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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On June 4th, the club celebrated another major milestone as we concluded our second full year as the Scugog-Uxbridge PROBUS Club. I would like to thank the Management Team, the Volunteers and our members that helped make our second AGM a great success. It was nice seeing everyone in red and white supporting the "Celebrate Canada" theme. It made me feel good to start the meeting with everyone joining in the singing of "O Canada".



During the formal part of the meeting, the slate of candidates was acclaimed, Craig McKee – Treasurer, Wendy Bond - Membership Chair, Maureen Wood - Speaker's Chair, Pete Kooger - House Co-Chair, Paul Heney - House Co-Chair, Tim Casey for Member-at Large and Darlene Humphrey for Interest Groups Co-Chair. Financial statements for the club, with the "Financial Review" letter were part of the presentation.

Darlene Humphrey is new to the Management Committee so here is a short BIO for Darlene: "Darlene retired 2 years ago after a career in the private and public sector specializing in change management, and staff learning and development. Her hobbies include wilderness travel, reading, wine tasting, and since retiring, learning bridge. She and her husband (Phil) are avid outdoor adventurers and have traveled Canada and the world hiking, canoeing, and kayaking. A minimalist at heart her husband claims she will not be happy until everything she owns fits in a backpack."

We had lots of Canadian flags decorating the venue. The Kitchen group did an amazing job, with the variety foods, tea, coffee and the "Celebrate Canada" theme decor for the breakout room.

As of June 21st, summer is in full swing. Enjoy the time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you at the July 2nd meeting.



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 **July 2, 2026**.

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. Jennifer Wilson founded the Ghana Health Team consisting of health care professionals from around the world. Her missions have been documented in her book “Grant us Tomorrow” a story of hope, transformation, courage and community.



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



Camp X was the unofficial name of the secret Special Training School No. 103, a Second World War British paramilitary installation for training covert agents in the methods required for success in clandestine operations. It was located on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario between Whitby and Oshawa. The area is known today as Intrepid Park



UPCOMING SPEAKERS:



September 3 – TBD

October 1 – 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.



Social Committee



TBD - 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.

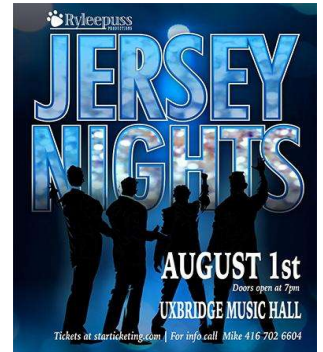
Join us for a relaxing morning on the links, followed by a delicious BBQ lunch. The Uxbridge and Port Perry clubs will be joining us—offering a great opportunity to socialize, enjoy good food, and of course, have a few drinks!

Saturday, August 1 – Jersey Night @ Uxbridge Music Hall 16 Main Street South, Uxbridge. Time: 7:30 pm. Cost: \$55.

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", "Let's 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.

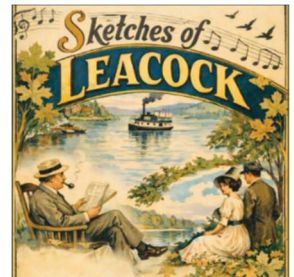
Link to Star Ticketing:

<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, but 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 to you at the performance:

- Charcuterie board for 2 - \$45.15, includes tax.
- Charcuterie board for 1 - \$22.95, includes tax.

Tuesday, August 18 – Bullseye Axe Throwing; 17705 Leslie St., Unit 15, Newmarket. Cost is \$30.95 for a coach to teach us the art and we will have 75 minutes of competition. It is a full bar; however, we have to bring in our own food - I am thinking pizza.



Social Committee

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

We will start the day with **High Tea at the Blue Willow Tea Room** from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, cost \$42.00

Cruising Times & Cost:

- The cruise group rate \$62.00 per person + tax of \$8.06 = \$70.06
- The ship leaves at 2:30 PM and returns to port at 4:00 PM, 1.5 hours

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!



Tuesday, October 6 – McMichael Canadian Art Collection; Grand Hall, 10365 Islington Ave, Kleinburg. Cost: \$17.00. View over 6,500 unparalleled works by Canadian artists. The tour can be followed up with lunch at the on-site Cabin restaurant – a great experience in itself.

What we are working on for the summer and fall:

- Oktoberfest – mid-September (date TBA)
- Tour of Kingston Penitentiary (early October)
- A night of Murder Mystery (late October)
- Little Canadian Exhibition, Toronto (November)
- Still looking for a cooking class

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

Interest Groups



Our new Interest Group Co-Chair is Darlene Humphrey.

