



BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

PROBUS BUZZ

Your Management Team

President: Debra Lippay

Vice President: Irene Skinner

Treasurer: Nic (Nichola) Peterson

Secretary: Susan Caswell

Membership Chair: Jeannette Millar

Social Co-Chairs: Lil Madden, Gloria Racine-Prosser

House Chair: Sheila Massey

Newsletter Editor: Lynne Davidson

Member at Large: John Livie

Member Ambassador: Gail Wright

Speakers Chair: Debra Lippay

Interest Group Chair: Irene Skinner

Website Administrator: Debra Lippay

Learn More about Us and Probus:

www.brockgeorginaprobust.ca

www.probuscanada.ca

Contact Us:

info@brockgeorginaprobust.ca

President's Message:

Well, here we are in September, which of course marks the AGM and the beginning of our new club year. That was a quick, eventful and weird, year!

Life is never boring, is it? September usually brings schedules back into our lives - maybe not so much for the retired us, but the feeling is there and we start back into things that maybe didn't continue during the Summer. Some things wrap up and some things begin again - it's nice to have new things to look forward to. You can always look forward to the third Wednesday morning of the month - our Probus meeting!

You will have received two emails in August from our Membership Chair concerning our AGM. Please take a moment to read them, with attachments. We won't be reading these documents at our AGM, so our members are being asked to attend the AGM prepared to vote on these. The third and final email you will receive a few days before our September meeting and this one contains our financial review. This only happens once per year and it is important that you, as a member, read these.

I hope that if you are interested in having your handwriting analyzed by our September speaker, Elaine Charal, that you have submitted the form that was supplied with our August newsletter. I am guessing many of you have received a response - pretty accurate, am I right? Elaine's presentation is interesting and fun - you don't want to miss our September meeting.

September also brings an end to my term as President of our club, and as Speaker Chair. We have a new Management Team being installed, including Irene, our current Vice President, stepping in as your new President, and we have a new Speaker Chair, Gary, who is already gathering ideas for the upcoming year.

It has been a ride! Lots of learning curves. I thank you all - especially the Management Team and all the volunteers who help make our meetings run as smoothly as possible. The Team is indeed a team and it has been my pleasure to guide us along the road that was our first two years - bumps and potholes included. Your patience and your humour have been much appreciated. We are all volunteers! I remain on the Management Team as Past President, in a mentoring role. And I am still taking care of the website - so I am not going anywhere, but will be behind the scenes and taking a bit of a break! All of the latest here - enjoy the read! This is your reminder of our meeting next Wednesday. I'll see you at the Hall.

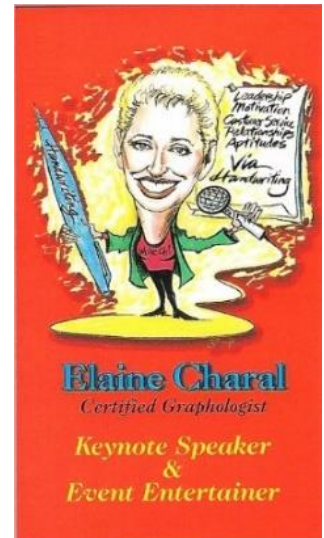
Debra

Upcoming Speakers

Wednesday 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, included with the August newsletter.

NOTE: If you have submitted your handwriting analysis form and have not received a response with your analysis, please send an email to Elaine elainecharal@me.com and she will check to make sure she has it.



Wednesday October 21, Dave Ellis, Wildlife Photographer



Dave Ellis is a wildlife photographer that lives in Omemee and writes a wildlife column in the Peterborough Examiner newspaper.

Dave grew up in the Annapolis Valley, NS. When he was younger he travelled and lived in places all across Canada. In 1982 while living in Edmonton, Alberta, Dave sold his small aluminum fishing boat to buy his first 35mm film camera and began learning how to use it. Eventually he settled down in Toronto. There he operated a small street vending handcraft business right downtown on Yonge Street. That was an education for a country boy!

He says the best move he and his wife Astrid ever made was when they moved to Omemee in 2001. With all of the lakes and rivers and nature areas here, it is a great place to be. They love it here and even more so since they took up wildlife photography as a hobby in 2016. The wildlife that is all around us here in the Kawartha Lakes is quite phenomenal and they really enjoy being out in nature most days photographing it.

