BROCK-GEORGINA PROBUS NEWSLETTER

PROBUS BUZZ

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President's Message:

Hello Friends,

A new season has arrived. I think fall is my favourite season, with sunny days and cool nights, colourful scenery, pumpkin patches, fairs, festivals, corn mazes, crisp freshly picked apples and roadside farm stands with seasonal vegetables.

October is here and it is a busy month! Our club is starting our third year! October is officially recognized as Probus Month to raise awareness for Probus and to celebrate Probus Clubs. Probus Canada is celebrating it's 40th Anniversary in 2027, so it will be a year to celebrate everything Probus!

We just celebrated Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for including this wonderful country we call home, the changing seasons, as well as our family and friends. There is always something to be thankful for!

There are a few meteor showers happening in October, including on October 21/22 so look up to the sky. There is also a Hunter's Moon in October with the best time to watch it rise is on October 25. We wrap up the month with Halloween. Don't forget that daylight savings kicks in on November 1st.

Enjoy reading this October Newsletter! With many volunteers, we can do even more! We welcome any ideas, comments, criticisms that help to make our club even better!

See you at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 21st.

Irene

Upcoming Speakers

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
(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

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 October 22. Book is "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBridge" by Joe Siple.
Coordinator: Janet Bedford

"Lunch Bunch"

When: October 21 after the meeting
Where: Belvedere in Pefferlaw
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 October 27 at 12pm. Location to be determined.
Coordinator: Susan Caswell

"Crafty Crafters" (Handicrafts)

When: Next meeting is Thursday November 5th 10am to 12pm. We will be making Christmas crafts. All materials will be provided. Come bring your creativity, have a cup of tea, socialize and craft away! New members welcome!
Where: Coordinators home
Coordinator: Lynne Davidson

Interest Groups Not Active/Resuming Soon:

Birdie Juice Golf

When: See you next year! All participants this year seemed to enjoy the golf and especially the beverages and camaraderie after the rounds. We encourage new members and look forward to seeing you on the links in 2027.
Coordinator: Don Dalzell

"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!!

NOTE: Our Interest Group Chair, Marsha, would like to meet with the coordinators or those who are considering being a coordinator at the meeting on October 21st during social time.

Do you have an idea for a new interest group and want to be a coordinator? Biking, hiking, 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 membLyer 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.

Saturday October 17, 2026, Bingo World



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



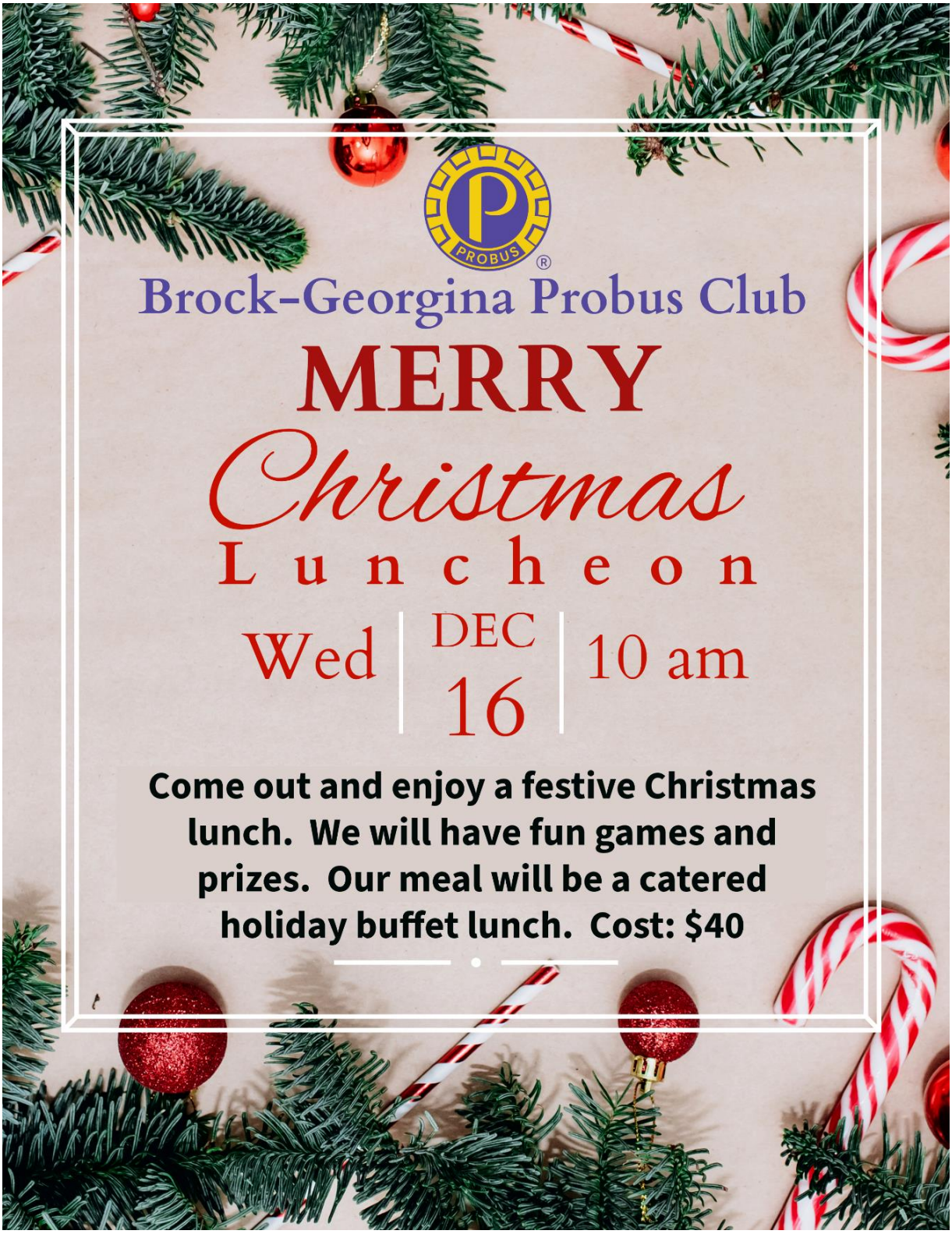
Tuesday November 3, 2026 – Georgina Military Museum Tour and Lunch at Swiss Chalet, Keswick



