

CURRENT INTEREST GROUPS:

TO SIGN UP FOR ALL INTEREST GROUPS:

1. **Visit us in person** at the **Interest Groups Table** during General Meetings **or**
2. **Email us** by clicking on this link: [Interest Group Chair](#)

Typically there is no charge to join an Interest Group (although some may have a minimal fee to pay for the use of the venue).

You must be a member of Uxbridge PROBUS to join an Interest Group.

If you have an idea for a new group or want to join an existing group, please contact us!

AGE GETS BETTER WITH WINE: Coordinators Sherrill Burns and Anne Gavreau

This group has a wait list

Sadly we had to cancel our last month's meeting due to too much illness.

Happily we have all recouped and are anticipating a fun-filled afternoon on Wednesday, December 18th from 2:00 onward at a member's house. We will all be bringing a Food Bank Item or two, a delicious appetizer and a bottle of wine. It is encouraged, but not necessary, to wear reindeer antlers, a Santa hat, an elf hat, a silly sweater, or anything that makes you laugh. A FABULOUS TIME is expected by all!

This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.

BANNED BOOK CLUB: Coordinator Camille Scarlett

In November, our group read and discussed the book, *That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America* by Amanda Jones. This was not our usual book of fiction, but a personal commentary of what happened to the author in Louisiana, USA, after she stood up for the right to read. She was vilified on social media and started receiving death threats for standing up for her her beliefs. This led to some excellent discussion. Our next book for the December 17, 2024 meeting is *Sister Carrie* by Theodore Dreiser.

This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30.

BOOK BUDDIES: Coordinators Gerri Martin & Kelly Keilty **This group has a wait list**

Book Buddies does not have a meeting scheduled for December. We look forward to enjoying some time with family and friends. We will reconvene in January when our discussion will be on Lissa Evan's book *Crooked Heart*. We've had an awesome first half of our year with great reading selections from our members, lively discussions and yummy treats!!

This group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30.

BOOZIN' BEGINNERS BRIDGE: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco

Boozin Bridge Buddies is a relaxed group of people who want to know if they might be interested in the game of bridge. Some conclude that it is not for them, which is the reason for the group and/or to introduce the basic skills needed to feel more comfortable with a game that can be intimidating. We meet on available Tuesday afternoons. This group meets each Tuesday at 1:00.

CANASTA CREW: GAMES & LESSONS: Coordinator Amber D'Aguiar

Canasta is a fun and challenging card game played in groups of four. For December - we will be playing on the 2nd Thursday of the month (Dec 12th) in the afternoon. All are welcome to come join the fun. This group usually meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

COURT JESTERS (PICKLEBALL): Coordinator Alan James

On hiatus until outdoor weather permits.

EUCHRE: Coordinator Carolyn Hicken

Euchre will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 10 a.m. The next session will be January 7, 2025! This group meets at 10:00 on the first Tuesday of the month.

GARDENING GURUS: Coordinator Sally Kotsopoulos

This month's meeting will be a combined one with the Handicrafts group. See below. This group usually meets on the first Thursday of the month.

GENIAL GENEALOGISTS: Coordinator Bernie Beales

Our November meeting spent time exploring DNA results to determine who they are. If you are looking for Christmas gift ideas for hard to shop for relatives, most of the big genealogy companies are offering discounts on DNA kits! There is no meeting scheduled for December as it will be so close to Christmas but if you are interested in exploring your family tree, introductory sessions to get you started are available. **Our next meeting will be Thursday January 16, 2025!!!**

This group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30-3:30.

HANDICRAFTS: Coordinator Sally Kotsopoulos

The Gardening and Handicraft groups will be meeting together on Friday December 13 from 1-3 in the Lounge at the Seniors Centre. We will be working on table arrangements and wreath décor for the holidays. All members check your email for instructions. Have a wonderful holiday. Please let Sally know if you plan to attend. Some extra good news – we no longer have to pay \$2 at each session and if you do not use your Seniors Centre membership other than to attend a Probus event, you may be eligible to have your \$15 reimbursed. Please connect with me about the latter. This group meets from 1-3 pm on the third Friday of the month.

