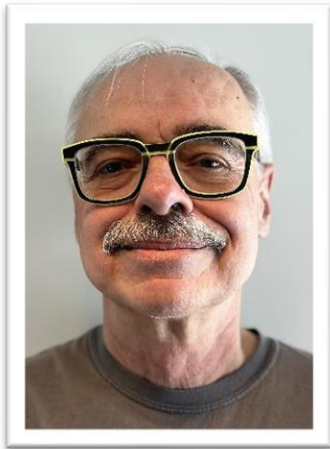




PROBUS Club of Clarington

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

From our President



Ah October! Short crisp days, the Hunter's Moon, Thanksgiving, hot apple cider, fall colours, ghosts & goblins, and pumpkin spice. Okay, so that last one, not so much. If you are a sports fan, the Major League Baseball playoffs are starting, the NFL is well underway and the CFL is gearing up for the playoffs. And of course, the NHL and the NBA are starting. Did you know that October is also PROBUS month? The first non-sectarian PROBUS club, specifically for active retirees, was formed in 1966 by the Rotary Club of Caterham, England to

allow retired professionals to continue to meet for fellowship. In 1974, PROBUS expanded into New Zealand, and by 1976, the idea had spread to Australia. The first PROBUS club for seniors in North America was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Galt in Cambridge, Ontario, in 1987.

In Celebration of PROBUS month, PROBUS Canada is holding a photo contest. Details are as follows:

"October is National PROBUS Month! How better to show off our wonderful PROBUS organization than with photos demonstrating how our members create **friendship, fellowship, and fun!**

We invite all PROBUS members to go through their photo archives or to pick up their camera or phone to capture the best in PROBUS. Show their happy faces, in interesting settings, doing fun things, and with gorgeous colors!

We have only modest prizes to give but, of course, offer bragging rights for having your work used prominently in the PROBUS Canada website, in any club website, or in a variety of marketing material such as flyers and bookmarks.

We don't look for quantity but for quality, so be judicious in what you send us! For the best photos, we will need to come back to their photographers and ask

PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM

John Muzik
President

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Past President

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Membership
Coordinator

Donna Bright
Interest Group Chair

Andrea Shaw
Social Committee Chair

Alice Chase
Communications Chair

them to provide names and email addresses of all identifiable persons. We will then reach out to them to get their consent.”

If you would like to submit a photo, click on the link below.

<https://www.PROBUScanada.ca/our-team/photo-competition>



*John Muzik,
President*

Speaker for October

Durham Region plays a significant role in Ontario’s multi-billion-dollar film and television industry due to its proximity to Toronto, and unique blend of film locations, production services, studios, and Canada's largest backlot. Learn how Film Durham’s role is to attract filming and support the film and television industry through location scouting, permitting, marketing, workforce development, location tours and creating film-friendly neighbourhoods and business community.

Our speaker, Eileen Kennedy, is an Economic Development Officer and Creative Industries Specialist for The Regional Municipality of Durham. A certified Film Commissioner and practitioner with the Economic Development Council of Ontario, Economic Developer Association of Canada, and the International Economic Development Council. Eileen will address the topic of the Film and Television Industry in Durham Region.



Member Profile



Originally from Fort Erie, I attended the University of Toronto and graduated with a degree in teaching. Shortly after graduating, I went to Nigeria as a volunteer teacher, where I met my future (now ex) husband. On our return to Canada, we worked in a variety of locations: in Yellowknife (where one daughter was born), Rankin Inlet and finally Ottawa. Following Ottawa, we moved to Lesotho (with a second daughter also in tow), and then to Gaborone, Botswana. After living and teaching there for three and a half years, we returned to Canada (with our son who was born in Zimbabwe). I went to grad school and earned my Masters in Library Sciences.

We moved to Thunder Bay and for over nine years I worked for the Thunder Bay Public Library. Then the family moved to Cobourg where I worked as the library CEO. My husband and I separated, the kids went off to university, and I took up the position of library CEO in Ajax.

I currently live in Bowmanville with my second husband, a retired police officer. Between us we have 7 kids, 8 grandkids and three great grandkids (on his side. I am much too young for great grands.)

A Rotarian for more than 20 years, I belong to the club in Ajax. My other interests include reading (a librarian cliché), spending time with my grandkids, travel and paper crafting.

I moved to Bowmanville when I took the job in Ajax, but never really had a chance to put down roots. So I joined PROBUS when I retired to meet new folks. I have been lucky to be part of the Management Committee and have joined a number of Interest Groups, through which I have met lots of personable and accomplished people. I encourage all members to get involved with the club!

Donna Bright

(Editor's Note: When it came to submitting a photo for the Member Profile, this lively, outgoing lady was somewhat hesitant. A photo of her, taken at a garden group function, was 'dug up' from our files. The sunglasses and hat don't obscure her identity; we'd recognize that exuberant smile anywhere!)