Another new Interest Group Co-Chair to be announced soon.

Interest Group Coordinators

Remember to:

- Let the Interest Group Chair(s) know if there is any important information you want announced at a monthly meeting.
- Send pictures with context.
- Create a fun and catchy name for your group.
- Watch for emails (new group members and members not renewing)

Contact the Interest Group Chair(s) at interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

Would you like to be a Coordinator to start a new interest group?

Dinner Club

Gardening

Cooking

Local Theatre

Movie Club

Skiing

2nd Book Club

Kayaking

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Summer Break

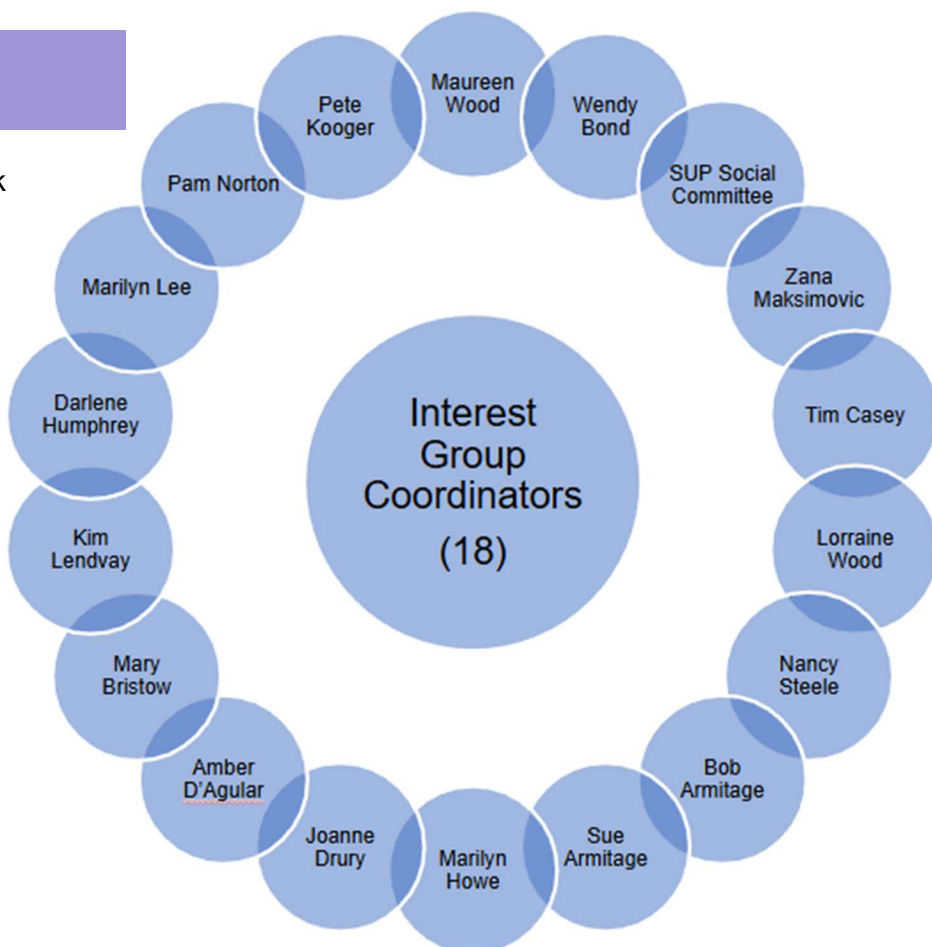
The following interest groups are taking a break for the summer:

- Wine Group #1
- Travel Information
- Kitchen Bridge
- Euchre
- Bunco Group (Progressive Dice Game)

But that shouldn't stop you from signing up for the fall!

Sign up at the Interest Group table of send an email to

interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com



Interest Groups

Special Announcements

Tuesday, September 22nd – Friendly Fidgeting – Coordinator Maureen Wood

Open to all members. Drop-in from 10am – 3pm at Greenbank United Church (corner of Hwy 12 and Cragg Rd).

Squares will be donated to the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region and the Uxbridge Hospital. Pre-cut squares and tons of items to be attached will be provided. Asking \$35 donation to cover supplies. Squares to be sewn together later.

Email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or sign up at the Interest Group table.



Bower Power (Euchre) – Coordinator Joanne Drury

This group meets once a month on the 4th Friday at 7 p.m. (except December).

Our next euchre game will be on **Friday, July 24th**. **Three spots have opened in this group for regular players!!** And of course, we can always use 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.

If you are interested in joining as a regular player and/or being a spare, please email the coordinator at interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com or sign up at the Interest Group table.

