



SCUGOG-UXBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Issue 24

JUNE 2026

MANAGEMENT TEAM

President:

Derrick Bond

Vice President:

Karin Fahey

Treasurer:

Craig McKee

Secretary:

Cindy Agnew

Membership:

Wendy Bond

Social Committee

Co-Chairs:

JoAnn Knight

Christine Maclsaac

Interest Groups

Co-Chairs:

Pam Norton

Lorraine Ward

Speaker Co-Chairs:

Maureen Wood

Vacant

House Co-Chairs:

Pete Kooger

Paul Heney

Member-at-Large:

Rob Messervey

Newsletter Editor:

Marilyn Card

Web Master:

Derrick Bond

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Scugog-Uxbridge PROBUS Club is about to celebrate our second anniversary. I would like to thank the Management Team, the Volunteers and our members for all working together to make this another very successful year. We have grown from the 140 founding members to 207 members.

The Club appreciates the members who volunteer to help the Club be successful. On May 14th a special Volunteer Lunch event was held in appreciation of all volunteers who help to make the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus Club what it is today and into the future.



In accordance with the bylaws, we have invited any Club member to make additional nominations (with the nominee's consent) to stand for election for the following positions Treasurer, Membership Chair, Interest Groups Co-Chairs, House Chairs Co-Chairs and Speaker Chair. We received two new nominations by May 14th, 2026. They were, Darlene. Humphrey for Interest Groups Co-Chair and Tim Casey for Member-at Large. The following members will stay on in their positions, Craig McKee – Treasurer, Wendy Bond - Membership Chair, Maureen Wood - Speaker's Chair, Pete Kooger - House Co-Chair and Paul Heney - House Co-Chair. Please note: We are still looking to fill the Speaker's Co-Chair and Special Interest Co-Chairs.

Pam Norton, a founding member of the Scugog-Uxbridge Management Committee, and Lorraine Ward who joined the Management Team in July 2024 were the Interest Group Co-Chairs and are stepping down. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the Club.

A reminder that our 2026/2027 annual dues of \$40 can be paid via e-transfer to the Club Treasurer at treasurer.scugoguxbridgeprobust@gmail.com and under the comments section indicate your name and the reason for the e-transfer, Annual Dues.

Looking forward to celebrating with you at the club's second AGM on June 4th, 2026. The theme for the AGM will be **"Celebrate Canada" the amazing country we live in.**

We would encourage everyone to wear red and white to the June 4th meeting.



Website: www.scugog-uxbridgeprobust.ca

Email: info@scugog-uxbridgeprobust.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 **June 4, 2026**.

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.



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



Dr. Wilson has been practicing in her home town of Uxbridge since 2000. She is a family physician providing a full scope of family medicine including home visits and palliative care. Dr. Wilson also practices emergency medicine and hospitalist work at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Dr. Wilson has a strong global health interest and participates in medical work in Ghana, West Africa on a yearly basis. This involves both short-term medical missions as well as capacity building and teaching of Ghanaian healthcare professionals.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS:



August 6 – Marlene Hodgson – Camp X, A top secret WWII spy training facility east of Toronto

September 3 – TBD

After the General Meeting, everyone is invited to join us for lunch at Castle John's in the Port Perry Plaza. A show of hands will be asked for before our break so that we can make a reservation.

From the desk of our Membership Chair, Wendy Bond

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the Scugog- Uxbridge PROBUS Club. We have 207 members. It is that time of year again, fees are collected yearly to offset the costs of venue rentals, speakers, insurance, website/communication tools, etc. The 2026/2027 membership fee will remain the same at \$40.00.

We look forward to having you as a member, please e-transfer \$40.00 to the Club Treasurer at treasurer.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com . Under the comments section indicate your name and the reason for the e-transfer, Membership Fee. If you prefer to pay by cheque or cash, it can be done by given it to a membership volunteer at the upcoming June monthly meeting.

If you have decided not to return, have changed your address, phone number or email address please let me know by sending a note to the membership email, membership.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

Social Committee



Morton Bus Trip. To sign up, please email social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or call Peggy at 905-852-0373 or Gail at 905-852-9927 as this trip may have reached capacity.

Tuesday, June 9 - African Lion Safari and Royal Botanical Gardens.

