

THE PROBUS CLUB OF UXBRIDGE - September 2023

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President's Message:

Don't you love fall? I have always felt that September is a month for new beginnings. As I write this, the air is brisk, there are a few bursts of colour on the maple trees, and the Uxbridge Fall Fair is this weekend. And... I have exciting news to share.

We have been grateful to the Uxbridge Legion for renting us space for the last year and a half. We have outgrown this facility, but have not been able to find anything that better suits our needs so last spring, we created a team of Chuck Heroux, Linda Abate, Bernie Beales and myself to search for a new home. Our goal was to find something spacious enough for all of our members to attend our meetings, with easy access, ample parking, bright meeting rooms, accessible washrooms, kitchen facilities and preferably in town. Little did we know how difficult that would be!

Eureka! We are happy to announce that we have found a location that meets all our needs. Starting in October, our meetings will be held at the Uxbridge Community Centre attached to the Uxbridge Arena, 291 Brock St. W., Uxbridge. The room will allow ample space for our all aspects of our gatherings - more chairs, space for our Social and Interest Group sign-up tables, as well as our sign-in tables and greeters. We will still need volunteers to set up the chairs and tables, and provide our coffee and snacks. Please reach out to Sally Kotsopoulos, our House Chair, (sallykprodev@gmail.com) to offer to take a turn and lend a hand.

Let's all get out and explore all there is to do in and around Uxbridge and enjoy this season. Kathy



From your Speakers' Chair

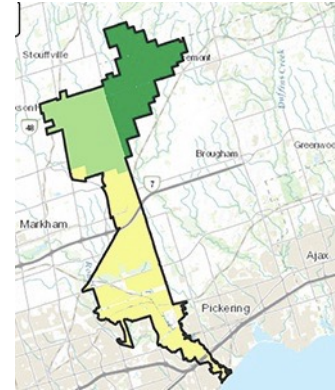
Aug. Speaker - Dr. Riley Moynes - The Four Phases of Retirement (<https://thefourphases.com/>)

Riley's presentation was very informative and entertaining as he shared his insights on this chapter of our lives. His key point was don't Retire - Rewire! Try new things to find a passion and purpose in your life. He also said the happiest people were those who did some sort of service work. (Yay, Probus Volunteers!) The presentation was well received and enjoyed by our members.

Sept. Speaker - Melinda Phuong & Allendria Brunjes - Rouge Urban Park

One of largest urban parks in North America, the Rouge National Urban Park is an amazing park that reaches all from Lake Ontario all the way into Uxbridge township. Find out about the natural wonders of Canada through the park's rich assembly of forests, creeks, farms and trails as well as marshland, a beach on Lake Ontario and human history spanning 10,000 years.

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/rouge>



Oct. Speaker - Lindsey McTavish & Stacey Sellery – Douglas Crossing Retirement Home

Lindsay and Stacey will discuss and explain the different types of "Retirement Home" living, including Independent, Assisted, Memory Care and Long-Term Care. Many of us may have to one day, if not already, consider one of these types of homes for ourselves or one of our loved ones. They will help us understand the differences and advise what to look for when making these choices.

Prepared by Zina Bolak

From Your House Chair

Our exciting news of having a space for our Probus meetings at the Community Centre has increased our need for helpers beginning with the October meeting. Next week at our meeting I will have a sign up schedule for all those who indicated they were available for chair and table set up and take down. You will need to provide your name and phone number and email and pick the months you are able to help out. Please take a look at your schedules and come prepared. Flexibility will be a real asset.

Our new site means we have to say goodbye to our wonderful Legion Ladies who have kindly prepared coffee and tea and refreshments for these past meetings. We will now be looking for 3-4 people each month who are willing to take this on. We will have a coffee urn and a hot water urn (for tea) to prepare and we will need enough treats for the Probus masses. I would suggest that we get groups who sign up for one or two months. The little muffins have worked out well but of course anything can go. Surprises are so much fun. Like the chair and table support I will have a sign up sheet at our September meeting - please look at your schedules and see when you can volunteer to help. This is an easy way to support Probus and a relatively short term commitment. Don't worry about never having set up a coffee urn - there are instructions.

Remember "Many hands make light work."

