



SCUGOG-UXBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 20 marked the first day of spring and it got me thinking about planning a vegetable garden this year. I started to check out the different seed displays in some of the local stores. I am still adjusting to the changeover to Daylight Saving Time. Interesting that British Columbia has adopted permanent Daylight Saving Time operating on Pacific Time (UTC-7) year-round.

I enjoyed last month's speaker Barbara Dickson with her talk about the "Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo". I had no idea of the remarkable contributions and sacrifices made by Canadian women employed in munitions factories during the Second World War and how close some of the factories were to us. The Social Lunch after the last General Meeting was well attended by about 20 members. We will continue this practice of going out for a lunch after the meeting.

The Scugog-Uxbridge PROBUS Club is in the last quarter of the year. We need to think 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

In last month's newsletter I made a request for nominations for the above positions and to date we have not receive any nominations. I am concerned at this point in time. This leaves us waiting for club members to come forward with nominations (with the nominee's consent) to stand for election for any of the above positions. Please send your nominations to Wendy Bond the Membership Chair at the following email membership.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com. We are still looking for someone who would assist and mentor with our Speaker Chair in a Co-Chair position. If you are interest in or would like additional information on one of the positions please contact the Club through the above Membership Email.

Members are reminded if they have signed up and cannot attend an event, to please let the Social Committee Chairs or Interest Group Committee Chairs/ Coordinators know.

The April General Meeting speaker will be Oshawa's Mayor Dan Carter who will be talking about his incredible life's story of the trials and tribulations from homelessness to becoming the Mayor of Oshawa.

Hope to see you at the April 2, 2026 meeting and please remember to "Lug a Mug". For the Members that are new to the Club we have been promoting members to bring their own mug for coffee and tea. We are trying to reduce the Club's environmental footprint.



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 **April 2, 2026**.

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.



June 4 – Dawn Gillespie, Founder of Room for a Child



Ms. Gillespie's Room for a Child creates beautiful bedrooms for children in need. A retired school principal, she has been helping children for the last 13 years. "I got bored quickly in retirement and missed the kids," she said. "I knew there were needs. Many kids live in challenging neighbourhoods." She receives referrals from social services, schools and refugee organizations and then meets with the children and their parents to see what furniture is needed and designs the room with the child in mind.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS:



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

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

Wednesday, April 15 - National Canada Film Board Event; Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Rd, Port Perry. Cost \$10.00. Time 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Join us for a special viewing of two films:

- *Mambo Italiano* – Angelo Barberini still lives at home with his traditional Italian parents, Gino and Maria. When Angelo decides to move out, his parents are shocked, believing that the only reason to leave home is to get married. Only a few people know the truth—his older sister Anna and his close friend Nino. As Angelo and Nino grow closer, their families become increasingly confused, leading to both heartfelt and humorous moments.
- *Peace by Chocolate (documentary)* – This inspiring film tells the true story of the Hadhad family, Syrian refugees who rebuilt their chocolate business in Antigonish, Nova Scotia after fleeing war. Their journey highlights resilience, community support, and the power of hope.

Pizza will be available between the two movies for an additional cost.

Friday, April 17 - Line Dancing; St. Paul's Anglican Church, 59 Toronto St. S, Uxbridge. Cost \$10:00 depending on numbers. Time 10:30 AM. Come out and give line dancing a try! Don't worry if you've never done it before—honestly, just watching me will be good for a laugh! We're thinking it would be fun to head out for lunch afterward to reward ourselves (and balance out all those calories!).

Saturday, April 25 – The Greenbank Folk Music Society; 19965 Highway 12, Greenbank. Cost \$35.00. Time 7:30. Join us for a night of music with Danny Michel—he has been described as one of the most engaging storytellers, you'll ever see live – both in his songs, and his onstage conversation. Physical tickets are available for purchase in-person, one month prior to each show at:

- Blue Heron Books, 62 Brock St. W, Uxbridge 905-852-4282
- P O E Design, 146 Queen St., Port Perry 905-985-0060
- Reserve tickets for any show by calling The Greenbank Folk Music Society at 905-985-8351.

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>

Tuesday, May 5 - Lunch at Bistro '67; 1604 Champlain Blvd, Whitby. Cost: Starters range from \$16.00, while soups and salads are priced between \$10.00 and \$16.00. Lunch entrées are available from \$14.00 to \$22.00. Bistro 67 offers guests a memorable field-to-fork dining experience located within Durham College's award-winning W. Galen Weston Centre for Food, where community, local agriculture, and learning come together. Meals are prepared and served by talented staff and students, who craft flavourful dishes using fresh ingredients grown in the Centre's own gardens as well as products sourced from local suppliers throughout Durham Region. The restaurant is proud to hold the Feast ON® designation, recognizing its commitment to using locally sourced food and beverages. Bistro 67 offers gluten-friendly, vegan, and vegetarian options.

