



BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

# PROBUS BUZZ

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## President's Message:

Greetings and Salutations!

Well, we have bloomed, have we not? Welcome June and all the fresh colour. As seems to be the custom, after a rather cool spring - we get right into it, hot, hot, hot. And now we don't remember the cold. Am I right? Canadians like to talk about weather for a reason - it's a wild ride from season to season. And speaking of wild rides, the construction did not disappoint on my way to London, Ontario and back. Did I mention my daughter was getting married in October? Yup. So, I am officiant and mother-of-the-bride all rolled into one this year - with a few trips back and forth to London to visit and plan with the happy couple. 😊 It's a busy summer!

Back here at home, as mentioned at the May meeting, the Management Team is putting together a Nominating Committee to gear up towards our September AGM meeting. There are a few positions open on our Management Team, but any position is open for any member, should they like to be nominated. Give it some thought. Our club only gets bigger and better with fresh faces and new perspectives. Feel free to ask any of us about this or send us an email and you'll be directed to the team member:  
[info@brockgeorginaprobust.ca](mailto:info@brockgeorginaprobust.ca)

Our speaker this month is Bonnie Sitter who will talk to us about the Ontario Farmerettes. It's going to be a terrific presentation! Bonnie has a book: *Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz*, which she'll have with her for sale, along with some "merch" that goes with her recent documentary called *Lend a Hand*. Did you see her when she came to Beaverton early this month? It was fabulous - the presentation she will be giving us is not the same one, so if you saw her in Beaverton, this won't be the same!

All the latest here - enjoy the read! This is your reminder of our meeting next Wednesday. I'll see you at the Hall.

*Debra*

## Upcoming Speakers



### Wed. June 17, 2026 - *Farmerettes* with Bonnie Sitter

Bonnie Sitter makes her home in Exeter, Ontario. Since retiring in 2008 she has co-authored 2 books "The Beauty and Bounty of Huron County" and "Agriculture Today: A Portrait of Family Farms in Ontario". More recently she self-published a book titled "On the Wright Track: Memories from CPR School Car #2".

Discovering a tiny photo in January of 2018 resulted in her doing research and writing a magazine article for *The Rural Voice* about Ontario Farmerettes. A popular book titled "Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz Memories of Ontario Farmerettes" followed which was then developed into a highly successful play that was performed 35 times on 2 Ontario stages in 2024. Her campaign to obtain a Canadian Postage Stamp to recognize the Farmerettes was successful in Oct. 2024. Senator Rob Black helped push it across the finish line. Now the 50-minute documentary "WE LEND A HAND: The Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes" has won 10 awards and been accepted into 27 film Festivals. In the past year it has been screened more than 135 times. She recommends checking out <https://welendahand.ca/> to watch the trailer, read the bios of the Farmerettes interviewed, view upcoming events, read media and testimonials etc. Bonnie continues to collect Farmerette stories, newspaper articles and photos.

### Wednesday July 15, 2026 – *The Nourish and Develop Foundation*



The Nourish and Develop Foundation (TNDF), based in Cannington, Ontario, has been serving Brock Township and surrounding communities since 2008. What began as a focus on food security has grown into a broader, more integrated approach to community well-being. Today, TNDF connects people to nourishing food and supportive resources through two key areas: Food Services and Social Services. Through programs like the Nourish House Food Bank, Mobile Food Market, Community Meals, Food Literacy kids' day camps, and the Maple Tree Community Garden, TNDF increases access to healthy food while fostering knowledge and

community connection. Complementing this work, the organization's Social Services hub and System Navigation program provide low-barrier, wraparound supports that address both immediate needs and long-term stability for individuals and families.

We will be joined by Beth Hendry, Fundraising and Communications Director, who helps share TNDF's story and build the partnerships that make this work possible. Guided by the belief that food insecurity is complex and requires collaborative solutions, Beth and the TNDF team are committed to strengthening communities and creating lasting change—working toward a future where everyone is food secure, safely housed, and well supported.



## Wednesday August 19, Jason Laidler presents “Avoid Probate”

Jason Laidler is the founder of Avoid Probate, and the co-host of the Avoid Probate show on Zoomer Radio. Jason is a certified Financial Planner, a certified

Seniors Advisor and a certified Executors Advisor. His company is based on his belief that everyone should benefit as much as possible from the effort and work they have put into amassing their estate. The government has the power to tax your estate, and Avoid Probate is here to help you understand the pitfalls and help your heirs keep those assets.

