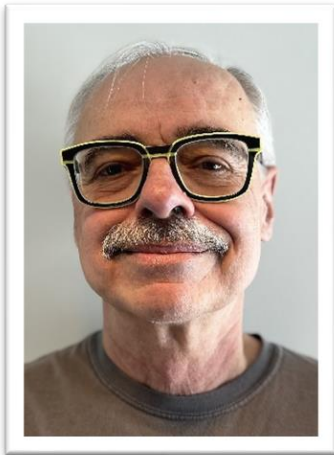




# PROBUS Club of Clarington

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

## From our President



I am writing this letter on my cell phone from my campsite at Mew Lake in Algonquin Park and there is no cell service. And you know what, I don't care. As much as we depend on these services these days, it's nice to take a break from our devices now and then. I'm reading my men's Book Club book of the month to the sound of children playing. That's right, playing not with electronics, but actually running around chasing each other, or jumping into the lake! Of course, while we're here at Algonquin, Nancy and I will

take advantage of some of the hiking trails at the park.

As we approach the dog days of summer, members of PROBUS can take advantage of the trails in and around Clarington by joining either the hiking club or the urban walking club for one of their outings in August. Check out the calendar to see when and where the next outing is.

Meanwhile, I need to find some time to make my way to the Visitor Centre and use the free Wi-Fi to send this message to our newsletter editor, Alice Chase, to beat the deadline. (Editor's note: You made the deadline, John! I hope you had a fabulous time in Algonquin – one of my very favourite places.)



Algonquin Provincial Park

*John Muzik, President*

## PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM

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

## Speaker for August



Adam Huston is the Director of Guest Experience at the Toronto Zoo where he has worked in a variety of capacities for 28 years.

He will be speaking on the topic: Reimagining the Guest Experience at Canada's Largest Zoo.

Adam is also the son of our own Anna Huston. Come prepared for an informative and lively presentation!

How do you get an  
escaped lion back into its habitat?  
You use a bargaining chimp.



## Member Profile

I am a Rotarian, Lion, Politician, Realtor-Broker and Financial Advisor by profession.

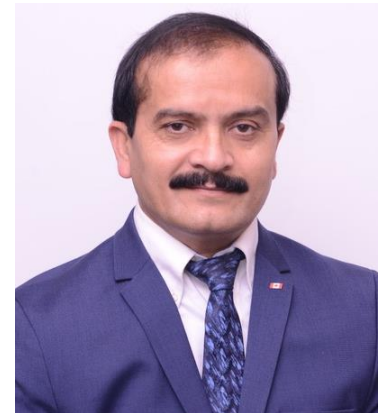
My wife and son work in the IT sector, and my daughter is studying in Waterloo.

My favourite games are cricket, chess, badminton and soccer.

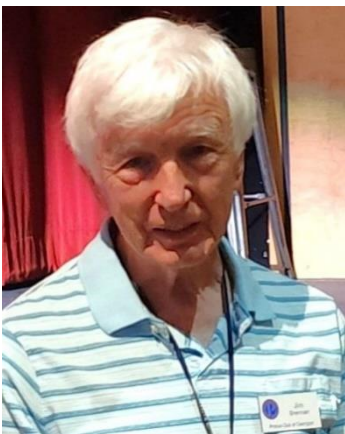
I hold an MBA in Technology Management and have over thirty years of experience in the corporate sector. I have served in prominent positions in manufacturing, marketing and as Group IT head in the Plastic, Leather, and Auto industries.

A local volunteer and an advocate of the small business sector, I have been associated with different communities for several years.

*Zia Choudhary*



## Membership Report



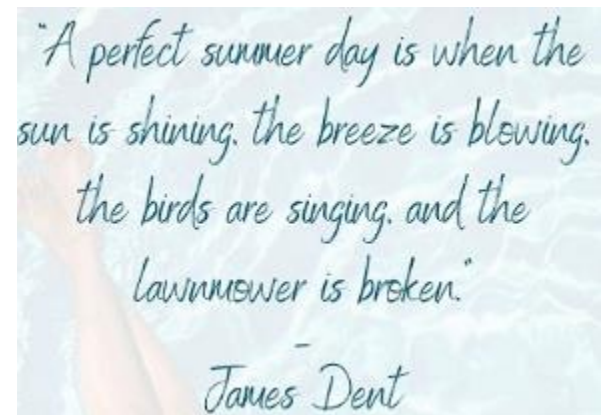
Our final membership number stands at 229 active members. Welcome to new member, Barbara Mildon.

Fall membership renewal begins August 1 with your first email reminder. Fee for 2023 / 2024 is \$40.00, due September 1.

Pictured is Jim Brennan, winner of the Share the Wealth draw on July 12.

New member, Sally Mullen, will oversee Share the Wealth volunteers. Thank you, Sally!

*Nadia Bilyk*



## News from your Social Committee

Twenty of our members and guests attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Line theatre production of The Tilco Strike on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately, we were seated in the covered area during the first downfall of rain but the play was stopped in the second half when the thunder and lightning began.

