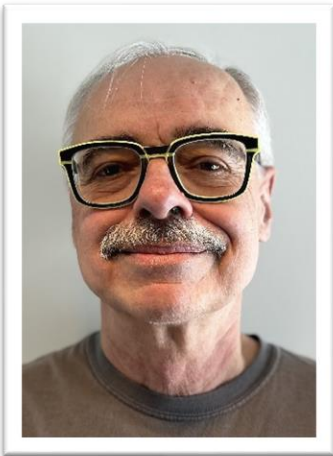




PROBUS Club of Clarington

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

From our President



Okay, what happened to summer? It was here a minute ago. Although summer officially ends on September 23 at 2:49 am this year, there is still plenty of nice weather left to enjoy the great outdoors. Our outdoor Special Interest Groups like golf, hiking, and urban walking will still be going strong. Also, some of our groups that have taken a summer hiatus will be starting up again soon. Billiards will be starting up in October. In addition, this gives me an opportunity to shamelessly promote our Bird Watching Group.

Our next outing is on Thursday, September 21, 9:00 am at Thickson's Woods Land Trust to look for fall warblers and other migrants. We will also be going out in October, and if the weather cooperates, in November. If you are interested in joining our group, or joining us for the next outing to see what we are all about, please let me or Nancy know and we can add you to the list. The picture I have included at the end of the newsletter is of a female, or juvenile Baltimore Oriole in our Rose of Sharon tree. I was hoping to get an action shot of a hummingbird. Instead, a family of Baltimore Orioles were feasting on the flowers. Serendipity is a wonderful thing.

Also, don't forget to check out the wonderful outings that the Social Committee, under the guidance of Andrea Shaw, have planned for the coming months.

Although the deadline for renewing your membership has passed, you still have until the end of September to pay. If you are having problems with your payment, or simply need help, Nadia Bilyk and Nancy Muzik will be at the September 13 General Meeting with their notebooks to help with any questions or concerns.

*John Muzik,
President*

PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM

John Muzik
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Leslie Soltay
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Interest Group Chair

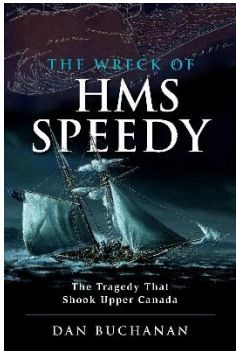
Andrea Shaw
Social Committee Chair

Alice Chase
Communications Chair

Speaker for September

Dan Buchanan, aka “The History Guy of Brighton”, is a historian, genealogist, storyteller and author. He acts as a history consultant for the community, engaging in many activities from researching the early history of the area to telling history stories both virtually and in person.

His topic will deal with the HMS Speedy, a British gunboat that was lost in a storm near Presqu’île Point in 1804 with no survivors or wreckage to be found. His book “The Wreck of HMS Speedy: The Tragedy That Shook Upper Canada” tells the story of the ship and the people who were lost. It paints a vivid picture of Upper Canada only ten years into its life, including the growing conflicts between government, settlers and the Indigenous people who occupied the land. In the final chapters, it provides a glimpse into the mystery that pervades the story of HMS Speedy, the diving and exploration in the 1990s and the potential for further study of artifacts that might be from the ship.



Member Profile



I grew up in the nation's capital of Ottawa and left there after high school to pursue my nursing education. After graduation, I was looking for adventure, so I took a nursing job in a 50-bed hospital, 700 miles north of Edmonton, in a town called Hay River, NWT. It was a great place for unusual experiences, both as a nurse and personally.

I met my husband there; we married and had our first son in that tiny hospital. We moved to Ontario, had our second child, a daughter, here in Oshawa and we have been here for 41 years.

I have nursed mostly in community settings such as Visiting Home Care, Public Health, Durham College, and lastly as a Care Coordinator for Home Care. I retired in 2015.

Music has been a big part of my life since childhood starting with the Junior Music Club of Ottawa for piano and vocal music. I have been active in the churches my husband pastored in the area of music ministry. I also sing in the Durham Philharmonic Choir. This September will mark my fourth season.

I have 2 wonderful adult children and their spouses, as well as 4 adorable, intelligent, beautiful, grandchildren. I love to brag!