Sally Kotsopoulos – House Chair sallykprodev@gmail.com



The Newest PROBUS Club

It was just over 5 years ago that a group from the Port Perry Probus Club offered to sponsor a new Uxbridge Probus Club. The result is our vibrant PROBUS Club of Uxbridge, with a membership cap of 275 and a growing wait list. Our goal is to keep our club at a number that allows us get to know each other, and continue to be a friendly, welcoming group.

The Port Perry Club has also continued to grow, they too have a large wait list. Their President and I chatted over the last several months, and our Management have agreed to work together to sponsor a new club, tentatively called North Durham PROBUS Club. A small team from each club have met to begin preliminary discussions about the logistics. Representing our club is Chuck Heroux, Linda Abate, Carolyn Hicken and me. We are planning an Information Meeting in late October. At that time, we will be looking for people to offer to fill Management Team positions to begin the new Club. They will select the location, the name and run the club. Our role will be to sponsor the start of the club financially and to mentor their new Management Team. Public advertising for this new club will start shortly.

This new club will be independent of ours. People can be members of more than one club. If you, or someone you know would be interested in assisting and attending the Information Meeting, please email

northdurhamprobus@gmail.com

Kathy Clulow



Fantasy of Lights Is Coming!

You won't be surprised to learn that it comes around every year.

If you are new to Uxbridge, this is a marvellous light show put on in Elgin Park by the Uxbridge Optimist Club, and most of the merchants and organizations in town participate with displays. Probus Uxbridge has created a wonderful display that gets improved upon every year.

We are planning our first meeting on Friday, September 22, at 2 pm, and we are hoping most of our intrepid Team of designers and engineers (amateurs of course) will be returning, but would also like to invite anyone who wants to help with this project to contact me (chuckheroux@gmail.com) and I'll get you on the list.

We have lots of fun, and it is a nice way to give back to our home town.

Chuck Heroux. (chuckheroux@gmail.com)



History Of Uxbridge PROBUS: Chapter 3 - The Covid Era

In many ways the world stopped in March of 2020.

The Covid pandemic shut down all in person meetings, and we very quickly became Zoom experts. The March meeting was cancelled, and Management Team met by Zoom on March 27, at which point they cancelled all social interest group and meetings until the end of May! We met several times in the ensuing months to re-calibrate, and do everything possible to keep the club functioning, at least on some level. Refunds were paid for cancelled events, a second monthly newsletter was started, as we all adapted to the new reality.

The challenge seemed a little overwhelming to some of us. We were a social club: our whole raison d'être was to provide opportunities for people to get together, create events where new friendships could evolve, and have face-to-face fun. The social committee worked harder than ever to find ways to use Zoom for online events like bingo and trivia games to keep people involved. They got everyone's birthday, and through a British company were able to set up a system where everyone got an animated musical birthday card in their inbox on the appropriate day.



All ideas were listened to. We did try one hybrid meeting, in September of 2020, at Mill Run. A very small masked audience consisting of the Management Team, and members without computers, was present with the speaker, Dr. Carlye Jensen, and the meeting was broadcast on Zoom to the full membership for the first time. Although all went smoothly, it was decided that as long as the pandemic continued, we would offer Zoom meetings to the membership monthly, and they would be recorded and posted on YouTube for subsequent viewing. We also added a second speaker, usually a local merchant or celebrity, and that also proved very successful.

Somehow, with a lot of imagination, collaboration with other clubs, and pure force of will, we were able to keep our club together. When vaccinations became available in early 2021, we made them mandatory for any face-to-face gatherings, because some of our interest groups were starting back up in real meetings. Social events also picked up, from Zoom-based trivia nights to socially distanced outdoor coffee events, and even a car rally in September of 2021. We also participated in the Optimist Fantasy of Lights for the first time in December of 2020, building an imaginative display based around a blue and yellow bus with famous Canadians caricatured in the windows.

And, in November, of 2021, we came back together.

To be continued!

(By Chuck Heroux)

From PROBUS Canada

I have a favour to ask, but need to tell a little story first.