## Interest Groups Update

### 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](mailto:interestgr.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com) ([interestgr.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com](mailto:interestgr.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com))

Typically, there is no charge to join an Interest Group, although some groups may have a fee to pay for the use of the venue and/or instructor. You must be a member in good standing of Brock-Georgina PROBUS Club 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.

There is no limit to the types of Interest Group activities organized by members! All it takes is a coordinator.

### *Currently Active Interest Groups:*

#### **The Page Turners (Book Club)**

**When:** Meets 4th Thursday of each month at the Beaverton Public Library. The next meeting is Thurs. June 25 to discuss the book "Disorientation " by Elaine Flesh Chou. The members decided to take a break during July and August, so the meetings will start again in September.

**Coordinator:** Janet Bedford

#### **“Lunch Bunch”**

**When:** After our general meetings.

**Where:** Belvedere in Pepperlaw

**Coordinators:** A show of hands at the General Meeting

#### **Dinner Club**

**When/Where:** The next outing is Tuesday July 14 at 6:00pm at Lakeview Pub, 136 Water Street, Port Perry. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we can enjoy a meal on the patio.

**Coordinator:** Don Wilson



*Dinner Club – Boondocks – June 10*

## **Lunch Group**

**When:** Ten members of the Lunch Group came out and enjoyed lunch at High Street Bistro in Sutton in May. Our next Lunch Group is scheduled for Tuesday June 23 at Route 48 in Baldwin. An email will be sent out to all members of the Lunch Group shortly. Hoping to see many of you there.

**Coordinator:** Susan Caswell



**Lunch Group at High Street Bistro**

## Hiking/Walking

**When:** An additional volunteer coordinator for our Hiking Interest Group is needed. If anyone would like to help, at least until the fall, please contact Sheila at the meeting on Wed. June 17 or email Sheila at [house.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com](mailto:house.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com)

**Coordinator:** Sheila Massey

## Birdie Juice Golf

**When:** Next outing to be determined. We are always looking for new members, so please consider joining our fun group.

**Coordinator:** Don Dalzell



Birdie Juice Golfers – May 25

## “Crafty Crafters” (Handicrafts)

**When:** June 23 - 10am to 12pm

**Where:** Beaverton Public Library

**Coordinator:** Wendy Rhead

## ***Interest Groups Not Active/Resuming Soon:***

### **Snooker Club**

A new Interest Group is starting. Please sign up at the Interest Groups table at the next meeting if interested!

### **“Pedal Pushers” (Cycling)**

**When:** TBD

**Coordinator:** New coordinator needed

### **“Kutie Cubes” (Rummikub board game)**

This is a fun tile-based game, combining elements of the card game rummy and mahjong.

**When:** Resuming soon and they are looking for new players!

**Coordinator:** Gail Wright

### **“Smooth Moves” (Tai Chi)**

**When:** TBD

**Where:** Udora Hall

**Coordinator:** Suzy Weatherston

### **Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing**

**When:** See you next winter!

**Where:** Coordinators will advise

**Coordinators:** Lillian Lahe and Judy Prophet

### **Coordinators NEEDED!!**

Do you have an idea for a new interest group and want to be a coordinator? Bridge, euchre, board game, gardening, pickleball, pole walking, photography, theatre, explorers, movie night ... so many ideas and opportunities.

## **Let's Get Social –Events**

**TO SIGN UP FOR ALL SOCIAL EVENTS** you must sign up to reserve your spot by one of two ways:

1. In person at the Social Events Table during General Meetings,

2. By emailing [social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com](mailto:social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com)

Next - you must pay either

a) by e-transfer to [social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com](mailto:social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com) or

b) by cheque payable to “Brock Georgina Probus Club” at a meeting,

**NO CASH PLEASE - Cheques & E-Transfers Only!**

**You must be a member in good standing (or guest of a member) of Brock-Georgina PROBUS to attend.**



**FRIENDLY REMINDER! ..... IF YOU SIGN UP FOR A SOCIAL EVENT AND CANNOT MAKE IT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE AT [social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com](mailto:social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com). WE OFTEN HAVE BOOKED A RESTAURANT AND HAVE HAD SEVERAL NO SHOWS.**

## Tuesday July 7, 2026, Car Rally



## Brock-Georgina Probus Car Rally

**Join us for a fun outing on Tuesday, July 7 – 10 AM**

We'll start from Udora Community Hall – then follow the hints and clues to arrive at a secret spot for lunch.