KITCHEN BRIDGE: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco

Kitchen bridge is held the first Thursday of each month. We have men and women. The location changes each month.

This is a good group for asking questions to help others learn more about the game. This group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00.

LADIES BRIDGE CLUB: Coordinator: Caren Narvet

Ladies Bridge has adjusted plans for the new year and will be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month going forward.

The group includes a wide variety of skill levels in the game and game play is informal. The group enjoys animated chatting while enjoying the game.

New members are welcomed. And if anyone is interested in learning the game, please let **us know**.

This group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1.

LAUGHING MATTERS: Coordinators Amber D'Aguiar & April Gilkinson

After a last-minute cancellation last month, we are hoping all goes well and we can get together on Mon Dec 16th from 1:30 - 3:00. Perfect timing to get your funny bones in working order in time for the holidays. There is no right or wrong and the more laughs the better. All are welcome.

This group meets on the third Monday of each month from 1:30 - 3:00

LET'S EAT OUT: Coordinators Gail & Chuck Heroux

This group meets on the third Tuesday or Thursday of the month.

LIT HAPPENS: Coordinator Jen Thorson

December's meeting will be a social event at a local restaurant, with each member invited to talk about and celebrate a favourite read while celebrating our group! Cheers for a merry Christmas!

This group meets at 1:00 on the fourth Thursday of the month.

LOCAL EXPLORERS: Coordinator Marianne Patterson ***NEW***

A small but determined group met for our inaugural adventure together at the end of November. Destination: Niemi Christmas Market on Hwy 48. A dusting of snow made everything feel festive, and I can't suggest others go now, as we've already bought everything! Enough fun for ten was had by three! There's talk of one more outing before the new year, and tubing at one of the local ski resorts may be on the menu for January. New members most welcome.

MONDAY LUNCH BUNCH: Coordinators Betty Bignell & Joy Freemantle

Twenty members of the Monday Lunch Bunch met at East Side Mario's in Stouffville on November 25th. We enjoyed some good conversations but some members were disappointed with their food choices. Our next lunch will be on January 27th, 2025. We hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas season. The group meets on the last Monday of each month.

MULTI-DAY TRAVEL OPTIONS: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco

We are preparing for our trip of 34 to Newfoundland in June 2025. A trip to the Yukon in September 2025/6 is being considered as a possibility.

REDUCING YOUR FOOTPRINT: Coordinator Brian Keeling

Conversation covers a broad range of topics centred around best practices for reducing our footprint on our precious planet. This group meets at 10:00 on the third Wednesday of the month.

SMALL TOWN THEATRE: Coordinators Steve Fryzuk & Peggy Kennedy

In November Small Town Theatre members enjoyed a matinee performance of Lost in Yonkers at the Whitby Courthouse Theatre. We all enjoyed a lunch at Twelve Bistro before the theatre. We do not have a theatre event planned for December. Small town theatre members attend matinee performances at theatres in the Durham and York region. We gather for lunch before the theatre event.

TAKE A HIKE: Coordinators Carol Fraser & John Willcock

Our Goodwood/Uxbridge area has a wonderful series of trails through a variety of forests and meadows, some quite flat, some with gentle hills. We explore these forest trails near Uxbridge in the Durham and York Regions for 1 ½ to 2 hours. Join us for lively discussions, interesting views and leisurely treks! Next hikes will be Thursday December 5 and Thursday December 19.

The Hiking Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30.

TOO PAR GONE (GOLF): Coordinator Albert Fintelman

The toughest of the our group have played a couple of the Mondays this month but the weather conditions are worsening by the week. All good things unfortunately come to an end sooner or later so I think we have played our last golf as a group until the spring of 2025. I think we all had a great inaugural season of "Too Par Gone" Golf! Looking forward to next season!

TWO RIGHT FEET (LATIN DANCING): Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco **\$15 fee**

Learn to dance Latin! We have just started back after our teacher, Luis, returned from a trip to Peru. We teach the basic moves to Bachata, Salsa and Merengue. These lessons are usually held the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 3-4, with a fee of \$15.00.