We are all familiar with PROBUS, and the success our club has had here in Durham, but there are many, still, in Canada who have never heard of us. I have joined a committee of PROBUS Canada to develop marketing tools to help spread the word. Ideally, we would like to find a mechanism (or several) for informing the newly-retired population about us, so that they can either join an existing club or start a new one, if they think it would be beneficial for their community.

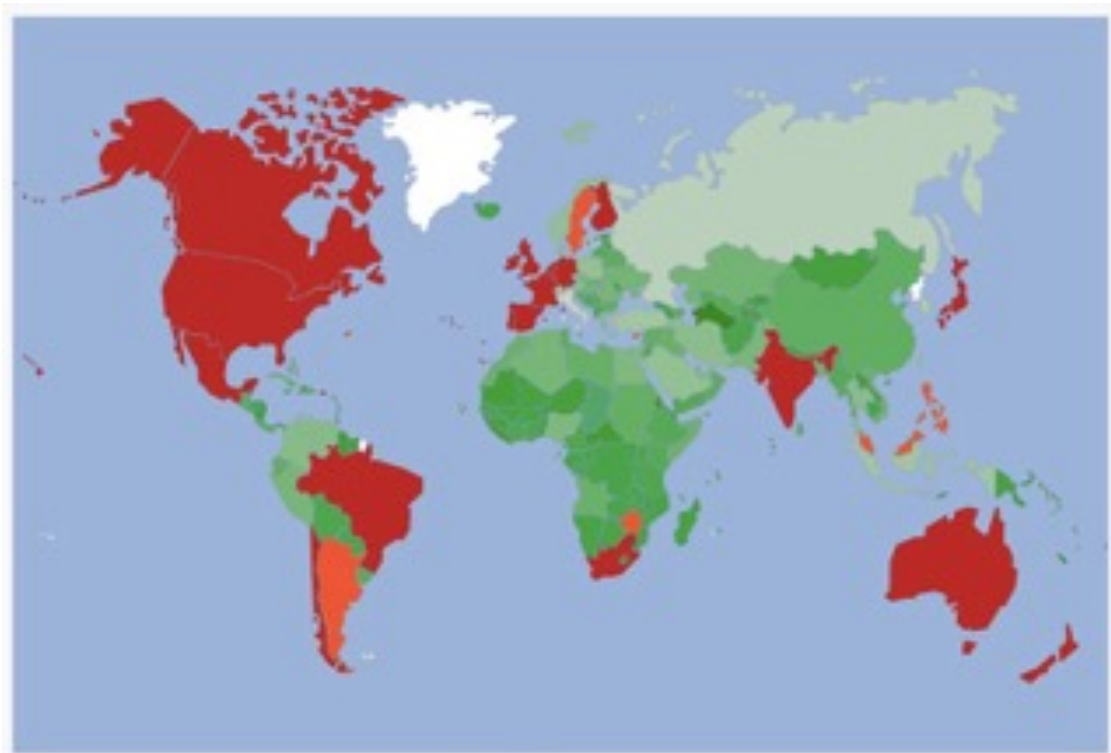
We've talked about a hundred or so ideas, and one was to ask employers - companies, government agencies, service clubs, etc. to simply include a flyer about PROBUS in the retirement packages they give to employees, until someone pointed out that the concept of a physical "retirement package" of documents was probably obsolete! Likewise, a blanket letter to email to businesses would likely be trashed and was therefore a waste of time and resources.

What we need to do is find people who know people who work, or have worked in Human Resources, that we could talk to personally about the idea, and find out what they think would be the best approach. Therefore I am asking you, the largest group of friends to whom I have access, for help. If you know anyone who is working or has worked with employees planning retirement, could you let me know (e-mail chuckheroux@gmail.com), and perhaps introduce us? I think we all agree that while PROBUS is not for everybody, there are many who could benefit from the social exposure and activities it offers, if they only knew about it.

Thanks for listening.

Chuck Heroux

Locations of PROBUS Clubs Around The World (In Red)



Upcoming Social Events

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20 10:00-7:00 (Lunch 1:00 p.m.)

Summer Finale Barbecue

Cullen Central Park, 4015 Cochrane St., Whitby

Erin Monaghan Catering

Choice of burger or sausage (veggie burger on request), potato salad, Caesar salad, drink & dessert

Cost: \$40 for member & \$45 for guest

(Final Day to sign up is Sept 13)

See attached flyer for more details!