Cost \$182.00. Please arrive at the Uxbridge Walmart parking lot, 6 Welwood Drive @ 8:15 AM for departure at 8:30 AM. The bus will return to Walmart at 7 PM. Uxbridge PROBUS Club Social Committee invites you to PAWS & PETALS, a Mary



Friday, June 19 - Sunnybrae Golf Club - SUB Nine & Dine Golf Scramble; 1430 King St, Port Perry. Tee Off is 10 AM. Cost: \$50.00 for 9 holes and cart (walking cannot be accommodated during a tourney); BBQ Lunch \$25.00 + tax – Salads, sausage or burger, drink and dessert. Please e-transfer to treasurer.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com . NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT. If you cannot pay by e-transfer, cash or cheque will be accepted no later than at the June 4th Probus meeting.

Our final numbers are due to Sunnybrae by the cut-off date of June 4th.

Join us for a relaxing & fun day 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! This was well attended last year and we hope it will be bigger and better this year! Duffers and pros are welcome as we will play *Best Ball* team format.

Saturday, June 20 - Applewood Farm and Winery Strawberry Festival, Location: 2055 Saintfield Rd, Sunderland. No Cost. Time: 11-4 p.m. Join Applewood for their annual strawberry social celebrating all things strawberry. There will be vendors, food, drinks and of course live music on the patio.

Social Committee

Wednesday, June 24 - Sister Act, Kings Wharf Theatre; 97 Jury Drive, Penetanguishene. Cost \$199.00 - includes the play, bus fare and lunch. Departure time: 9:15 am. Pick up from Uxbridge Arena AND/OR Port Perry Arena (Pick ups will be finalized once we have sign up). 2 pickup locations will alter times slightly. 11:30 am: Lunch at the Boathouse Eatery, (choice of Stuffed Chicken Supreme or Fish and Chips). 2:00 pm: SHOW TIME! 6:30 pm: Approximate return home.

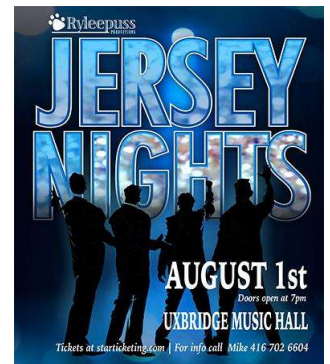


Get ready to raise your voice for the habit-forming musical comedy that's pure joy from start to finish! Based on the hit film starring Whoopi Goldberg, *Sister Act* follows Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva on the run after witnessing a crime. Forced to hide in a convent under the guise of a nun, Deloris 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!



Our cut off date has passed on this HOWEVER if you are ready to commit and pay, please email us ASAP at soc.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

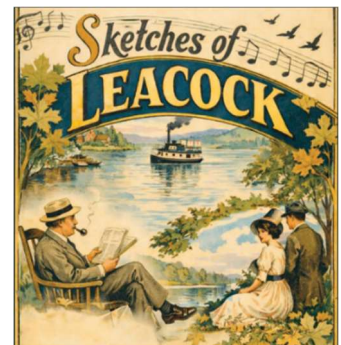
Saturday, August 1 – Jersey Night @ Uxbridge Music Hall 16 Main Street South, Uxbridge. Time: 7:30 pm. Cost: \$55 in advance or \$60 at the door (includes all taxes, ticket fees and Music Hall Improvement Fund). No refunds or exchanges once tickets have been purchased.



Jersey Nights is coming to Uxbridge. “Folks” get ready for an unforgettable evening of music, nostalgia, and high-energy entertainment as Jersey Nights takes over Uxbridge. This exciting event will bring the iconic sounds and spirit of the timeless music made famous by legendary performers Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons delivering crowd-favourite hits such as "Sherry", "Lets Hang On", "Walk Like a Man", "Big Girls Don't Cry" and many, many, more. Their electrifying performances and authentic style will keep you spell bound. Whether you're a long-time fan or just looking for a lively summer night out, this event is set to deliver an incredible evening. **Link to Star Ticketing:**

<https://starticketing.com/tktweb/searchTicket?venueId=2&eventCode=S38&performanceCode=F49DH>

Wednesday, August 12 – Theatre on the Ridge Sketches of Leacock, 16120 Island Rd, Port Perry. Time: 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$48.25 or if we have 6 or more people the price drops to \$39.00.



