SCUGOG-UXBRIDGE PROBUS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November will be a busy month with the balance of the fall cleanup of the gardens and the raking up of the leaves. My Oak trees are the last ones to drop their leaves each year.

A key date in November is Remembrance Day. There will be several ceremonies and/or parades in the area. It was originally called Armistice Day. November 11th at 11 a.m. marks the end of hostilities during the First World War.

With the start of November, it got me thinking about Christmas. I am looking forward to the Christmas season, and I aways look forward to a Santa Claus Parade to kick off the Season. Uxbridge is holding it's 65th Annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 21st at 11:00 a.m. Port Perry's seasonal celebrations kick-off with the annual Scugog Santa Claus Parade, which takes place beginning at 5:00pm on December 5th.

Our Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday December 3rd in place of the General meeting. The Social Committee has arranged for the lunch to be held at Wooden Sticks Golf Course in Uxbridge. The cost is $75.00, and will be all-inclusive, arrival time is 11:30 a.m. This lunch will be served buffet-style, featuring a delicious variety to suit every taste. Enjoy a selection of fresh salads, seasonal vegetables, roast turkey, tender roast beef and pasta in a rich cream sauce. For dessert, indulge in an assortment of fresh fruit, pastries, dessert squares, and tarts, something sweet for everyone to enjoy! During lunch, we'll be drawing names for Survivor Wine, the one time you don't want to hear your name called first! There will also be live musical entertainment.

Condensed email from Wendy Machmer General Manager Probus Canada - "As you know by now, our 40th Anniversary is coming up in 2027, and we're creating a celebratory video that shows PROBUS at its best — members connecting, laughing, learning, exploring, and enjoying club life. We're now asking each club to submit photos of members engaged in PROBUS activities — whether it's a hike, a lunch, outings, interest groups, social events, a trip, a game, or any other club event, we'd love to include it.

We've created a simple online form where you can upload your photo. The form accepts one photo per upload, so just submit the form again if you have more photos. You can send as many as you wish. Please use this link to upload your photos PROBUS Interest Groups / Events. Your contributions will help us create a joyful, meaningful anniversary video that reflects the best of who we are. Everyone who submits a photo will be entered into a draw for a Dinner for Two Voucher (worth $140)! Important Note: by submitting a photo, you are giving permission for your images to be used in our video which will be posted on the Web. Please submit your photo(s) by November 30th, 2026."

Hoping you can attend the next general meeting on Thursday, November 5th. The guest speaker will be Joan Knighton, and her topic is "British Home Children" Joan will share some of the stories from the over 100,000 children who were shipped to Canada from Britain between 1869 and 1932. Hope to see you at the meeting.

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 **November 5, 2026**.

November 5 – Joan Knighton – Topic: British Home Children



Joan Knighton will share some of the stories from the over 100,000 children who were shipped to Canada from Britain between 1869 and 1932. During that time a controversial program brought children aged six years to mid-teens from carer homes across England to homes across Canada. Thousands immigrated under the guise of giving children a new start and a second chance while at the same time sup- porting population growth in our sparsely populated country. These children were to be the new labour force for the anticipated booming economy.

December 3 – Holiday Luncheon at Wooden Sticks – Music by the Mike Burns Trio

January 7 – George Takash – Why Supporting Taiwan Matters for Global Democracy



The future of global democracy may hinge on a small island of 23 million people. Taiwan is more than the world's technology hub, producing over 90 percent of the globe's most advanced semiconductors. It also hosts a high-performance democracy, a vibrant civil society, and a population comfortable with religious, gender, and sexual diversity. Taiwan's education and healthcare systems command worldwide respect, and its political resilience inspires admiration across the democratic world. In his book **Inspired by Taiwan**, George S. Takach shows why Taiwan matters—to its own people and to the world.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

February 4 – Lianne Harris – Myth & Media: Greek Mythology & Modern Consumerism

March 4 – Frank Morris – "GenAI as Your Personal Tutor: Learn Almost Anything at Any Age"

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



Wednesday November 4 - Kingston Penitentiary; 560 King St W, Kingston, Time to meet up 9:00 AM. Cost $42.13. Will be looking to carpool. Step Back in Time: A Visit to Kingston Pen! Join us for an interesting and memorable day trip to Kingston Penitentiary, where we'll step inside one of Canada's most historic—and fascinating—institutions. Our guided tour will take us behind the walls of the former penitentiary and give us a glimpse into its history, architecture, and what life was like inside. With plenty of stories and a few surprises along the way, it's sure to be a tour you won't soon forget!

