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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February being the shortest month of the year packed in some very cold days and nights and lots of snow. With all the snow this winter, it did take the GTA a long time to clean up after the record snow fall on January 25th. In the early evening sky on February 19th, we missed the alignment of six planets, Mercury, Venus, the moon, Saturn and Neptune due to the cloud conditions. The planetary alignments are expected again on February 28, April 18, June 12, August 12 and November 14. Let's hope for clear skies.

I enjoyed watching some of the Olympic Winter Games. Canada finished the games in 11th place with 5 Gold, 7 Silver and 9 Bronze medals.

The Scugog-Uxbridge PROBUS Club is entering the last quarter of the year. We need to start thinking about the election of Management Committee members. About half of the Club's Management Committee positions are up for election this year for two-year terms. The positions that are up this year are as follows: Treasurer, Membership Chair, Interest Groups Chair, House Chair and Speaker Chair. So, if a Club member wishes to make a nomination (with the nominee's consent) to stand for election for any of the above noted positions, please advise Wendy Bond the Membership Chair membership.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com Please note the nominees will need to be approved by the Management Committee to stand for election.

Lunch after the General Meetings has been well attended. We plan to continue to see how many members will join in. Before the break we will ask for a show of hands to see how many members would like to meet for lunch after the meeting.

There are lots of interesting events planned for March. Please check the Community Hub page and the Social pages on the club web site. The Interest Group page lists the groups that you could join. Last year the Club created a Private Facebook group and has used it as a communication tool to update the 70 club members that have already joined. To join the Facebook group please copy and paste the link below into your browser and then request to join the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1063170235479624>

The March 5th General Meeting speaker will be Barbara Dickson and her topic is titled "Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo". Barbara Dickson will talk about the remarkable efforts and profound sacrifices made by nearly 800,000 Canadian women employed in munitions factories during the Second World War.

Hope to see you at the meeting and please remember to "Lug a Mug".



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 activity or a Social Event, and look into volunteering.

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

March 5 – Barbara Dickson – Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo



Barbara Dickson will present on the remarkable efforts and profound sacrifices made by nearly 800,000 Canadian women employed in munitions factories during the Second World War. Her talk will highlight not only their heroic contributions to the war effort but also the severe dangers they faced daily. These women worked with hazardous chemicals, often with minimal or no safety measures in place, leading to significant personal risk and long-lasting effects.



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



Dan Carter's incredible life's story of the trials and tribulations from homelessness to becoming the Mayor of Oshawa.



May 7 – Susan Sheen – With a little Help from our Friends



Susan Sheen (and dogs), representing the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, which trains and places specialized service dogs for people with various disabilities, such as visual impairment, hearing loss, autism, epilepsy, and diabetes.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS:



June 4 – This is our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Speaker to be announced.

July 2 – Dr. Jennifer Wilson – Grant Us Tomorrow. An international movement of health care.

Social Committee



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; Cost \$8.00 Time 5:00 PM. We hosted this tour last year and it was a great success, with many participants expressing interest in returning for another guided exploration of the 3D printer and Makerspace equipment. If time permits, guests will also have the opportunity to visit the Kent Farndale Gallery, featuring an exhibit by the Port Perry Photographic Society. Dinner afterwards at Marwan's, 187 Queen St, Port Perry.

Thursday, March 12 or March 19 – Trivia Night at the Legion; 109 Franklin Street, Uxbridge. No Cost. Time 7:00 pm.; however, to get tables we should be there at 6:30 PM. Some people come for the competition, others come just for the beer!!!.

Friday, March 20 – Line Dancing at St. Paul's Church; 59 Toronto Street S., Uxbridge. Cost \$10:00 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.

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, and more. Time 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; our Probus group will **meet in the parking lot at 10:30**. 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.

TBD – 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! 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.

Social Committee

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, May 2 - 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:

[socsugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com](mailto:socscugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com)

The Social online Activities Sign up can be accessed from the Social Page of the website or by typing this address into the address bar of your browser:

bit.ly/ProbusSocialSignup



EVENT REVIEW

Line Dancing!! On Wednesday, February 20th, we spent the morning learning several line dances. Our teacher, Carolyn, was fantastic – she patiently walked us through each step and made it easy to follow along. Some members of the group really found their rhythm quickly! As for a few of us... let's just say we needed a little extra practice – just ask the ladies around me! We wrapped up the morning with a delicious meal and plenty of laughs at the Wixan's Bridge Restaurant in Uxbridge. It was a wonderful time all around!

Social Committee

EVENT REVIEW

Silly Games!! Well, my fellow Probus members...if you were not at this event... you missed the best event I have attended in my 11 years of being a Probus member in 3 Probus Clubs! Silly Games! And silly they were!

