



## BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

# PROBUS BUZZ

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## President's Message:

Greetings and salutations!

Welcome to October! What? Yes, October - how did that happen? And here we go into Year 2 for our club. Thank you for renewing your membership - it means the world to the Management Team, who volunteer their time to make our meetings and events happen.

It doesn't feel like spooky season just yet, with the mild temperatures, but you can't fool us - we know it is coming. I'm bringing in house plants and thinking about firewood. There is hording of food, like a crazed squirrel going on in my kitchen, trying to capture every drop of the harvest for the months ahead. My freezer is groaning. Not going to mention the "s" word, but that reminder to make an appointment to change tires over is staring at me in the calendar... in the meantime, don't you love the seasonal colours and the pumpkins? I think it's Mother Nature's way of giving us a treat before brown season - and then, NOPE, not saying it.

As the dark season approaches, aren't you glad that most of our Probus activities happen during the day? What a great time to join something new - start an interest group - find your tribe, and the dark season gets a little lighter with some fun and fellowship. Something to look forward to and coax you out of the house. October is Probus month - and maybe that's the reason why! Tell a friend, bring a friend, and join us at the next meeting. Our guest speaker this month is going to be very entertaining!

I hope you have a lovely Thanksgiving - we have much to be thankful for, even in these crazy times we find ourselves in. Enjoy spooky season - it's on its way - as well as the little goblins visiting door to door. Right after that - we go from pumpkin spice to peppermint in the blink of an eye - and yes, the "s" word.

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. October 15, 2025 – “An Adventure on the High Seas and the Journey Within”

While in their early 50s, Sue Williams, without an adventure-seeking bone in her body, and her husband David, without any real blue water experience, left their three sons, cast off in their 37-foot sailboat from Hamilton Ontario, and headed east; destination the North Atlantic Ocean. Sue has written a compelling memoir, “Ready to Come About” (Dundurn Press), of their improbable, often perilous, ocean adventure.

She will read from her book and, with David, will present a slide show of their life-altering journey. A Q & A will follow.



### Wed. November 19, 2025, “Quilts of Valour”

A Quilt of Valour™ is a hug from a grateful nation and a tribute to an injured Canadian Armed Forces member, past or present.

Naomi Babineau, a retired teacher, and her husband Mike, a former Police Officer, joined the Quilts of Valour organization several years ago. Their first involvement with Quilts of Valour was in 2017 when Quilts of Valour spoke at a meeting at The Region of York Quilters Guild. Naomi then nominated Mike’s father who was a WWII veteran to receive one. Since becoming an area Rep and presenter, they have presented over 237 Quilts to deserving veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces.

They are very proud of the Quilts of Valour national organization, which is run by volunteers dedicated to recognizing the service to Canada of veterans from every generation.



## Current 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. Some new interest groups have started and there will be signup sheets at the Interest Groups table at the October meeting (i.e. Potluck Club and Cigar Club).

### “Birdie Juice” (Golf)

**When:** Next/last outing for 2025 is 9 holes on Tues.Oct.14 at Cedarhurst Golf Club.

**Coordinator:** Don Dalzell





## The Page Turners (Book Club)

**When:** Meets 4th Thursday of each month at the Beaverton Public Library. Next meeting is Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Topic:** "Trust" by Hernan Diaz.

**Coordinator:** Janet Bedford

## Cigar Social Club – NEW!!

**When/Where:** TBD

**Coordinator:** Wesley Delnea

Wes is an avid cigar enthusiast and is interested in meeting like minded people as he is new to the area.

Tentatively, the group would meet monthly, bimonthly, or weekly as decided by the group members. Where to meet will also be discussed and decided. The group would meet to enjoy a cigar, discuss related topics and have the odd beverage. A sign up sheet will be available at the Interest Groups table at the October meeting.

## Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

**Meets:** See you in the Winter!

**When:** Wednesdays, 10AM

**Where:** Coordinators will advise

**Coordinators:** Lillian Lahe and Judy Prophet

## "Pedal Pushers" (Cycling)

**When:** See you next year. Our final ride this year was a lake drive.

**Coordinator:** Karen Panfili



## Dinner Club

**When/Where:** Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> – The Boondocks  
 Thursday November 13 – The Belvedere  
 Thursday December 11 – Christmas Dinner at  
 Jackson's Place

**Coordinator:** Don Wilson

The dinner club numbers continue to grow. Our last restaurant was the Golden Dragon with 21 members attending.

