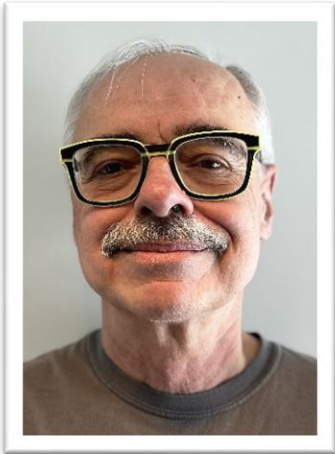




PROBUS Club of Clarington

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



From our President

December has arrived, with its shorter days, long cold nights, and of course that 4 letter word: @%&#. No, not that one, snow! I am a December baby, and for most of my life, the running gag in my family was that it always snowed on my birthday. With climate change, that's not the case anymore. In fact, it has only snowed once on my birthday in the last ten years.

Of course, December is the month of Christmas.

Although Christmas has been so commercialized over the years, there is something in our collective DNA that brings us joy at this time of year. Every northern civilization since the dawn of time has had significant celebrations centered around the Winter Solstice. The symbolism of rebirth, as we watch the sun make its long arduous trek back to warm us, has not been lost over the generations. So, if you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Bodhi Day, Kwanzaa or even Festivus "for the rest of us", I hope it is a joyous and safe one.

*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 December – Mike Daley



Yorkville, in Toronto, in the late 50's and 60's, was the incubator and launching pad for a whole generation of Canadian musicians who have gone on to international stardom. The list includes Gordon Lightfoot, Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, Murray McLachlan, Buffy St. Marie, Ian and Sylvia, and Bruce Cockburn. And it was arguably one of the most important folk music hubs in North America along with New York and L.A. James Taylor, Simon and Garfunkel, Carly Simon and Kris Kristofferson are just some of the artists who performed there.

Our speaker, Dr. Mike Daley, is a freelance popular music history lecturer around Toronto. He holds a Ph.D. in musicology and has published widely on a variety of musical subjects. Mike's well-received lectures on the Beatles, Elvis, jazz, folk music and much more have gained him a strong following in the GTA. Mike also offers video lecture series on his website, mikedaleymusic.com and is currently writing a history of live music in the Yorkville coffee house district of Toronto in the 1950s and 1960s. The presentation will highlight the history, the artists and the songs which emerged from the Yorkville scene.

Member Profile

I live in Newcastle with my husband, John and dog, Cooper. I have two grown sons and six grandchildren.

My career was an RPN working for Oshawa General and Dr. J.O. Ruddy hospitals as well as private duty nursing and plant nurse for Ontario Hydro. I absolutely loved nursing and have so many wonderful memories.

Hobbies and interests revolve around our home. I love the garden, but not always all the work. Decorating, crafting, quilting and sewing are close to my heart.

I am very pleased to have found PROBUS and all its friendly people and look forward to making lots of new friends.

Donna Oates



Membership Report

We have **207** members at this time. A warm welcome to new members **Kimberly Dillon, Michelle Cutler and Dora Filice.**

Share the Wealth and buy your tickets at \$1 / 1 ticket, \$2 / 3 tickets or \$5 / 8 tickets. Enjoy free coffee and treats with your purchase. Good Luck!

Winner of the Share the Wealth last month was Georgianne Barr, who received \$99.50.

Nadia Bilyk



News from your Social Committee

Twenty-three people attended the **Algoma Orchards Tour** on Nov. 21 led by Kirk Kemp, President of Algoma Orchards, and his sales director.

It was a fascinating overview of the sorting, packaging and shipping the various species of apples that are grown in the orchards on 1500 acres around Newcastle, Orono and Bowmanville. I believe they ship 2 million apples per year. They are expanding the plant and will have a total of 250,000 sq ft when done.

Algoma has contracts with Loblaws, Walmart, Costco and Longo's, plus new ones with Sobey's and other grocery retailers. In addition to supplying apples to these stores, Algoma Orchards produce President's Choice Apple Cider and other private label ciders, as well as supplying apple juice to Tropicana juices.

Algoma Orchards grows a variety of apples, two new ones being Smitten and Snowflake, which take several years to come to maturity.

One other note of interest is that Kirk Kemp heads up the fundraising committee for the Marigold Hospice Care of Clarington. He is a major contributor to both the hospice and Bowmanville Hospital.



Photos by Lynette Holloway

Lynette Holloway

With 13 in attendance on each of Nov. 2 and 3, the **High Tea at Calderwood House** in Orono was a huge success, as expected. The food and décor were wonderful, and everyone had a fabulous time. We have planned to repeat this in August of 2024

in order to enjoy the beautiful gardens.

(Editor: Check out some of our PROBUS beauties who attended!)





Registration for the **Candlelight Concert** is sold out. It is at the Biltmore Theatre, 39 King St E in Oshawa across from the Regent. Doors open at 5:45 pm and it is rush seating. No one will be permitted entrance once the show begins. You can pick up your tickets from Lynette at the social table during our December monthly meeting. If not picked up then, you can pick them up from Andrea at her home.



I'd like to thank the Social Committee for all their efforts over the year to provide fun and interesting events. Two of our members, who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the membership, are stepping down from the social committee at the end of December. Anna Huston has been helping out for several years and always brings a positive and joyful attitude to everything she does. I also want to particularly thank Susan Hollyman, who brought me on to the committee and put her faith in me to take over as chair. She stayed on to mentor and support me and provided an excellent role model of efficiency, creativity, kindness and leadership. These ladies will look for new responsibilities in the New Year, but first, I hope they take a well-deserved rest.

