



PROBUS Club of Clarington

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

From our President



My last President's message. Not sure if I should rejoice or weep?

Except for the end, I had a wonderful, action-filled term, thanks to the capable, loyal, and dedicated team: the Officers, the Directors, the Newsletter Editor, and the Interest Group Coordinators. They all, without exception, have been most supportive and professional in their service of the PROBUS Club of Clarington. Thank you all on behalf of the membership.

As for next year, I wish President-Elect John Muzik and his new team all the best in 2023-24.

Good luck and we are all behind you, John, with our support.

*Leslie Soltay,
President*

Speaker for April

Just in time for those spring walks in the woods, Paul LaPorte of Ephemeral Ark Nursery will return as our speaker in April with an interesting and informative presentation on Woodland Plant Identification. He will be bringing some native woodland plants for sale as well.



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

Coming up next month:

Our speaker for May, Andrew Felker, Certified Specialist in Estates and Law, will address “Developing an Effective Estate Plan.” The talk should be both interesting and informative.



Member Profile



Hello, my name is Julia Bezubiak and I joined PROBUS last year after learning about the group from a fellow golfer. I grew up in Newcastle when it was still a relatively small village. Everybody knew everybody and it was a good place to be a kid. I moved to Toronto in the 1970's and spent the next years focusing on my banking career.

My banking career started at CIBC in the most junior position. I worked for TD, Scotiabank and RBC over the years and was fortunate that I could travel “at the drop of a hat”. I spent most of my career in Internal Audit performing branch audits to IT (Information Technology) applications audits. The job took me to many international countries as well as across Canada and the USA.

I'm an avid golfer and world traveler. My aim in travelling is to visit at least 100 countries. I'm only at 70 as COVID put a damper on travel. I enjoy dancing, meeting new and interesting people and can still travel at the drop of a hat. I love to read anything from murder mysteries to biographies and historical novels.

I'm a volunteer with the Transplant Ambassador Program (TAP) and I'm the lead Ambassador at Oshawa Lakeridge Health. We are a patient-led group of kidney donors and recipients dedicated to helping patients going through this life changing experience. We can relate as we have gone through it ourselves. It will be 10 years on May 29th since I received my new kidney from a deceased donor which gave me a new lease of life.

I moved back to Newcastle in 2021 and have a home at Wilmot Creek. It's an adult style community and there are lots of activities to keep people busy. I joined the ladies golf league and volunteer my experience in maintaining our Excel spreadsheet of golfers. It's nice to be back to a small-town atmosphere.

Membership Report

Current membership stands at 225 active members.

Purchase Share the Wealth tickets, and enjoy free coffee and treats.
\$1 / 1 ticket, \$2 / 3 tickets, \$5 / 8 tickets. Lucky winner last month was Marci Grebenc.

Please register for the monthly PROBUS meetings online so that the lovely ladies serving treats will be able to prepare accordingly. Thank you.

Nadia Bilyk



Photo by Pleun Dorsman

News from your Social Committee

Past Events

1. There were 28 members who came out for an enjoyable afternoon of bowling at NEB'S Fun World on March 21. What we lacked in form and skill, we more than made up for with laughs and encouragement. The high scoring team of the afternoon (see below) included Donna B, Glenn H, Lynn J, Wendy J and Bob P, while the Men's and Ladies high scorers were Roger H and Leola D. The low scoring team received "good egg" awards. Also of note, Pleun D bowled a "turkey" (this, for those not up on their bowling terms, is 3 strikes in a row!).

As can be seen below, everyone had a great time. Thanks go to Cathy Spracklin and Anna Huston for their organizing efforts.





(Thank you to photo contributors: Susan Hollyman, Nancy Muzik, Pleun Dorsman.)

2. The movie “Living” attracted some 50 registrants on March 29. We enjoyed a private screening of the new release starring Bill Nighy. The movie was both thought-provoking and moving.

Upcoming Events

1. **Trivia Afternoon, Wed., April 12, 3 pm, Copperworks Brew Pub, 7 Division St., Bowmanville; \$5.20 (dinner and drinks not included).**

Fun is always guaranteed at these popular trivia get-togethers. Emcees Dawn and George Aitken will challenge with a series of themed questionnaires. Teams are loosely assembled by table and there is no pressure, as answers are arrived at by consensus. Dinner will be enjoyed after the trivia is completed. There will be prizes offered (ticket draw). This event has reached capacity however, members are encouraged to sign the waiting list. Spots often become available as the event date nears.

