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President's Message

It's always a little sad when summer begins to fade, but September brings the start of the annual rhythm of activities that shapes so much of our year. Schools and universities are back in session, holidays are mostly over, at least for those of us who are not already retired, and the grandkids are off learning new things that will help prepare them for wherever life takes them.

Our Probus Club is no different. Summer brings a slight slowdown, at least once the AGM is behind us. Now our Interest Group coordinators are back, and a few new groups are beginning to take shape. Our Social Committee is ramping up for an exciting year of events, and plans are underway for another great lineup of speakers at our general meetings. There is a wealth of information in this newsletter about what is coming up, so I encourage you to take a look and decide what interests you most.

Fortunately, we are back at our usual location at the Uxbridge Arena. We are very grateful to Udora Hall for providing us with an excellent space over the past few months. We are keeping our fingers crossed that next year we won't have to travel quite so far to find a meeting location while the Arena is in use.

We are also pleased to welcome several new members to the club. When you see them at our general meetings, please introduce yourself and help them feel part of this wonderful and caring community. Probus is about people! Our events and activities give us things to do, but at the heart of Probus is something much more important: helping people connect with one another.

September is a bridge between summer and fall. So, enjoy these last days of warmer weather, and look forward to the excitement of a new season filled with activities, family, friends, and opportunities to connect with one another.

Robin Dhillon



From Your Speaker's Chair

We're moving BACK to the Uxbridge Arena & Community Centre for our upcoming meetings. The summer camps are finished, the kids are back in school, and we will return to our regular meeting location. Lots of parking!!



Last Month - Raven Murphy

Last month Raven Murphy taught us the importance of shutting up and listening to nature for all of her wisdom and wonders. She invited us to change our perspective, to find peace and possibility by embracing the outdoors. Raven brought samples of calming cedar wood oil, cedar twigs to clean our teeth, and cedar tea to taste.

More info at: ravenspeaks.ca

September 9 - Mike Daley

The Paul Simon Story – the Solo Years

We are in for a special treat this month as Mike Daley returns, this time with the songs and stories of Paul Simon. He'll play tunes like "50 Ways to Leave your Lover" "Graceland", and more. Mike Daley is a talented musician and freelance popular music history lecturer with a PhD in musicology based in Toronto.

More info at: www.mikedaleymusic.com

This meeting will be held at Uxbridge Community Centre.



October 14 - Norman Douglas

You Be The Judge

Retired Criminal Court Judge and former Crown Prosecutor, Norman Douglas will present us with sample cases for us to think about how we would rule. He'll talk about the many questions and challenges that must be considered in order to provide fair and impartial justice.

More info at: bethejudge.ca

This meeting will be held at Uxbridge Community Centre.

From Your House Chair

Next Meeting: Wed. September 9 at 10:00 a.m.
Uxbridge Arena and Community Centre



There is a coolness in the air now and this change signals the approaching Fall. The Fall also has us saying goodbye to Udora Community Hall that housed us for the summer months and returning to our regular meeting place at the Uxbridge Arena and Community Centre starting in September.

The House team for September are:

Set Up: John Wilcock, John Wilson, April Gilkinson

Kitchen: Lorraine Wilcock, Marilyn Davis, Eleanor Winters, Barb Leenheer, Linda Featherstone.

Greeters: Gillian Iszard, Jan Wilson, Sharon & Don Osborne

Thank you all for your help

Cheryl Bain

From Your Interest Group Coordinators

Summer is a time for relaxing and enjoying the friendships we've forged at our fabulous Probud club. Here's yet **another** perk of volunteering to coordinate an Interest Group - you get invited to join the Banana Bunch for a summer pool party each year! That quirky name comes from our love of banana pops on a hot day, and has become a fun tradition. Food, drink, laughter and



camaraderie are always on the menu. This year we were also treated to a demo by our amazing Latin Dancing group (thank you, Anne Marie!), which definitely kept the heat going! Look carefully and you'll see Bernie, Melanie and Albert, along with Anne Marie, showing off their smooth moves. Consider coordinating a group and securing your own poolside seat!



Sketches of Leacock

"Sketches of Leacock" at Theatre on the Ridge was a great success, attended by 15 of our members. The talented cast brought to life a collection of short, funny scenes of everyday life in the fictitious town of Mariposa on Lake Wissanotti.



The fabulously acted skits, were hilarious, in typical Stephen Leacock style. One was "The Accidental Deposit of \$56.00" from the short story, 'My Financial Career'. Another was about the librarian who had fantasies of being a spy, from the story 'My Revelations as a Spy'. And from his book Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town came the hilarious story about The Sinking of the Mariposa Belle, just to mention a few. The lively and energetic performances kept us smiling and laughing all evening!



