



# PROBUS Club of Clarington

*Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of  
the month, 10:00 AM  
1685 Bloor St., Courtice  
(Hope Fellowship Church)*

## From our President



Recently, I took a short trip to the future with our World of Flavours Interest Group. We visited a Japanese restaurant where our bento boxes were delivered by robots. Although the experience was somewhat interesting, the “future food” did not live up to my expectations. I think I’ll stick to tried and true menus and traditional serving staff.

However, speaking of the future, I am very pleased to see the future of our club in good hands. We have very dedicated, qualified, and well-experienced Management Committee candidates lined up for 2023/24. The club has great momentum, and our membership numbers are growing as new Interest groups sprout. I can step back and retire with a good conscience, wishing all good luck.

Best wishes to all.

*Leslie Soltay,  
President*

**For the Irish and want-to-be Irish in our membership, wear something green to our March meeting to commemorate St. Patrick’s Day!**



## PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM

Leslie Soltay  
President

Paul Halliday  
Vice President

Jim Bamford  
Past President

Nadia Bilyk  
Membership  
Coordinator

Liola Limeback  
Secretary

George Rickard  
Treasurer

Susan Hollyman  
Social Committee Chair

Donna Bright  
Interest Group Chair

Nancy Muzik  
Communications Chair



## Special Guest at our March Meeting

Brenda Andrews, is President of PROBUS Canada, and Director (Ontario District #2 ) which serves 33 clubs in Ajax (2), Alliston (3), Aurora, Barrie (2), Bobcaygeon, Bradford (2), Clarington, Fenelon Falls, Lakefield, Lindsay (2), Newmarket (3), Orillia (4), Oshawa (2), Peterborough, Pickering (2), Port Perry, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Uxbridge, and Whitby. (Whew! A very busy lady indeed!)

We welcome Brenda and look forward to her visit.

## Speaker for March

Guest Speaker: Rick Pyves



**Topic:** Sir John James Taylor, Assistant Under-Secretary for Ireland, who was the de facto ruler of Ireland from 1918 to early 1920.

Rick will present the incredible story of his great-grand-uncle, Sir John James Taylor, a commoner born in Umballa, India who joined the British Civil Service as a young teenager in 1877 and rose through the civil service ranks while in Ireland to a position of influence during the Anglo-Irish War of Independence.

Rick Pyves is a published author, avid historian and genealogist who grew up in Montreal, Quebec. Rick is a graduate of Concordia (Sir George Williams) University and McGill University and holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration in Marketing.



## Member Profile



I was born in Oshawa and grew up in Whitby. I graduated from The University of Toronto with a degree in political science, then attended law school at The University of Windsor. I was called to the bar of Ontario in 1984.

After being called to the bar, I worked at a major law firm in downtown Toronto where I specialized in Labour & Employment Law. After 4 years, I accepted a job as in-house counsel with Honda of Canada Mfg. in Alliston, Ontario. I was there for 30 years before retiring in 2019. I lived in Newmarket for those 30 years.

My husband practised law for almost 50 years. In 2021, I wanted to move back to this area as I have two brothers and one sister here. We bought a home in Courtice and began building a new life here, but sadly, I lost my husband just a few months ago.

I have two sons. The older one has his MBA and is a Finance Manager in one of our hospitals. My younger son is a lawyer and works for a major downtown Toronto law firm. I have two grandsons, the second one just born in early February!

I enjoy keeping fit by walking and attending classes at The Courtice Community Complex. I like to cook, I am an avid reader, I love the theatre and I enjoy gardening. I am an animal lover and I have 2 cats. I'm looking forward to joining the bird watching group in the spring and perhaps some hiking that isn't too strenuous.

I'm looking forward to meeting people and making new friends.

*Shawna Kadykalo*

## Membership Report

Membership stands at 227. Welcome to new members Susan Rigby and Leola Doyle.



