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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!! The Scugog-Uxbridge PROBUS Club is now half way into its second year. We have had our first AGM with elections for two management team members. We have received very nice reviews of our General meetings and we are open to hear any suggestions to make the Club better. These meetings have all been successful due to the hard work of the Management Team and our volunteers, from preparing the room for the Social Break, the wonderful treats prepared by the ladies, the Interest Group co-ordinators and the special social events. The Club is proud to have 195 members and there is still room for more.

We have listened to wonderful speakers, hearing about their fascinating topics and adventures. I would like to thank Maureen Wood for her hard work in lining up all the speakers for the General meetings. Maureen has lined up some speakers for the New Year. We would like to add a Speaker's Co-Chair to the Management Committee, who would work with Maureen to start a mentorship program for procuring great, interesting, fun, and informative speakers. It's easier than it looks!

I would like to thank JoAnne and Christine, the Social Co-Chairs for all their hard work to make the Christmas Luncheon an amazing success. Having a live band was a very nice touch to the event; we had a number of members up dancing. The Wine Survivor was a great fun and congratulations to the last seven names drawn that won wine.



The Social Group has organized a number of fun and interesting well-attended activities and they are always looking for new ideas. The Interest Group Co-Chairs, Pam and Lorraine, have been successful with having over a dozen different groups up and running. The team is looking to fill an Interest Group Co-Chair position in the New Year.

We are looking forward to 2026. We have changed the date for the first General meeting to be on January 8, 2026. In lieu of the usual break snacks we ask you to bring your leftover holiday treats for our Annual Potluck Nibley event. Coffee and tea will be provided. As a club we would like to help the Uxbridge and Port Perry Food Banks, please bring a food donation to help fill their shelves.

From our Management Team, we wish you all a Happy New Year and the very best in 2026!!



Website: www.scugog-uxbridgeprobus.ca

Email: info@scugog-uxbridgeprobus.ca

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 activity or a Social Event, and look into volunteering.

The next General Meeting at Hope Church will be **January 8, 2026**.

January 8 – Gillian Wortley: [Revolutionizing Care Through Music. How music affects memory](#)



Gillian Wortley, MA, BEd, BA Hon, is the CERTIFY Lead at the Room 217 Foundation, an organization dedicated to care through music. An experienced educator, music teacher and choir director, Gillian transitioned from teaching in the UK and Ontario public school systems to training caregivers on how to use music as a relational, practical and meaningful tool in everyday care practice. Through her leadership in the CERTIFY program, Gillian has built strong connections with caregivers in long-term care, hospice, adult day programs and school settings. Gillian speaks and writes widely on the transformative role of music in care and is passionate about integrating wellness and music-based mindfulness strategies to support caregiver self-care. Be inspired. Be informed.



February 8 – Randy Wilson: [How to Win an Emmy. A brief history and explanation of sound for TV and film.](#)



We are pleased to announce that our February guest speaker will be Randy Wilson, an accomplished sound engineer from Port Perry who has twice won the prestigious Emmy Award. Specializing in Foley, Randy brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the field of sound production for television and film. During his presentation, Randy will offer a brief history and a clear explanation of the evolution of sound in media. He will highlight how sound engineering has developed over time and discuss the important role that his team plays in enhancing our viewing experience. From the subtle background noises to dynamic sound effects, Randy will shed light on the essential contributions of sound professionals in making TV shows and films truly immersive for audiences.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS:



March 5 – Dr. Jennifer Wilson: Grant Us Tomorrow. An international movement of health care.

April 2 – Mayor Carter: From Homeless to.... Overcoming Life's Challenges. Autism Home Base.

May 7 – Susan Sheen: With a Little Help from Our Friends. Lions Foundation Canada guide dogs.



Social Committee



Wednesday, January 14 – Neb’s Bowling and Arcade; 1300 Wilson Road, Oshawa. Cost \$5.25, plus shoe rental. Time 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Join us for a fun and easygoing afternoon at Neb’s Bowling. We won’t just be bowling (both 5-pin and 10-pin—I’m hoping to try 10-pin!); there are bumper cars, tons of arcade games, and mini golf to enjoy.

Come out for an afternoon of bowling, games, and great fun! 🎳 ✨

Thursday, January 15 – Trivia Night; 109 Franklin Street, Uxbridge. No Cost. Time 7:00 pm.; however, to get tables we should be there at 6:30 PM. My understanding is that at the last Trivia event there were two full Probus tables with Team 1 coming in third. Some people come for the competition, others come just for the beer!!!

TBD January/February – Afternoon of Curling; 70 Franklin Street, Uxbridge. Cost TBD. Time - afternoon. We are looking for a lesson and maybe try a game or two on the ice. If we can round up enough players, we could have a *friendly* competition!

TBD January/February - Afternoon at the Movies; Landmark Theatre, 75 Consumers Drive, Whitby. If we go on a Monday, it’s Senior’s Day—which means 20% off tickets and zero guilt about splurging on popcorn! Originally, we thought we could do this in Uxbridge at the Roxy; however, they do not have matinees. We were thinking we could all carpool down to the Landmark Theatre in Whitby, where we would have a good choice of movies.

