

## 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 Anne Gavreau and Sherrill Burns**

#### **This group has a wait list**

This month we will meet at the home of Kim Lendvay, where we hope for weather warm enough to meet in the backyard.

The theme has yet to be decided. But rest assured, lots of fun will be had by all.

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

### **BOOK BUDDIES: Coordinators Gerri Martin & Kelly Keilty**

At our regular meeting on June 26th we will discuss *Go As The River* by Shelley Read.

And we have great news!! We have space to accept new members to our Book Buddies Book Club!! If you enjoy diverse material and the banter of sharing different views of what you have read with one another, this is the group for you!

Connect with the Interest Group chair, either by E mail or sign up at the table when we are together at our monthly meeting. We will then be in touch to welcome you and your perspective on a shared enthusiasm of interesting topics.

After our meeting in June we will reconvene in September.

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

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

Canasta is a fun and challenging card game played in groups of four. We play on the 2nd Thursday of the month (June 12th) in the afternoon. We host lessons from 1-2pm for new players and for those who need practice, and then we continue to play from 2-4pm. All are welcome.

This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

### **COURT JESTERS (PICKLEBALL): Coordinator Alan James**

As the weather improves, so does our pickleball participation.

Accolades to John Willcock for excellent demonstration of a superb serve. John served a perfect game. He started on serve and never relinquished until the game was over at 11-0 I was fortunate to be his teammate and witness his performance first hand.

The bad news with this amazing story is both his partner and their opponents never got a chance to serve! Off the record, there have been some rumblings that John should be persuaded to start serving left handed.

This group usually meets Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10.

### **EUCHRE: Coordinators Gail Prentice and Lynn Moore**

Euchre has taken a break for July and August and will resume the first Tuesday morning of September. A great season was had by all and no one was thrown out of the club for table talk ... although some came close ;)

This group meets at 10:00 on the first Tuesday of the month.

### **GARDENING GURUS: Coordinator Sally Kotsopoulos**

The Gardening Interest Group is planning a trip to Richter's Herbs on our regular meeting day, June 5. Time to be determined. On Saturday June 7, members are planning to attend the Oshawa Peony Festival. Please arrange rides through friends or Sally as only street parking is available.

Our last meeting was at Anne Linkruus' home where we were able to adopt Anne's plants and bring them to new homes. Thank you Anne.

This group usually meets on the first Thursday of the month.

### **GENIAL GENEALOGISTS: Coordinator Bernie Beales**

Last month, we had a brief presentation on "How Does DNA Help Genealogy?" Join us on June 19 for our final regular meeting before going on hiatus for July and August. But just because we won't be meeting as a team doesn't mean this couldn't be a great opportunity to arrange for an intro session to get started on your family history journey!

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

### **HANDICRAFTS: Coordinator: Sally Kotsopoulos**

The Handicraft Group will meet at the Senior Centre on Friday, June 20. Members are invited to bring their projects to work on, or to bring a terra cotta flower pot or two for painting. Sally will provide the paints. This will spiff up your garden or deck this summer.

At our May meeting we met Wanda Laing who is interested in becoming our new coordinator. Thank You Wanda.

Finally a reminder that the Handicraft Group goes on hiatus for July and August. Have a wonderful summer everyone!

This group meets from 1-3 pm on the third Friday of the month.

### **KITCHEN BRIDGE: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco**

Ours is a group of keen bridge players, both men and women, held the first Thursday of each month at 1:00. We will not hold this group during the summer months.

Kitchen Bridge is the first Thursday of each month at 1:00.

### **LADIES BRIDGE CLUB: Coordinator: Caren Narvet**

Ladies Bridge meets at the homes of several of the members; the number of bridge tables will vary depending on the month. Currently, if anyone would like to meet the ladies in this very sociable group, we would be happy to have a list of potential players who could fill in when needed, with the possibility of joining as a regular player in the future.

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

### **LAUGHING MATTERS: Coordinators Amber D'Aguiar & April Gilkinson**

Last month, we played charades but unfortunately did not capture on film the participant who had to act out "fire hydrant"; it will forever be etched in our minds! Improv is all about thinking on your feet and stepping out of your comfort zone.

