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Fall has officially started but the warmer and dry weather continued to hang around for September. The days are getting shorter with the sun set being just after seven. A few of the trees are showing a bit of colour.

I enjoyed going to the Canadian International Air Show which ran over the Labour Day weekend. The weather was perfect. They had a couple who were Wing Walking, he flew the plane and she did the Wing Walking. The Snow Birds put on one of the better shows I have seen them do over the past few years.

I am looking forward to the Thanksgiving weekend to take some time to get together with family and friends. Hoping that the fall colours this year are as bright as last year's, I am a little concerned they may not be due to the dryer than normal summer.

I would like to thank all the members that have renewed and the new members that have joined. The club has 183 official members.

The Management team would like to take a moment to thank all of you who participate in our Social Activities and Interest Group Events —your involvement is what makes them successful and enjoyable for all.

That said, we've noticed a number of last-minute cancellations or no-shows, which can significantly affect how our events run. In some cases, it even leads to events being cancelled altogether. We completely understand that life happens—emergencies and unexpected changes are part of life.

If you're unsure about your availability, we kindly ask that you refrain from committing until you're more certain. Your RSVP plays a big role in planning. When numbers change suddenly, it puts a strain on resources and can increase costs, and impacts the experience for everyone involved.

I look forward to seeing you at the October 2nd meeting. The guest speaker will be George S. Takach with his topic titled "Cold War 2.0 Artificial Intelligence in the New Battle Between China, Russia and America".



Website: www.scugog-uxbridgeprobus.ca

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General Meetings

General Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month

10 a.m. to 12 noon at Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Street, Port Perry, Ontario

There is a 30-minute break at half time to meet people, enjoy refreshments, sign up for an interest group or social event, and look into volunteering.

The next General Meeting at Hope Church will be **October 2, 2025**.

October 2 Guest Speaker

Presentation title: Cold War 2.0 *Artificial Intelligence in the New Battle Between China, Russia and America.*



"With wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, and rising tensions around Taiwan and in the South China Sea, come and hear author and geopolitical analyst **George S. Takach** explain what ties all these events together. George believes we are in a new cold war, and that technology and innovation will be key to whether the democracies or the autocracies win this struggle. He will also address what it all means for Canada specifically.



November 6 Guest Speaker

Detective Constable Jim Aquin, Durham Regional Police North Durham Division Community



Liaison. Topic: "Scamdemic" – A deep dive into the many faces of fraud today." Constable Aquin is a long-time resident of Scugog Township, having lived on the island for over 21 years. Jim joined Durham Regional Police Service 22 years ago, working out of Whitby. After a transfer to the station in Oshawa and spending 15 years with the Forensic Identification Unit, Jim joined the North Division, building on a positive relationship with the communities of Uxbridge, Brock, Scugog, and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.



December 4 Christmas Lunch

This year our Christmas Lunch will be at Wooden Sticks; 40 Elgin Park Dr., Uxbridge. The cost is \$80.00 all inclusive and arrival time is 11:30 a.m. This year's lunch will be served buffet-style, featuring a delicious variety to suit every taste. Enjoy a selection of fresh salads, seasonal vegetables, roast turkey, tender roast beef and pasta in a rich cream sauce. For dessert, indulge in an assortment of fresh fruit, pastries, dessert squares, and tarts — something sweet for everyone to enjoy! During lunch, we'll be drawing names for Survivor Wine — the one time you don't want to hear your name called first! We will also have live musical entertainment.



Social Committee



Monday, September 29 – Peppertree Klassics; 137 Main St North, Markham. No Cost. Time 11:30 AM. The event will be followed by lunch at the Duchess of Markham. We held this event last spring and it was very successful. Now we are doing it again so everyone can get new fall items at 30% off.

pick your own pumpkin \$5. Time 12:00 Noon. This event is a repeat. Last year we had the greatest afternoon—we conquered the corn maze, which we hope to do again. As well, we will be able to pick a pumpkin. Come with us and enjoy a lovely fall afternoon; sipping cider or wine and listening to music.

Friday, October 17 – Octoberfest; 2 Beswick Lane, Uxbridge. Cost \$12.00. Time 12:00 Noon. We will supply the sausages, sauerkraut, coleslaw, potato salad and Octoberfest music. You will be responsible for your own beverages. This will be a great opportunity to mingle with your Probus members.



Friday October 24 – Scugog Shores Museum Village Ghost Tour; 16210 Island Road, Scugog. Cost \$10.00. Time 6:00 PM. We will discover the Museum's haunted history - lingering spirits and the messages the ghost wants us to hear! We may even see some unexplainable occurrences. I am sure this is going to be a lot of fun! We were thinking of dinner after the tour at Pickles and Olives.

