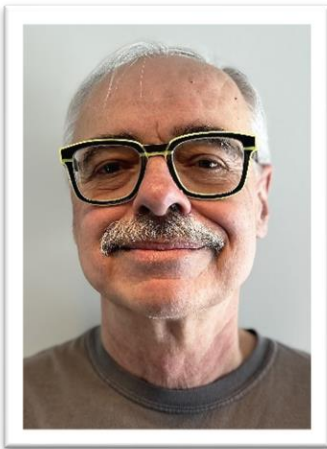




PROBUS Club of Clarington

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

From our President



*Spring is sprung, the grass is riz.
I wonder where the birdies is.
They say the birdies on the wing, but that's absurd.
I always thought the wing was on the bird. (Anon.)*



I don't know, but if you join us on our first Bird Watching outing on Thursday, April 18 you might find out. Nancy and I haven't decided yet on the location, so stay tuned. If birds aren't your thing, there are plenty of other outdoor Interest Group activities to join such as Hiking, Urban Walking, and Golf.

On February 20, Wild Apricot, our website provider, asked us to update our Privacy Policy, Refund Policy, and Terms of Service. We currently have a basic policy that is based on The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). The act governs how private sector organizations collect, use and disclose personal information in the course of business. New members sign off on this when they join our club. Nancy Muzik and Victoria Girling got together and drafted new policies. On Monday, March 25, I presented the new policies to the Management Committee and it was moved to accept them. The new Privacy, Terms of Use and Refund policies are posted on our website, on the home page, under the heading "Policy Center". Please take the time to review these.

Our April 10 meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM), at which we accept our annual reports, approve last year's AGM minutes, accept the Financial Report and elect our new Management Committee. I hope to see you all there.

The first major spring celebration is Easter. Every Good Friday, I drag out my vinyl copy of Jesus Christ Superstar, and play all 4 sides, from start to finish. It is my annual family tradition.

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

I hope all our members enjoyed the long weekend.

*John Muzik,
President*



Speaker for April



Topic: The Growing Food Security Crisis in Durham

Ben Earle is the CEO of Feed the Need Durham (FTND), the region's emergency food distribution center. For over a decade, FTND has remained at the forefront of Durham Region's response to food insecurity. Working in partnership with 65 hunger relief programs, hundreds of volunteers, and thousands of community supporters, Feed the Need in Durham collects and distributes 2 million pounds of food each year.

Ben is also the President of the Clarington Board of Trade and in 2020 was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Bowmanville.

Member Profile

Hello, my name is Kimberly Ronco-Dillon.

I lived in Peterborough most of my life and worked as a Medical Lab Tech in Microbiology for Provincial Health Laboratory. My second career found me completing a Master of Counselling Psychology and I loved counselling highly anxious clients.

With four daughters and two sons, our lives have been full. We are currently expecting our 11th grandchild. Our daughters loved horses and competed in dressage, jumping and cross-country. I still dream of doing a three-day ride in the Rockies.

My hobbies include hiking, kayaking, swimming, pottery, downhill skiing, theatre and traveling. I belong to two choirs: AbZolutely and Happy Harmony.

Peter and I retired to Newcastle almost 10 years ago and we love the area. I'm excited to join PROBUS, meet new people and continue learning.



Membership Report

There are 220 active members. Welcome to our new member Brad Derrick. Kathy Cumming and Peter Dillon received their PROBUS badges at the March general meeting.



Photo by Pleun Dorsman



Shelley Azzano (far right) was the big winner of the Share the Wealth draw with \$117.50! Congratulations!

Share the Wealth tickets are \$1 / 1 ticket, \$3 / 5 tickets, \$5 / 8 tickets. Enjoy free treats with your purchase.

Nadia Bilyk



Photo by Pleun Dorsman

News from your Social Committee



On Friday, March 22, seventeen Clarington PROBUS members followed Sally Mullen and her little ducklings banner on public transit to visit the Royal Ontario Museum. We had entrance to the two exhibitions: the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2023 and Death: Life's Greatest Mystery.



Photos submitted by Andrea Shaw

Everyone had a wonderful time and got home safely despite the storm. Our thanks to Sally for a great day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Durham Regional Police Service East Division Tour, April 16, 10 am, 2046 Maple Grove Rd, Bowmanville

This is an opportunity to tour the police station and forensics lab. Maximum of 25 participants, **\$5.20 per person.** (This event is sold out.)



Music Bingo, April 24th, 2 pm at Fionn MacCool's in Bowmanville. \$7.35 pp. Maximum of 25 people.