There is no right or wrong so come see what all the fun is about and join us on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>!

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

### **LET'S EAT OUT: Coordinators Gail & Chuck Heroux**

We had our regular gathering, this month at Corrado's, and 26 of us had a great dinner. This group meets on the third Tuesday or Thursday of the month.

### **LIT HAPPENS: Coordinator Jen Thorson**

June's pick is a Canadian story centred in Quebec around the separatist movement in the early 1990s. The Forgotten Daughter by Joanna Goodman promises great conversation around a fraught time we all remember.

Lit Happens will meet for a "social" this summer, but go on literary hiatus until September. This group meets at 1:00 on the fourth Thursday of the month.

### **LOCAL EXPLORERS: Coordinator Susan Hillar**

A valiant attempt at organizing a horseback riding outing was thwarted by rain and cold this month; perhaps June will be kinder to us. There are so many great ideas for adventure coming from this group!

Our thanks to Marianne, and a hearty welcome to Susan as she is handed the reins.

### **MONDAY LUNCH BUNCH: Coordinators Betty Bignell & Joy Freemantle**

The Monday Lunch Bunch enjoyed getting together for lunch and conversation at Boston Pizza in Uxbridge. The group will meet again on June 30 at 12:00.

The group meets on the last Monday of each month.

### **MULTI-DAY TRAVEL OPTIONS: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco**

A group of 38 people are leaving Toronto for Newfoundland June 13th to the 24th. Stay tuned for some great pictures. An itinerary has been made to travel to the Maritimes via bus in June 2026. Please continue to watch for further information.

### **REDUCING YOUR FOOTPRINT: Coordinator Brian Keeling**

On May 24, members of Reducing Your Footprint attended an open house tour @ DYEC (Durham-York Energy Center) to watch how energy/power can be created from garbage!

Some highlights included how garbage is separated and is then diverted to the incinerator, producing electricity uploaded onto the grid to power our houses.

All operational stats of DYEC facility are public domain and can be viewed online (which include weight of garbage coming in, operating temp of incinerator, exhaust stack gases levels and the amount of fly ash produced/shipped to landfill)

This group meets at 10:00 on the third Wednesday of the month.

### **SMALL TOWN THEATRE: Coordinators Steve Fryzuk & Peggy Kennedy**

On June 8th members will be attending a Norm Foster play at the Curtain Club in Richmond Hill entitled The Gentleman Clothier. Before the theatre event we have scheduled a lunch.

In May members went to the Aurora theatre to see a performance of Noises Off.

Small Town Theatre members attend matinee performances at theatres in the Durham and York region. Lunch is organized before the event.

### **TAKE A HIKE: Coordinators Carol Fraser & John Willcock**

We enjoyed a spectacular May hike among the trilliums.

Take a Hike will meet in June on Thursday June 5 and June 19. We will pause over the summer months of July and August.

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

### **TOO PAR GONE (GOLF): Coordinator Albert Fintelman**

Our group "Too Par Gone" opened our golf season on Monday, May 5th at Spring Creek GC with 18 players participating. Each subsequent week had 18 golfers playing, at Spring Creek, Golfer's Dream GC and Millrun Highlands GC.

We are scheduled to play all 5 Mondays in June, and on June 23rd there's a joint Probus Clubs Nine and Dine which some of us are participating in!

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

Latin dances are held the first and fourth Monday of each month. We share this group with the Port Perry Probus. We are holding classes during the summer months.

Lessons are held the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 3-4, with a \$15 fee.

### **W.A.L.K.S. (We All Love Kinetic Strolling): Coordinator Nancy Melcher**

is going to continue through the summer on Monday mornings at 9:30. We will confirm start times, possibly moving a half-hour earlier should the overnight temperatures make it a nicer walk. All are welcome to join us as we discover neighbourhoods, travel on some parts of the Town Trail Network, and enjoy a refreshing beverage together afterwards. This group usually meets Monday mornings at 9:30.