Monday, November 3 - Bata Shoe Tour; 327 Bloor St W, Toronto. Cost \$12.00. Time 10:00. "The history of the Cowboy Boot." Since their invention in the late nineteenth century, cowboy boots have embodied contradiction. They have symbolized labor and leisure, freedom and domination, tradition and reinvention. Whether worn in the saddle, on screen, or in the streets, cowboy boots remain a cultural touchstone, embodying both tradition and transformation in a constantly changing world. We will be taking the GO downtown.

Thursday November 13 - Trivia Night; 109 Franklin Street, Uxbridge. No Cost. Time 7:00 pm. We were thinking that if we can round up enough people for a few tables, we could spark a little friendly competition! Who's in?

Sunday November 9th to 23rd - Wine Survivor - For Port Perry people, please drop off your wine at 20775 Brunin Ave., Seagrave; Uxbridge people at 2 Beswick Lane. To play the game you drop off a bottle of red or white wine, to one of the above addresses, from **November 9 to November 23**. The wine should cost around \$20.00. We will announce the winners at the Christmas Lunch. Please don't forget to put a tag on the bottle with your name on it.

Thursday December 4 - Christmas Lunch at Wooden Sticks; 40 Elgin Park Dr., Uxbridge. Cost \$80.00. Time 11:30 AM. This year's lunch will be served buffet-style, featuring a delicious variety to suit every taste. Enjoy a selection of fresh salads, seasonal vegetables, roast turkey, tender roast beef and pasta in a rich cream sauce. For dessert, indulge in an assortment of fresh fruit, pastries, dessert squares, and tarts — something sweet for everyone to enjoy! During lunch, we'll be drawing names for Survivor Wine — the one time you don't want to hear your name called first! We will also have musical entertainment.

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An invitation from the Port Perry Probus Club: Would your club be interested in joining us for a bus trip from Port Perry to see the Sound of Music and have dinner in Toronto on November 25th? We have a tight timeline. We have to confirm and pay by October 10th. Judy Spring, Co-chair, Social.

Tuesday, November 25 – Mirvish Production of Sound of Music at the Princess of Wales Theatre and early dinner (entre of your choice) at the Hot House Café – \$213.00 – Luxury Bus Trip from Port Perry Walmart at 3 pm, followed by dinner then the show with Orchestra seats at 7:30 pm, returning home at approximately 11 pm. Bus has a limit of 47 passengers so sign up early. Final date to register and pay is Friday, October 10, 2025. To register or for further information, please email social.portperryprobus@gmail.com.

Here are a few things we have lined up for November:

- Christmas Markets
- Reading of Charles Dickens Christmas Carol

The Social Committee has an email address that can be used if you need more information on events. Drop us a line if you have suggestions for activities that you would like us to explore. As always, we are on the lookout for new Social Team members. The email address is: socscugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Check out the Social Page on the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus website for more events AND the Online Signup Option for ALL Event Details.