TUESDAY OCTOBER 3 - Cost Only \$5!

SALEM ALPACAS & OPTIONAL LUNCH



Meet the alpacas when their heavier winter fleece coat is growing back. See the playful goats. Shop in the farm store for fleece products for Christmas gifts - hats, mitts, scarves, duvets etc
Tour in the morning (10:30) followed by lunch or in the afternoon (1:30) after lunch.

Farm: 363 Salem Rd, Manilla (drive yourself or carpool)

Lunch: Bon Select Bistro, 3 Albert St. S., Sunderland

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22 - 2:00 pm

MARKHAM CONCERT BAND SILVER SCREEN SPECTACULAR

Flato Markham Theatre



Purchase your own ticket with code **PROBUS** to get special **PROBUS** discount by telephone to **BOX OFFICE 905-305-7469**

Sign up to join us for dinner after the concert at **MANDARIN - BOXGROVE**

See attached flyer for details!

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24

ONE OF A KIND CRAFT SHOW

The One-of-a-Kind show is one of the largest and best attended craft shows in North America, featuring unique, handmade crafts and the talented artisans who made them.



Bus will leave Walmart parking lot in the morning in time to arrive at the Enercare Centre near show opening. Lunch will be on your own at the show (many choices available including food samples), and our bus will depart about 4:30 pm to return to Uxbridge.

COST: \$89 (member) \$94 (guest)

Sign up today ... email, telephone or at social table - see instructions below



SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

MARKHAM CONCERT BAND - 2 p.m.

A SEASONAL CELEBRATION

FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE

Please sign up to join us for dinner after the show at the Mandarin Restaurant (Boxgrove) in Markham.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

Royal Ashburn GC

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH & GALA

Cost: \$75 (member)
\$85 (guest) Sign up after Oct. 13

See attached flyer for details



SUNDAY DECEMBER 10 - 1:00 PM
TRIBUTE CENTRE, OSHAWA (This is a drive yourself event)

CRYSTAL

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S FIRST SHOW PERFORMED ON ICE



Only \$80 per person (Group Rate 20% below regular price!)

Sign up as usual - email, telephone, social table

FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP FOR TICKETS IS OCTOBER 13

See attached flyer for more details!

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Save These Dates!

Thurs. Jan. 18 - Coffee & Conversation

Once again Deirdre & Robert will host this event in their home

10 a.m. - Noon

\$5.00 per person

Thurs. Feb. 8 (Hopefully!) - Toronto Tour

Step On Guide (a.m.)

Lunch at the Hot House Cafe

Visit to Little Canada (p.m.) to see new displays (including East Coast)

Mar 2024 - Possible Murder Mystery

with "Mysteriously Yours"

(Lunchtime event at the Uxbridge Legion

with meal catered by Ladies Auxiliary, cash bar)

From your Social Committee

St Jacob's Trip – Aug 17

From start to finish, the trip to St. Jacob's was wonderful! Our first stop was the very large and very busy St. Jacob's Market. Numerous buildings and outdoor vendors sold a variety of home baked goods and bread, fresh and smoked meats and cheeses, fresh fruits and vegetables, clothing, jewellery and more. It is quite the place to see! We would have needed an entire day to see it all!

Our next stop was lunch at Golf's Steakhouse on the scenic Grand River. We were seated in the atrium overlooking the river and taken care of by their very attentive staff. Our lunch began with soup and an ample salad bar and a choice of five different entrees followed by a fancy ice cream dessert. Yum! No one left there hungry!

Our last stop, and the main event of the day, was to see the play "The Perfect Wedding" at the Schoolhouse Theatre. The theatre is aptly named since the building is a renovated 1867 schoolhouse. The play was a well written comedy performed by very talented actors. The story and actors had everyone laughing out loud throughout.

It was a most enjoyable day!

By Maryanne McManus Photos By Anne-Marie Sacco



TO SIGN UP FOR ALL SOCIAL EVENTS:

First - you must sign up at the Social Events Table during General Meetings, by e-mail to social.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or by telephone to Social Co-Chairs Gail Heroux (905-852-9927) or Camille Scarlett (416-859-1593).