Membership Report

We have 200 active members at this time. A very warm welcome to our new members: **Joyce Ridgley, Sandra Wells, and Donna Oates**

Try your luck on the Share the Wealth tickets at our next meeting. Tickets are \$1 / 1 ticket, \$2 / 3 tickets, \$5 / 8 tickets. Enjoy free coffee and treats with your purchase. The Share the Wealth winner at the September General Meeting was Bruce Beveridge, who won \$109.50. This was Bruce's second win. Congratulations Bruce!

Nadia Bilyk

News from your Social Committee



Many thanks to Dawn and George Aitken for hosting a fabulous afternoon of trivia for us. There was a good mix of themed quizzes, music challenges, and healthy, fun competition. Fionn MacCool's was a great venue with delicious food, comfortable seating and wonderful staff assistance.





Trivia Photos by Andrea Shaw

Glow in the Dark Mini Golf

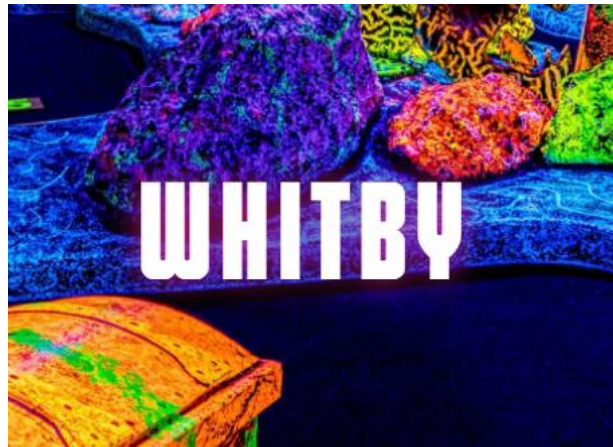


Photo by Kathryn Welsh

Upcoming Events

Our **Fall Car Rally** is on October 3. Our thanks to Joan Seaton and Merv Bolton who planned the event over the summer. Pictures and reviews will be in the next issue.

High Tea at Calderwood House in Orono, November 3rd at 3:00 pm. Maximum of 14. \$52.50 per person.



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 have a tentative hold on a second day on Nov 2nd should there be a lot of interest in this.

Algoma Orchards Processing Facility Tour, November 21 at 2:00 pm. Maximum 25 people. \$5.20 per person. They have a lovely café that people may want to eat at following the tour.

Save the Date! Our **December Christmas Lunch** will be at Kedron Golf Club on Dec 8. More details to follow.



Candlelight Concert Holiday Special at the Biltmore Theatre in Oshawa, Dec. 22 at 6:30, \$29.66 per person. This is a multi-sensory musical experience under the gentle glow of candlelight held all over the world and for the first time, it is coming to Oshawa.



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.

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 subject such as “Car Pool Ride needed to Algoma”. Other notes, such as people wanting to join other participants for an event, are on there so, please check out the Member Forum frequently.

Registration emails come out one month prior to an event for the most part, so if you are interested in something in particular, please check your emails one month prior and register right away. Remember when paying that you must enter your information the same way that it is listed for your credit card; postal codes are without a space. Registrations will time out and be cancelled after 15 minutes if you haven't completed it.

Andrea Shaw

Interest Groups

Birdwatching



On September 21, the bird watching group met at Thickson's Woods. We were greeted by a fox who was curious about what we were doing. Nancy and I visited Thickson's Woods earlier in the week and observed 22 species, including four species of warbler. Of course, a mere five days later there was little bird activity. As someone once said, birds have wings. Nevertheless, it was a lovely morning to spend in the great outdoors.

John Muzik

Bowling

Bowling is back! On September 20, members enjoyed a fun time, despite some record low scores. (Some of us aim to reach 100, but that goal was not attained by this writer.)



Photos by John Muzik



Brian Reid was high bowler - achieving a plus 200+ score. We still don't know what comes after the "Turkey" if you reach four strikes in a row!

Next bowling date is October 18th.

Donna Bright

Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers.

What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.



Garden Chat



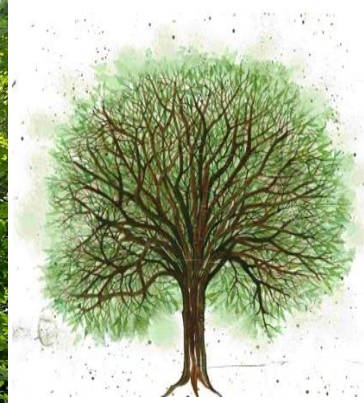
Photo by Sherry Shrives

Garden Chat had a delicious day at LowLands Fire Food. This pizza truck is part of the Food Truck Corral in north Oshawa. Farmer Ryan Cullen has a market garden business in Bowmanville, named City of Greens, and his wife makes the pizza sauce from locally grown tomatoes. This wood fired pizza was popular! Check it out!