Culture

Wine Group #1 –Coordinator Lorraine Ward

Our Wine Group enjoyed a delightful afternoon on June 25th, hosted by Diann and JoAnn. Members gathered to explore an excellent selection of wines from the beautiful country of Portugal, learning about the unique characteristics and regional styles that make Portuguese wines so enjoyable.

The tasting was complemented by a delicious assortment of appetizers prepared by our talented chefs. Their creative and flavorful offerings paired beautifully with the wines and added to the enjoyment of the event. The combination of great wines, wonderful food, and excellent company made for a truly memorable afternoon. The wine group will be on hiatus for the summer, resuming in September. **This Wine Club group is full.**



Wine Group #2 – Coordinator Sharon O'Connor

If you are interested in exploring wines and meeting fabulous group members, please sign up at the interest group table or email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

Interest Groups

Lunch Group – Coordinator Zana Maksimovic

The lunch group met at Wooden Sticks Golf Course in Uxbridge. It was finally warm enough to sit outside and enjoy the scenery. We had a delightful afternoon sharing stories and enjoying what seemed like a bottomless bowl of sweet potato fries. Nobody wants to order them, but everyone wants to eat them!

We meet every 2nd Friday of the month at a variety of locations in the area. Our next lunch is July 10th, location TBD.

Summer possibilities - (TBD with patios):

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

Here is the link for lunch signup: <https://tinyurl.com/SUP-Lunch-Signup>

If interested in exploring local cuisine, please sign up at the Interest Group table or email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.



Arts & Craft Group – Coordinator Maureen Wood



The Arts & Crafts Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Below is the Arts and Crafts schedule:

- **July 28** - Dream Catcher
- **Aug 25** - Needlework- learn basic stitches
- **Oct 27** - Ceramic Painting
- **Nov 24** - Cookies in a Jar
- **Dec 15** (NOT the 22nd) - Christmas Survival Kits



← This is what we made today! (June 23rd). Thanks to the hard work of Gill and Jill, we were taught how to make Dorset Buttons.

If you want to discover and foster your creativity, please sign up at the Interest Group table or email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or.

Interest Groups

Travel Information – Coordinator Tim Casey

Meetings are generally the 4th Monday of the month at 11:15 am to 1pm in the Sunroom at The Red Lion Pub (formerly Colonel Mustard's Pub), 15 Water Street in Port Perry. Lunch is available 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.

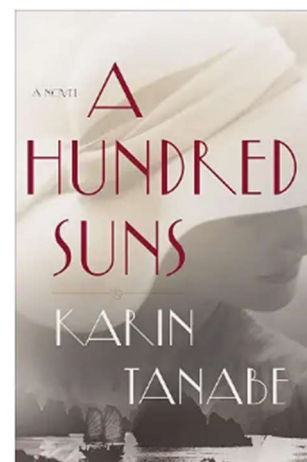
The next Travel Information meeting will be September 28th. If you wish to learn about different places and travel tips, please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or sign up at the Interest Group table.

Book Club – Coordinator Wendy Bond

In June we reviewed the book "The Hundred Suns" by Karin Tanabe. The book centres around husband and wife, Victor and Jessie Lesage. Jessie is an American by birth, who has been brought up in poverty. She reinvents herself as the perfect wife of a Frenchman who is heir of the Michelin Tire family. She suggests they have a fresh start in Vietnam, so that Victor can make an impression in the family rubber business while having some distance from his family and her past. Once there, Jessie finds herself caught up in the freedom fight for Vietnam, but results in opening her eyes to the horrors of the Michelin business and its exploitation of the people of Vietnam. The Book Club found this a good story. It was a fascinating part of history, captivating in its portrayal of the ex-pat lifestyle of the time, and psychological complexity of the characters.

In July we will review the book "Crow Winter" by Karen McBride.

The Book Club is full. If you would like to co-ordinate a second group, contact the Interests Group Chair(s) (interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com),



Games

Puzzle Group – Coordinator Maureen Wood

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



Can you guess what famous hotel this is?

These ladies took 500 pieces and assembled the Chateau Frontenac Hotel (Quebec City). How do you do that? You start by separating the pieces into different colours, meticulously putting each piece in place and you laugh a lot!

As one member says: "It is **really** so much fun!!!"



This puzzle is available in the Puzzle Exchange Room, unless someone has already snapped it up 😊

Interest Groups

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.

Euchre Group – Coordinator Marilyn Howe – This group will be on hiatus until the fall.

Board Games – Coordinator Nancy Steele

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

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.