Bill Kennedy, Anne Hill, Glenn Hill, Judy Houle and Leni Wieder received their name badges last month.

Share the Wealth (and enjoy free coffee and treats!) Tickets are \$1/1 ticket, \$2/3 tickets, \$5/10 tickets. Lucky winner last month was Susan Hollyman. Good Luck!

Please register for the monthly Probus meetings on line so that the lovely ladies serving treats will be able to prepare accordingly. Thank you!

*Nadia Bilyk*

## News from your Social Committee

### DURHAM WASTE MANAGEMENT TOUR, Thursday, February 23

We regretfully canceled the planned tour of the above facility due to the weather advisory for that day and the day prior. This will be rebooked at a later date when the plant schedule and the Probus schedule align. Those who registered for the Feb. 23 tour will be advised accordingly.



*Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?  
You might press your luck!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**1. Five Pin Bowling at NEB'S Fun World, Tues., March 21, 2:00-3:30 pm; 1300 Wilson Rd. N.; \$17.20/2 games & shoe rental**

Come out for a fun afternoon of bowling in what is claimed to be "the world's largest 5 pin bowling centre". We will play 2 games of 10 frames each. The bowling ball can be held in the palm of your hand and is easier for those with back or shoulder pain. If desired, keeners can continue to bowl extra games at their own expense. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase. There will be prizes for high and low scores, not to mention bragging rights.

**2. Private Screening of "Living", Wed., March 29, 1:30 doors open, 2:00 pm screen time; Landmark Cinema, 75 Consumer's Dr., Whitby; \$14.99**

A veteran civil servant receives a medical diagnosis that inspires him to cram as much fun as possible into his remaining days. A "feel good film about dying", it's star, Bill Nighy, is up for his first Oscar as Best Actor. Members may bring friends along for this private PROBUS viewing.

**3. Trivia afternoon followed by dinner, Wed., April 12, 3:00 pm; Copperworks Brew Pub, 7 Division St., Bowmanville; \$5.20 (dinner, drinks not included)**

Our Team Trivia, Dawn & George Aitken, will emcee this afternoon of sure-to-be fun/challenging questions. No pressure, as it is always played in a loosely organized team format. Everyone can win a prize at the end, however, teams who answer more questions correctly, win extra chances in the draw for prizes. After the games, we will have an early evening meal and estimate leaving by 7:00 pm.

**4. Tour of Little Canada, Tues., April 25, 1:00 pm; Dundas and Yonge St., Toronto; \$28.35 (transit not included)**

We are booked for a private tour of this vast and highly detailed, animated miniature display exploring Canadian vistas from coast to coast. Come and explore Canada under one roof, in the heart of downtown Toronto. Travel will be by GO train and subway. Travel instructions will be included in the registration/reminder emails. You may invite friends along if you wish to do so.

**5. Hotel California, Eagles Tribute Band, Friday, May 12; Newcastle Town Hall**

28 members have purchased tickets for this popular performance. Please remember to pick up your tickets at the Social Table in the foyer at the April meeting.

**6. Car Rally, Wed., May 31; SAVE THE DATE!**

**7. Tour of the Ontario Legislature and Tea, Fri., June 16, 2:00-4:00 pm; \$47.25 (transit not included)**

It has been a long time waiting, but the Ontario Legislature has finally re-opened to groups. We will experience a guided tour of the historic building and learn about the art, architecture and key past events before enjoying a traditional English-style afternoon tea. Registration is currently open and we urge you to secure your place ASAP.

We encourage your suggestions and ideas for future social events.

Tickets to social events are non-refundable. We do, however, endeavor to connect those on our wait lists with members who have had to cancel their places.