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Monday, May 26 - Canadian Tank Museum; 1000 Stevenson Road, North, Oshawa. Cost \$12.00. Time to be determined. The museum houses artifacts, medals, weapons and uniforms covering 150+ years of military history from the Fenian Raids of 1866 to the conflicts of today. Our Military Vehicle Conservation Centre has over 60 military vehicles and tanks on display. History lives here! Free admission for active or retired military; in uniform or with ID.

May TBD - Tutorial on Google Tools. Do you use Gmail? Learn about free Google tools available to you with your Gmail account. Christine will present an overview of some useful Google Tools.

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Friday, June 19 - Sunnybrae Golf Club; 1430 King St, Port Perry. Tee Off is 10 AM. Cost: \$50.00 for 9 holes of golf (cart included); BBQ Lunch \$25.00 + tax. Join us for a relaxing morning on the links, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch. The Uxbridge and Port Perry clubs will be joining us—offering a great opportunity to socialize, enjoy good food, and of course, have a few drinks!

Wednesday, June 24 - Sister Act, Kings Warf Theatre; 97 Jury Dr, Penetanguishene. Cost \$199.00 Time TBD. The cost includes the play, bus fare and lunch. We are looking at having the group picked up in Port Perry. Get ready to raise your voice for the habit-forming musical comedy that's pure joy from start to finish! Based on the hit film starring Whoopi Goldberg, *Sister Act* follows Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva on the run after witnessing a crime. Forced to hide in a convent under the guise of a nun, Deloris struggles to fit in with the quiet, structured life of the sisters. But when she brings her dazzling energy and show-stopping voice to the choir, she helps the nuns discover their own harmony — and, in the process, rediscovers herself. Brimming with soulful, gospel-inspired music, electrifying dance numbers, and a feel-good story of friendship and faith, *Sister Act* is a divine musical celebration that will have you jumping for joy!

What we are looking at in 2026:

→ Cooking Classes

→ Stratford Festival

→ Summer Festival

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.** The email address is: 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

Tuesday, March 10 - Scugog Library - Makerspace Tour and 3D Printer Workshop



Volunteering....

National Volunteer Week is from April 19-25, 2026. Volunteering is an optional and freely chosen act of an individual giving their time and labor. Volunteers help others, contribute and make a positive impact on their communities and support causes they care about. They voluntarily undertake a willingness to perform a service, because they want to do it. Volunteering provides opportunity to meet people, strengthen existing friendships and connect with others. Volunteering offers a sense of purpose.

No matter your interest there is a place for you within our Club...consider being a volunteer with us. You can become involved in many ways, help with set up, make refreshments, lead an Interest Group, help plan social events or step into a role on the Management Team. Check us out, you will feel satisfied while enjoying many laughs. A strong and vibrant club is built by you!

To our volunteers, your contribution to the Club is invaluable, A Volunteer Appreciation Event is being planned for May, details to follow. Without you the Club could not continue to provide the fun, the speakers and social connections our member enjoys. Get involved, become a volunteer.

From the desk of Wendy Bond, Membership Chair

Interest Groups

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITES – 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 next gathering will be March 27th

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.

Lunch Group – Coordinator Zana Maksimovic

All the lunches are on the second Friday in the month at 12:30 p.m. On March 13th we enjoyed a warm lunch on a cold snowy stormy Friday at the Fig Kitchen in Uxbridge.

The sign-up sheet is here for all upcoming lunches:

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



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

Genealogy (retired)– Coordinator Neil Kilmartin

The Genealogy group is retiring due to low participation. If you are interested in this topic, please let the interest group coordinator know and we can put you in touch with Neil.

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. For the present time, we will highlight some upcoming events and members have the opportunity to coordinate getting together or carpooling through the WhatsApp group.

Here are some upcoming music opportunities.

Blue Heron Casino in Port Perry – Free concerts at 4pm and 7pm

<https://greatcanadian.com/event/tragically-hip-tribute-practically-hip/>

- Apr 11: Tina Turner Tribute
- Apr 25: Symply Skynyrd
- May 9: Practically Hip tribute To the Tragically Hip
- May 30: New Rodeo tribute to Blue Rodeo
- June 13: the Blushing Brides tribute to the Rolling Stones
- June 27: The Beatles Band
- July 18: The Beach Bums tribute to the Beach Boys
- Sep 5: Epic Eagles
- Sep 19: No Sugar Tonight - Guess Who
- Oct. 10: My Favourite Headache - Rush
- Oct 25: Mystic Highway - CCR
- Nov 14: Desire - U2

Historic Leaskdale Church free Jazz Concerts

- Sunday April 12 @ 2-4 pm – Jazz in Leaskdale

On the stage of the Historic Leaskdale Church, Thomas Baker is joined by bassist, James Warburton and renowned Canadian singer, actress and musical theatre performer, Charlotte Moore. Admission is at the Door and by Donation. Refreshments will be served.