Sports

Nature Nomads – Coordinator Darlene Humphreys

The Hiking & Outdoor group meet Friday mornings at local hiking trails. This month's adventure took us through Durham Forest where we discovered a new trail called Lava Chicken (pic 1). The Walker Woods hike offers winding trails (pic 2) and we discovered a Canada May Flower (pic 3). The Uxbridge Preserve offered great views from Observation hill (pics 4 & 5).

If you want to discover local trails, please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or sign up at the Interest Group table.



Interest Groups

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.

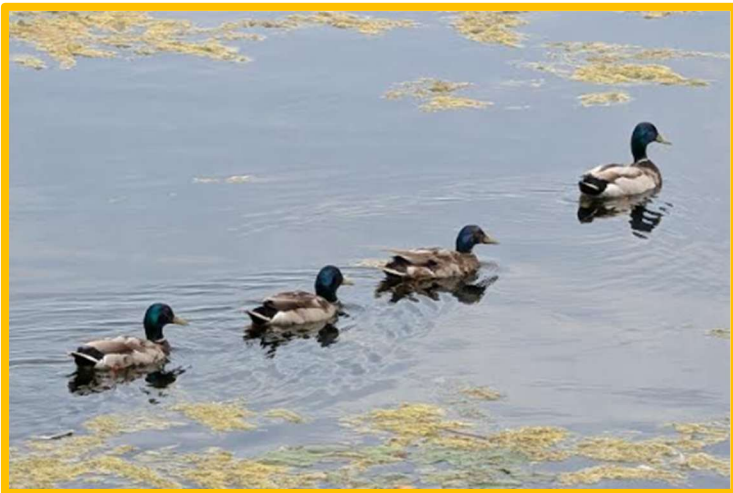


If you are interested in joining, please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or sign up at the Interest Group table.

Walking and Talking – Coordinator Pam Norton

The walking and talking group meet every two weeks or so on a Monday or Wednesday morning for an hour-long walk in either Uxbridge or Port Perry. Then we continue our talking at a local coffee shops or whatever spikes our interest.

Ice cream anyone!?!



If you are interested in joining, please sign up at the Interest Group table or email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com .

Interest Groups

Pickleball – Coordinators Nancy Steele & Marilyn Lee

We will play every Tuesday between 1:00 and 3:00 pm at the Fields of Uxbridge (located on Durham 1 at the north end of Uxbridge). 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.



Birdies & Bogeys – Coordinator Kim Lendvay (Port Perry Probus Club)

More & more players are coming out every week & are enjoying the game, as well as the camaraderie – there is always room for more players!

We had a couple of really warm games in June but are pleased that the courses have finally dried-out! We've played at Sunnybrae, Foxbridge, Crestwood & Golfers Dream (pic below) so far.

This group plays 9 holes weekly alternating Thursday/Friday mornings 9am and rotating between 5 local golf courses. The schedule for the season has been emailed to the group.

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 that week.



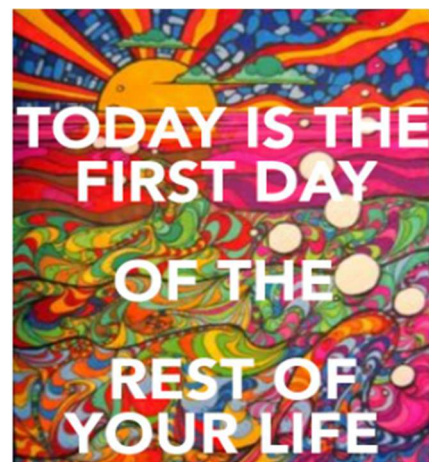
Once a month, some members play 18 holes – these games are also scheduled. This is not a league but simply an opportunity to play golf with other Probus members.

This is a joint Interest Group with the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. If you want to be added to the list for the 2026 season, please email Kim at interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com or sign up at the Interest Group table.

Member-abilia

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

July Birthdays		FYI
Louise S.	Heather S.	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
Patricia C.	Judy S.	
Donna W.	Alan Y.	
Stephen W.	Karen G.	
Fran H.	Donna K.	



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



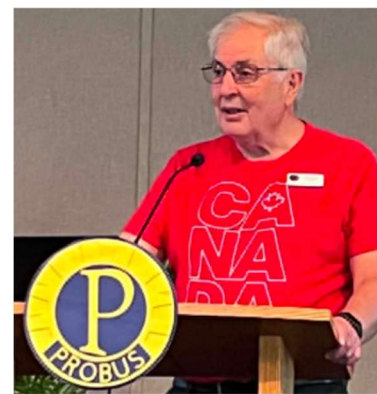
Puzzle & Book Swap – Coordinator Maureen Wood

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.

Looking back on our June General Meeting



HAPPY 2ND ANNIVERSARY

