



PROBUS Club of Port Perry BROADCAST

MARCH, 2020

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS

CLUB ACTIVITIES CANCELLED OR SUSPENDED THROUGH EARLY MAY

As a direct result of the public health recommendations related to the COVID-19 virus and the risks to our members and guests, the following cancellations and suspensions are in effect for activities of the PROBUS Club of Port Perry:

- 1.) **The March 17th membership meeting was cancelled.**
- 2.) **The April 21st membership meeting is cancelled.**
- 3.) **All interest group activities are suspended effective immediately and until May 7th.**
- 4.) **The April 18th Spring Fling Dance is cancelled.** Cheques received by the club from individuals for the dance will be destroyed unless the cheque issuer advises Ann Skinner on the Social Committee (at 905-982-8865 or skinntj@gmail.com) by April 3rd that the cheque is to be returned.
- 5.) **The Oshawa Little Theatre performance of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" on April 4th has been tentatively postponed by the theatre to May.** As a result of the change, the club has cancelled its participation due to the schedule uncertainty and the limited flexibility of ticket changes if the postponement date is accepted. Cheques already received by the club from individuals for the performance will be destroyed unless the cheque issuer advises the club treasurer (Bill Morrison at 905-985-2624 or at treasurer.portperryprobus@gmail.com) by April 3rd that the cheque is to be returned.
- 6.) **We have cancelled our club's attendance at the Oshawa Little Theatre performance of "Cinderella" for May 16th.**
- 7.) **The March 24th Irish Kitchen Party tour was cancelled by the tour provider** (Cardinal Coach Tours) who will issue refunds to those who signed up and paid.
- 8.) **While club-sponsored events scheduled in June and beyond are not being cancelled at this time**, the club will **not** be selling any further tickets to those events until we have more certainty of the public health recommendations in place for those specific locations and times. Those events include the club's Anniversary Luncheon on June 11th, a Herongate Theatre production on June 18th, and a visit/lunch to the Lucy Maud Montgomery House on July 18th. We will keep you informed as circumstances change regarding these events.
- 9.) **The travel opportunities which are scheduled between June and October this year that were in last month's newsletter** (and are on the website) **remain uncertain at this time.** Anyone who has signed up for any of those trips should check with the tour provider(s) as to the status of the trip and any potential cancellation of it. In addition such individuals who may be considering cancelling such a trip or are concerned about trip interruption and travel insurance provisions should also check with their trip insurance provider in the event that such coverage may be terminated in the near future by the insurer (as is happening elsewhere).

The overall result of the above cancellations is that the club is suspending all of its activities until at least early May. We will reassess the situation at that time, and suspension of club activities for a further period of time may become necessary. The club's management committee will keep you informed as events impacting the club's operations unfold.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our newsletter this month is a few days late. It's been a rapidly moving target as we were trying to adjust the information in the newsletter to the almost daily changes in cancellations, postponements and public health recommendations that are impacting club activities. The Club management committee has assessed the situation and has decided that to best help protect the health of our members and guests, we are cancelling all club meetings, events and social activities and suspending all interest groups into early May.

What we are all facing at this point in time is an extraordinary disruption of our day-to-day life and a major health risk all due to a new virus. But humans have proven to be a resilient species with a very long history of successfully overcoming whatever major crisis is thrown at it. And that success is due in large part to the willingness of people to work together to find solutions in the face of major adversity; to support one another at such times, and especially the more vulnerable of us; and to keep a positive outlook on the situation knowing that "this too shall pass".

During this time of greater social isolation brought on by the need to help defeat the COVID-19 virus, it becomes critical for all of us to maintain our many social interactions even if they're not physical person-to-person ones. We'll most likely have some extra time on hand at home during the coming weeks, and it would be great if we can use some of that time to increase the frequency of our contacts with families and friends through phone, email and online visual communications platforms (like Skype, WhatsApp, etc.).

Through future emails, the website and newsletters the club's management team will continue to keep you informed of developments impacting the club's activities. Feel free to contact us at any time with any questions you may have in that regard. In the meantime we wish you and yours all the best during these trying times, and please stay safe and stay healthy.

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