### Upcoming Events

- 1. Headwaters Community Farm and Education Centre, Cobourg, Aug. 21, 10 am – 1 pm; \$52.50 per person**  
On offer is a Field to Table 4-course lunch experience. A minimum of 6 participants is required, with a maximum of 15. ***This event is not recommended for people with mobility issues as we forage and dig 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.

- 2. Glow in the Dark Mini Golf, Putting Edge, 75 Consumers Drive, Whitby; Sept. 7, 2 pm; \$16.40 per person.**  
Thirteen members have already registered.
- 3. Trivia afternoon at Fionn MacCools, 2350 Durham Regional Hwy 2, Bowmanville**  
Hosted by Dawn and George Aiken in late September.
- 4. Fall Car Rally, October 3**  
Our thanks to Joan Seaton and Merv Bolton who will be planning the event over the summer. More details to follow.



- 5. High tea at Calderwood House, 4 North Mill Lane, Orono; Nov. 3 at 3:00 pm; \$52.50 per person.** Maximum of 14. Enjoy a delicious English high tea and tour the home with 21 decorated Christmas trees displayed throughout the house. Dress up in an array of fancy hats for a picture shoot. This is not your average high tea. We encourage people to join the wait list if this fills up as we might be able to book a second day on Nov 2.



6. **Algoma Orchards Processing Facility Tour, 201 Durham Regional Rd 42, Newcastle, Nov. 21 at 2:00 pm; \$5.20 per person.**

They have a lovely café that people may want to eat at following the tour. Maximum 25 people.

7. **December Christmas Lunch, Kedron Golf Club, Dec. 8.**

More details to follow.

8. **Candlelight Concert Holiday Special, Dec. 22, 6:30 pm at the Biltmore Theatre, 39 King St E, Oshawa; \$29.66 per person.**

This is a multi-sensory musical experience under the gentle glow of candlelight held all over the world and the first time it is coming to Oshawa. Seating within the zone purchased is on a first come first served basis and people will not be seated once the show begins. Doors open 45 minutes prior to show time. This is performed by the Listeso String Quartet and will be a lovely way to begin the Christmas celebrations. Maximum 14.



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.

We are trying something new for people who are looking for a ride to social events or for those willing to carpool. Please go to the Member Forum page and initiate a new post with a title such as “Looking for carpool for Headwaters event.” Then if someone can carpool, they can respond.

*Andrea Shaw*

## Interest Groups

### Bowling



*Photos by Donna Bright*



The bowling crew was again small yet delivered mighty results. Strikes and spares were enjoyed, even if they were ‘sparingly’ earned.

It was great to see a new member, Sue MacDonald, join the group and come out for the first time.

There will be no bowling in August, but a game will be scheduled for September.

