

BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

PROBUS BUZZ

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President's Message:

Greetings and salutations!

Welcome to November. Darkness falls, the pumpkins disappear and we turn our thoughts to peppermint and all things merry and bright. But first, we honour our veterans. Did you wear your poppy? Did you see some of the wonderful displays with the crocheted poppies? We marked November 11th with silent tribute. There were many services to attend in our communities, or we could watch the Ottawa service from our homes. Our generation certainly remembers, with parents and grandparents engaged in the world wars, and some have their children and grandchildren involved in more recent conflicts. It's so important to educate from history. Do we have any veterans in our club? Thank you for your service. Lest we forget.

I like to have our November speaker provide some kind of tribute to our month of remembrance. This month we have Quilts of Valour - an organization of mostly volunteers, who create and provide quilts to injured Canadian soldiers, recognizing them for their service and sacrifice. It promises to be a wonderful presentation.

And after we remove our poppies, we get on with the merry and bright. November is busy, it helps with the darkness. The earth goes into slumber, the cold creeps in. Snow tires go on and into winter we leap. Our winter interest groups are starting up again - the golf clubs and bicycles are stored away, but we can still go for walks and skiing starts up again.

Take care as we transform back into our winter bodies, slippery walks and snowy roads. We've done this before - we can do it again! Canadian seasons are quite miraculous. Bundle up and take in the fresh, cold air. Hang up a birdfeeder and prepare to be entertained - that's what I like about winter.

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. 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.





Wed. December 17, 2025 - NO SPEAKER - Holiday Party (see Social Events)

Wed. January 21, 2026 - Robin Dhillon (President of the Uxbridge Club), "Scams and Seniors - What You Need to Know"





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 (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.

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 November meeting (i.e. Potluck Club, Pool/Billiards and Cigar Club).

"Birdie Juice" (Golf)

When: See you next year! (picture of the gang at our last game on October 14)

Coordinator: Don Dalzell



The Page Turners (Book Club)

When: Meets 4th Thursday of each month at the Beaverton Public Library. Next meeting is Thursday November

27th.

Coordinator: Janet Bedford

Cigar Social

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 signup sheet will be available at the Interest Groups table at the November meeting.

Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing

Meets: See you in the Winter!

When: Wednesdays, 10AM weather permitting or Monday on a Probus meeting week

Where: Coordinators will advise

Coordinators: Lillian Lahe and Judy Prophet

Our group meets at various trails once a week to enjoy the snow. Last year we were blessed with lots of snow. We are waiting to see what this year brings. Trails have been located in Pefferlaw, Beaverton and Sibbald Point, with lots of future adventures being planned. We have a fun group of people. Lots of chatting and it's always fun to meet new people. If you have equipment, feel free to join us. We have all levels of expertise. As we are totally weather dependent, we are waiting for our winter to get started. We will be communicating with our group when our trails become ready. Hope to see you on our first outing. Contact the cross country group coordinators for more information.

"Crafty Crafters" (Handicrafts)

When: Next meeting is Thursday December 4^t at 10am and we will be making Christmas crafts with felt. In November, we crafted some air dry clay gnomes. Lots of fun!

Where: Home of Coordinator Coordinator: Lynne Davidson

Currently this group is full with a wait list.

"Pedal Pushers" (Cycling)

When: See you next year. Coordinator: Karen Panfili

Dinner Club

When/Where: Thursday December 11 – Christmas Dinner at

Jackson's Bistro, 21090 Dalton Road,

Jackson's Point

Coordinator: Don Wilson



Hiking/Walking

When: Meets 4th or last Tuesday of the month subject to weather conditions. Next hike is planned for Tuesday,

November 25, pending weather

Coordinators: Sheila Massey, Karen Panfili

"Wine Not" Book Club

When/Info: Next meeting TBD

Where: Coordinators home (members will receive an email from the Co-ordinator with the address)

Coordinator: Karen Hewitt

Latin Dance Lessons

When: Mondays 1-2pm (until December 15)

Where: Udora Hall

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

Coordinator: Jennifer Watson

"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: Temporary hiatus

"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 November meeting.