Social Event Reviews



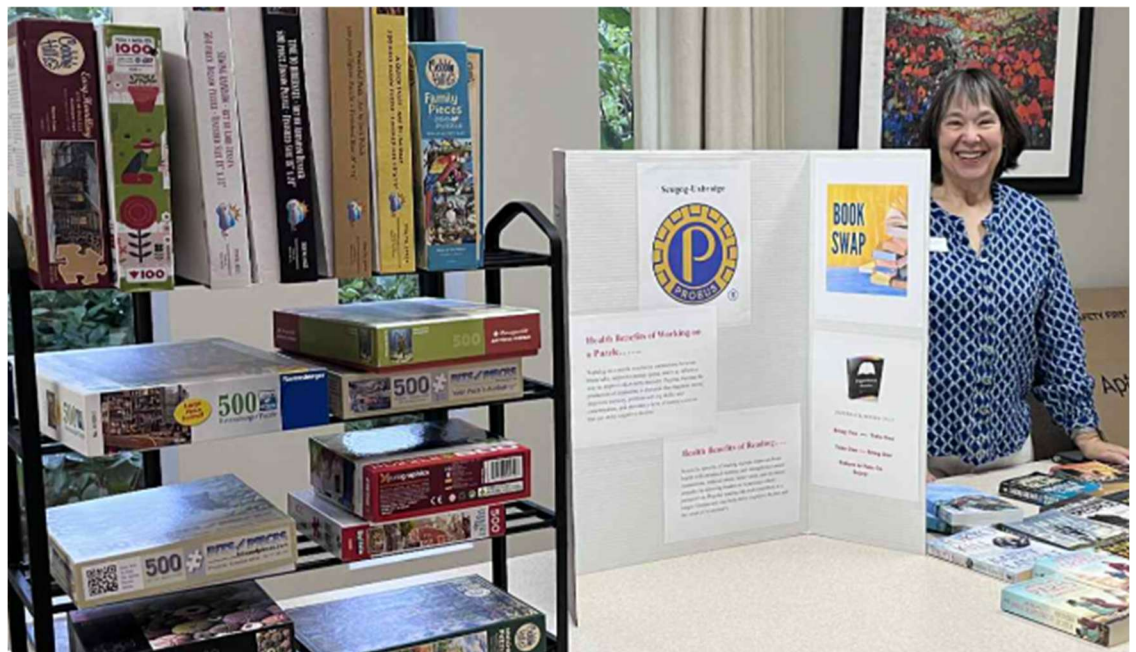
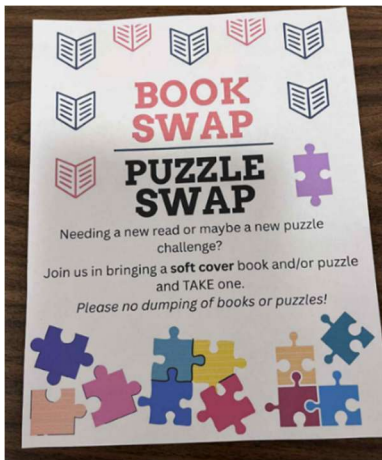
A good turnout on Friday, September 19 for the Walking Tour of Uxbridge

Social Committee

And they're off!! The Social Group attend another great day at the Ajax Downs Quarter Horse Races on Wednesday, Sept 10th. The weather was perfect to sit outside, watch the races and enjoy a lively conversation. Ten of us started the day with a tasty lunch at the Getaway Restaurant. We met up with a few more people at 1:00 PM to kick off the first race. Bets can be placed with the Live Tellers beside the track and they are very good at explaining how to do this. It was very exciting when you had a winning horse. A few of us managed to end the day with a modest win. Be sure to join us the next time we go to the Races. *by Rita Edgell*



On the evening of September 12th, we attended performance by the York Harmony Chorus at the Foster Memorial. The group treated us to a wonderful selection of songs, including "A Million Dreams", "Oh Look At Me Now", "Don't Stop Me Now" and "Believe". The music was uplifting, beautifully performed, and full of energy. I have to say—Anne absolutely stole the show for me. Her vibrant stage presence and expressive performance made it impossible to look away. She brought such joy and animation to the stage—it was a real treat to watch. The entire evening was a memorable experience, filled with incredible voices and the warm spirit of these talented ladies. *by JoAnn Knight*



At the September General Meeting, we started a monthly book and puzzle swap. The swap takes place in the boardroom inside/attached to the breakout room. Paperbacks and puzzles in good condition are eligible for swapping – one for one.



On Wednesday, September 24th, 25 members of the Social Club set sail for an exciting journey on the Titanic. The Artifact Exhibition in Toronto. We began the tour looking at artifacts that were recovered from the Titanic on the ocean floor. The walls were covered with interesting facts from how the ship was built, the people who were on the ship, the events of the fateful night when the Titanic sank and information about the survivors. Following the room tour we moved into the virtual tour. We were able to see the rooms inside the ship. From the submarine window, we were able to see the ship on the bottom of the ocean. We also experienced the ship while it was sinking.

This was an interesting experience and everyone enjoyed it. On our way back to Uxbridge, we stopped at Annina's in Goodwood for a late lunch and great conversation. *by Rita Edgell*



Interest Groups

Wine Club – Coordinator Lorraine Ward

We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. Members take turns hosting. The host decides on a theme, selects and buys the wine. Cost is \$10.00 per event and everyone brings a dish to the tasting, pot-luck style afternoon of appetizers. If you're interested in hosting a fun and relaxed afternoon, please reach out! interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com. Our September event was hosted by Lorraine Ward. We tasted/ compared wines from "Old Country" vs "New Country". Wines were paired with delicious appetizers.

- October 23 – Event will be hosted by Rod and Marg Miller
- November 27 – Event will be hosted by Kellea and Mike Passmore

NOTE: There will not be a wine event in December



Bunco Group (Progressive Dice Game) – Coordinators Sue and Bob Armitage

The Bunco group is growing! We are always looking for more players so if you want to be added to the list call Sue or Bob Armitage at 416.271.5139; or sign up at the next meeting.