We extend a warm welcome to Sally Mullen and Rhoda Wraith who have now joined the team.

While exact dates have not been booked yet, here are some of the social activities we are working on for 2024:

Jan. Games Day, Jan. 16 at Fionn's. Games at 2 pm followed by dinner at 5 pm

Feb. Bowling at Nebs, Feb. 20 at 2:00 pm

Mar. Landmark Theatre March 20 – The Fall Guys

Apr. Week of April 21-27 Durham Police Tour

May Coach trip to the lilac festival in Warkworth, followed by a multiple stop visit in Campbellford to see the bakery, chocolate factory, suspension bridge

Jun. Loa-de-Mede- Dairy Farm Tour

Jul. Capital Theatre July 17 - The Full Monty

Aug. Calderwood House High Tea

Sep. Canoe Museum and lift lock tour in Peterborough
Trivia afternoon

Oct. Fall Car Rally

Nov. Algoma Processing Plant Tour

Dec. Christmas Celebration



I hope everyone stays well and has a wonderful holiday season.

Andrea Shaw

Interest Groups

Bowling

The Bowling crew was happy to welcome Shirley Shirley back for our games. Despite not having practiced for some months, Shirley was a fierce competitor. Scores were high this month and one happy bowler surpassed her wildest expectations!

A December date will be scheduled, and if life is too busy and we cannot attract a minimum of four bowlers, we will cancel and meet in January.



Photos submitted by Donna Bright



Choir



Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Luncheon; photo by Marg Allen

Hiking



Photo by Brian Reid

Ladies Who Lunch



Nov. 9 at Anchor Point Fusion in Courtice; photo by Shirley Shirley



Movie Lovers



Watching the movie "The Holdovers" and dinner afterward; photos by Sally Mullen



Première Crew

On Nov. 15, the Premier Crew spent an enjoyable afternoon at 1840 Farmhouse Winery, in Kirby sampling flights of four wines as well as charcuterie.



Photos submitted by Kathleen Brear

What's for Dinner

George and I hosted our once-a-month group on Nov. 23. Quite obviously, we are all "Foodies" as everyone brought amazing dishes! I love this group of people; they are all so positive!

Lana Rickard



World of Flavours



Mexico Lindo Restaurant, Nov. 7;
Photos by Nancy Muzik



Management Committee Info - Elections

Our Club is in the annual cycle of executive elections. We have two (2) vacancies on the Management Committee that need to be filled:

President, and **Interest Group Chair**. The job descriptions are outlined below. The term of office is for one year minimum (three years max) and commences in April 2024.

If you are interested, or know someone who is interested in serving the club, please contact John Muzik, Sherry Shrives or Leslie Soltay. This is a wonderful opportunity to step up and be part of the Management team.

Leslie Soltay
IPP



President	Interest Group Chair
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures that all actions of the Management Committee are in accordance with the policies and practices of Probus Canada and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Club; • Develops meeting agendas and presides at all meetings of the Management Committee and all General Meetings of the Club; • Ensures the monitoring and assessment of Committee programs; • Serves as an ex officio member of all Club Committees; • Ensures that succession plans are developed for each Management Committee position; • Represents the Club at external meetings; • Ensures effective communication throughout the Club; • Undertakes other duties as required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruits committee members; • Organizes and leads meetings of the committee; • Monitors interest groups and provides support to Interest Group coordinators; • Reports information at General Meetings; • Communicates with group convenors and provides guidance, assistance, and support as needed, including support for the use of the Club website; • Provides information to the Webmaster, Communications Chair, members and all others as necessary; • Periodically surveys Club members in order to determine members' interests; • Ensures that a succession plan is developed for the successive Interest Groups Chair; • Other duties as required.

Ugly Self-decorated Sweater / Christmas Headgear Contest

Should you choose to participate, come to our December 13 meeting sporting an ugly sweater, which you have decorated yourself (i.e. not a store-bought ugly sweater – that’s too easy) *or* some Christmas Headgear. There will be a prize for each category bestowed by our own merry PROBUS elf.



Country Living/ Nov. 2022

Holiday Lunch at Kedron Dells Golf Course

Once again, this year's event will be held at Kedron Dells Golf Club in Oshawa. In a beautifully decorated room with a festive atmosphere, we will enjoy a delicious sit-down meal of traditional turkey dinner, music, games, and plenty of laughs. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift or a re gift item to play at your table. Max. \$15 value. Cost includes tax and gratuity. Bar is extra! Dec. 8, 2023, 12 -3:45 pm



A little bit of laughter...



A book never written:

"Joyful Occasions" by Holly Daze.

Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus? Because he was outstanding in his field.



Thank goodness you're home!
The Christmas tree fainted.



THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

Next PROBUS Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 10 am
Remember to bring a mug and money for Share the Wealth
Deadline for submissions to January newsletter is December 27
Send articles, pictures and jokes to chase_al@hotmail.com

Community Events

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.

Tyrone Christmas Tractor Parade is back this year on December 6th! The parade starts at 6pm in Enniskillen and makes its way very slowly down to Tyrone, arriving around 7.15 pm.



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Wishing you a beautiful celebration of all the best that the season holds.



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