We had a wonderful evening under the tent at the Scugog Shores Museum starting with a tour of the museum, live music and light refreshments before the show.

Report and photos by Peggy Kennedy



A Trip Back in Time in Muskoka

An enjoyable day was had on this lovely cruise. The Wenonah II is a grand lady of a ship. We explored half of Lake Muskoka with a wonderful historian onboard who was very enjoyable and entertaining. He gave a great account of how the sister-ship Wanda III has evolved from the steamship era to the present. Lunch in the beautiful dining room was exceptional.

The Muskoka Discovery Centre, in Gravenhurst, is open throughout the year. On the edge of the Canadian Shield, it showcases stories, culture and natural beauty of the Muskoka region. Especially interesting were the Indigenous Peoples of Muskoka and how they shaped the region over time by their stewardship of the vital watershed and their spiritual connection to the land. This Centre also houses the largest in-water collection of beautifully restored classic wooden boats and showcases the legacy of Muskoka's boatbuilding pioneers.

The day ended with a visit to the Mariposa Market in Orillia. Many of us purchased homemade pickles, sauces, desserts, supper items and fudge. Sorry you missed it!

Report by Linda Abate - photos: Muskoka Steamships and Discovery Centre website



Upcoming Social Events

NEW!

TO SIGN UP FOR ALL SOCIAL EVENTS:

You must be a member in good standing (or guest of a member) to attend.

First, to indicate your interest, you must sign up by one of two ways:

1. In person at the Social Events Table during General Meetings, or
2. By clicking this link: [Uxbridge Probus Website](#) which will take you to the specific flyer with a Google Form to complete with your information.

Next, to confirm your spot, you must pay either:

1. By e-transfer to treasurer.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com
2. By cheque payable to "Probus Club of Uxbridge" at a meeting or by mail to Uxbridge PROBUS c/o Don Osborne, 50 Donna Lee Trail, Stouffville, ON, L4A 1K3

NO CASH PLEASE - Cheques & E-Transfers Only!



Thurs., Sept. 10 at 1:30 pm (Drive Yourself Event)

TIMBERCREEK MINI-GOLF

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - COME FOR FUN

TIMBERCREEK GOLF & FAMILY FUN CENTRE

12772 NINTH LINE, STOUFFVILLE

COST: \$14 per person

Stay after the game for Kawartha ice cream

New sign-up directions in Gold Box.

For further information, click on this link: [Social Event Flyers](#)

Kingston Pen and the S. S. Keewatin

Tues. Sept. 22 - A Mary Morton Tour Cost - \$200 (Members) \$210 (Guests)

- 8:30 Depart Walmart Parking Lot aboard luxury motor coach
- 11:00 Plated lunch in Kingston
- 1:45 Visit the Kingston Penitentiary
- 3:00 Tour of S. S. Keewatin
- 7:30 Back in Uxbridge after a stop at the Big Apple for some delicious baked goods

Use New Sign-Up Method!



New sign-up directions in Gold Box above.

For further information, click on this link: [Social Event Flyers](#)

Are We There Yet? Adventure

Friday, October 23 - Meet at Uxbridge Arena at 2:00

Entry Fee - Only \$5.00

Meet in the arena parking lot and finish at Shobrook Gardens Retirement Residence. Why not stay for an optional dinner at a local eatery (at your own expense)? Meanwhile, get together a group of 3-5 people per car and think about costumes and decorations!



New sign-up directions in Gold Box above.
For further information, click on this link:
[Social Event Flyers](#)

St. Jacobs Market Trip -Thursday, November 5

A Mary Morton Bus Adventure

Cost — \$97 (Members) \$102 (Guests)



Travel to St. Jacobs by luxury coach to enjoy a day immersed in the traditions of the Old Order Mennonite community. Shop at the market all day, or take some time to explore the town as well. You'll find ready-to-eat delights, ideas for Christmas gifts and plenty of baking, jams, and home decor.

New sign-up directions in Gold Box above.
For further information, click on this link: [Social Event Flyers](#)

2026 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The most popular event of the year!

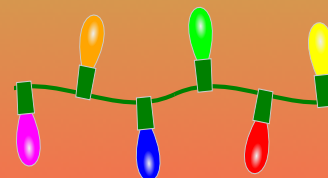
WED. DEC. 9 - 11:00 Doors Open, 12:30 Lunch served

MILL RUN Golf Club, 269 Durham Rd 8, Siloam

Fantastic Raffle, Door Prizes, Entertainment, Cash Bar, Wine Survivor Final Drawing

COST: Members \$75 - Guests \$80

New sign-up directions in Gold Box above.
For further information, click on this link:
[Social Event Flyers](#)



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 by clicking on this link: [Interest Group Chair](#)

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

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

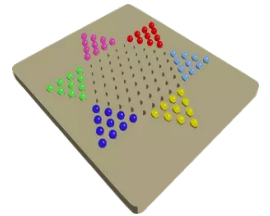
If you have an idea for a new group or want to join one of the existing groups, please contact us!