## "Crafty Crafters" (Handicrafts)

**When:** Next Meeting is Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am and we will be making Christmas crafts (gnomes and tree décor) with air dry clay. In November, we will paint our creations.

**Where:** Home of Coordinator

**Coordinator:** Lynne Davidson

## Hiking/Walking

**When:** Meets 4th Tuesday of the month. We visited the Uxbridge Countryside Preserve Recreation Trails on Tues. Sept. 23. There was a good turnout with 7 members participating. The weather was perfect and we had a lovely relaxed walk. There will be no walk in October as both coordinators are on holiday. We hope to have one in November but that will be very much weather dependent.

**Coordinators:** Sheila Massey, Lil Madden, Karen Panfili



## “Wine Not” Book Club

**When/Info:** The next meeting is on Tuesday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss “The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times” by Dr. Jane Goodall.

**Where:** at Co-ordinator's home (members will receive an email from the Co-ordinator with the address)

**Coordinator:** Karen Hewitt

## Latin Dance Lessons

**When:** Mondays 1-2pm

**Where:** Udora Hall

**Cost:** \$15 per session and \$20 per person per month for hall rental.

**Coordinator:** Jennifer Watson

**Info from Jennifer....**

Want to find out more about Latin Dancing? Want to give it a try?

Join us for a **free lesson on Monday, October 27.**

Members of the group are made up of beginners, a few with some experience and some who have been dancing for a few years. We have an excellent instructor who makes our lessons fun and is also very patient. The instructor reviews everything we've learned at every session and teaches us new steps when we are ready. This helps beginners catch up quickly, and with ease. Of course, our instructor encourages us to practice. Do we practice? We'll never tell. As the coordinator of this dance group, I have to say that the enthusiasm of this group is outstanding. Videos will be posted on our PROBUS website.

## “Lunch Bunch”

**When:** After our general meetings

**Where:** Belvedere in Pefferlaw

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

## “Kutie Cubes” (Rummikub board game)

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

**When:** TBD

## “Smooth Moves” (Tai Chi)

**When:** Every Thursday at 10am

**Where:** Udora Hall

**Coordinator:** Susan Weatherston

**Info:** Everyone is welcome to come out for this opportunity to stretch, breathe and move in a gentle and safe way. Get rid of stress, restore balance and just feel good! Wear flat shoes (runners are fine) and comfy clothes. Hope to see you there! Minimal donation needed to cover hall cost.

## Potluck Club – NEW!!

**When/Where:** TBD

**Coordinator:** Susan Weatherston

Sign up at the October meeting.



## 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.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com](mailto:social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com)

Next - you must pay either

- a) by e-transfer to [social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com](mailto:social2.brockgeorginaprobust@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 Probus Social Events

### • Wed. September 17 – AGM & 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Bash

Thank you to all those that came out to our AGM and 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Bash. The lunch, catered by AC Catering, was great! The event included soliciting feedback on our club in the form of Start Doing, Keep Doing and Stop Doing! Your management team values your feedback and will be reviewing all your comments and suggestions to assist with planning and operation of our club.

The TOP 3, **Start Doing** suggestions were:

1. More day trips/bus trips/travel, including local theatre, Bala Cranberry festival, theatre/museums outside area, house/garden tours
2. Round tables at monthly meetings to allow our members to meet more people;
3. Monthly lunch at different places

For **Keep Doing**, the TOP 3 comments were:

1. Speakers
2. Day trips/social activities, including the car rally
3. Interest groups

For **Stop Doing**, the TOP 3 negative comments were:

1. Seating at meetings does not allow for people to meet and make conversation.
2. Reduce the business portion of the meeting
3. Instead of music, use a bell



1Some of our management team!





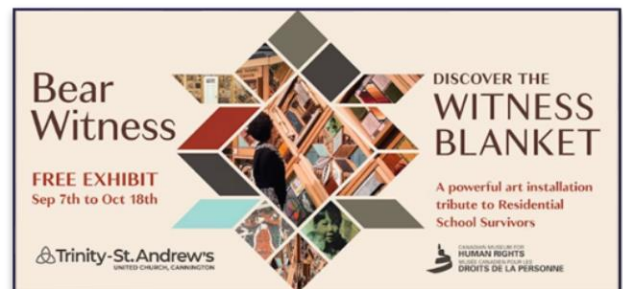


2 Round Table Discussions at the Anniversary Bash

- **Sat. September 27, Hilda's Yard, Beaverton Town Hall Players**

## Upcoming Probus Events

**Tuesday October 14 – 11am -  
Witness Blanket Exhibit, Trinity-  
St. Andrew's United Church,  
Cannington - followed by lunch  
at Pub 12 in Cannington**