You may know Dave's work from his weekly column in the Peterborough This Week and Kawartha Lakes This Week newspapers. He began writing a wildlife photo column for them in 2018 and continued until the newspapers ceased publishing in 2023. His column and photos were moved over to the Peterborough Examiner where he continues to write a column each week. His photos have also been featured in Outdoor Canada Magazine, Canadian Geographic Magazine, The Toronto Star, PTBO News Canada, and in John McQuarrie's coffee table book "Peterborough – Spirit of Place". Each year Dave and Astrid publish a calendar featuring the wildlife of Kawartha Lakes. Dave enjoys sharing his photographs and the stories that go with them at presentations all around the Kawarthas.





Wednesday November 18, 2026 – Phil Craig, “The Shepherd” – A Story about a Fighter Pilot in WWII



Phil Craig is Co-Founder, Lead Historian and Master Story-Teller for Liberation Tours. He's also a professional actor with numerous credits in film, television and stage including seasons with the prestigious Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Ontario, Canada.

Phil has been guiding battlefield tours for over ten years where his combination of story-telling skills, knowledge and passion for history takes you inside the battle in a way that few historians can. Phil is also co-founder of the Georgina Military Museum in Keswick, Ontario and has won many awards for his military historical work including the prestigious Ontario Heritage Trust Award. He recently became the proud recipient

of the Minister of Veteran Affairs Commendation, awarded to individuals “who have contributed in an exemplary manner to the remembrance of the contributions, sacrifices and achievements of Veterans”.

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.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com) (interestgr.brockgeorginaprobus@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.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY MEMBERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN INTEREST GROUPS

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. Next meeting is Thursday September 24 to discuss the book “Shuggie Bain” by Douglas Stuart.

Coordinator: Janet Bedford

“Lunch Bunch”

When: To resume in October

Where: Belvedere in Pepperlaw

Coordinators: A show of hands at the General Meeting

Dinner Club

When/Where: The next outing is Tuesday October 20 at 6:00pm at Koh Chang Thai Cuisine at 20810 Dalton Road in Sutton.

Coordinator: Don Wilson

Lunch Group

When: Next outing is Tuesday September 22 at The Twisted Fork in Mount Albert. Hoping to see many of you there. We have confirmed it will be open this time!

Coordinator: Susan Caswell

Hiking/Walking

When: Next outing to be determined.

Coordinator: Sheila Massey, Norm Preston

Birdie Juice Golf

When: Next outing is Monday September 14 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: September – date to be confirmed with Library. We will be decorating a small star.

Where: Beaverton Public Library

Coordinator: Wendy Rhead



Crafty Crafters!

Interest Groups Not Active/Resuming Soon:

“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 in the 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? Biking, 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.

Upcoming Events



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

Sunday September 20 – Beaverton Town Hall Players, “Halfway There”, A Norm Foster Production

Beaverton Town Hall Players Present

Halfway THERE

Join Brock-Georgina Probus on
Sunday September 20
2pm (Doors open at 1:30)

TICKETS \$25 (adults)

VISIT: Jack's Place, Beaverton
EMAIL: boxoffice@bthp.ca
BOX OFFICE: on show dates (cash)
ONLINE: via Zeffy
SCAN TO BUY TICKETS ONLINE!



