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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The January General meeting was a great success. At this meeting members brought Food Bank donations and the contributions were split between the Uxbridge Loaves and Fishes Food Bank and the Port Perry Food Bank to help replenish their shelves. In lieu of the usual break snacks we had a Potluck buffet table event again, which was amazing with all the great treats that members provided. I would like to thank all who brought your leftover holiday treats to the buffet table. It was over flowing. It was a wonderful success like last year. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped to make this first meeting of the year run very smoothly and make it a very enjoyable event.

I enjoy the winter weather to a point but I have already seen enough of the snow and clearing the driveway. I do want to avoid the winter blues and I see that the Social Committee has posted a few events running in February. I hope that members will join in to help break up the month with some outings. There are also number of events being held at the Uxbridge Music Hall and the Port Perry Theater, I have posted a few of these events on the Club's WEB site on the Community Hub page. Help beat the winter blues and join one of the Interest Groups.

February is the shortest month of the year. There are a few special dates in February, Family Day on Monday, February 16th. I hope members can take advantage of this day and spend some time with family or friends. Sunday, February 15th is National Flag of Canada. It was at the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill. Valentines Day which is on Saturday February 14th. From Wikipedia: "Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14th. It originated as a Christian feast day honouring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world."

The Management Team is still looking to add a Speaker Co-Chair to work with Maureen Wood the Speaker Chair. Some have asked what would a Speaker Co-Chair do. The Speaker Co-Chair would help plan an ongoing schedule of speakers 4-6 months ahead. Help arrange for speakers to attend and make presentations to monthly membership meetings.

The next General Meeting will be on February 5th. The guest speaker will be Randy Wilson. Randy is an accomplished sound engineer from Port Perry. Randy's Topic will be "How to Win an Emmy" which will be a Brief History and Explanation of Sound for TV and Film. Please take the time to enjoy Family Day and I hope that this coming month has less snow. ~Derrick Bond.



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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 activity or a Social Event, and look into volunteering.

The next General Meeting at Hope Church will be **February 5, 2026**.

February 5 – 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 – A surprise speaker to be announced. Stay tuned.

April 2 – Mayor Dan Carter, Oshawa: From Homeless to.... Overcoming Life's Challenges.

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



*Our guest speaker on January 8th was **Gillian Wortley**: Revolutionizing Care Through Music and How Music Affects Memory. 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. Her presentation was very inspiring!!*



Social Committee



Wednesday, February 11 - Silly Games; Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Rd, Port Perry. Cost \$5.00, Time 1:00 PM. If you've been on Instagram, they show various games: horse races on toilet paper, ring toss, get the balloon in the box, who can blow the balls off the cup with a straw. We need at least 10 people for this afternoon of fun and games. After the games we are thinking about going to the Jester's Court for a late lunch or early dinner.

Friday, February 13 - Afternoon of Curling; 70 Franklin Street, Uxbridge. Cost \$15.00. Time 10:30-12:30. We will be getting a lesson and then try a game or two on the ice. If we can round up enough players, we could have a friendly competition! We finally have a date for this event; we need everyone to show up. The ice maker will most likely be there; a serious curler and always helpful. The club has slip-on grippers (worn over running shoes), sliders, brooms, sliding crutches and sticks. Folks should have some kind of helmet. Also, it has been suggested that we put tape (provided) on the soles of running shoes for additional traction. Thinking of going to One Eyed Jack's for lunch.

Wednesday, February 18 - Line Dancing at Hope Church; 14480 Old Simcoe Rd, Port Perry. Cost \$5:00 depending on numbers. Time 10:30 AM. Come out and try your hand at Line Dancing. Please don't be worried that you can't do it—just watch me for a good laugh!! I thought we could plan to go out for lunch after, to balance out the calories for the day.

Saturday, February 21 - Book Lover Events; 62 King St W, Bowmanville L1C 1R4. Time 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Join us for amazing Book Lovers Event! This day is filled with all things books - from vendors selling bookish goods, DIY stations, book swaps, and even author readings happening all day long. If you're one of the first 50 people to spend over \$50, you will receive an amazing bookish swag bag!

Friday, February 27 - Yuk Yuk's; 67 Simcoe St N, Oshawa (inside the Holiday Inn). Cost:10 or more people - \$30.77 per person; less than10 \$32.48. Time 8:00 PM. This will be an evening of laughs and adventure—heading down to Oshawa. John Mostyn is a Toronto based comedian hailing originally from Glasgow, Scotland. His storytelling and quick-witted fish-out-of-water humour has had him likened to other Scottish comedy legends; Billy Connolly and Kevin Bridges. A charming, friendly, and hilarious stand up, he is always a crowd favourite. Over his 20 years, Paul Haywood has done it all from packed theaters of 1,000 people to 25 people in a man-cave garage. Marc Hallworth has been described as "too poor for how happy he is." His Canadian Comedy Award-nominated sketch troupe, Vest of Friends, is the winner of the Best-of-the-Fest Award at both the Toronto and Montreal SketchFests.