The brilliant and satiric writing of Canada's beloved author and essayist Stephen Leacock (1869-1944) is the inspiration of this world premiere. In *Sketches of Stephen Leacock*, Andy Massingham brings together the myriads of eccentric characters Leacock became world-famous for. Often called “Canada's Mark Twain,” and lauded by Groucho Marx as, “The funniest writer I have ever read, Leacock wrote of thwarted love, bank managers, angry customers, nosy neighbours, love-struck kids (and NOT kids). They are all present for the fun and Leacock skewers them all with his razor-sharp wit. There is an option to have *Port Cheese Co.* deliver a Charcuterie board for board for 1 @ \$22.95 (includes tax) to a performance of your choice or a board for 2 for \$45.15 (Includes tax).

Social Committee

Thursday, September 10 - Muskoka Steamship Tours - 185 Cherokee Lane, Gravenhurst.

Cruising Times & Cost:

1. **Cruise (A):** 2.5 hours - Cruise group rate **\$67.00** per person
 - Departs at 11:30 am and returns to port at 2:00 pm
2. **Cruise (B):** 1.5 hours - Cruise group rate **\$59.00** per person
 - Departs at 2:30 pm and returns to port at 4:00 pm
 - **Optional:** High Tea is available on the afternoon cruise only for an additional cost of **\$42.00** per person. Seating for the optional High Tea is at 3:00 pm on board the Steamship.

Think about your preference for Cruising Times and/or High Tea and we will begin sign-ups at the June meeting.

When you depart from the dock aboard these ships, you're participating in a deeply rooted Muskoka tradition. Steamships have been cruising across Lake Muskoka since 1866, which means that Muskoka's steamship heritage is *older than Canada as a nation*.

Today, visitors come from all over the world to experience this authentic Muskoka must-do. Their sightseeing cruises take you along the rugged shorelines and show you a spectacular view of Lake Muskoka's small cottage islands and grand estates.



Wednesday, September 16 – Toronto Blue Jays Game, Rogers Centre, 1 Blue Jays Way Toronto. Cost: \$125.00 Tickets are in Section 119, Row 14. We will take the GO to the game and enjoy a perfect afternoon cheering on the Blue Jays. Seats are between home and first base. Enjoy the snacks and expensive beer!!

Let us know if you are interested ASAP at: soc.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com as tickets must be purchased quickly because seats are going fast!



What we are working on for the summer and fall:

- Cooking Class
- Port Perry Old Flame Brewery Tour & Tasting
- Summer BBQ- looking for a large yard!
- Axe Throwing
- Fall car rally
- Murder Mystery dinner

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:
soc.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Thank you for participating and joining in the fun!

The Social Online Activities Sign Up can be accessed directly from the **Social Page** of the Scugog Uxbridge Probus website or by typing the following into your browser address bar: bit.ly/ProbusSocialSignup

Social Committee

June - A.I. Workshop –Port Perry Villa, 15987 Simcoe Street, Port Perry. Cost \$10.00. Curious about AI but not sure where to start? Join us for a friendly, hands-on introduction to Generative AI tools like ChatGPT, Claude, and Google Gemini—discover how they can enhance your favourite retirement activities.

In this practical workshop, you'll learn how to use free AI tools to:

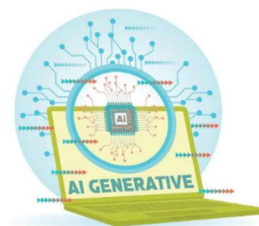
- Plan trips and local outings with personalized itineraries
- Get quick recipe ideas using ingredients you have on hand
- Draft emails and letters effortlessly
- Organize memories and family stories
- Support hobbies from gardening to woodworking

We'll cover the "5 Ps of Prompting"—a simple framework for getting great results—and demonstrate practical prompts you can try immediately. We'll also discuss important safety tips, including how to avoid scams, protect your privacy, and recognize when AI gets things wrong. No technical experience required! This is about practical tools, not complicated tech. Bring your curiosity (and your smartphone, tablet or laptop if you'd like to follow along).

What You'll Take Home: A short guide with the 5 best prompts to try today, plus the confidence to start using AI as your helpful new assistant. Your workshop leader is Frank Morris. He's not just an enthusiastic adult educator with many years of college and private sector teaching experience, he's a long-time PROBUS member too. To take advantage of his retirement years, he's embarked on a doctorate in GenAI education at Ontario Technical University and now wants to share what he's been learning with others.