2. **Tour of Little Canada, Tues., April 25, 1:00 pm; 10 Dundas St E at Yonge St, Toronto; \$28.35 (transportation extra).**

A celebration of all things Canada, this display will take you through a vast and highly detailed, miniature animated recreation of many of the country’s most celebrated sights. This new tourist venture has won a number of awards. We have added 10 spaces due to high demand.

3. **Hotel California (The Eagles Tribute Band), Fri. May 12, 7 pm; Newcastle Community Hall.**

All those who purchased tickets through Probus are asked to pick them up at the Social Committee table in the foyer at the General Meeting on April 12.

4. **Car Rally, Wednesday, May 31, 9:30 am start time.**

Fasten your seat belts, as Kevin and Victoria Girling have finalized plans for the first car rally of the year! They have decided to move the starting point a little further afield (we can share that it will be near Tyrone and washroom facilities) with the finish being about a 15-minute drive from Bowmanville. It will involve an extremely circuitous route with questions along the way (hence the need for at least 2 persons per car). The rally should finish about lunchtime and we will



share answers and a picnic lunch at the final stop of the route. Remember, this is not a race, but an opportunity to see some new countryside. There will be a few roads that are not paved but are entirely passable. Fingers crossed for a sunny day, because this is a go whether rain or shine! The registration will be released late in April.

FYI, a second rally is being planned for the fall by Merv Bolton and Joan Seaton.

5. **Tour of Ontario Legislature with English Tea to follow, Fri., June 16, 1:45-4pm; \$47.25 (transportation not included).**

Enjoy a guided tour of our provincial Legislature and learn about the history, art and architecture of this distinctive part of Queen’s Park before enjoying a traditional afternoon tea. We will take the GO train and TTC together.

Space is limited so you are encouraged to register now while there are spaces available.

Final Note: tickets to social events are non-refundable. We do, however, endeavor to connect those on our waiting lists with members who have needed to cancel their registration.

Your comments and suggestions are most welcome and help guide us in planning future social events.

Susan Hollyman

Interest Groups

Breakfast Group



Breakfast at the Orono Café; Photo by Rhoda Wraith

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.



Hiking

Hiking season is here again. We hike the first and third Wednesdays of the month for about 2 hours starting at 10 am and finishing by noon. Following the hike, you are invited to join me for lunch at a local restaurant. My rule is “Never finish a hike with fewer calories than when you started.”

We go for a maximum of 5 km at a leisurely pace and no one is ever left behind. Enroll in the group to receive a notice the Sunday preceding each hike or just check the Probus calendar and come. No registration is required.

Some of the trails we will visit are: Enniskillen Conservation Area, Darlington Provincial Park, Waterfront Trail in Newcastle, Second Marsh in Oshawa, Orono Crown Lands (4 different trails timed for trout and salmon run), Oak Ridges Trail in Leskard (Spring hike to see wildflowers), Ballyduff Trails near Pontypool, ... and many more.

Join us for our first hike of the year, April 5.

John Windatt

Melody Makers



Choir practicing for March Meeting; Photo by Marg Allen



Melody Makers regaling the audience at the March Meeting; Photo by Pleun Dorsman

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.

Berthold Auerbach



Ladies Who Lunch



Photos by Shirley Shirley

Thirteen ladies enjoyed food and fellowship at the Copperworks Restaurant on March 23.



Premiere Crew

The Premiere Crew gang enjoyed a lovely evening hosted by Gail and Barry Pedwell. The theme was favourite wine. Barry sent us all home with honey that he produces from his own hives.