Next - you must pay either by e-transfer to treasurer.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com or by cheque at a meeting or by mail to:
Uxbridge PROBUS c/o Gail Heroux, 72 Munro Cres., Uxbridge ON L9P 1L8.

You must be a vaccinated member of Uxbridge PROBUS to attend Social Events (or be sponsored by a member and provide proof of COVID19 vaccination).

Visit to the Thomas Foster Memorial

On Tues. Aug. 22, an enthusiastic group of PROBUS members descended on the Foster Memorial to discover the secrets of this local landmark. Inspired by a trip to the Taj Mahal, local businessman Thomas Foster commissioned the construction of the memorial to supplement the adjacent Zion (now Foster) Cemetery and to house crypts for himself, his wife and their beloved only child, Ruby, who died before reaching her 10th birthday. Local historian and author Conrad Boyce shared fascinating snippets of information and answered all our questions with patience and knowledge! For example, Thomas Foster was best known as a former mayor of Toronto. The Memorial was started in 1935 and the costs associated in building it helped many local families make it through the Great Depression. It was built without using wood in the structure, relying on solid marble, bronze, stained glass and 22K gold mosaics!

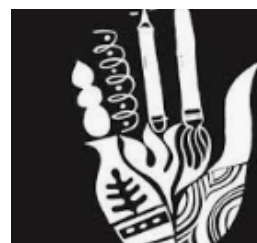
Following our private tour, we continued on to lunch at The Corner House Pub and Grill where we had a private room to ourselves and could continue our socializing without feeling rushed. The extensive menu had something for everyone!

by Bernie Beales; photos from Bob Kennedy



Local Events & Activities

UXBRIDGE STUDIO TOUR: Sept. 16-17



From your Interest Groups Chair



Our next General Meeting will be at the Uxbridge Legion on Sept. 13.

All Club members are invited to join an Interest Group. On tables at the back of the room there will be a sign-up sheet for every Potential or Current Interest Group. You can join a group via the Sign-Up sheets or contact me, Betty Bignell, at interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com.

A special **THANK YOU** to the Coordinators who have retired! We all appreciate the efforts that Margaret and Rene Blanchet, Jim Boyle, Carol Chillman, Lynn May, Lenore Moore and June O'Donnell, have made in supporting our Club.

POTENTIAL INTEREST GROUPS

HORSES AND OTHER ANIMAL LOVERS: Coordinator - Margaret Langlands

With so many new Club members, it might be time to reactivate a group for those who love animals! There are quite a variety of topics than can be discussed with activities and places to visit that this group may enjoy. Group members will bring their ideas to the group!

***The following groups require a Coordinator.**

*BREAKFAST CLUB: Coordinator Required

We have a Lunch Club and our Let's Eat Out dinner group. Now it's time for a Breakfast Club! Members may get together to have an early breakfast or maybe meet a little later for brunch. Join, and with a coordinator, the group will decide!

*DISCOVERING UXBRIDGE AND AREA: Coordinator Required

Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for many years, there are several ways to learn more about Uxbridge! There are two walking tours. One is a Historical Walking Tour that features homes and buildings in Uxbridge with significant history because of the people who lived there, or a previous business which was located there. Another tour includes Heritage Homes designated with a special plaque near the front door. (One of these homes has a casket window!) A longer tour includes exploring more than 37 sites in the area. Please contact me if you are interested in joining this group.

Other potential groups - Art Club, Astrology, Bowling, Board Games, Cooking, Current Events, Fitness, History, Home Reno, Mah-jong, Meditation, Music, Sports: (Pole Walking, Running, Biking, Golf, Skiing, Skating, Swimming), Photography, Sailing, Yoga and more.

*If you have an idea of another potential new group or want to join one of the above suggested groups, please contact me at the General Meetings or send me a message.



Current Interest Groups

TO SIGN UP FOR ALL INTEREST GROUPS:

At General Meetings, there will be Interest Group sign-up sheets at the back of the meeting room. If you are interested in joining any of the groups, add your name & contact information to the sign-up sheets! Please print! During the coffee break, I'll be at the back of the room with the sign-up sheets. Hopefully, I'll be able to answer any questions. Coordinators all have their group name tags and may be sitting with me, or elsewhere in the room available to answer any questions. Everyone joining an Interest Group must be a Club member!