Here are the dates for the classes:

- Week 1: Wed June 3 @ 12 pm **FULL**
- Week 2: Thurs June 11 @ 10:30 am **FULL**
- Week 3: Mon June 15 @ 1 pm **FULL**
- Week 4: Tues June 23 @ 11 am **LIMITED SPACE**
- Week 5: Mon June 29 @1 pm **LIMITED SPACE**



May 2nd social event "Dinner With The Dead" at Jesters' Court, Port Perry and our Medium Guide for the evening, Cathy Chafe, joined us (8 from the left in the gold jacket).



Interest Groups

INTEREST GROUP COORDINATORS

We are actively looking for one interest group co-chair coordinator to take over in June. If interested, please talk to us at the Interest Group Table

Wine Group #1 – 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 group met on May 28th, tasting wines from Prince Edward County. Thank you to Lynn and Pam for hosting, and to our chefs for delicious appetizers.

This Wine Club group is full.



Great News!! – we have a co-ordinator for a second Wine Group.

Wine Group #2 – Coordinator Sharon O'Connor

if you are interested in joining the second group, please sign up at the interest group table or email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

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

Bunco has been postponed for a few weeks. Bob and Sue will reach out soon.

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

Hand & Foot is a fun and challenging card game played in groups of four (similar to Canasta). We play on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Lessons are held from 1-2pm for new players and/or for those who need practice. We continue to play from 2-4pm. All are welcome.

Lunch Group – Coordinator Zana Maksimovic

The lunch group met at Annina's Bakery in Goodwood. It was a delightful reminder of how good food and great company can brighten any dreary day. We meet every 2nd Friday of the month at a variety of locations in the area. Our next lunch is June 12th at Wooden Stick Golf Course in Uxbridge.

Summer possibilities - (TBD with patios):

- Corrado's (Brooklin)
- Second Wedge (Uxbridge)

Here is the link:

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



Interest Groups

Hiking & Outdoors Group – Coordinator Darlene Humphreys



The Hiking & Outdoor group meet Friday mornings at local hiking trails. This adventure, our fearless leader Dash guided us through winding trails and blooming trilliums. Contact us at: interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Hope to see you on the trails!

*****NEW***** BIKING – Coordinator Pete Kooger

Pete Kooger has started a new biking group. The inaugural ride was May 29th on the Uxbridge Rail Trail.

It was a beautiful sunny day for a nice flat ride through woodlands and marshes.

Travel Information – Coordinator Tim Casey

Meetings are generally the 4th Monday of the month at 11:15 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. It's increasingly important to stay on top of where to go and where (maybe) to not go, as well as being aware of emerging travel opportunities and issues and useful travel tips. The main presentation for the May 25th meeting, at the Red Lion Pub in Port Perry, was on The Burgundy region of France. All Scugog-Uxbridge PROBUS Club members are welcome!

Board Games – Coordinator Nancy Steele

We successfully kicked off on May 2nd

Looking to meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 2-4pm. If you are interested in joining, contact us at email

interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com



Interest Groups

Walking and Talking – Coordinator Pam Norton

The walking and talking group is meeting every two weeks or so on a Monday or Wednesday morning for an hour long 2km walk, followed by coffee in Uxbridge. This month, we walked in Elgin Park and had a joint walk/hike in North Walker Woods to **view the spring ephemerals** (see pictures below). The next walks are May 27th at 9:30 on the Barton Trail and June 8th on urban Uxbridge trails. If anyone is interested in coordinating this group, please let the Interest Group Chair know.



Bower Power – Coordinator Joanne Drury

This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. 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 interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com if you are interested in getting on the waitlist and/or being a spare.

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

This group will be on hiatus until the fall.

Interest Groups

Pickleball – Coordinators Nancy Steele and Marilyn Lee



Pickleball kicked off on May 6th

We will play every Tuesday between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Please wear your badge and join the What's App group sent to those on the list. Please reach out for more information.

interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

What is Pickleball? Pickleball is a fast-growing, low-impact paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Played on a small court (20' x 44') with a 34-inch net, it uses solid paddles and a perforated plastic ball

Book Club – Coordinator Wendy Bond

In May we reviewed the book "Funny Story" by Emily Henry. Daphane, a children's librarian, has her life upended when her fiancé leaves for his childhood best friend. Left heartbroken, Daphne becomes roommates with the ex-boyfriend of the woman her fiancé left her for. The two opposites form a tenuous friendship and a plan to post fake, fun-filled adventures together, which leads to unexpected results. This was a lighthearted fast read, funny in spots, silly in others. Recommended if you are interested in an easy read on a warm afternoon. In June we will review the book "The Hundred Suns" by Karin Tanabe.