After our tour, we'll head out for a well-deserved lunch at a local Kingston restaurant. It will be the perfect opportunity to relax, enjoy a delicious meal, and share our favourite moments from the day. Come along for a day of history, stories, good food and great company! **Payment to be made to the Treasurer by Oct 15, 2026**: treasurer.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

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Wine Survivor - During the month of November - Here's how it works:



Between the dates of November 18 and November 23, drop a bottle of red or white wine off at 2 Beswick Lane in Uxbridge; or in Port Perry, the drop off address is 20775 Brunon Ave, Seagrave. Your bottle should cost $20 or more.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please put a tag with your name on your bottle. We need to know who brought these precious bottles of happiness and holiday cheer!

Then comes the big moment—the winners will be revealed at our Christmas Lunch! Depending on how many bottles we collect, you could win up to 3, 4, or 5 bottles of wine!

This year, we're hoping to have more winners to make your odds of winning a prize a little better! So, pick your wine carefully, drop it off, and then sit back and wonder…**will someone else be taking your wine home?**

Monday, November, 16 - Christmas Movies at Hope Church, 14480 Old Simcoe Street, Port Perry, to kick off the Christmas Season. Time 11:00 AM. Cost $10.00. Pizza served in between the movies.

- **Movie Number 1**: **Christmas Chronicles** - Siblings Kate and Teddy Pierce hatch a scheme to capture Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. When the plan goes awry, the kids join forces with a somewhat jolly Saint Nick and his loyal elves to save the holiday before it's too late.

- **Move Number 2**: **The Bishop's Wife** - an oldie, but a goodie! Dejected by his efforts to raise money to build a cathedral, Bishop Henry Brougham (David Niven) beseeches heaven for guidance and is visited immediately by Dudley (Cary Grant), who claims to be an angel. Henry is skeptical, then annoyed when Dudley ingratiates himself into the household as his assistant -- and worse, wins the attentions of Henry's long-suffering and kindly wife (Loretta Young). When Dudley continues to intervene in Henry's struggles, the bishop decides to challenge heaven.

Thursday, December 3 - Christmas Lunch; Wooden Stick Golf Club 40 Elgin Park Dr., Uxbridge - Cost $75.00. Lunch will be served buffet-style, featuring a delicious variety to suit every taste. Enjoy a selection of fresh salads, seasonal vegetables, roast turkey, tender roast beef and pasta in a rich cream sauce. For dessert, indulge in an assortment of fresh fruit, pastries, dessert squares, and tarts — something sweet for everyone to enjoy! During lunch, we'll be drawing names for Survivor Wine — the one time you don't want to hear your name called first! We are lucky enough of have the **Mike Burns Trio** for musical entertainment. **Remember to wear your dancing shoes!!!**

Social Committee

Saturday, December 19 - Men of Note Voice Choir; Christ Church Anglican, 254 Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville. Show times are 2:00PM and 7:00PM. Cost for the 2:00PM show is $30.00. For the 7:00PM show only, there is a group discount for 10 or more bringing the price down to $25.00. Jim Doyle will be selling the tickets at the November 5th meeting. If you are planning on purchasing tickets, please have the exact amount of $30.00.

Events in planning:	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
• Line Dancing – 2027 • Little Canadian Exhibition, Toronto – January 2027 • A Night of Murder Mystery – March or April 2027	

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

Event Review





Car Rally Crowd enjoying refreshments

Winning Rally Team: Zana Maksimovic, Joanne & Bob Hill



Relaxing at Applewood Farm Winery

Interest Groups

Darlene Humphrey and Henry Valkenburg are your Interest Group Co-Chairs.

Want to join an interest group?

If you want to join an interest group, send an email to interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com indicating which group(s) you would like to join. At the General Meetings, there is an Interest Group table in the lobby with signup sheets for each of the groups.

Coordinators Wanted

Looking for Coordinators for the following groups:

- Walking and Talking
- Euchre (Wednesdays twice a month)
- Bunco

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	???

Special Announcements

WINTER MAJIC – QUEBEC CITY Coordinator Lorraine Wood



Interest Groups

POKER GROUP – Coordinator Kim Lendvay/Catherine Whittle (Port Perry Probus Club)



The Port Perry Probus Club has a poker group that is looking for new members. This group meets each month on the 3rd Friday from 2pm – 4pm.