Wednesday, February 18 – Line Dancing; Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Rd. Cost \$5:00, depending on numbers. Time 10:30 AM. Come on out and give line dancing a try! Don’t worry if you think you “can’t do it” — just stand next to me and you’ll instantly feel like a pro. Seriously, I provide comic relief. After we’ve worked up a sweat (or at least pretended to), I thought we could head out for lunch — you know, to balance out all those calories we definitely burned with our impressive footwork. Join us for some laughs, some moves, and maybe even a few steps in the right direction!

What we are looking at in 2026:

- Cooking Classes
- Stratford Festival
- Summer Festival
- Golf Tournament



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 .

Don’t forget, you can always use the online sign up - The online sign up is also a place to find all event details, even if you don’t choose to sign up.... <https://forms.gle/eDLNmGoipUCHtb1x9>

Congratulations to all the winners of Wine Survivor!

Prizes included two sets of three bottles, one set of four bottles, two sets of six bottles, one set of nine bottles—and our grand winner took home an impressive **12 bottles of wine!**



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EVENT REVIEW

Christmas Lunch at Wooden Sticks Golf Club

Our Christmas lunch was held at the beautiful Wooden Sticks Golf Club and featured entertainment by **Mike Burns Band**. The food was absolutely fabulous—from the fresh salads right through to desserts – and it was clear everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal.

As we dined, the band treated us to a few classic Christmas carols. Then they really turned things up with some great music, and before long, the dance floor was full. Picture a group of *very young seniors* dancing away on a Thursday afternoon—it was a wonderful sight and a fantastic way to celebrate the season!

The beautiful table decorations were created by **Anne Gauvreau, Rita Edgell, Diane McKee**, along with several other talented ladies. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your creativity and hard work—it truly made the event extra special!







Social Committee

The Uxbridge PROBUS Club has invited our members to join them to the Play "Some like it Hot"

The Uxbridge PROBUS Club Social Committee Presents Mirvish Production of

SOME LIKE IT HOT

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Ed Mirvish Theatre, 244 Victoria Street, Toronto

Winner of 4 Tony Awards®, including Best Choreography and Best Costumes, and the Grammy Award® for Best Musical Theater Album, *SOME LIKE IT HOT* is "a super-sized, all out song-and-dance spectacular!" – *The New York Times*

Set in Chicago when Prohibition has everyone thirsty for a little excitement, *Some Like It Hot* is the 'glorious, big, high-kicking' story of two musicians forced to flee the Windy City after witnessing a mob hit. With gangsters hot on their heels, they catch a cross-country train for the life-chasing, life-changing trip of a lifetime. And what a trip it is!



With its irresistible combination of heart and laughs, song and dance, *Some Like It Hot* won more theatre awards than any show this season, and was named Best Musical by the Drama Desk, The Drama League, and the Outer Critics Circle. No wonder *Deadline* calls it 'a tap-dancing, razzle-dazzling embrace of everything you love about musical theatre.'

The cost will be \$260 per member, \$270 per guest

Here are the details:

- o 9:15 Depart Uxbridge Walmart Parking Lot in Deluxe Motor Coach
- o 10:45 Lunch at the Hot House Restaurant, 35 Church St. Toronto
- o 1:30 Orchestra Seat Ticket at the Ed Mirvish Theatre production of *Some Like It Hot*
- o 6:30 Approximate return home.

Limited ticket availability so sign up quickly. You may sign up in the following methods:

1. In person at the Christmas Luncheon, or the January meeting
2. By email to social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com
3. By phone to Peggy Kennedy (647) 394-0289 or Gail Héroux (416) 525-7152

Payments should be received within 48 hours of sign up in one of the following formats:

- a. Current dated cheque
- b. Post dated cheque, no later than 6 weeks before the event (Jan 14/26)
- c. Email money transfer to treasurer.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com mentioning *Some Like It Hot* and the names of the ticket purchaser(s)



Interest Groups

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITES – Coordinator Lorraine Ward

The Quebec City trip is cancelled due to lack of interest.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT THE INTEREST GROUP COORDINATORS!!!!

Wine Club – Coordinator Lorraine Ward

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.

- January – Event will be hosted by Paul Heney, tasting wines from the Niagara Region

The Wine Club group is full. If you are interested in coordinating a second group, please reach out to interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

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

The next Bunco games are held at the home of Sue & Bob Armitage in Uxbridge. Please contact us at bobarmitage1@gmail.com or 416.271.5139 if you are interested in joining us.

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. Lessons are held from 1-2pm for new players and for those who need practice, and then we continue to play from 2-4 p.m. All are welcome.



Interest Groups

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.

Travel Information – Coordinator Tim Casey

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 26th in the Red Lion Pub (formerly Colonel Mustard's Pub) in Port Perry at 11:10 am. We have an exciting list of informative travel presentations planned for 2026-2027. Travel is changing very quickly these days, and staying on top of where to go and where not to go, and emerging travel opportunities and issues, are increasingly important. Learn about different places to travel in the world and some very useful travel tips from our speakers and group members. All Probus Club members are welcome!