BEAVERTON TOWN HALL | 397 SIMCOE STREET, BEAVERTON
♿ HEARING ASSIST DEVICES & ELEVATOR AVAILABLE

Optional Dinner at Colala Poutine & Bar & Asian Cuisine

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

Tuesday October 20, 9am – 3pm – Come Thrifting with Us

 **Brock-Georgina Probus Club**

Come Thrifting with Us

Come join us shopping at Value Village stores in Oshawa and Area *30% Discount*

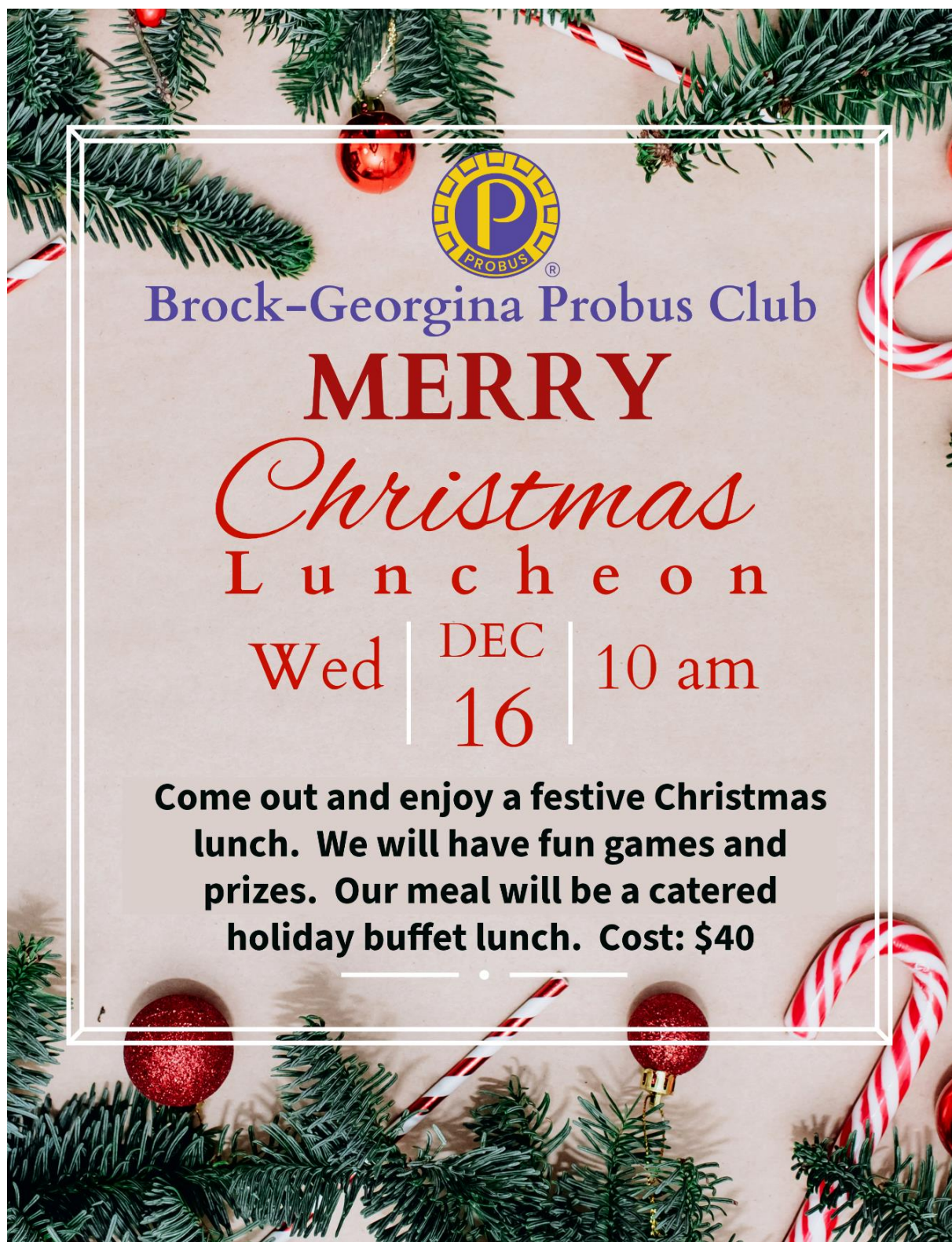
Tuesday October 20th 9am-3pm

Lunch in Oshawa (TBD)

Car Pooling May be Available

Sign up at meeting or email social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com

Wednesday December 16, 2026 – Christmas Luncheon



From Your Membership Chair

September marks the first meeting of year 3, so renewals are now due. Thank you to all those who have already paid your 2026-2027 membership fees (\$50) through e-transfer (membership.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com) or cheque payable to Brock Georgina Probus Club.

If for some reason you are not able to return next year, please let me know in person or by email. We will miss you greatly and wish you all the best.

Jeannette Millar, Membership Chair

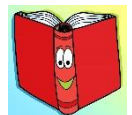
From Your Management Team

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.

Our AGM is on September 16. Please review the materials sent to you by email prior to the AGM, including our By-Laws, Nominees, the Draft Minutes of the 2025 AGM, and Financial Report. Being a valuable member of our club gives you a vote at our AGM.

Other Important 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.

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!

There are a number of Fall Fairs to enjoy, including the Uxbridge Fair (September 11-13), Sunderland Fall Fair (September 15-16) and the Beaverton Fall Fair (September 18-19). Our Probus Club will have a booth at the Beaverton Fall Fair. The Georgina Studio Tour is September 26 and 27.

For details, 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 SEPTEMBER 16!

DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG FOR REFRESHMENTS

Donations for Refreshments Always Appreciated.

Thank you 😊