Hand and Foot Canasta (card game) – Coordinator Amber D'Aguiar

Hand & Foot is a fun and challenging card game played in groups of four. We play on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the afternoon. The next meet up is September 16th. Lessons are held from 1-2pm for new players and for those who need practice, and then we continue to play from 2-4pm.

Group Travel – Coordinator Lorraine Ward

Update regarding the potential group trip to Aruba.

Travel Dates : FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 4, 2026!! 10 DAYS!! (7 days are also available). We still need four additional travellers to book/meet the required number for securing a group rate. **Deadline is**

October 15th or the trip will be cancelled. Aruba is known as "One Happy Island". Aruba boasts year-round sunshine, white-sand beaches, and vibrant Dutch-Caribbean culture. From snorkeling in crystal-clear waters to exploring the island's desert

landscape and colorful capital, Oranjestad. Aruba offers both relaxation and adventure. It's perfect for those who enjoy reliable weather, great dining, and a lively yet laid-back vibe. If you are interested, please see us at the interest group table or email at interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.



POTENTIAL TRAVEL – QUEBEC CITY FEBRUARY 10TH – 13TH, 2026. Travel by Via Rail.

Experience the Magic of Quebec City's Winter Carnival! ❄️ Quebec City's Winter Carnival is the perfect mix of festive charm and frosty fun! It's one of the world's largest and most iconic winter festivals. Picture snow sculptures, night parades, ice canoe races on the St. Lawrence River, and cozying up with hot cocoa or Caribou (the local spiced wine drink). Explore Old Quebec's cobblestone streets, illuminated with lights and winter décor, and meet Bonhomme, the Carnival's beloved snowman ambassador. Sign up at interest group table or email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

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Travel Information – Coordinator Tim Casey

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 27th (fourth Monday of every month) in the sunroom of Col. Mustard's Pub in Port Perry. All Probus Club members are welcome!

Chair Yoga – *NEW – Coordinator Marie Robinson**

Chair yoga coming soon. More details to follow. If you are interested, please sign up at the interest group table or email at interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

Book Club – Coordinator Maureen Wood



Our next meeting is Wednesday October 8th and we will be discussing the book "How to Pronounce Knife". The Book Club is now open for new members, and you don't need to have read the book to attend a meeting. For meeting locations, contact: interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

Great company, books, and conversations at our September Book Club



Interest Groups

Golf Group – Birdies & Bogeys - Coordinator Kim Lendvay

Players who are Beginners, Experienced, & everything in between – all are welcome! We've decided to play 9 holes Thursday mornings at Sunnybrae Golf Club. This is a joint interest group with the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. If you are interested in playing with us, please contact the coordinator.

interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

Lunch Group – Coordinator Zana Maksimovic

In September, we lunched at the patio of the Farm & Founder Restaurant + Bar, a newly renovated dining location within the Royal Ashburn Golf Club. In October, we will be lunching at the Marwan's Global Bistro in Port Perry. The current date is Friday, October 10th, although there is a current quick poll within the lunch group to make sure the date works in lieu of the Thanksgiving weekend. For November, the plan is to go to The Piano Inn and Cafe in Port Perry, and in December, we are targeting Sundays Restaurant in Uxbridge as the location. Sign-up sheet for all is here: <https://tinyurl.com/SUP-Lunch-Signup>



Pickleball – NEW – Coordinators Nancy Steele and Marilyn Lee

We have a couple of co-coordinators who would like to start up a Pickleball group, likely in Uxbridge. If you are interested in this group, email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or see us at the interest group table.

Board Games – NEW – Coordinator Nancy Steele

The board games group has replaced the sequence group . Sequence group members will automatically receive information, but if you were not in this group already, you can sign up at the next meeting or email at interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com. Meeting dates and times TBD.

Kitchen Bridge – NEW

We are still working on getting lessons set up for beginners, but the intent is to get some lessons and then have the group continue on their own. This should be a great intro to Bridge. We need a few more players to launch this group so please come by the interest group table to sign up.

Euchre Group - Coordinator Marilyn Howe

Marilyn Howe is the new coordinator for this group and they will provisionally meet biweekly on Wednesdays from 2 to 4pm. Please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or see us at the interest group table for more information.