As well you can contact me, Betty Bignell, at interestgroups.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com. There usually isn't a charge to join an Interest Group, but some may have a minimal fee to pay for using the venue. Everyone joining an Interest Group must be a vaccinated member of the Club and have proof of vaccination for COVID-19 recorded by the Social Committee.

BANNED BOOK CLUB: Coordinator Camille Scarlett **This group now has a wait list.**

The group will reconvene on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Chuck Heroux will be leading the discussion of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. If interested in joining the wait list for this group, contact me, Betty Bignell. The group will meet monthly on the third Tuesday at 1:30.

BOOK LOVERS - Coordinator Jen Thomson **(Thank you, Jen!)**

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." Roald Dahl. An introductory meeting with group members will be meeting at a local restaurant on September 18. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me.

BOOK CLUB: Coordinators Gerri Martin & Kelly Keilty **This group has a wait list.**

The Book Club members are enjoying their own personal reading selections over the summer. Meetings will reconvene in September when the group discusses "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks. Please contact me if you want to be added to the wait list.

CANASTA & CANASTA LESSONS: Coordinator Amber D'Aguiar

Canasta is another card game for experienced players to consider. Please contact me if you want to join Amber and others to enjoy this game. For those of you wanting to take lessons on how to play Canasta, group members will soon receive a message from Amber giving you the lesson dates.

CASINO VISITS: **Coordinator Required**

This group requires a new Coordinator to make it an active Interest Group. If you are interested in becoming the Coordinator, or would like to join the Casino Visits Group, please contact me, Betty Bignell.

EUCHRE: Coordinator Carolyn Hicken

The Euchre group met on September 5 at 10:00 a.m. The Euchre group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, at 10:00 am.

GARDENING: Coordinator Sally Kotsopoulos

On September 7, the Gardening group will gather at Sally's home from 3:00-4:30 for a garden party. Light refreshments will be served.

The group will be discussing gardens they visited this summer and will be making plans for their final two meetings in October and November.

Depending on where this group meets, there may be a very small initial charge and weekly charge for members of this group.

GENEALOGY: Coordinator Bernie Beales

The Genealogy group will meet again on Thursday, September 21 from 1:30-3:30. Group members should bring their current successes and frustrations to share with others! The Genealogy Resource Room at the library is always open if you have the need to explore! The Genealogy group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30-3:30.

HANDICRAFTS: Coordinator Sally Kotsopoulos

The group will meet on September 15 from 1:00-3:00. Members are encouraged to bring their current projects to work on and share. The group will discuss two upcoming fall projects – One for Hallowe'en and the other for the Christmas Holidays. In August group members made burlap wreaths for the Fall.

Participants are always encouraged to bring their own projects to work on. There will be a small initial charge and weekly charge for members of this group.

HIKING: Coordinators: Carol Fraser & John Willcock

After a summer break the Hiking Group will begin hiking again on September 7 and 21. The Goodwood/Uxbridge area has a wonderful series of trails through a variety of forests and meadows, some quite flat, some with gentle hills. The group explores these forest trails near Uxbridge in the Durham and York Regions for 1 ½ to 2 hours. Join them for lively discussions, interesting views and leisurely treks! September hikes are scheduled for Thursday, September 7 and September 21. Hike details are emailed to our members for pre-registration.

KITCHEN BRIDGE: Coordinator Required

The Kitchen Bridge group must remain inactive until a new Coordinator is found. **New members will always be welcome!** If you are interested in being the Coordinator, or would like to join this group, contact **Betty Bignell**.

LADIES BRIDGE CLUB: Coordinator: Caren Narvet

This group will meet next on Tuesday, September 12 at 1:00. The group meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00.

ONLINE BRIDGE: Coordinator: Caren Narvet

The group will start up again in October. The group will be meeting once or twice a month on Mondays / Tuesdays at 1:00. Meeting dates will be sent to group members by email each month.

