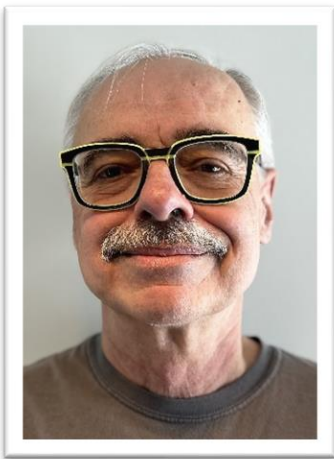




# PROBUS Club of Clarington

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

## From our President



I would like to start by thanking Leslie Soltay for stepping up and chairing the May General Meeting in my absence.

It's that time of year again; our annual membership fees are due on September 1<sup>st</sup>. You will receive a notice on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We did a cost analysis and found that our current annual fee does not cover the day-to-day operation of our club. The monthly hall rental and Wild Apricot annual fee are both increasing significantly in September. Also, I don't have to tell you that

inflation is affecting the cost of living. As a result, the annual membership fee is increasing to \$40.00.

I know a lot of our members have cottages and will be spending a lot of the summer enjoying the lake and sipping a few adult beverages. For those of us that don't own a cottage, and don't have any travel plans, we still have general meetings in July and August. Whatever your plans, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

*John Muzik,  
President*



<b>PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM</b>
John Muzik President
Marg Allen Vice President
Leslie Soltay Past President
Sherry Shrives Secretary
George Rickard Treasurer
Nadia Bilyk Membership Coordinator
Donna Bright Interest Group Chair
Andrea Shaw Social Committee Chair
Alice Chase Communications Chair

## Speakers for July

Guest Speakers Katie Overstrom and Sandy Lawless will speak on the History of the Royal Ontario Museum and current exhibitions.

The presentation will delve into the history of the world-renowned museum, the people who made the ROM possible, its various renovations, highlights of its outstanding collection and the current exhibitions that continue to impress, educate, and entertain more than one million visitors each year.



## Member Profile



Nova Scotia was my "down home" place. Here I was born and raised until I was 9 years old and my dad moved our family to Montreal. I spent the next several decades in Montreal, where I was married and had 2 wonderful daughters.

When we moved to Ontario, I continued to work in my profession until I retired at what I consider to be a good time to do so. Four years ago, after my husband had passed away, I moved from Courtice to Newcastle. The community here is very welcoming, and right up my alley.

Some hobbies that I have dabbled in are: stained glass, decorative painting (over 30 years' worth), and card-making (my new obsession!) I also enjoy discovering the walking trails around the area as they provide me with a nice way to be out

in nature.

Joining PROBUS has given me an opportunity to meet new people and fill my calendar with activities and outings.

*Susan Rigby*

## Membership Report

Currently, we have 228 members.

June Share the Wealth winner was Bruce Beveridge. (The prize was collected by his wife, Heather, on the left.) Congratulations!

A Meet and Greet for new members was held on June 16th, 2023. Ten new members were in attendance. It was a pleasant and informative gathering, with time to socialize, learn about what the PROBUS club has to offer and to enjoy some treats.



*Share the Wealth winner; Photo by Pleun Dorsman*





Meet & Greet Photos by Nadia Bilyk

*Nadia Bilyk*

## News from your Social Committee

1. Our thanks to Anna Huston for hosting the Waste Management Tour on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We had 27 members registered to tour the facility.
2. Deep appreciation goes to Cathy Spracklin who led 17 members on the Tour of the Ontario Legislature and High Tea, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The guide was informative and there were a couple of intervals where “actors” popped in and enacted segments of information. The tea was excellent and the trio of actors visited with singing and snippets of a popular play from decades past.



Photos by Lynette Holloway



Recently added to the Legislative Chamber, an Indigenous carving by Garrett Nahdee, illustrating the Anishinaabe “Seven Grandfather Teachings” of Love, Wisdom, Truth, Humility, Respect, Courage and Honesty. (Seven commendable qualities indeed!)

## Upcoming Events

### 1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre production of The Tilco Strike on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Twenty of our members and guests will be attending with seating in the covered area. Tickets will be available for pick up at the July general meeting at the Social Committee table.

### 2. Headwaters Community Farm and Education Centre, Cobourg, August 21, 10am - 1pm; \$52.50

On offer is a Field to Table 4-course lunch experience. A minimum of 6 and maximum of 15 are required.