*Susan Hollyman*

*Where can you always find a shamrock?  
In the dictionary.*



# Interest Groups

## Billiards



*Photo by John Muzik*

## Melody Makers



*Melody Makers charm February audience - Photo by Pleun Dorsman*

*What happens if you cross poison ivy with a four-leaf clover?  
You get a rash of good luck!*



**Fibre Arts Group – Presentation of their Artwork at February Meeting**



*Photos by Pleun Dorsman*

**Flavours of the World – Visit to Makimono Restaurant**



*Photos by Nancy Muzik*

# Website Tip of the Month: Trouble Shooting the Registration Process

Thought you registered but then find you are not on the registration list for an event? How do you know you registered? When you register for an event, you almost immediately receive a confirmation email. You should always check your email to ensure you received a confirmation email after registering for an event. If an event has fees, you will also be emailed a receipt.

## What should I do if I didn't receive a confirmation email?

1. If you did not receive the email, first check your SPAM folder or if you use Gmail, check the PROMOTIONS folder.
2. Go to the event from the calendar and check the registration page. If you are registered you will see a comment. [Already registered](#) under the Register button. You can also check the registration list by clicking the link showing the number of registrants.

## Why didn't my registration work?

1. When you register, ensure that you go through all the screens by clicking **NEXT**. Meetings and Social events often have several registration screens due to choices, guest registration and payments. Note: You may have to scroll down to see the **NEXT** button which is always at the bottom right-hand side of your screen. See the figure below.

### March Hybrid Meeting

When 8 Mar 2023  
10:00 AM  
Location Hope Fellowship Church and on Zoom  
Registered [1 registrant](#)

#### REGISTRATION

- In Person Meeting At Hope Fellowship Church
- Zoom attend at home  
The Zoom link will be in the confirmation email.

REGISTER

[Already registered](#)

Enter registration information

Mandatory fields

First name   
Last name   
Email   
Mobile Phone   
Phone

#### PUBLIC LIST OF EVENT REGISTRANTS

- Include name in list of event registrants  
*You may wish to exclude your name for privacy or security reasons*

#### GUESTS REGISTRATION

No guest registration entered

ADD GUEST

You can invite up to 2 guests

CANCEL

BACK

NEXT

2. Ensure you continue through all the screens until you reach the confirmation screen and click on the **CONFIRM** button.

### March Hybrid Meeting

Add to my calendar

#### Review and confirm

Event March Hybrid Meeting  
8 Mar 2023 10:00 AM  
Location: Hope Fellowship Church and on Zoom  
Ticket type In Person Meeting At Hope Fellowship Church


CANCEL

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CONFIRM

3. If a payment is required, you will see a pay online button instead of confirm. Click on the **PAY ONLINE** button.

[Demonstration Event](#)

Add to my calendar 



**Review and confirm**

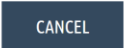

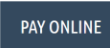
Event Demonstration Event  
28 Feb 2023

Ticket type test – \$1.00


Total **\$1.00 (CAD)**  
amount

Payment instructions Payments may be made online by Mastercard or Visa credit and debit cards.

4. Fill in your credit card information and click on the **PAY** button.
5. You will finally get a screen thanking you for your registration. Check your email for your confirmation email.

 Thank you for your registration!  
Your registration is complete.  
Below are your registration details.