Sunday December 13, 2026 – A Production "Characters of Christmas" Presented by the Beaverton Town Hall Players



Wednesday December 16, 2026 – Christmas Luncheon



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.

Other Important Information



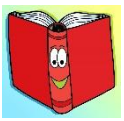
- **PHOTO RELEASE NOTICE** – When you become a member of our Club you are giving consent to the Brock-Georgina Probus club to use your image, either alone or with others, on our web site, other social media and in our newsletter. If you would like to revoke this consent, please let us know.



- **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.



- ****NEW** - SNACKS AT MEETINGS** – If you wish to volunteer to bring baked goods for social time at our meetings, there will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting and a schedule will be made.

- **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. **NOTE: In you bring a friend to our NOVEMBER meeting, you will be entered in a draw to win a prize**.

- **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.

40th PROBUS Canada Anniversary 2027

The 40th Anniversary for PROBUS Canada is coming up in 2027. PROBUS has partnered with a small Canadian entrepreneur, Ladybug Designs, to offer the following items:

- sweaters
- hoodies and sweatshirts
- t-shirts
- polo shirts
- baseball caps
- coffee mugs
- travel tumblers
- tote bags
- playing cards (as a bulk order)
- pins (coming soon)

There is free shipping being offered on orders over $99, so it might be a good idea to partner up with a Brock-Georgina Probus Club friend or two. Visit the store today to see what is on offer. You can begin your shopping experience by clicking on the link below:

40th Anniversary Merchandise

As we gear up for our **40th Anniversary Year in 2027**, PROBUS Canada is launching an exciting project and needs your help to get every member involved! PROBUS is creating a celebratory video that shows PROBUS at its best — members connecting, laughing, learning, exploring, and enjoying club life. PROBUS is asking each club to submit **photos of members engaged in PROBUS activities** — whether it's a hike, a lunch, outings, interest groups, social events, a trip, a game, or any other club event, they would love to include it.

PROBUS Canada has created a simple online form where you can upload **your photo.** The form accepts **one photo per upload**, so just submit the form again if you have more photos. You can send **as many as you wish**.

Please use this link to upload your photos

Your contributions will help PROBUS Canada create a joyful, meaningful anniversary video that reflects the best of who we are. Everyone who submits a photo will be entered into a draw for a **Dinner for Two Voucher (worth $140)**!

Important Note: by submitting a photo, you are giving permission for your images to be used in the PROBUS Canada video which will be posted on the Web.

Please submit your photo(s) by November 30th, 2026.

Community News

Municipal elections are taking place in October. Don't forget to VOTE!! The municipalities are making it easy to vote. Click on these links for information of how to vote. If you missed going to an all candidates meeting in person, there are YouTube videos of those meetings you can watch depending on your area to help inform your candidate choices.

BROCK TOWNSHIP:

10 Days, 3 Ways to Vote in the 2026 Brock Township Municipal Election | Township of Brock

Brock Board of Trade - YouTube

TOWN OF GEORGINA:

2026 Election | Town of Georgina

https://www.georginachamber.com/debates?menuId=5033

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

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 OCTOBER 21!

DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG FOR REFRESHMENTS

Donations for Refreshments Always Appreciated.

Thank you 😊

Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go!