Nancy Muzik



Photo by Nancy Muzik



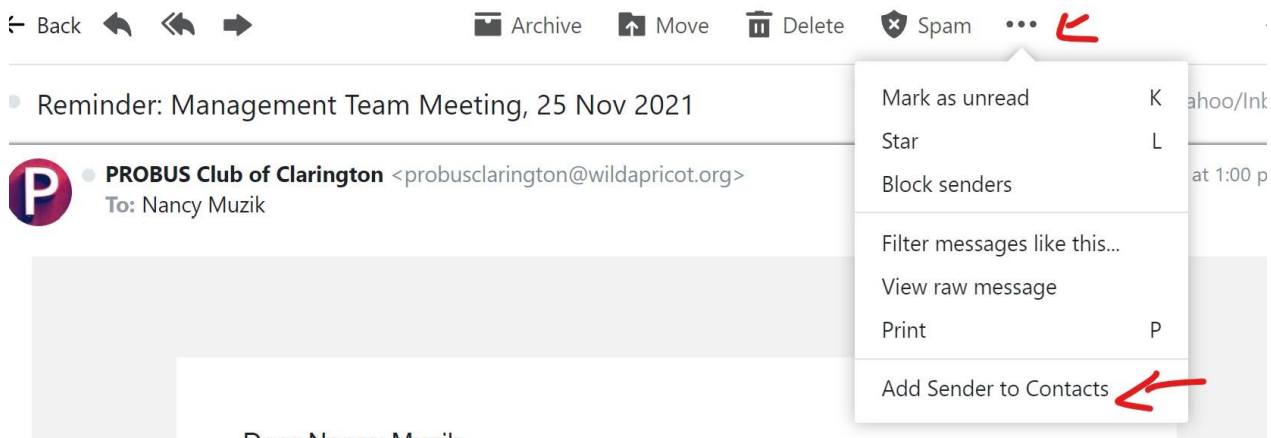
Photo by Molly Soltay



Website Tip of the Month: Missing Probus emails?

Are you missing important PROBUS Club of Clarington emails? Are they are going to the Spam, Promotions or the Updates folders/tabs instead of the Inbox? This is all caused by your email provider's SPAM filters.

Solution - White Listing: the easiest way to prevent emails from going to an unwanted folder is to white list the PROBUS email. White listing is simply adding the email to your contacts. The PROBUS Club of Clarington email is probusclarington@wildapricot.org. You may manually type it into your contact list or you can perform the following steps. Open an email you received from PROBUS. Look for the three dots on your tool bar. Click on it and a drop-down menu will appear. Click on **Add Sender to Contacts**.



Other Ways to Teach Your Email SPAM Filter It Is a Safe Email

Most email programs allow you to mark an email as not **SPAM**. Go to your **SPAM** folder and click on the email. Look at the top of your screen and click on a button that says **Not SPAM**. This will train the filters in your email not to send the email to **SPAM**. Note this will not guarantee the email will not end up in **SPAM** again as the filter programs are constantly updated.

GMAIL

Gmail has an additional **SPAM** folder called **Promotions**. It can be found by clicking on the **More** down arrow in your menu. Under **Categories**, you will find the **Promotions** folder. Check this folder from time to time as the emails will periodically go to this folder. If you find an email in this folder, click on it and then click the **Not Promotions** button. If you want to remove this folder, see the help documents on the website for instructions.

Other Gmail issues: Currently you are seeing a not-encrypted lock on messages from Wild Apricot. This is currently being addressed by Wild Apricot.

We'll, we'll, we'll ... if it isn't autocorrect!

The biggest joke on humankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

Autocorrect has become my worst enema.



Check out this Unique Opportunity:



Brampton, Caledon,
Durham Region, Toronto
& York Region

OPEN HOUSE

Join us to learn more about
volunteering at
Habitat GTA Build Sites!

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

- ✓ Discover how you can volunteer by grabbing a hammer and helping build affordable homes in Oshawa.
- ✓ Learn how we are helping families in the Durham Region.
- ✓ Come tour the build site and get geared up to learn about the classic volunteer experience with Habitat GTA.

485 Normandy Street
Oshawa

416-755-7353 X2275



volunteer@habitatgta.ca



Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area is hosting a Community Open House to make the public more aware of the work being done to help working families in the community achieve their dream of home ownership. If you are interested to learn more about Habitat for Humanity and what they do, consider attending the open house; or you may contact Janine Smith, Manager Volunteer Services, at 416-755-7353 X2275.

Food for thought:

We may not all be equally guilty. But we are all equally responsible for building a decent and just society.

Ruby Bridges



REMINDERS

- ❖ Next meeting and AGM: April 12, 10 am, Hope Fellowship Church, Courtice
- ❖ Prior to the meeting, please review the AGM documents, which are found on the PROBUS Clarington Website
- ❖ Bring a mug
- ❖ Bring cash for "Share the Wealth" tickets
- ❖ Send pictures and articles for the May newsletter to chase_al@hotmail.com
Deadline is April 27



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

Escorted Small Group Day Tours



NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE WINE TOUR

Saturday, May 27th, 2023

- Chateau Des Charmes Sweet & Salty Experience
- Floral Clock and Centennial Lilac Garden
- Shopping and lunch (on your own) in the beautiful and historic Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Reif Estate Winery wine tasting
- Konzelmann Estate Winery walking tour of the winery and wine tasting

\$189
pp
tax incl.

Activity Level: Moderate (some walking)

Price: \$189 per person, tax included, due upon booking

See our website for more details

Email cathy@canxplore.com to book

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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

\$125
pp
tax incl.

Activity Level: Active (walking for extended periods)

Price: \$125 per person, tax included, due upon booking

Email cathy@canxplore.com to book

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