LET'S EAT OUT: Coordinators Gail & Chuck Heroux

The group will dine together on September 21. Meeting monthly for dinner, Let's Eat Out members have enjoyed dining in a great variety of restaurants. The group usually meets monthly on the third Thursday. If you would like to join them, please contact me, Betty Bignell.

LUNCH GROUP: Coordinators Betty Bignall & Joy Freemantle

The group will meet next on September 25 at 12:00. On August 28, 2023, several group members enjoyed lunch at Boondocks Eatery in Sutton. Group members will be always contacted with the name of the next restaurant where they will meet. If interested in joining the Lunch Group, contact me, Betty Bignell The Lunch Group meets



on the last Monday of the month at 12:00.

MOVIES: Coordinators Chuck & Gail Heroux

This group periodically meets to watch movies together. If you would like to be a member of this group, please contact me, Betty Bignell.

PICKLE BALL: Coordinators Gerry Bignell & Barry Scarlett

Group members play on Tuesdays and Fridays. If interested in joining this group, please contact Betty Bignell.

REDUCING OUR FOOTPRINT: Coordinator Brian Keeling

The group will meet next on September 20 to discuss Tips & Points. The purpose of the group is to discuss reducing our impact on the planet. Many topics can be discussed - energy, food & health. Each decision made can make a difference! If interested in joining this group, please contact me, Betty Bignell.

SCRABBLE: Coordinator Judy Fink

The group will be meeting next on September 13 at 12:00 noon and will be bringing their lunch and beverage. New members are always welcome. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

SMALL TOWN THEATRE GROUP: Coordinators Steve Fryzuk & Peggy Kennedy

A group committee meeting was held in August to plan theatre events for the 2023-2024 season. The first event will be held on October 14, 2023. The group will be attending Oshawa Little Theatre to see "Calendar Girls". Small Town Theatre members may be interested in attending comedies, musicals, or plays in the Durham and York regions.

TRAVEL: Coordinator Anne-Marie Sacco

Hop on board! The PROBUS travel group is anticipating some fun travel options!

#1) Oct 2-5 - Quebec City via Mary Morton motorcoach

#2) Winter Getaway in January 2024 - Fern Resort via Mary Morton motorcoach

#3) Feb 3-10 - Grand Lucayan Freeport Bahama Island via Getaway Travel

#4) Exclusive to PROBUS members - Between December and April - a 14 day trip to Thailand via Karen Lantigua

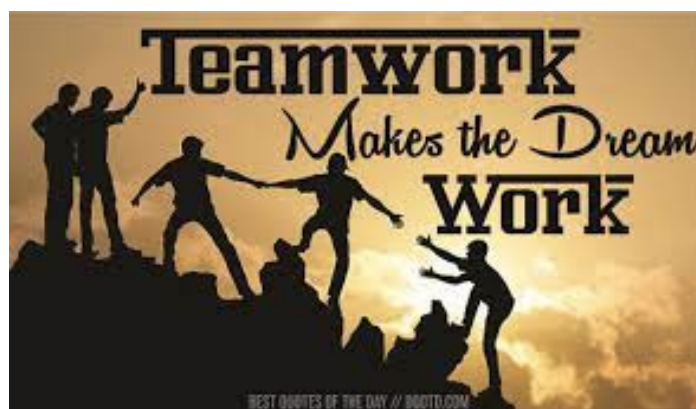
Members of the travel group will have a zoom session to discuss interests at the end of September.

URBAN WALKING: Coordinator Required

This group is currently inactive until a new Coordinator is found. A social group, they walk at a moderate pace for about an hour. Group members will be notified monthly of when and where the next walk will be. New members will always be welcome! If you are interested in being Coordinator, or want to join this group, please contact Betty Bignell. Urban Walking is the third Thursday monthly.

WINE CLUB: Coordinators Sherrill Burns, Margaret & Rene Blanchet

On September 13 at 7:00 the Wine Club is planning to discuss wines discovered or enjoyed over the summer. Many thanks to Margaret and Rene Blanchet for coordinating this club so enthusiastically for many years. The torch has been passed to Anne Gauvreau who will coordinate with the help of Sherrill Burns. This group meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 7:00.



You Must Remember This!

Each month, I will give you a prompt to remember some aspect of your youth and share your memories with the club.