Saturday, March 7th - Spring Shopping in Port Perry; Scugog Community Recreation Centre, 1655 Reach Street. Cost \$2.00. Time 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. This is the 4th annual Port Perry Spring Shopping Market, Craft and Vendor Show.

Tuesday, March 10 - Scugog Library - Makerspace Tour and 3D Printer Workshop; No cost. Time 1:00 PM. We did this tour last year and it was a hit, with many people hoping to return. We plan to break into 3 groups, rotating between: the Kent Farndale Gallery (exhibit by Port Perry Photographic Society); learning about green screening (bring your iPad); guided tour of the 3D printer and Makerspace equipment. Lunch afterwards at Marwan's, 187 Queen St, Port Perry. Join us for the activities, just lunch, or both. There may be a small fee (< \$5) for materials or donation to the Makerspace. More info to follow.

Thursday, March 12 or March 19 - Buddha Meditation Centre; 1175 Kennedy Rd, Markham L6C 1P2. No cost. Time 8:00 - 9:00 PM. This is a unique first-hand opportunity to learn and try meditation, guided by a monk. It is a one-hour, free entrance into an activity known to promote many health benefits. If you are concerned that you cannot sit cross legged on the floor; they have many comfortable seating options available.

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Friday, March 20 - Night of Music; 2 Lindsay Street South, Lindsay. Cost \$62.00. Time 7:30 - 10:00 PM. This concert celebration of Andrew Lloyd Webber comes to Lindsay, having toured across Canada to sold out audiences from Victoria to Halifax! With a live band and many incredible and celebrated singers, we welcome you to experience this concert of Andrew Lloyd Webber's most iconic theatrical music - including selections from Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Cats, Jesus Christ Superstar, Sunset Blvd, and more! (Car pooling available.)
<https://www.flatoacademytheatre.com/whats-on/music-of-the-night>

Saturday, March 28 - Pefferlaw Creek Farms Maple Syrup Festival; 12300 Concession Rd 6, Uxbridge. Cost: \$10.00, includes: Sugar shack tour, tapping tour, tasting, taffy per person. Time 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Rain or Shine! Visit our sugar bush and soak in the sights, sounds, and sweet smells of our beautiful farm. Come for a tapping tour, a sugar shack tour, hiking, taffy, a delicious pancake meal with local farmers' sausages and all-you-can-eat maple syrup, and live music! Our pancakes are made following a beloved family recipe with whole food ingredients. The pork sausages are fresh and picked up every week from Willowtree Farm. Please note: Tickets are paid for at the door, cash only. The pancake meal is not included in the price of admission.

Saturday, April 4 - The Addams Family (the musical); Uxbridge Music Hall, 16 Main St. S., Uxbridge. Cost \$25.00. Time 2:00 PM. YOU NEED TO GET YOUR OWN TICKETS FOR THIS SHOW. Please purchase at Uxbridge Music Hall thru StarTicketing.com

Saturday, April 18 - Dinner with the Dead at Jester's Court; 279 Queen Street, Port Perry. Cost \$103.08. Time 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Experience an evening with International Psychic Medium, Cathy Chafe, at dining with the Dead. As you savour a delicious buffet at Jester's Court, one of Canada's most haunted venues, Cathy will move through the room. Your ticket covers a three-course meal and an evening filled with inspiring messages from the Spirit. Tickets sell out fast, so be sure to get yours soon! <https://www.durhamregionpsychic.com/event-list>

May, 2026 - Date and time to be determined - Silver Heron Farm; 324 Wagg Rd., Goodwood. No Cost. They have miniature cattle, Highland cows, alpacas. We will have a farm tour. They sell local alpaca products and other items. Details will follow.

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 you like us to explore.**

The email address is:
socscuqoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Don't forget, you can always use the online sign up. The Sign up is also a place to find all events details, even if you don't choose to sign up.

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EVENT REVIEW

On Monday, January 20th, we spent the afternoon bowling with a group of ten. We had three teams of three. Christine was on the DL and could only play one game, however Donna Williamson stepped in and saved the day—though I should mention Christine had already brought in ringers; Bob and Sue Armitage.

The next team consisted of Catherine McKenna, Diann Power, and Ken Storey; who gave a very strong run for the top spot. My team included Paulette Lee and Sharron O'Connor, both great bowlers, which—at least in my mind—made us the big winners of the day. I'm not entirely sure that's how it officially turned out, but that's how I remember it. We wrapped up the day with a fun lunch of wings and beer (okay, there was no beer, but it sounds better—and that is what sports teams do).