***This is not recommended for people with mobility issues as we will be foraging and digging in fields and hills that are uneven.***



The morning program will start with a tour of Headwaters Farm, collecting vegetables, herbs, eggs, and wild edibles as ingredients for a farm-fresh lunch. Back in Headwaters' cozy farmstead commercial kitchen, owners Tony and Linda Armstrong will lead the group in a cooking class combining collected and other locally sourced ingredients to create a 4-course lunch including soup/salad/bread, entrée and dessert.



### 3. Car Rally, October 3; details to follow

Our thanks to Joan Seaton and Merv Bolton who will be planning the event over the summer.

### 1. High Tea at Calderwood House in Orono, November 3 at 3:00 pm.; \$52.50

Maximum of 14. Enjoy a delicious English high tea and tour the home with 21 decorated Christmas trees displayed throughout. Dress up in an array of fancy hats for a picture shoot. This is not your average high tea!

### 2. Algoma Orchards Processing Facility Tour, November 21 at 2:00 pm; \$5.20

They have a lovely café that people may want to eat at following the tour.

Maximum 25 people.



### 4. December Christmas Lunch, Kedron Golf Club, December 8. More details to follow.

Just a reminder that social event registrations are not refundable. If you have to cancel, every effort will be made to replace you with someone on the wait list but it is not a guarantee.

## Local Activities That You May Enjoy

**Primrose Donkey Sanctuary** Curbside Visits Thursdays and Sundays 1 – 3pm.

[www.primrosedonkeysanctuary.com](http://www.primrosedonkeysanctuary.com)

**ZimArt Gallery** in Baillieboro Opens end of May to Mid-October 11am – 5pm Free entrance, picnic areas, Enjoy stone art sculptures throughout the grounds. Art is for sale and carving classes are available. Proceeds support grassroots projects in Zimbabwe. <https://zimart.ca/>

*Andrea Shaw*



# Interest Groups

## Bowling



The bowling crew was small this month but the bowlers delivered impressive results. Everyone bowled over 100 for both games! Lots of strikes and spares were enjoyed. Nancy Muzik, in particular, was on fire!

*Donna Bright*



*Photos by Donna Bright*

## Golf



*Photos by Dawn Aitken*



Golf is an easy game...It's just hard to play.

Golf was once a rich man's sport. But now it has millions of poor players.

Forget about all those "how to" books, videos and articles.

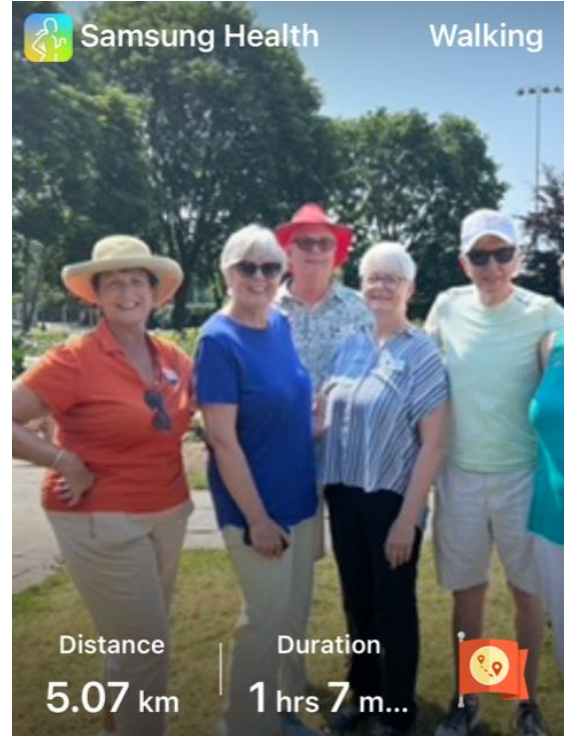
The only sure way to save strokes is with an eraser.



## Hiking



Hiking Oak Ridges Moraine; photo by Mary Ellen Craig



Hiking Oshawa Creek Trail; photo by Dawn Aitken

## Ladies Who Lunch



Boston Pizza; photo by Shirley Shirley

**WHEN DO YOU GO AT RED, AND STOP AT GREEN?**



**WHEN YOU'RE EATING A SLICE OF WATERMELON!**



## Melody Makers



On Sunday, June 25, our PROBUS choir sang O Canada at Garnet B Rickard arena at the start of a lacrosse game. We got to warmup in a very aromatic change room!!!