Yoga – Coordinator Marie Robinson

We have 2 Yoga teachers, see below for information. Please sign up at the Interest Group table or email at interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com for more details.

Jill Watson

Classes will resume in February 2026

Laurie Kennedy

Winter sessions will begin on January 10, 2026. Please reach out for the yoga schedule.

Book Club – Coordinator Maureen Wood

The Book Club is full, waitlisted only! We are discussing The Alice Network by Kate Quinn. This is a wonderful book about the role women played in World Wars 1 and 2. The next book is Grant Us Tomorrow by Jennifer Wilson, MD.

Golf Group – Birdies & Bogeys – Coordinator Kim Lendvay

Golf has wrapped-up for the season. Kim will send an email next April to anyone who has contacted her about joining this interest group & decisions will be made in April 2026 on when/where to play as a group. This will continue to be a joint Interest Group between the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. If you want to be added to the list for golf season 2026, please email interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com .

Pickleball – Coordinators Nancy Steele and Marilyn Lee

Outdoor Pickleball will resume in the Spring 2026. **In the meantime**, there is a nice drop in Pickleball in Scugog at Scugog Recreation Center, they have both a Learn to Play program with lessons as well as a learn to play drop-in session. Please reach out for more information. interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Hiking & Outdoors Group – Coordinator Pam Norton

The hiking group continues to trek on Friday mornings and with hikes through the winter. Feel free to reach out via email or WhatsApp if you want to hike on a different day and are looking for some company. If anyone is interested in taking over as coordinator for the group, please send us an email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Lunch Group – Coordinator Zana Maksimovic

All the lunches are on the second Friday in the month at 12:30 p.m.

Following is a list of the next few lunch dates:

- January 9: Coach House, Ballantrae
- February 13: Muko Sushi, Uxbridge

The sign-up sheet is here for all upcoming lunches: <https://tinyurl.com/SUP-Lunclash-Signup>

Board Games – Coordinator Nancy Steele

This might be a Monday evening idea or more about the host providing a date that we can attend. Emails have been sent to the interested people to have people pick their game of choice and when they can host. If interested in joining, email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Kitchen Bridge – Coordinator Mary Bristow

We meet every Tuesday, with the exception of the 3rd Tuesday of each month. This conflicts with Hand and Foot. Bridge resumes on January 5, 2026 1:00 pm -4:00 pm. Please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com if interested.

Euchre Group – Coordinator Marilyn Howe

Euchre will begin on Wednesday January 14th at 1:30 pm. The host is Marilyn Howe. If interested, please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Genealogy – Coordinator Neil Kilmartin

OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS.

Starting in the new year, our interest group will be meeting on alternate months at my home, here in town. We will meet on the first Wednesday of January, March and May, and perhaps in June before a summer hiatus. Members share their new findings in their pursuit of their ancestors, and often tell of new information regarding their DNA journey. Our group is low in numbers, and welcomes any new members or visitors. We meet at 10AM, sharing our experiences until Noon. We welcome anyone to our group, regardless of their level of experience with family history. Assistance is available if requested. Come out and join us for a meeting, join us for the season. If interested, please sign up at the Interest Group Table or email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

A graphic with a red border. At the top, it says "Piano Player Needed" in red. Below that is a stylized illustration of a piano keyboard and a green treble clef with musical notes. At the bottom, it says "Our new choir interest group needs a pianist! First and third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Please contact: joannenixon3@gmail.com or marykmorrison@icloud.co"

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Love to sing? The Port Perry Probus club has started a Choir Interest Group that meets at 12:30pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Their next meetup is Tuesday January 20th and they are currently looking for a pianist. Please contact the coordinator if you're interested in joining to sing or just to play the piano. The choir consists of 14 members so far (which they're pretty happy about!), a choir director, and two coordinators for the group but.... they need a pianist for 90 minutes at each meeting.

Interest Groups

Arts & Craft, and Puzzle Groups – Coordinator Maureen Wood

The Arts & Crafts Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month. January Theme – Decorating the underside of glass plates. Meeting is January 27. Cost is \$15.00. Contact: interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com for more info.



The Puzzle Group meets at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Next meeting January 6. For information, contact: interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com



The Arts & Crafts group donated 20+ fidget blankets to the Port Perry Auxiliary:

"I have attached the pictures of your fidget blankets. Once again, a huge thank you for the many hours of work you have put into them. They are amazing and gorgeous. The patients who receive them are so lucky and will enjoy them for many hours and days. They take them home with them and the families are always very appreciative. Thank you so much, Ruth Spearing, Port Perry Auxiliary."



Member-abilia

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

January Birthdays

FYI



Alison C.	Patricia M.
Anne G.	Michael P.
Wendy I.	Alison T.
Paul L.	Tina V.
Mona M.	Janet V.



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 enter "SUP Newsletter".)



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