Interest Groups

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES – Coordinator Lorraine Ward

Stay tuned for upcoming travel opportunities!

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.

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

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.



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

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

Travel Information – Coordinator Tim Casey

We have an exciting list of informative travel presentations planned for 2026-2027. Travel is changing very quickly these days. And because of that, it's increasingly important to stay on top of where to go and where not to go, as well as being aware of emerging travel opportunities and issues and useful travel tips. Next month's meeting will be on February 23rd at the Red Lion Pub in Port Perry. The main presentation will be by Kim Lendvay on her travels in Brazil. All Probus Club members are welcome!

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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 began on January 10, 2026. Please reach out for the yoga schedule.



Book Club – Coordinator Wendy Bond

The Book Club is full; a waitlist is available, please include your name on the list if you are interested. During the January meeting we discussed the book “Grant Us Tomorrow” by Dr. Jennifer Wilson. Dr. Wilson is one of our local doctors who donates her time to a small community in Northern Ghana. Starting together with a handful of health care colleagues, her first trip expanded to become an international collaboration and transformed thousands of lives. Detailing the health challenges in one of Africa’s most impoverished regions, this book illuminates grinding global inequalities while offering hope that each of us can play a role in transforming our world. It was a fascinating and incredible read. Dr. Wilson will be our guest speaker in March, and her book will be available to purchase for \$20.00 credit card or cash. All proceeds going to Ghana. Our next book being read is *The Heiress* by Rachel Hawkins. I am looking forward to our discussion; it is always lively.

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 .

Lunch Group – Coordinator Zana Maksimovic

All the lunches are on the second Friday in the month at 12:30 p.m. On Friday, January 9th, seven ‘lunchers’ enjoyed wonderful fare at the Coach House Pub in Ballantrae. Including their awesome sticky toffee pudding. Our February lunch is planned for Muko Sushi in Uxbridge (many non-sushi/sashimi options are also available). The sign-up sheet is here for all upcoming lunches: <https://tinyurl.com/SUP-Luncclash-Signup>



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Board Games – Coordinator Nancy Steele

Games night coming soon! 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. Eric Nidd has kindly been providing Bridge bidding lessons for us. We are a lively, inquisitive group and are very grateful that Eric is willing to share his expertise with us. Please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com if interested.

Euchre Group – Coordinator Marilyn Howe

Our next euchre gathering is Wednesday February 11th. If interested, please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Genealogy – Coordinator Neil Kilmartin

OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS. Our interest group will be meeting on alternate months at my home. We will meet on the first

Wednesday of March and May, and perhaps in June before a summer hiatus. Members share their new findings in 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



Arts & Craft, and Puzzle Groups – Coordinator Maureen Wood

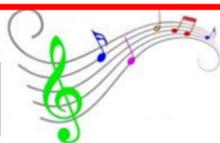
The Arts & Crafts Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is February 24th. For more info contact: interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com .



The Puzzle Group meets at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Next meeting February 3rd. For information, contact: interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com



Piano Player Needed



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

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.

Member-abilia

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

February Birthdays			FYI
Hiddy K.	Debbie D.	Kim L.	Please sign in when you arrive Wear your PROBUS name badge Member's guests are allowed 2 visits Remember to "Lug a Mug" This is YOUR club ~ ENJOY!!!
Kevin C.	Joanne H.	Nancy S.	
Sandy D.	Kim R.	Jim P.	
Annette F.	Margalice B.	Charlene C.	
Lynn W.	Sharon O.	Bob W.	
Sandra B.	Glen M.	Rita E.	
Marlene V.	Linda W.	Laurel A.	



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:

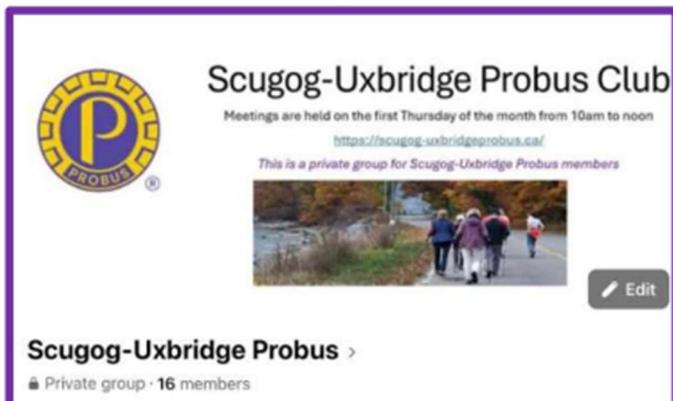
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1063170235479624>

OR....

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

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

www.scugog-uxbridgeprobus.ca



Looking back on our January General Meeting



