GENEALOGY

Neil Kilmartin: 289-388-8039

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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

**Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree
with the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland)**

[https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/
strathclydeonlinelearning/freeonlinecourses](https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/strathclydeonlinelearning/freeonlinecourses)

HIKING

Bill Morrison

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The hiking group recently resumed operation, with a “restart” on July 23rd. The next outing is scheduled for August 6th. Remember to have your vaccination record verified in advance of the first hike you might want to attend. New members for the group are always welcome - contact Bill Morrison for more information.

LAWN BOWLING

Judy L. Anderson

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Please stay tuned. An opportunity to give Lawn Bowling a try will be announced as soon as we are able to arrange it.

For more information contact Judy L. Anderson.

MOVIE GROUP

Denise Throp

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Cinemas are now open, but the appeal of the current crop of movies is limited, so Kanopy continues to be a good option.

Andre Rieu comes to the big screen on August 28 - 29.



SINGLES GROUP

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

The purpose of the singles' group is to facilitate alliances between individual Port Perry Probus members who would like to participate in some activity with one or more other members. You do not have to be single to join the singles' group – it is a group of individuals as opposed to couples.

Denise Throp and Cathy Jeffrey maintain the singles' group member list which is shared amongst all members of the group, however any member of the group may post a suggested activity and invite other members of the group to join them in that activity. The member posting the activity would also be responsible for coordinating the activity with the members who expressed an interest in joining them to do something.

Current COVID rules allow us to meet with up to nine unrelated persons out of doors, so if you have an activity that you would like to share that meets the current rules, let us know.



TOWN HALL THEATRE

Judy L. Anderson: 905-985-4257

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

Town Hall Theatre has nothing new to add this month. SCS Musical is still planning to perform *The Little Mermaid* in November at the Town Hall.

WINE TASTING I

Jim Adamson: 905-773-2878

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Nothing new with our group. We are on a summer hiatus.



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PROBUS Interest Groups continued



*The following interest groups have suspended operations during the COVID-19 crisis.
Please stay tuned because some of the groups might be looking at ways
to start up as we move towards re-opening*

BOARD GAMES

Bill Morrison: 905-985-2624

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

BOWLING FOR FUN

Ann Skinner and Pat McDougall

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CRIBBAGE

Coordinator Needed!

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CURRENT EVENTS

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DARTS FOR FUN

John Leahy: 905-982-2695

Ken Crossley: 705-786-1707

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

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

Carole Matthews: 905-982-2702

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

DINNER – THE MUNCHKINS

Marg Miller: 226-229-9073

Marilyn Hanna 905-985-6322

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

BID EUCHRE – AFTERNOON

Jayne Rees: 905-852-4997

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

EUCHRE – EVENING

Margaret Adamson: 905-773-2878

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

FOODIES

Melodie Scott: • 905-767-1505

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

LAWN BOWLING

Judy L. Anderson

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

LUNCH MEETUP

(After monthly meeting)

Melodie Scott

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Jim Wakeford: 905-985-2030

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

TRAVEL

Judy Spring: 905-447-4557

interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com

SOME QUICK REMINDERS

LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

We need your input for the newsletter, website and Facebook pages. So if you come across interesting websites, recently re-opened shops, restaurants or places to visit, or future scheduled events of interest, please email us at portperryprobus@gmail.com

PROBUS CHALLENGE - ASSISTING FELLOW MEMBERS

You are challenged to consider fellow PROBUS members who live alone or may be having trouble throughout this lengthy period of social distancing. This may be coping with day-to-day living or isolation. They may not wish to reach out for help. Give two members a friendly call to brighten their day. If you don't have their contact information, email Judy Spring at judith.spring@outlook.com and the information will be provided. And if you're feeling isolated or need some assistance, please reach out to us.

CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining our club's new Facebook group. We have around 118 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