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Hiking & Outdoors Group – Coordinator Pam Norton

The hiking group is hiking weekly though the fall mainly on Friday mornings for 1 to 2 hours. We can also add hikes on other days of the week if we have someone to lead the hike, for those who can't make it on Fridays. If anyone is interested in taking over as coordinator for the group, please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or see us at the interest group table. On Thursday September 18th we hiked through the North Walker woods - a beautiful sunny afternoon.



Live Music Group – Coordinator Pam Norton

We are looking for a new coordinator for this group who can organize gatherings at some of the local music venues.

Genealogy – Coordinator Neil Kilmartin

We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Scugog Library's Board Room. Our interest group consists of members from both the Port Perry and Scugog/Uxbridge Probus clubs. We are open to people with any degree of genealogical experience, right from the newbie to the seasoned family historian. Our focus tends to be on "sharing our individual experiences". There is also an interest within our group regarding local history. Guidance and initial help researching and documenting is always available. Contact Neil Kilmartin via email at neilmkilmartin@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Arts & Craft, and Puzzle Groups – Coordinator Maureen Wood



Oct 28 Fancy Bows

Nov 25 Material gift bags

Dec 23 Cancelled

For location and cost, contact:

interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com



The Puzzle Group meets at 10 am on the first Tuesday of every month. **Note: The**

October meeting of the puzzle group will be on Monday, October 6th instead of Tues. the 7th.

For information, contact:

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The October 6th puzzle is unique, as the actual puzzle is a modern interpretation of the picture on the box. For example, the gentleman in the foreground will probably be on a cell phone and be reading his book on an iPad. Enjoy the puzzle swap at the General Meeting and consider joining the Puzzle Group.



*Fun with
spray paint
and stencils
at September
Arts & Crafts.*



Member-abilia

-abilia - noun suffix: items of interest relating to specified persons or things (in our case PROBUS) e.g. Elvis-*abilia*

Members celebrating birthdays in October

<i>Cindy A.</i>	<i>Dianne M.</i>	<i>Caroline R.</i>
<i>Mary B.</i>	<i>Rob M.</i>	<i>Gayle R.</i>
<i>Pat H.</i>	<i>Linda M.</i>	<i>Catherine W.</i>
<i>Brian H.</i>	<i>Allison P.</i>	<i>Lorraine W.</i>
<i>Mark K.</i>		<i>Wayne W.</i>



FYI

Please sign in when you arrive
Wear your PROBUS name badge
Members' guests are allowed 2 visits
Remember to "Lug a Mug"
This is YOUR club ~ ENJOY!!!

TO SIGN UP FOR ALL INTEREST GROUPS:

- ✓ At General Meetings, there will be Interest Group sign-up sheets in the lobby or break room.
- ✓ If you are interested in joining any of the groups, add your name to the sign-up sheets! Please print!
- ✓ All joining an Interest Group must be a Club member
- ✓ Please wear your PROBUS name badge to interest group meetings and events.
- ✓ There is usually no charge to join an Interest Group, but some may have a minimal fee to pay for using the venue.
- ✓ Contact interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

We'd love to hear from you.

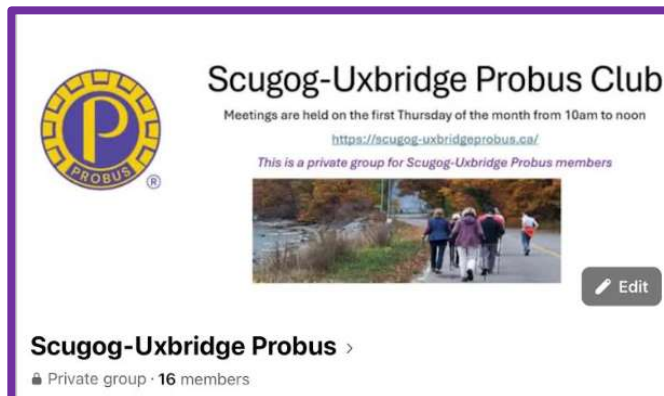
Members are invited to share photos from our Probus club events, personal success stories, proud moments, exciting trips, etc. in the newsletter. This is a great way to get to know one another and to make our newsletter more interesting. Email your articles in Word format to the newsletter editor, Marilyn Card, at: marilyncard@gmail.com. (In the subject line of your email, please put "SUP Newsletter".)



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Join our new **FACEBOOK** page!

Inclement weather and wondering if a meeting is still happening? We will post information here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1063170235479624>



OR....

You can also head to our **WEBSITE!**

We will also post notices here (example cancellation message shown below):

www.scugog-uxbridgeprobus.ca



Looking back on our September General Meeting.