## Thursday November 6 at 10:30, Private Guided Tour of Historic Eildon Hall Museum in Sibbald Point Provincial Park followed by optional Lunch at the Briars

Join us on Thursday November 6th at 10:30 for a private guided tour of Eildon Hall Museum in Sibbald Provincial Park. Entrance to museum is free but each car must have a daily park permit (which can be reserved/picked-up at your local library with a library card for free).

Come for the tour of Eildon Hall and, if you wish, stay and join us for lunch following at historic Briars Resort at 12:30 with a prix fixe menu with choice of starter, choice of main meal and dessert for \$49 pp plus tax. Tour of Briars also available for \$15.



## Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – Oshawa Generals vs. Erie Otters at the Oshawa Tribute Communities Centre

Uxbridge Probus has invited our club to join them for a fun afternoon of hockey and food. Ticket cost is \$40 and includes pizza. Register at [social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com](mailto:social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com). See details in the poster.



# HOCKEY TIME





Uxbridge PROBUS Social Committee invites you and your family for a fun afternoon of **HOCKEY** and food at the **Oshawa Tribute Communities Centre**, 99 Athol St. E., Oshawa, ON

**Oshawa Generals vs. Erie Otters**

The game date is **Sunday November 16th at 2pm**. A group of seats in the Medallion Lounge has been reserved for our group.

Cost is **\$40 per ticket**. Your ticket includes PIZZA 

Drinks are at your expense.

This is a self-Drive event. Car-Pooling can be arranged. Please indicate on the sign up sheet if this is required. 

Sign up sheets at the Social Table at the monthly meeting, or you may register by emailing [social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com](mailto:social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com)

Payment by Cheque or Email Money Transfer to [treasurer.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com)

## Wednesday, December 17 10:30 Mingle & Jingle Holiday Party

Please join us for good company, great food and some seasonal fun. Chef Aaron, who provided the delicious Anniversary lunch, will cater a wonderful Christmas lunch of chicken skewers with chipotle maple glaze, roasted pear and salad with walnuts and cranberry Boursin cheese, and a carrot cake cheesecake for dessert.

Cost is \$40 payable to  
[Social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com](mailto:Social2.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com).



## Other Brock-Georgina Probus News and Information

### ❖ WINE SURVIVOR 2025 - The 12 days of Wine-Mas

- Participants contribute one 750 ml bottle of wine – \$18-\$25 value
- Daily eliminations begin December 5 - names eliminated will be randomly drawn from the hat and will be communicated to all participants by email. The number eliminated each day depends on the number participating.
- 4 names will remain by December 17 and the draw for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place will be held at the holiday party:
  - 1st prize: 30% of wine
  - 2nd prize: 25% of wine
  - 3rd prize: 20% of wine
  - 4th prize: 15% of wine
- A consolation prize of 10% will also be held on December 17. All previously eliminated names will be returned to the hat for one final draw.



**How to Participate: Sign up at the October meeting. Final day to sign up is November 19.**

Deliver your bottle of wine to Nic Peterson at the November 19 meeting, or if unable please email Nic ([treasurer.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.brockgeorginaprobust@gmail.com)) to make alternate arrangements.



- ❖ **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.



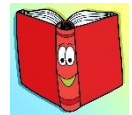
- ❖ **MAKING CONNECTIONS** - Do you know a member who has been experiencing an illness and/or is hospitalized? Please reach out to our Membership Chair, Jeanette. Member respect and privacy will be first and foremost.



- ❖ **NEW MEMBER AMBASSADOR** – Have a question about our club and Probus? Reach out to Gail who will be at the Ambassador table at our meetings.



- ❖ **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!



- ❖ **LUG A MUG** – Don't forget to bring your mug to our meetings. Refreshments will be served.



- ❖ **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Ctrl +Click to follow the link! [Brock-Georgina Probus Club | Facebook](#). Then click **Join Us!**



- ❖ **CALENDAR - COMING SOON!**

## From Your Management Team

As we enter into our second year, we are thrilled by the momentum of our growing club. 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, 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!

Here are a few/links you might be interested in ....

- 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 OCTOBER 15!**

**DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG!**