Pool/Billiards - NEW

When/Where: TBD Coordinator: TBD

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 Probus Social Events

- Tues. October 14, Witness Blanket Exhibit, Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
- Thurs. November 6, Tour of Eildon Hall Museum and lunch at the Briars

Upcoming Probus Events

Sunday, November 16th 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. See details in the poster.



Uxbridge PROBUS Social Committee invites you and your family for a fun afternoon of <u>HOCKEY</u> 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

Payment by Cheque or Email Money Transfer to treasurer.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Saturday December 7 at 2pm, Beaverton Town Hall Players presenting "Home with Bells On"

Let your heart be festive and light as the Beaverton Town Hall Players (BTHP) take you on a journey of joy, reflection and celebration.

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and neighbours, welcome to an experience of warmth, wonder and winter magic. As snowflakes dance outside and the spirit of the season fills the air, the BTHP invite you to journey with them through a celebration unlike any other.

This year, their production unfolds in **five enchanting sets**, each beginning with the letter **E**—a festive framework that captures the heart of the holidays:

- Enrichment
- Entertainment
- Empowerment
- Encouragement
- Engaging and Ending:

Guiding us through each chapter is our radiant **Christmas Angel**, a celestial host who will lead you from one set to the next with grace and sparkle.

The BTHP pay tribute to three legendary voices whose music has touched generations:

The poetic soul of **Gordon Lightfoot**

The heartfelt warmth of **Dolly Parton**

The timeless twang of Randy Travis

Tickets: \$25, guests welcome. E-transfer to social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com

Note: Tickets may also be purchased using any of the other methods shown on the poster.



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.

Our entertainment will be provided by a professional actor, John Huston, who will narrate and perform the many characters of A Christmas Carol. He has performed this act almost 800 times in live theatre venues across Canada! Following the performance, Christmas trivia games will be played and then AC Catering will provide lunch. Fun should be had by everyone that attends and with only one week until Christmas, lots of holiday spirit will prevail.

Cost is \$40 payable to Social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com.

Saturday January 24, 2026 – 1pm-3pm. Learn to Paint, Sutton by the Lake Clubhouse

Let us have some fun learning to paint with Karen Watson, a local artist and art teacher who has a lifetime of experience sharing art. She has been in the Georgina Studio tour and has worked with local community groups promoting art. She will lead us in painting a tree scene with a reflection on the water or a floral, it depends on people's interests. We will paint a 16 x 20 acrylic picture. Cost is \$41. E-transfer social2.brockgeorginaprobus@gmail.com.





Other Brock-Georgina Probus News and Information

- ❖ WINE SURVIVOR 2025 and SHARE THE WEALTH –We are sorry to say that these "gaming" activities are on hold, through no fault of our club. It has come to our attention that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is cracking down on "lottery licencing". Some licencing is done at the municipal level. The Town of Georgina, where we meet, does indeed issue certain lottery licences, and we have been in contact with them, however, it is unclear whether our club lottery activities for members only are considered legal under the Criminal Code of Canada and the Gaming Control Act and Regulations. We are still working on a solution, and looking for a clear answer from the Town of Georgina on the regulations, but in the meantime, we have to put our Share the Wealth and Wine Survivor on hold. Hoping we can get these back soon, but currently we are not able to run these for the club, given the potential legal ramifications.
- ❖ 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.



❖ 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.



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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!

As the holiday season approaches, there are many Christmas markets and events. Here are a few you might be interested in















Also, check out these event lists for Georgina, Brock and Uxbridge:

- Events in Georgina Events Calendar | Town of Georgina
- Brock Township Events <u>Events Choose Brock</u>
- Events in Uxbridge Events in Uxbridge Discover Uxbridge

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19!

DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG!