The Book Club is full, contact Special Interests Group if you would like to co-ordinate a second group.

Golf Group – Birdies & Bogeys – Coordinator Kim Lendvay (co-chair with the Port Perry Probud Club)



The first few games of the season have been on very, very wet fairways but it's been gradually getting drier, warmer & sunnier every week which is wonderful! This group plays 9 holes weekly alternating Thursday/Friday mornings at 9am rotating between 5 local golf courses. The schedule for the season has been finalized & was emailed to the group participants. Note: if you can only join us biweekly or occasionally that's perfectly



fine! Please ensure you respond to the weekly email from the coordinator stating whether you'll be joining us.

Once a month, some members plan to play 18 holes – these games are also on the schedule. This is not a league but simply an opportunity to play golf with other Probud members. This is a joint Interest Group with the Port Perry Probud and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probud clubs. If you want to be added to the list for the 2026 season, please email Kim at interest.portperryprobud@gmail.com .

Interest Groups

Arts & Craft, and Puzzle Groups – Coordinator Maureen Wood

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



The Puzzle Group meets at 10 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month.



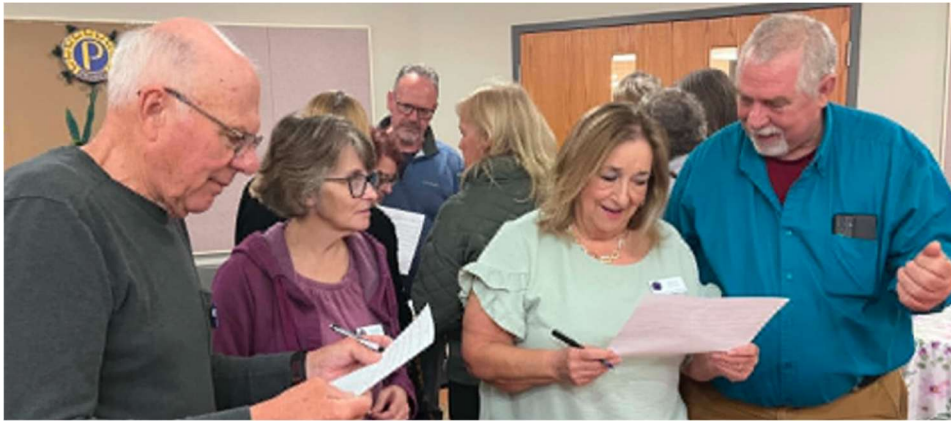
For more information contact: interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

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

- 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



Mixing & Mingling at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Friendly reminder to wear RED & WHITE at our June 1st meeting to Celebrate Canada

Mixing & Mingling at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Mixing & Mingling at our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Member-abilia

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

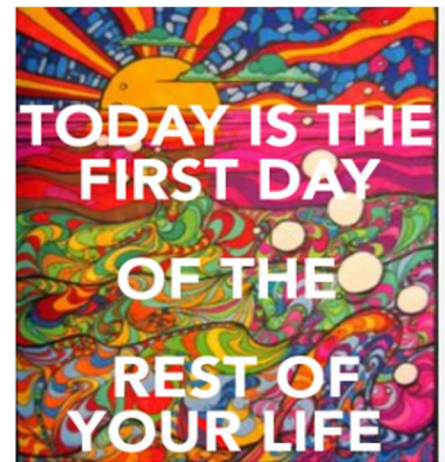
June Birthdays

Kelly W.	Jim C.	John D.
Susan L.	Elizabeth F.	Carolyn M.
Amber D.	Dawn C.	Ron M.
Anne M.	Patricia S.	Christian L.
Marg M.	Peter A.	Troy B.
Christine M.	Diann P.	Steven P.

FYI

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



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: marilynjcard@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 May General Meeting



Looking back on our May General Meeting



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.



Please donate the speaker's books that you have read and would like to pass on. We are collecting them to make sets to add to the Uxbridge Library Book Club sets. A blue donation basket can be found on the desk as you enter from the main parking lot.