Prizes will be awarded in different categories.

Most important – every car needs a Mascot – a cuddly creature of your choice.



Fee is \$10 per car – as many occupants as you wish.



Total number of Rally Cars is limited – sign up by June 17.

**See Chris for details at our meeting – or call 905 473-2342**

## Thursday August 27, 2026, Create a Flower Arrangement



Brock-Georgina Probus Club

### Create an Everlasting Flower Arrangement

Date: **Thursday August 27, 2026**  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: Blooms On The Go, 342 Simcoe St. ,  
Beaverton  
Cost: Teacup \$45 or Cutting Board \$60  
Sign-up Deadline: August 13, 2026  
Cancellation Deadline: August 13, 2026  
Payment by Cheque or e-transfer to  
[social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com](mailto:social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com)



**Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Mini-Golf at Timber Creek**



Brock-Georgina Probus invites you to:

*Mini-Golf at  
Timber Creek,*  
12772 Ninth Line, Stouffville

**Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Time: 10 am**

**Commitment Deposit: \$5  
(returnable at event)**

**Sign Up Deadline:  
Monday Aug. 31, 2026**

*Enjoy a fun game of mini-golf (pay at  
course) and then reward yourself with an  
ice cream treat after!*

**Note: This is a self-drive event**

## Saturday October 17, 2026, Bingo



Brock-Georgina Probus Club



*Try your luck at a game of Bingo!*

**Saturday October 17, 2026**

**Location: 1230 Kerrisdale Blvd., Newmarket**

**Time: Arrive by 11:45 am - 1st game at 12:30.**






**Cost: Pay at venue for game(s) \$30 minimum**

**Dinner in Newmarket or Sharon—TBD**

**Commitment Deposit Fee: \$5  
(to be returned at the event)**

**Sign-up Deadline: Friday October 9, 2026**

## Other Brock-Georgina Probus News and Information

- ❖ **PHOTO RELEASE NOTICE** – When you become a member of our Club you are giving consent to the Brock-Georgina Probus club to use your image, either alone or with others, on our web site, other social media and in our newsletter. If you would like to revoke this consent, please let us know. 
- ❖ **MAKING CONNECTIONS** - Do you know a member who has been experiencing an illness and/or is hospitalized? Please reach out to our Membership Chair, Jeanette. Member respect and privacy will be first and foremost. 
- ❖ **MEMBER AMBASSADOR** – Have a question about our club and Probus? Reach out to Gail who will be at the Ambassador table at our meetings. Pick up one or more of our new “bookmarks” advertising our club and give to friends/neighbours/family etc. 
- ❖ **BRING A BOOK ... TAKE A BOOK!** – Books should be current and in good condition. They should be the kind of books that you have enjoyed reading and would like to share with a friend. If you bring a book, please take another book home! Puzzles are also welcome. 
- ❖ **LUG A MUG** – Don't forget to bring your mug to our meetings. Refreshments will be served. Donations appreciated for refreshments. 
- ❖ **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Ctrl +Click to follow the link! [Brock-Georgina Probus Club | Facebook](#). Then click **Join Us!** 
- ❖ **BRING A GUEST/FRIEND** - Tell your friends to come check us out! Guests are always welcome.

## From Your Management Team

In order to continue growing and providing exciting events and activities, consider being a volunteer. A strong and vibrant club is built on volunteerism. You can get involved in many ways such as helping set up for our meetings, making refreshments, being a coordinator for an interest group, joining the Social Committee to help plan our social events, or even stepping in a role on our Management Team. Whatever your interest or availability, there is a place for you to contribute and to help make a difference in the continued life of our club.

*Get connected by volunteering! Lend your time, share your talent, and help build our club.*

## Community News

Do you have an upcoming event in the area you would like to share! Let us know and we can include in our newsletter!

Also, check out these event lists for Georgina, Brock and Uxbridge by clicking on the link:

- Events in Georgina - [Events Calendar | Town of Georgina](#)
- Brock Township Events - [Events – Choose Brock](#)
- Events in Uxbridge - [Events in Uxbridge - Discover Uxbridge](#)

*Meet new people, make new friends, discover new interests!*

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 17!**

**DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG FOR REFRESHMENTS**

**Donations for Refreshments Always Appreciated.**

**Thank you 😊**



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