Greenbank Folk Music Society (not for profit) <https://www.facebook.com/GreenbankFMS/>

Tickets are typically \$35, available at Blue Heron Book Store. These shows are always amazing.

- Apr 25, 2026: Danny Michel with Joshua Veens
- May 23, 2026: Ryan Cook with Mike T. Kerr

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

*****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.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com. We will get this group off the ground when there is enough interest and we find a coordinator for the group.

Interest Groups

Travel Information – Coordinator Tim Casey

Meetings are generally the 4th Monday of the month at 11 am to 1pm, with lunch for those who wish to purchase.

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. This month's meeting was Monday, Mar. 23rd, in the Sunroom at The Red Lion Pub (formerly Colonel Mustard's Pub). Group member Janet Van Camp presented on her travels in South Africa. That country is a very fascinating place with a wide range of geography. All Probus Club members are welcome! Please sign up at the interest group table to receive future updates.

Book Club – Coordinator Wendy Bond

In March we discussed the book "The Vanishing Half", a historical fiction by Brit Bennet. The author explores the complexities of racism, social status, one's dreams and how and what society accepts and their reactions. The book made us aware of the turmoil that occurred during the 1940 to 1990's. We enjoyed the book and would recommend it, but it jumped between the time periods making it hard to follow at times and the ending left us wondering if there would be a sequel. We are reading the Bitcoin Widow by Jennifer Robertson and Stephen Kimber in April.

The books previously read are from the Uxbridge Library Book Club sets. This month the members have purchased Bitcoin Widow and will be donating their books to the library as a thank you for the wonderful free books we have read so far. During the Scugog Uxbridge Probus meetings, some speakers have books to sell. Many members have purchased them. Our group is asking if you have read the books and wish to donate them, we will have a box in the Book/Puzzle exchange room. We will collect them and donate them to the library to make a new Book Club set.

The Book Club is full; a waitlist is available, please include your name on the list if you are interested, or let us know if you would like to start a new group.

Arts & Crafts
Feb 24th
painting fun!!



Interest Groups

Arts & Craft, and Puzzle Groups – Coordinator Maureen Wood

The Arts & Crafts Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

For more info contact:

interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com .



The Puzzle Group meets at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. For information, contact:

interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com



Below is the Arts and Crafts schedule. Drop by the interest group table to sign up if this intrigues you.

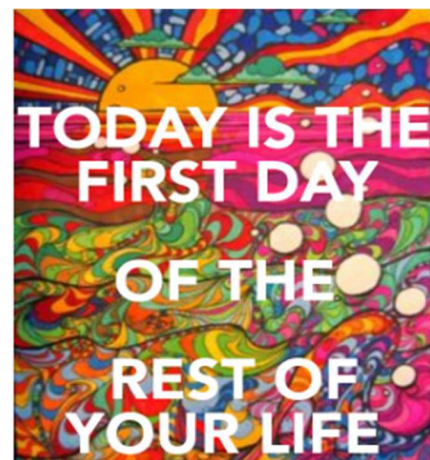
- April 28
 - Macramé coaster and knotted pull
- May 26
 - Small Framed Felt Landscape
- June 23
 - Dorset Buttons and other items using the same technique
- July 28
 - Dream Catcher
- August 25
 - Needlework- learn basic stitches
- September 22
 - Friendly Fidgeting – drop in during the day 10-3
 - [Open to all Probus members with registration for the event.](#)
 - [Sign up at the Interest Group table.](#)
- October 27
 - Ceramic Painting
- November 24
 - Cookies in a Jar
- December 15 (NOT on the 22nd)
 - Christmas Survival Kits



Member-abilia

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

April Birthdays			FYI
Andie S.	Henry V.	Linda T.	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!!! YOLO
Anne G.	Jackie C.	Nancy B.	
Bob A.	Jean M.	Rod C.	
Charmaine A.	JoAnn K.	Sherry D.	
Debra C.	Larry T.	Sue 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....

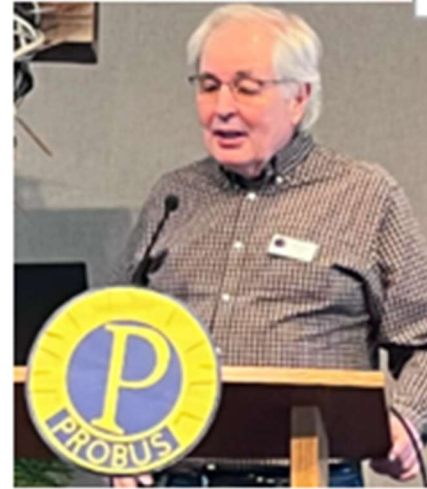
You can also head to our **WEBSITE!**

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

www.scugog-uxbridgeprobus.ca



Looking back on our March General Meeting



REMEMBERING
SCARBOROUGH'S
BOMB GIRLS