Sherry Shrives



Hiking



*Time spent
amongst
trees
is never
wasted time*

Katrina Meyer

Hiking Orono Crown Lands; Photos by Anne Marie Halliday

Movie Lovers

Some of the members of the newly formed Movie Lovers Group got together for their inaugural outing, enjoying the murder mystery, *A Haunting in Venice*, based on an Agatha Christie novel. Chatting, laughing, and getting to know each other over a bite to eat after the movie made for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Sally Mullen

*Time and
good friends are two
things that become
more valuable the older
you get.*



Photo submitted by Sally Mullen

Premiere Crew

Italian wines were enjoyed at the home of Nancy and John Muzik.



Photos by Nancy Muzik

What's for Dinner

Patti and Jim Bamford hosted a Hawaiian-themed dinner at their home in Newcastle on September 7. Everyone dressed for the occasion and enjoyed the beautiful summer night with plenty of food!



Photos submitted by Jim Bamford



DRPS Older Adult Police Academy

Graduates Bonnie Sokolowski and John Chase received their certificates after a weeklong course for older adults offered by the Durham Regional Police. Well done Bonnie and John!



A pizza lunch was delivered in this vehicle!

Photos submitted by John Chase



Community Information

Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign

The Salvation Army of Clarington has contacted our PPROBUS group to see if there are individuals who would like to volunteer to stand by the kettle during this year's campaign. Leslie Soltay has agreed to take on the responsibility of coordinating Clarington PROBUS volunteers. The task is not onerous and is way more fun when shared with another.

If interested, email Leslie at brasscranes@gmail.com. More details will follow in the next newsletter.



Things to do in Durham Region this Month

[Newcastle Harvest Festival](#) features artisan craft vendors, local food producers, live music, and fun activities for the kids to enjoy. The event will run in Downtown Newcastle on **Saturday, October 7, 2023**.

[Applefest](#) is coming to Historic Downtown Bowmanville on **Saturday, October 14, 2023**. This popular event will feature delicious treats, local shopping, and an artisan craft market.

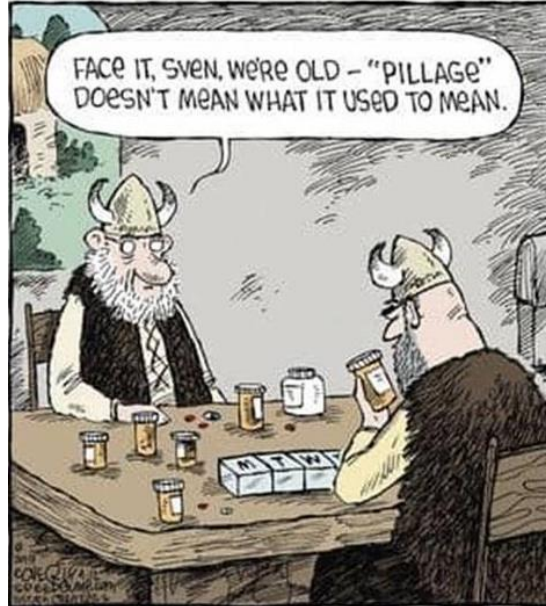
Did you know Clarington, with over 400 working farms, is the Pick-Your-Own Capital of Canada?

[Pick-Your-Own \(PYO\)](#) is a unique experience that the whole family can enjoy.

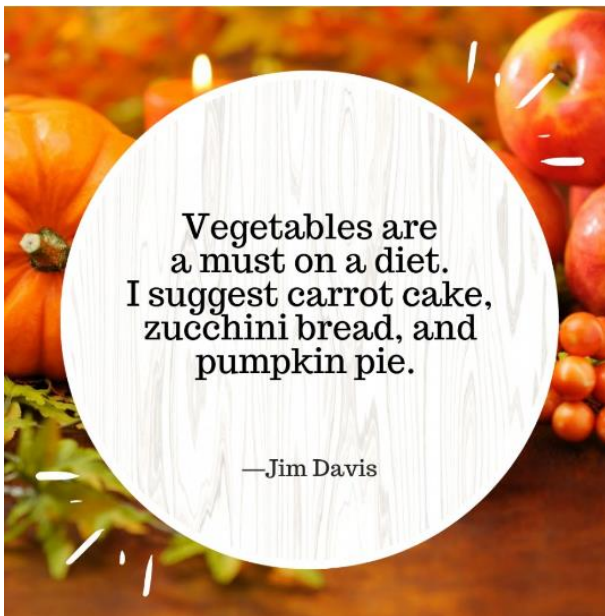


A little bit of laughter...

AS YOU GET OLDER, YOU'VE GOT TO STAY POSITIVE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE OTHER DAY, I FELL DOWN THE STAIRS... INSTEAD OF GETTING UPSET, I JUST THOUGHT, "WOW, THAT'S THE FASTEST I'VE MOVED IN YEARS!"



NOT TO BRAG, BUT I JUST WENT INTO ANOTHER ROOM AND ACTUALLY REMEMBERED WHY I WENT IN THERE. IT WAS THE BATHROOM, BUT STILL...



Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving of joy and plenty. Remember to count your blessings – and not the calories!

Next PROBUS Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 10 am

Remember to bring a mug and money for Share the Wealth

Deadline for submissions to the November Newsletter is October 27

Send articles, pictures and jokes to chase_al@hotmail.com