This is a joint Interest Group with the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. Please email the Port Perry Probus Interest Groups Co-chairs at interest.portperryprobus@gmail.com, if you would like to join us.

LATIN LINE DANCING – Coordinator Marilyn Card

The first Latin Line Dancing class was held Thursday, October 8th. *Fun for those that could keep up and a laugh for those of us who could not!* Classes will be held every 2nd Thursday of the month from 7-8pm at Hope Church (14480 Old Simcoe St. Port Perry). **The next class is Thursday, November 12th.**



The cost is $5 per session. The preference is to pay $25 for the 5 remaining sessions to secure the venue. Thanks to those who have already paid in advance. Men & women – singles & couples – all are welcome to join in the fun! Remember to wear comfortable shoes, bring a small towel and your favorite beverage.

If interested, email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or sign-up at the Interest Group table.

BID EUCHRE – Coordinator Donna Stevenson

Games are held on the 2nd Friday of each month from 1pm to 4pm. The next game is on Friday, November 13th. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! This is a joint Interest Group with the Port Perry Probus and the Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. If interested in playing, email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or sign-up at the Interest Group table.

HAND & FOOT CANASTA (Card Game) - Coordinator Amber D'Aguiar

Hand and Foot is a type of Canasta played with four people. The date/time of lessons/games has been **moved** to the **3rd Thursday** of the month at 1:30pm. If you haven't played before, or need a refresher, lessons are always available.

Come join us and check out what the fuss is about.



Interest Groups

Culture

ARTS & CRAFTS – Coordinator Maureen Wood



The **Friendly Fidgeting** event was held in September. Thanks to some seriously creative members who supported this worthwhile cause for the Alzheimer Society of Durham



Upcoming **Arts & Crafts** schedule:

- **October 27** - Ceramic Painting
- **November 24** - Christmas Survival Kits
- **December 15** - "Let's be Angelic" - the making of an angel

←This is where our October Arts & Crafts meeting will be.

N.B. October's ceramic masterpieces can be picked up at the end of the November 5th general meeting.

BOOK CLUB – Coordinator Wendy Bond

The Book Club discussed the book **Feather of Ma'at, by Lisa Llamrei.** The SUP Club is fortunate to have a published author in our membership, Lisa Llamrei and Lisa Adams are one in the same person. It was a delight to talk to Lisa about her book, her passion and her research regarding Egyptian Methodology. We had a great and heart-warming discussion.



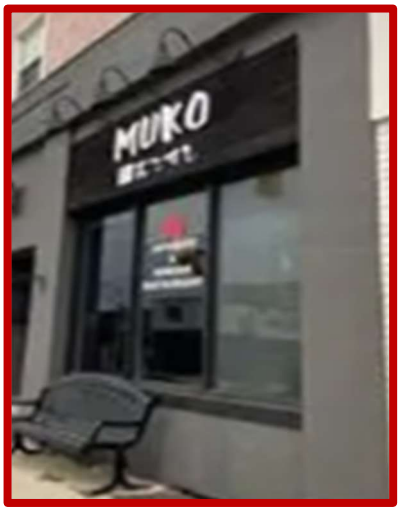
Thumbs up to member Lisa Adams' book!

Next month, we will discuss **The Widow by Fiona Barton**.

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

Interest Groups

LUNCH CLUB – Coordinator Lunch Club Members



Tucked away in Uxbridge's quite town center, 8 people from the Lunch Club met at Muko Sushi for Japanese-Korean food. The food was refreshing and colourful. The conversation was so engaging we forgot to take a picture of the group.

The next luncheon will be held on **Friday, November 13th at Hyland Family Restaurant** (1866 Scugog St, Port Perry, ON L9L 1J3). Checkout their Menu (ctrl click)

TRAVEL INFORMATION CLUB - Coordinator Tim Casey



In September, Kim Lendvay provided a fascinating presentation on Southern Africa covering road treks, safaris, camps, game tours, etc. through several countries and over a lot of miles. We learned a lot about the differing cultures, landscapes and wildlife of Southern Africa.

The group meets the 4th Monday of the month **in the Sunroom at The Red Lion Pub, 15 Water Street in Port Perry at 11:10 am**. We share our experiences and have regular discussions on where members have recently traveled to and what places they will be heading to in the near future.

The next presentation will feature Ireland focusing on Dublin, County Meath & County Kerry.

WINE CLUB – Coordinator Lorraine Wood

A Taste of Nova Scotia!