My husband passed away just 18 months ago from a brain tumor. This was a big adjustment for me and our whole family. It has taken me a while to feel like going out again but a dear friend, Alice, whom I met in the choir, suggested I join PROBUS and one of the book clubs as a way to step out and re-enter life again. It has been just what I needed. I am very much enjoying the whole experience! Everyone has been so welcoming. I look forward to future events and activities and meeting even more new people.

Judy Schneider

Membership Report

Welcome to our new members: Barbara Mildon, Frances Tufts, Penny Kutlik.

Thank you to all who have renewed their memberships. If you are still thinking of renewing, please do so asap as we will be updating our records by the end of September.

Share the Wealth and buy your tickets at \$1/1 ticket, \$2/3 tickets, \$5/8 tickets. Enjoy free treats with the purchase of the tickets. Last month's winner was John Chase, whose surprised wife (yours truly) gleefully picked up the winnings.

Good luck on the next draw!

Nadia Bilyk

News from your Social Committee



On August 21, a picture-perfect day was enjoyed at the Headwaters Farm-to-Table experience. We foraged for ingredients and produced a delicious lunch. What a difference freshly picked produce makes to the flavour! Teams of three made all the different aspects of our fabulous lunch, including corn salad, pesto and cut vegetables, homemade tomato sauce, pizza dough and pear dessert.





Photos submitted by Andrea Shaw

Thanks to our hosts, Linda and Tony, for a fabulous experience!



We have 12 members going to a **Glow in the Dark Mini Golf** event on Thursday, September 7, 2:00 pm at Putting Edge on Consumers drive in the Landmark Theatre Plaza.

Time to test our memories with another fun-filled **Trivia Afternoon with Dawn and George Aitken on Tuesday, September 19th**. The event will take place at **Fionn MacCool's, 2350 Hwy 2, Bowmanville** with lunch (at your own expense) at 1:00 pm followed by trivia from 2 – 4 pm. **Cost per member is \$6.**

Our **Fall Car Rally will be on October 3**. Our thanks to Joan Seaton and Merv Bolton who will be planning the event over the summer. More details to follow.



High Tea at Calderwood House in Orono on 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 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.



Tour the processing facility at Algoma Orchards on November 21 at 2:00 pm. \$5.20 / person. Maximum 25. They have a lovely café that people may want to eat at following the tour.



Our December Christmas Lunch will be at Kedron Golf Club on Dec 8. More details to follow.



We have purchased 14 tickets for the **Candlelight Concert Holiday Special Dec. 22, at the Biltmore Theatre in Oshawa at 6:30 pm, \$29.66 / person.** This is a multi-sensory musical experience under the gentle glow of candlelight held all over the world and for the first time, 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 a string quartet from the Listeso Music Group. It will be a lovely way to begin the Christmas celebrations.



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 Members Forum page and initiate a new post with a title such as 'Looking for carpool for Trivia Event'. Then if someone can carpool, they can respond.

Andrea Shaw

Interest Groups

If you have a sweet tooth and want to try out the treats from local bakeries, cafes and restaurants, then the Desserts and Chat Interest Group may be for you. A once a month outing with no guilt allowed. Let Donna Bright know if you are interested in being added to the list.

Donna Bright

Ladies Who Lunch

Eight ladies met at Frosty John's on August 16 for wonderful conversations and good food.



Photos submitted by Shirley Shirley



*Friendships between women, as any woman will tell you,
are built of a thousand small kindnesses...
swapped back and forth and over again.*

Michelle Obama, Becoming

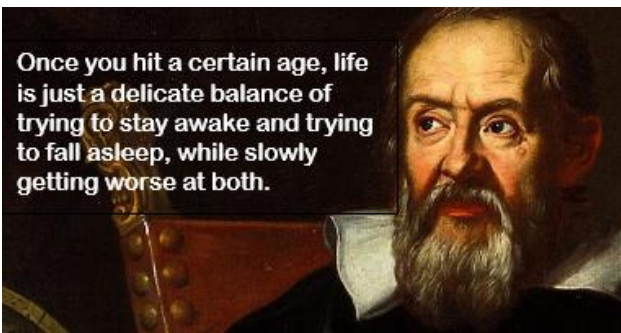
Urban Walking Group



Photo by Rietta Pithie

Lakeview Park, Oshawa, July 14. (Editor's note: missed this one in the last newsletter. Too good to pass over!)

On Getting Older...



Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Mark Twain

IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT IT'S YOUR MEDS

What's for Dinner



The What's for Dinner group met at Heather Griffin's cottage on Rice Lake on August 14. Not only was food and fellowship enjoyed, but Leslie Soltay's birthday was also celebrated!



I remember being able to get up without making sound effects...
Good times!

Website Tip of the Month: Member Forum

We Want to Hear from You

The Member Forum was created several years ago so our members could create and reply to questions or topics that are posted by other members. You may also use the Member Forum to post requests for carpooling. Below are instructions to create a post.

1. Log on to the website.
2. On the **MEMBER PAGES** landing page, you will see **New Member Forum Topics** in the green box. Click on the title **Member Forum Topics** which will link you to the **MEMBER FORUM** page. (You may also access the page through the **MEMBER PAGES** sub menu or the site map, the large pumpkin coloured box located at the bottom of the page).
3. Click on the **CREATE TOPIC** Button.



MEMBER FORUM

FORUM: a place, meeting, or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged.

Our member FORUM is an opportunity for you to chat and share ideas on particular topics.

We welcome your thoughts and ideas on how you think we can HAVE FUN, and how WE CAN CONNECT.

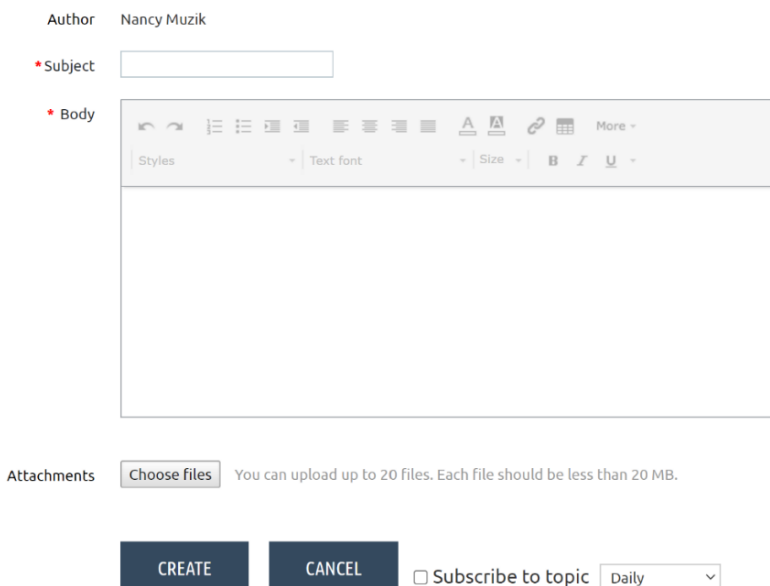
Please remember that this is not to be used for commercial use nor fund raising and content should be non-political and non-sectarian.

Postings will be monitored.

CREATE TOPIC [Subscribe to forum](#)



4. The **CREATE TOPIC** form will appear and is similar to an email. In the subject box, type in your subject. If it is a carpool request, ensure you add the event name in the subject and you are looking for carpooling with someone. In the **Body** box, type in your message.



Author Nancy Muzik

* Subject

* Body

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Large text area for message content.

Attachments You can upload up to 20 files. Each file should be less than 20 MB.

Subscribe to topic

5. Click on the **Subscribe to topic** check box to receive email notifications when someone responds to your topic. This is especially recommended if requesting carpooling.
6. Pictures or documents may be added to your post by clicking on the **Choose files** button. Browse your computer for the file you wish to upload and click open.
7. Click the **CREATE** button. It is that easy.

Nancy Muzik

Clarington End of Summer Activities



Check out waterfront trails, local farmer’s markets, outdoor adventures, shopping, flower farms, pick-your-own fruit and vegetables on the Clarington Tourism Website: <https://www.clarington.net/en/recreation-and-tourism/tourism.aspx>



Clarington's biggest end of summer event is quickly approaching. From **September 7 to 10, 2023**, enjoy classic carnival rides, unique eats, one-of-a-kind shows and more. Check out [The Orono Fair website](#) today to plan your visit.

Next PROBUS Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 10 am

Remember to bring a mug and money for Share the Wealth

*Deadline for submissions to newsletter is **September 27***

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

Thank you to those who submitted jokes for this newsletter. Keep them coming!



Baltimore Oriole; Photo by John Muzik

