



BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

PROBUS BUZZ

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President's Message:

Greetings and Salutations!

July already? Yup we are in the dog days of Summer, my friends. Happy to live where we live, although the Canada Day celebrations were hit and miss with Mother Nature's own display - yikes!

Did you participate in the car rally? Wasn't that fun!? So happy to be a part of that with fellow members this year. A little silliness and lots of laughter is good for the soul. Thank you to Chris and her sidekicks for putting that together for us. What a successful event. If anyone has photos, please post them on Facebook - we'd love to see them!

Back to our regular meetings, we are getting closer to our September AGM. The Nominating Committee is, in particular, looking for a Speaker Chair - do not be afraid of this role, I promise, it is quite easy to find speakers for Probus club meetings, and I'm happy to get you started. Our club only gets bigger and better with fresh faces and new perspectives. In fact, any role on the Management Team is open to members for nomination. If you have questions, please email info@brockgeorginaprobust.ca and we're happy to have a chat.

Our speaker this month is Beth Hendry from the Nourish and Development Foundation in Cannington. Beth is going to tell us about their history and all the good things they do in the community. How many know that they are there? They are a vibrant part of our small-town living, and play a crucial role.

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

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.

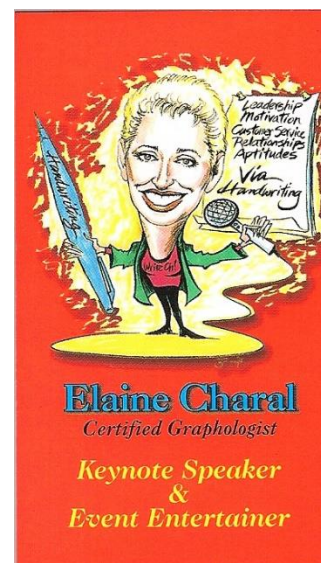


Wednesday August 19, Jason Laidler presents "Avoid Probate"

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.

Wednesday September 16, Elaine Charal presents "Power of the Pen"

Come prepared to laugh and learn during Elaine's "Power of the Pen" while you discover how to communicate even more effectively with family and friends through knowing what the strokes of handwriting mean. Everyone will learn about their strengths as reflected in the 'paper mirror' of their handwriting. Elaine will be e-mailing Handwriting Profiles to the Participants who fill out the Handwriting Form!



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)

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 members decided to take a break during July and August, so the meetings will start again on Thursday September 24 to discuss the book “Shuggie Bain” by Douglas Stuart.

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

Lunch Group

When: Eight members of the Lunch Group came out and enjoyed lunch at Route 48. The July lunch pick will be at the Twisted Fork in Mount Albert on Tuesday July 28. An email will be sent out to all members of the Lunch Group shortly. Hoping to see many of you there.

Coordinator: Susan Caswell

Hiking/Walking

When: The group (3 of us) visited the Country Preserve Trails in Uxbridge on Tuesday June 30. Next outing to be determined.

Coordinator: Sheila Massey, Norm Preston

Birdie Juice Golf

When: Next outing is Monday July 13 at 2:30 pm at Cedarhurst Golf Club. We are always looking for new members, so please consider joining our fun group.

Coordinator: Don Dalzell

“Crafty Crafters” (Handicrafts)

When: Next meeting to be determined

Where: Beaverton Public Library

Coordinator: Wendy Rhead/Lynne Davidson

The group met on June 23 with Wendy and used sea shells to embellish picture frames, a wreath and jar.



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

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

Next - you must pay either

- a) by e-transfer to 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.

Recent Events – Car Rally July 7



The Probus Car Rally Participants and Mascots – A FUN DAY!





Winners of the Car Rally - Sandra Miatello, Nic Peterson, and Gary Jury with Mascot



Second Place Team - only 1 point behind the winners (Judy Prophet, Sheila Radmann, and Aggie Campbell-Rogers)





Award for Dressing up as Paper Bag Princesses - Nancy Burton, Lynn Nielson, Debra Lippay and Nancy Marr.



Last Car in - Lil Madden, Sharon Thorpe and Sandi Gibson. Lil won this for the second year - maybe she is starting a tradition?



Thank You to the Car Rally Organizers

Upcoming Events



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

Thursday August 27, 2026, Create an Everlasting Flower Arrangement

The flyer is set against a background of soft pink and yellow gradients, decorated with delicate illustrations of green leaves and pink roses. At the top left, a branch with green leaves and a single pink rose extends across the header. The central text is enclosed in a light beige rectangular box with a thin black border. The Brock-Georgina Probus Club logo, a blue circle with a yellow 'P' and the word 'PROBUS' below it, is positioned to the left of the title. The title 'Create an Everlasting Flower Arrangement' is written in a large, pink, serif font. Below the title, the event details are listed in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the text box, two small square photographs show examples of completed flower arrangements: one is a tall, multi-colored bouquet in a white vase, and the other is a rounder arrangement with pink and blue flowers in a dark container. The bottom of the flyer is framed by a decorative border of green leaves and pink roses.

 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



Tuesday September 8th, 2026 – Mini-Golf at Timber Creek



Brock-Georgina Probus invites you to:

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

Tuesday September 8th, 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

September 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 (specific date to be determined for Probus event) – Beaverton Town Hall Players, “Halfway There”, A Norm Foster Production

Saturday October 17, 2026, Bingo World



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.
- ❖ **EMERGENCY CONTACT** – If you have not already done so, please fill out the emergency contact slip available at the membership desk and place in-between your name tag inserts.
- ❖ **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** – Your annual membership fee of \$50 is due in full by August 31 for all returning members. Please e-transfer to membership.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com or by cheque payable to Brock-Georgina Probus Club.

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.

From the Nominating Committee

The Management Team is busy getting ready for our AGM in September. There is still time for you to nominate a member or volunteer yourself to join the 2026/2027 Management Team! We are looking for a Speaker's Chair, Website Manager and Technology Coordinator but we encourage you to apply for any position you are interested in. August 24th is the deadline to receive nominations. Reach out if you are interested in joining our team of volunteers and having a say in the future of our Probus Club!

Members will be receiving a few emails leading up to our AGM which will contain important information to be read before the meeting. Being a valuable member of our club gives you a vote at our AGM. More about that at our upcoming meeting.

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 JULY 15!

DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG FOR REFRESHMENTS

Donations for Refreshments Always Appreciated.

Thank you 😊