Question of the Month: What do you remember from your school days that kids today will never know?

September will always mean Back To School - although things have changed since we were students. I remember Cleanliness Checks every morning - our teacher came down the rows to check we had clean fingernails and a handkerchief right after the announcements. Of course in Grade 5, we started using stick pens and ink wells which meant very dirty hands for a couple years until we could use cartridge pens (and Peacock Blue Ink!!!). Ballpoints had to wait until Grade 9.



Just click on my email address & send a couple of sentences about YOUR school flashback!
newsletter.uxbridgeprobus@gmail.com

Last Month's Memories - Early Television Times!

Camille Scarlett and Marcia Beales really represented the era! Both remember loving Captain Kangaroo and Fury (the horse) but were upset that the Romper Room lady never saw them in her mirror! Both enjoyed animals - Marcia watched Felix The Cat and Camille loved Mickey Mouse Club. "We even had our own Mouse Hats!!! You had to run and get them before the show!" she remembers.



Chuck Heroux recalled that "in 1952 we moved to a house that had a television, and it was the only one on our block. As a consequence the place was packed with kids Saturday mornings, driving my mother nuts. We usually started with the Sealtest Big Top, a circus show, followed by Wild Bill Hickok, and either a Roy Rogers or Gene Autry movie from the previous decade. Cowboys were big then for sure." Photo of Ed The Clown from Sealtest Big Top - played by Ed McMahon pre-Carson!



John Willcock remembers living in UK and acquiring their first TV set in 1955. "The set was probably about a 17" and black and white picture which we rented from the local TV shop. Few people actually purchased their own TV's outright at that time as they cost the equivalent of about 3 months wages. One was required to have a TV license which was 3 pounds annually. Only one station was available (that being BBC) but during the year an independent station, ITV, was launched. It was funded by commercials. Approximately 18% of households had a TV set at the time. What else happened that year - Winston Churchill stepped down as Prime Minister."



The Year Was 1955

Shared by John Willcock

Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?

If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.



When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon? Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.

It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.

It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.

I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.

The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

There is no sense going on short trips any more for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a hotel.

If they think I'll pay 30 cents for a haircut, forget it.



The year was 1955.

Something To Think About!

ENGLISH IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU DRIVE IN PARKWAYS AND PARK IN DRIVEWAYS.

IT'S ALSO THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU RECITE IN A PLAY AND PLAY IN A RECITAL.

YOUR FINGERS HAVE FINGERTIPS BUT YOUR TOES DON'T HAVE TOETIPS.

YET, YOU CAN TIPTOE BUT NOT TIFINGER.

THE WORD **QUEUE** IS JUST A **Q** FOLLOWED BY FOUR SILENT LETTERS.

JAIL AND **PRISON** ARE SYNONYMS. BUT **JAILER** AND **PRISONER** ARE ANTONYMS.

WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY CAR, IT'S CALLED A SHIPMENT. BUT WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY SHIP, IT'S CALLED **CARGO**.



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Follow



THINGS TO PONDER:

- What if my dog only brings the ball back because he thinks I like throwing it?
- If the poison expiration date is past does that mean it's less or more poisonous?
- Which letter in "Scent" is silent...is the S or the C?
- Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- Why is W pronounced "double U" instead of "double V"?
- What if oxygen is killing you & it just takes 75 to 100 years to work?
- Everytime you clean, you make something else dirty.
- 100 years ago, everyone had a horse, only the rich had a car. Today everyone has cars & only the rich have horses.
- If you replace the "W" with a "T" in "What, Where & When", you would have the answer to each one.
- If you rip a hole in a net, you have less holes than you started with.

IF THE PERSON WHO NAMED WALKIE TALKIES NAMED EVERYTHING:

STAMPS: LICKIE STICKIE
DEFIBRILLATORS: HEARTY STARTY
BUMBLE BEES: FUZZY BUZZY
PREGNANCY TEST: MAYBE BABY
BRA: BRESTIE NESTIE
FORK: STABBY GRABBY
SOCKS: FEETIE HEATIE
HIPPO: FLOATIE BLOATIE
NIGHTMARE: SCREAMY DREAMY