AGE GETS BETTER WITH WINE: Coordinator Anne Gauvreau

Our wonderful wine group took August off, however we are back in full swing in September! Our meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 pm at the home of Aileen Moxley. This month's theme is: "Early Harvest". Food will be provided by Ann W. and Aileen. We will undoubtedly have a FABULOUS evening! This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00.

BOARD GAMES: Coordinator Wayne Louie ***NEW***

Probus board games activity group has been paused over the summer, and will resume only if there is real interest now it's September. This group usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00.



BOOK BUDDIES: Coordinator Gerri Martin

Probus Book Buddies will reconvene on Thursday September 25th at 1:30. We look forward to discussing Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy. A suspenseful saga of a scientist arriving on a remote island where the family of the lighthouse keeper is mystified why this woman has arrived there. They are preparing to leave the island because their contract is coming to an end. We hope to have a stimulating discussion.

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

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

The new game Canasta - Hand & Foot went very well this month. Hand & Foot is simply a different type of Canasta - the best kind I think! We typically play on the 2nd Thursday of the month - EXCEPT for September - we will need to move it to Tuesday September 8th. Lessons are held from 1-2pm for new players and/or for those who need practice. We then continue to play from 2-4pm. All are welcome. This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

COURT JESTERS (PICKLEBALL): Coordinators Alan James & Bill McMahon

This month's featured player is Dietmar Schoenrock. Anyone who participates in a Probus group that involves physical activity will know Dietmar. He hikes, bikes, camps, skis, and kayaks. There are rumours of him having a car, though I have only seen him on a bike. I think all Jesters would agree that Dietmar is deserving of the title for most improved player. In short time he has gone from Newbie to an accomplished player. Dietmar enjoys the social interaction as much as the playing.



CREATIVE WRITING & MEMOIRS: Coordinator Kathy Clulow

Our Creative Writing and Memoir group was busy making memories over the summer. Our first prompt this month just may be "think of one experience over the summer, how did it make you feel?" Come and join us.

This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 2pm.

GENIAL GENEALOGISTS: Coordinator Bernie Beales

A small group of us took a look at the Toronto Directories available digitally from the Toronto Public Library and began discussing how to use Artificial Intelligence to provide hints to help our research. When more of the group returns from holidays, we will go more in-depth with the use of AI. Join us for our next meeting on Sept. 17 as we continue to share our genealogical joys and frustrations.

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

GRAPE MINDS THINK ALIKE: Coordinators Melissa Harding & Caren Narvet

Grape Minds was on hiatus for July and August, but will be back in action for September when we'll be tasting and discussing wines from Chile. We have space for a few more members.

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

KITCHEN BRIDGE: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco

Resuming play later this month.

This group usually meets the first Thursday of the month.

KNIT OR NOT HANDICRAFTERS: Coordinators Irene Hoekstra & Judy Armstrong

Bring your creativity, your current project or simply your curiosity. Judy and Irene look forward to chatting with you around the table. Let's create!!

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

NOTE: This is a new day and time.

LADIES' BRIDGE CLUB: Coordinators: Margaret Langlands & Caren Narvet

Resuming play this month.

This group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00.

LET'S EAT OUT: Coordinators Gail & Chuck Heroux

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

LIGHTS, SNACKS, ACTION!: Coordinators Amber D'Aguiar

"Lights, Snacks, Action!" is resuming in October! Details will be sent out to our existing group members outlining our next movie excursion. If you enjoy movies and would like to have your name added to our list, please sign up at the next General Meeting.

LIT HAPPENS: Coordinator Jen Thorson

September's book is a surprise, but we are never surprised by the depth and breadth of our discussions.

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

LOCAL EXPLORERS: Coordinator Susan Hillar

Outdoor concert in Port Perry with "Queen and the Crandells" was enjoyed by all ages. Members of this group will be advised of future outings and their date and time.



MAHJONG: Coordinator Amber D'Aguiar

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month to play this interesting and challenging game. This group usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30.

MONDAY LUNCH BUNCH: Coordinators Betty Bignell & Joy Freemantle



The Monday Lunch Bunch met in August at the Hyland Family Restaurant in Port Perry. As usual we enjoyed great food and conversation. The group will meet next on September 28.



This group meets on the last Monday of each month.