*Donna Bright*

### Craft Beer



*Trip to Town Brewery, Whitby; photo by Anne-Marie Halliday*

### Ladies Who Lunch



*At Melanie Pringles, Whitby; photo by Shirley Shirley*

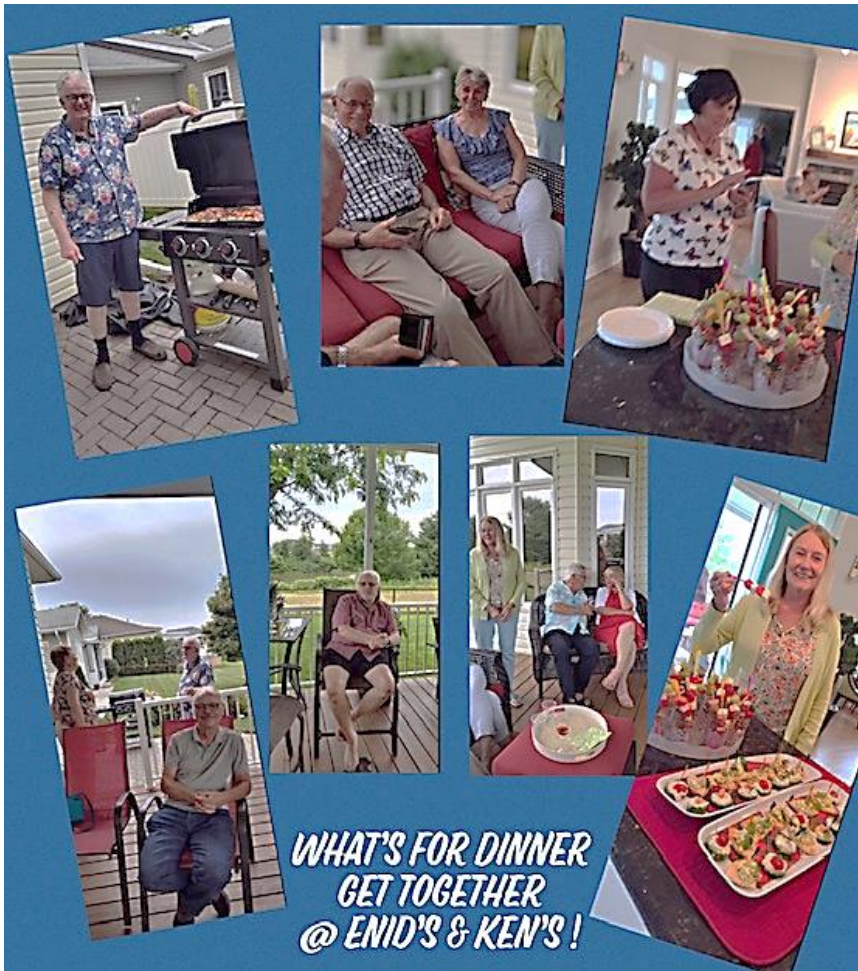
### Euchre

I took the following photos at our Euchre group meeting on July 7. The Euchre group is having a great time under the leadership of Jim Bamford. Several people undertake to supply the snack table each month and the snacks have been delicious. In addition to playing euchre, enjoying homemade date squares (which every one wanted more of), to chocolate (of course) to lots of treats (and I mean lots), we have had a wonderful time. We took a vote to continue over the summer and have all really enjoyed the group.

*Karen Sanders*



## What's for Dinner



Photos by Lana Rickard



GATHERED AROUND  
THE TABLE, STORIES  
ARE TOLD,  
MEMORIES ARE  
CREATED,  
AND LOVE IS  
ABUNDANTLY GROWN.



### **MEN EAT LUNCH TOO! (M.E.L.T.)**

Why should the ladies have all the fun?

Our Ladies Who Lunch Group has 32 members. Is there enough interest to start a similar group for men? I'd like to hear from you if you would be interested. I see us meeting monthly, on a day and time convenient to the group.

If you'd be interested, reach out to me by phone or email:

905-259-8876 (cell)

[pehalliday@gmail.com](mailto:pehalliday@gmail.com)

*Paul Halliday*



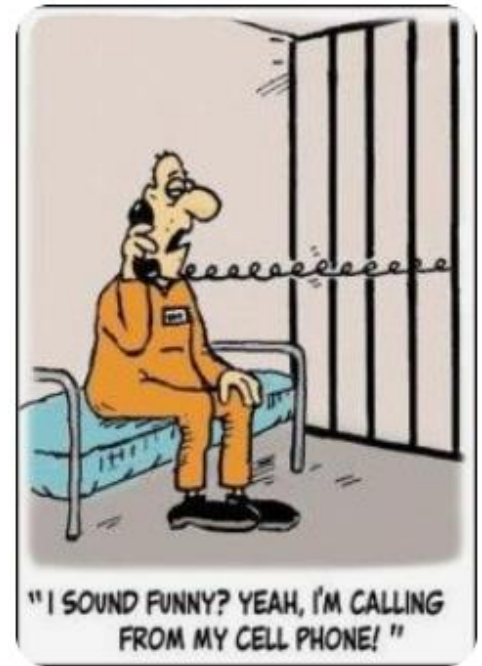
## Fun with Puns...



When pressed, the tailor, a material witness in the suit, came apart at the seams. His altered testimony completely unraveled. The tale he had woven had been a complete fabrication.



Where do bad rainbows go?  
They go to prism. It's only a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.



## And more puns...

1. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
2. My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
3. I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
4. If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.
5. I accidentally rubbed ketchup in my eyes. Now I have Heinz sight.
6. I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.
7. Then there was the time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court... It was a brief case.
8. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stare.
9. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.
10. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

## FYI - Community Information

### Are you aged 55+ and want to know what happens behind the scenes at DRPS?

Durham Regional Police Service is excited to be running an Older Adults Police Academy in Clarington this September! They will share with you a look behind the scenes at DRPS, along with valuable information that affects your community. Topics to be covered include Personal, Home & Travel Safety, Fraud Awareness & Protection, Power of Attorney & Last Will and Testaments. There will be tours of the 911 Communications Centre, as well as demonstrations by the K9 team, tactical support unit and more! Lunch will be provided by DRPS, and bussing to different locations will be provided by Kids on Wheels.

This event is running September 18 – September 22, 2023, 9 am – 3 pm out of the Courtice Community Centre, located at 2950 Courtice Rd., and is a free event for those aged 55+. There are a limited number of spots available.

Below is a direct link to the applications page:

<https://www.drps.ca/news/older-adults-police-academy-applications-open/>

Applications are now being accepted! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jenny Burnett at this email address: [JBURNETT@drps.ca](mailto:JBURNETT@drps.ca)

Jenny Burnett #8129

Durham Regional Police Service, Criminal Intelligence Branch

**OLDER ADULTS POLICE ACADEMY**

LEARN ABOUT ISSUES AFFECTING YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY.  
TOUR DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE FACILITIES.  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

**APPLY NOW!**

Visit [www.drps.ca](http://www.drps.ca) to fill out the form and apply



Sept 18th - Sept 22nd, 9am - 3pm  
Courtice Community Centre  
2950 Courtice Rd., Courtice  
ON L1E 2H8

### **Next PROBUS Meeting**

*Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 10 am*

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

*Deadline for submissions to September newsletter is August 27*

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