We all laughed so much...it was non-stop. We played ridiculously silly games for nearly two and a half hours! These games were hand made out of everyday materials, such as paper plates, paper towel holders, wrapping paper, rolls of toilet paper, plastic cutlery, markers, little plastic figures and more. Game 1 began quietly with each person on a chair with a roll of toilet paper stretched out several meters on the floor in front of them with a tiny plastic figure on the toilet paper at the far end. You had to use only your feet on the toilet paper to get the figure to you without it falling off. (Quite a feat!) lol.

Another game that brought the house down was: Pencil in a Pop Can. A pencil hanging from a long string tied around our waists, hanging down between our legs, without using your hands, you had to get the hanging pencil into the tiny opening in the pop can. You can only imagine the comments! Once again, laughter took over! MANY MORE games took place.

At the end, we were more exhausted from laughing, than from the gymnastics of all the games! Thank you, Christine and JoAnn, for thinking up and designing such fun, imaginative games! by Anne Gauvreau



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. Our February event was hosted by Paul Heney. We tasted wines from the Niagara region. A great afternoon!

The Wine Club group is full – a waitlist is available. 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. **NOTE: Hand and Foot will NOT be hosted in March. We will continue to play in April – the date is April 21st.**

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

Interest Groups

*****NEW*** Walking and Talking – Coordinator Required**

There has been a lot of interest in a walking group and we started a signup sheet at the February meeting. This walking group would meet for urban walks followed by coffee. If you are interested in joining this group or would consider becoming the coordinator, email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobud@gmail.com. We will get this group off the ground when there is enough interest and we find a coordinator for the group.

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 (maybe) not to go, as well as being aware of emerging travel opportunities and issues and useful travel tips. March's meeting will be on Monday, March 23rd, and will feature group member Janet Van Camp speaking about South Africa. All Probud Club members are welcome!

Lunch Group – Coordinator Zana Maksimovic

On Friday, February 13th, several of us lunchers sampled the wonderful fare at Muko Korean and Oriental (and sushi!) place in Uxbridge. None of us really had sushi / sashimi, but the food was great! We will be dining at Sundays or The Fig in March – an email will be out shortly.

For April, we are visiting The Twisted Fork in Mt. Albert. Hope to see you there! All the lunches are on the second Friday in the month at 12:30 p.m. The sign-up sheet is here for all upcoming lunches:

<https://tinyurl.com/SUP-Luncclash-Signup>



Genealogy – Coordinator Neil Kilmartin

The genealogy interest group has disbanded as our numbers were too low to continue our activities.

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 February meeting we discussed “The Heiress” by Rachel Hawkins. What a wonderful group of ladies who meet to share opinions and thoughts mixed in with lots of laughs. Some loved the book and others didn't, not even finishing it. This is the advantage of a Book Club; we are introduced to books we would not normally read. The discussions are lively and tend to change paths to topics connected with the plot or onto other unrelated topics of interest (wonderful tidbits of information shared) and back again to the book on hand. Our next book is “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennet.

Interest Groups

*****NEW*** Bower Power – Coordinator Joanne Drury**

This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. Our next euchre game will be on Friday March 27th. This interest group is currently FULL but we could use a couple more spares to help with coverage during high travel times. This is a joint interest group between the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. Please email the coordinator at joanne.drury7@gmail.com if you are interested in getting on the waitlist and/or being a spare.

Golf Group – Birdies & Bogeys – Coordinator Kim Lendvay

Several members contacted Kim last season expressing their interest in playing golf. Kim will be sending an email this month to anyone who has contacted her about joining this interest group so that decisions can be made on when & where to play this season. This will continue to be a joint Interest Group between the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs until we get additional members and a coordinator from SUP. If you want to be added to the list for golf season 2026, please email interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com. Kim is also looking for a co-coordinator to assist with this interest group

Board Games – Coordinator Nancy Steele

I am going to kick off board games finally on Monday, March 23rd pending people's availability. 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 March 11th. If interested, please send an email message to: interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Puzzle & Book Swap – Coordinator Maureen Wood

Open every month at the General Meeting during intermission in the first break out room. Come in and browse.



Interest Groups

Arts & Craft, and Puzzle Groups – Coordinator Maureen Wood

The Arts & Crafts Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is March 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 March 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 at Hope Church 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 12-14 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

March Birthdays			FYI
Gill A	Phil H	Aly M	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!!!
Frank B	Marg K	Marg M	
Wendy B	Gail L	Lois Lillian P	
Lois C	Christina L	Betty R	
Edward F	Jim M	Nancy S	
Trish H	Graem M	Maureen W	
		Renata Z	



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 February General Meeting