REDUCING MY FOOTPRINT: Coordinator Brian Keeling

Join us for always lively and informed conversation on how WE can make a difference to the health of our planet. We cover a huge range of topics, and never leave a meeting without having learned something new.

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

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out): Coordinator John Willcock

This men's group meets to solve the problems of the world over lunch. Many topics are discussed but we still have not solved the world's problems. This month it looks like we have more worldly problems than usual. Our next meeting will be September 24th.

This group usually meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at noon.

SMALL TOWN THEATRE: Coordinators Steve Fryzuk & Peggy Kennedy

In August, the Small Town Theatre group got together to organize our upcoming season. We have selected five productions, with the first performance scheduled for October. On Sunday, October 4th, we are seeing LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS at the Oshawa Little Theatre. Before the play, we will have lunch at One Eyed Jack's. Stay tuned for our exciting line-up of plays!

TAKE A HIKE: Coordinator Nancy Melcher

The Hiking Group was paused over the summer. Nancy Melcher has offered to start it up again starting in October if there's enough interest. She will lead brisk-paced hikes lasting 1 to 1 1/4 hours, travelling about 5 km, in local forests and on the moraine. Hikes will happen on the FIRST WEDNESDAY MORNING each month at 10:00. The group will need to stay together so nobody gets lost in the woods! We will have time for refreshments and fellowship afterwards. The Hiking Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00.



TOO PAR GONE (GOLF): Coordinator Albert Fintelman

Too Par Gone Golf group has played every Monday morning in August. We played on August 3rd & 17th at Spring Creek GC, August 10th & 24th at Golfer's Dream GC, and on August 31st at Crestwood GC. We have had approx 16 - 20 golfers every week other than August 24th - 7 of us diehards played in rainy weather!

TWO RIGHT FEET (LATIN DANCING): Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco

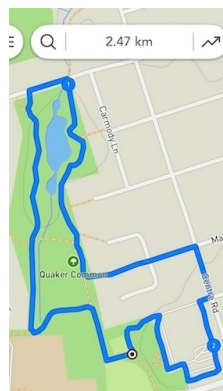
Partners are good but not necessary. **There is a cost of \$15.00 per class.** This group is held each Monday from 3:00 to 4:00.



W.A.L.K.S. (WE ALL LIKE KINETIC STROLLING): Coordinator Nancy Melcher

WALKS will continue to start our summer weeks off every Monday morning with a bit of exercise and fellowship. The conversations are lively and the scenery always changes - swans, flowers, trees, clouds, gardens, streams, ponds, and so much more. Join us! Locations TBA. (Nancy is getting better taking group selfies, when she remembers.)

This group meets every Monday at 9:30.



ONTARIO'S **GIANT** ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

Near what
community
would you
find this

**GIANT
GOLF
BAG?**

The name of
the course is
on the
pocket.



If you guessed it's
found near
ORANGEVILLE
you're right!!
This "golf bag"
used to be a grain
siloi! It's been
repurposed as the
waypoint at the
Lynbrook Family
Golf Centre. It's
nine metres tall
and four metres
across.

Deep Thoughts

The man who invented VELCRO has passed away. RIP

You should never iron a four-leafed clover. You don't want to press your luck.

I saw a vicar bent over in a field eating a plate of ravioli.

In other words, "I passed a pastor with bad posture, eating pasta, in a pasture."

Most people know that Mr. Spock was half human and half Vulcan. But very few knew that he had 3 ears. Yes, he had a left ear, a right ear, and a final front ear.

Life is short, so remember, if you can't laugh at yourself, someone else will.

If ignorance is bliss, then why are there not a whole bunch more happy people around?

Remember Napoleon? He may not have designed the uniform jacket he wore, but did have a hand in it .

I offered to give my Granny \$10 for a ride on her Stair Lift. She decided to take me up on it.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

Whenever I try to eat more healthy foods a chocolate bar looks at me and snickers!

I was offered a deal on 8 legs of venison for \$50. However, I decided not to buy them because I thought that price was too dear.

The person who came up with "a penny for your thoughts", "don't nickel and dime me", and "another day, another dollar" sure knew how to coin a phrase.

I decided to get rid of my vacuum cleaner. It was just gathering dust.

The opposite of a croissant is a happy uncle.

I prefer the American spelling of "diarrhea". "Diarrhoea" looks like it has completely lost control of its vowels.

Last night I had an awful dream. I had to make a thousand pancakes. I was tossing and turning all night.

Five out of six people believe that Russian Roulette is safe.

When a frog's car breaks down, it gets toad away.

My friend thinks he's smart. He told me that onions are the only food that makes him cry. So I threw a coconut at him.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I have found that it's impossible to put it down.