*Marg Allen*

*Photo by Jan Wotton*

## Urban Walking Group – Visit to Oshawa Valley Botanical Garden



*Photos submitted by Rietta Pithie*

## What's For Dinner



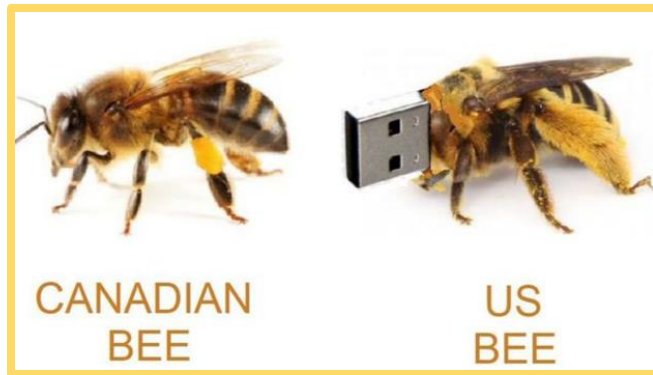
*Canada Day BBQ; photos by Nancy Muzik*





## A little bit of laughter...

They said hanging baskets  
in your garden would  
improve the look.  
I'm not convinced.



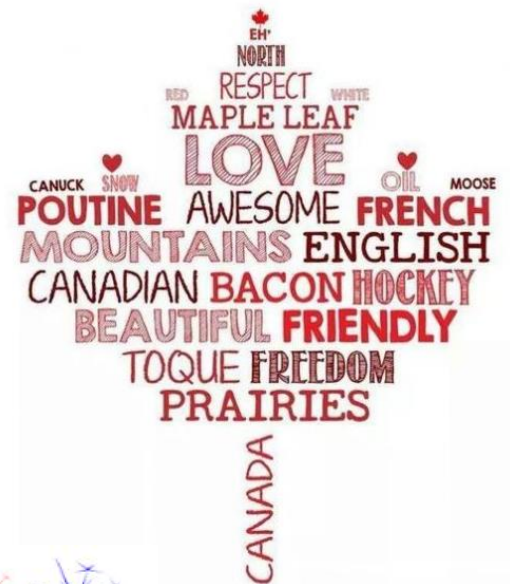
*Only in Canada, eh?*

How do you get a Canadian to apologize?  
Step on their foot.

How do you stop bacon from curling in the frying pan?  
*Take away its broom!*

## Things You Probably Didn't Know about Canada

- ✦ Canada has an 'Apology Act' that allows apologies in court to be considered a sign of empathy, not guilt!
- ✦ Peterborough, ON is the canoe capital of the world
- ✦ 15,500 of the world's 25,000 polar bears live in Canada
- ✦ Canada has more lakes than all other countries combined (250,000+ in Ontario alone)
- ✦ Canada is the largest exporter of blueberries in the world
- ✦ Canadian inventions/discoveries include: the electric wheelchair, the baseball glove, insulin, plexiglass, caulking gun, butter tarts, peanut butter, goalie mask, five-pin bowling, radon, forensic pathology in policing, artificial cardiac pacemaker, ...and the list goes on



*Happy Canada Day!*





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**Next PROBUS Meeting**

*Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 10 am*

*Remember to bring a mug and money for Share the Wealth*

*Deadline for submissions to August newsletter is July 27*

*Send articles, pictures and jokes to [chase\\_al@hotmail.com](mailto:chase_al@hotmail.com)*

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*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.*

**CANXPLORE**

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



**AGAWA CANYON AND SUDBURY TOUR**

**Tour Dates: September 30 - October 3, 2023**

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience the beautiful fall colours on a full day train tour of the Agawa Canyon
- Take photos of the Big Nickel and the lovely murals in Sudbury
- Visit Science North in Sudbury, an interactive science museum and Northern Ontario's most popular attraction
- Enjoy an IMAX presentation at Science North
- Embark on a 1.5 hour boat cruise on Lake Rosseau in The Muskokas

**\$1195**  
double  
occupancy  
tax incl.

**Price:** \$1,195 per person, taxes included, based on double occupancy

**See our website for more details**

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