This month, our group enjoyed a delightful tasting of wines from Nova Scotia, paired with a selection of delicious appetizers that complemented the wines beautifully. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore the flavours of the region and enjoy an afternoon of good wine and great company!

This group is currently full. If interested, you can join the second wine group.





Interest Groups

Games

BOARD GAMES – Coordinator Nancy Steele

We have restarted the group and the first gathering was held on Monday, October 19th. Let the games begin!

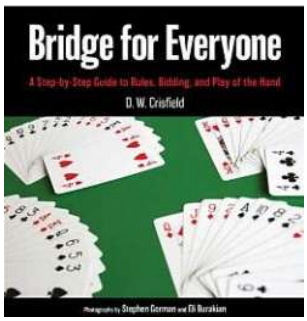
EUCHRE – Coordinator Marilyn Howe (New Coordinator Required)

We have resumed playing twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. Anyone interested in coordinating this group please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

BOWER POWER (Euchre) – Coordinator Joanne Drury

We are looking for regular players and anyone that would like to spare. This is a joint interest group between the Port Perry Probus and Scugog-Uxbridge Probus clubs. Please email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com to join.

KITCHEN BRIDGE – Coordinator Mary Bristow



Bridge resumed meeting October 19 for a small but dedicated group of players, and will continue meeting twice per month on Monday afternoons from 1:00-4:00.

This group is for experienced Bridge players only as the group does not have the capacity to teach new Bridge players. Anyone wanting to learn Bridge should contact the Aurora Bridge Club to inquire about taking lessons.

If you have bridge experience and are interested in joining this group, email interestgr.scugoguxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

PUZZLE GROUP - Coordinator Maureen Wood

The Puzzle Ladies have developed a process where all 6 of us can work on one puzzle at the same time.

We're always up for a challenge, a cup of tea & a laugh!



Interest Groups

Sports

BIRDIES & BOGEYS – Coordinator Kim Lendvay (Port Perry Probus Club)

The fun still continues into the fall. This group plays 9 holes weekly on Thursday or Friday morning 9am rotating between Sunnybrae, Foxbridge, Crestwood, Spring Creek & Golfers Dream. We are enjoying the game, the outdoors & the camaraderie of fellow Probus members. If you can only join us biweekly or occasionally that's perfectly fine!



Let's hope we can play into November!

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 sing up at the Interest Group table

NATURE NOMADS – Coordinator Darlene Humphrey

This month we did a walk in Walker Woods and the Uxbridge Countryside Preserve to experience the fall colours.









"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." - *Jim Bishop*

Interest Groups

PICKLEBALL – Coordinators Marilyn Lee & Nancy Steele



Well good news! Pickleball had a record 8 people on a very nice October afternoon!

The Picklers, officially called pickleball players, continue to meet at the Fields of Uxbridge on Tuesdays between 1:00 – 3:00pm when we can.

Drop-in Pickleball and lessons are available at the Scugog Recreation Centre in Port Perry.

WALKING AND TALKING – Coordinator Pam Norton (New Coordinator Required)

SUP walks and talks have been enjoying weekly outings in Uxbridge, including the Elgin Park trail and the South Balsam trail. Our adventures wouldn't be complete without a visit afterwards to the Red Bulb or the Fig Restaurant for coffee and treats.

We will be taking a break for November. If anyone in the group wants to lead an outing during that time, they can contact Pam to have a walk scheduled for everyone.













Member-*abilia*

November Birthdays		
Derrick B.	Karen A.	Zofia P.
Anne M.	Cheryl M.	Pete K.
Paulette L.	Nancy D.	Jake H.
Lillian J.	Fay T	Mark F.
	Karen S.	

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!!!

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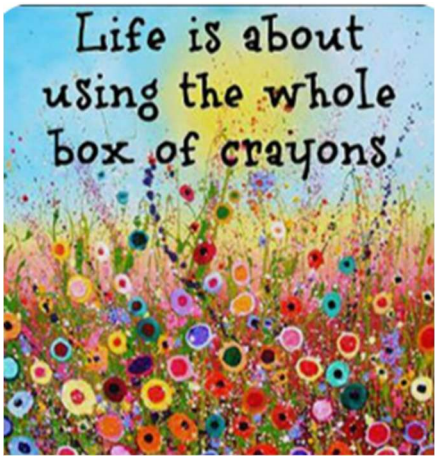

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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. A blue donation basket can be found on the desk as you enter from the main parking lot. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE BOOKS FROM THE BASKET** – they are meant for a book club.

Looking back on our October General Meeting