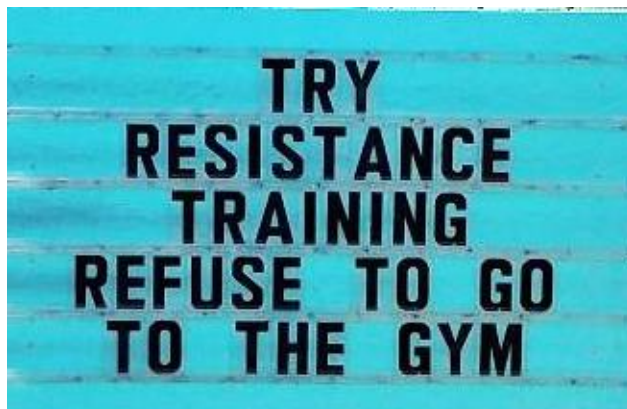
*Nancy Muzik*



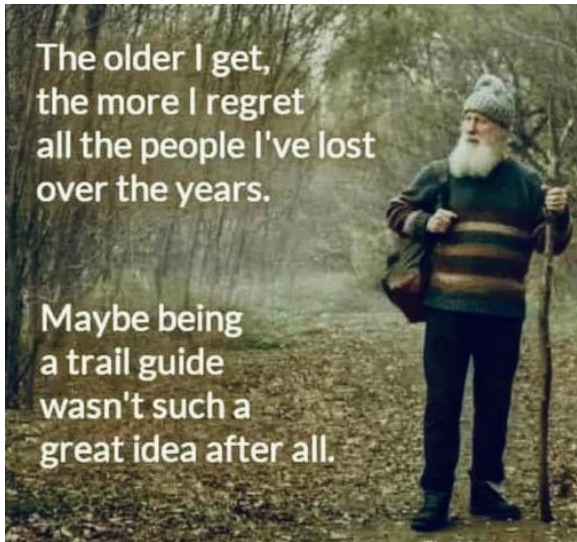
**REMINDERS**

- Next meeting: March 8, 10 am
- Wear something green
- Bring a mug and change for the 50/50 draw
- Submit pictures, articles & jokes to [chase\\_al@hotmail.com](mailto:chase_al@hotmail.com). Deadline for April Newsletter is **March 27**

*Smile and the whole world smiles with you...*







***The following event or travel opportunity is offered for your information only and is not being sponsored by PROBUS Club of Clarington. Members should be aware they would be dealing directly with the travel company or sponsoring organization and that it may be offered to other PROBUS clubs and/or the general public.***

### **Garden Chat**

Hi to all my garden friends. I am a member of Garden Chat and I want to invite Garden Chat and Late Bloomers, and any other Clarington PROBUS members, to a Spring Garden Tour. Cathy Spracklin has put this Bus Tour together for me and even though she prefers smaller tours, she agreed to book the big bus, so that we could visit The Royal Botanical Gardens, Whistling Gardens (fantastic peony display and numerous out of the ordinary plants) as well as shop at Northland Nurseries, (many plants, all in 1-gallon pots, all priced \$8.99).



I am inviting you first. Please feel free to invite family/friends. Once this information is out in the March Newsletter, the spaces will be opened up to other local garden clubs – Bowmanville, Orono, Newcastle and Oshawa.

The date is Thursday, June 15, 2023, and the cost is \$125.00. Deadline to pay is May30.

See the poster below. Here is the link to the booking form to pay and hold a seat for the Spring Garden Tour. If you lose this link, you can email Cathy at [cathy@canxplore.com](mailto:cathy@canxplore.com)

[Spring Garden Tour Booking Form](#)

*Sherry Shrives*



**Escorted Small Group Day Tours**



## SPRING GARDEN TOUR

Thursday, June 15th, 2023

**ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS**

- Visit Hendrie Park and Laking Garden

**WHISTLING GARDENS**

- Picnic lunch and guided tour

**NORTHLAND NURSERY**

- huge selection of unique and interesting plants for purchase

**Activity Level:** Active (walking for extended periods)  
**Price:** \$125 per person, tax included, due upon booking

Email [cathy@canxplore.com](mailto:cathy@canxplore.com) to book

CanXplore - 145 West Side Drive, Bowmanville, ON t. 289.275.1182  
TICO #50025952 [www.canxplore.com](http://www.canxplore.com)



**Small Group Tours for the Young-At-Heart**



## NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

Tour Date: July 2 to 11, 2023

Early booking bonus - \$100 off per person if booked before February 1st, 2023.  
More information at [www.canxplore.com](http://www.canxplore.com)

**Zoom Presentation: January 10, 2023 at 7 pm**  
Please RSVP [cathy@canxplore.com](mailto:cathy@canxplore.com)

**New day trips and shorter trips coming soon!**

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