In lieu of the Chick's tribute band concert, which has been cancelled, we are delighted to bring you Music Bingo. Hosted by Sally Mullen, Music bingo is a fun and exciting take on the classic game of bingo. With song titles replacing the numbers on a bingo card, you don't need to be a music trivia buff to play (and win!) this game. Each person playing will receive their own individual bingo card. The host will play song clips. You and your tablemates work together collectively to identify the song title. If you have that song title on your individual bingo card, you cover that song title with a provided bingo marker. Once you have a line covered,

call out “BINGO”, and win a prize! It all begins at 2:00 and the trivia will last 2 – 2 ½ hours after which we can order dinner or half price appetizers. (This event is sold out but we encourage you to put your name on the wait list.)

On **May 22**, Cathy Spracklin has booked a small bus and made arrangements for us to **walk the Lilac Trail in Warkworth, and then tour Campbellford**. We will meet the bus at the Bowmanville Mall near the Shoppers Drug Mart at 8:45 am. After walking the trail or shopping at the quaint stores in downtown Warkworth, we then visit the **Giant Toonie** and **Dooher’s Bakery**. You can preorder any baked goods with Cathy by May 17th to ensure the bakery won’t be sold out. We will have lunch at member’s own expense at the Dockside Bistro in Campbellford. For expediency, they are offering a preset menu of 6 items which you will select when you register for the tour at \$23.58 which includes HST and gratuity. This is paid directly to the restaurant. We then visit the locks at **Ranney Falls** with a talk from the Lock Master and walk the suspension bridge. A visit to the **World’s Finest Chocolate Outlet** and **Empire Cheese Co-operative** and a stop at **The Big Apple** conclude the day. Cost will be **\$69.41 pp** based on a minimum of 20 people and maximum of 22. Lunch is at your additional expense.



Tour of Loa de Mede Dairy Farm, Wed. June 19th at 1:30 pm. Maximum 50 people, \$5.20 per person.

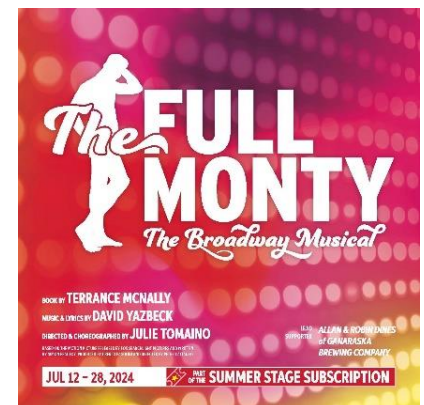
Enjoy this opportunity to visit a 4th generation family farm where the Werry Family use 2 Mlone GEA robots to milk their 80 registered Holstein Cows. Wear shoes appropriate for the weather and barn conditions.

SAVE THE DATE

The Full Monty at the Capital Theatre, 20 Queen St., Port Hope, July 17th.

We have reserved 24 tickets and must have a minimum of 15 tickets sold for special pricing. Guests are welcome.

This is a raucous, pop-rock musical that takes it all off! While spying on their wives at a "Girls' Night Out," a group of unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo come up with a bold (and unclothed) way to make some quick cash. In preparing for the show, they find themselves extremely exposed, both physically and emotionally. As they conquer their fears, self-consciousness, and prejudices, the men come to discover that they're stronger as a group, and the strength that they find in each other gives them the individual courage to let it all go. Based on the cult hit film, *The Full Monty* is filled with razor-sharp humour, toe-tapping pizzazz, and the most highly anticipated closing number of any show.



High Tea at the Calderwood House has been booked for **Aug. 16th**. Maximum 18. This was a popular event in November and this year we will be able to tour her fantastic garden. **\$52.50 pp**

Save the date on **August 28th** for another **Farm to Table Lunch at Headwaters Sustainable Farming**. 15 people maximum. More information and pricing to follow.

A reminder that registration for a social event is sent out 1 month prior to the date of the event so be sure to watch for the email. Registration fees are nonrefundable unless PROBUS cancels the event. Please sign up for the waitlists as we will endeavour to replace people who are unable to attend with someone on the wait list.

Andrea Shaw

Interest Groups

Book Club 4

Book club 4 got together over lunch following our March meeting to say goodbye to one of our long-time members, Shelley Azzano. Sometime in April, Shelley will be moving to Milton where we're sure she'll find new adventures and get involved in their PROBUS group. Shelley will be greatly missed, not only by our book club, but by our whole PROBUS chapter, where she's been a very active member for a number of years. We wish her all the best!



Pictured: (left side) Linda, Bonnie, Shelley, Rosanne, Ginny, Sharon; (right side) Anna, Carolyn, Amy, Sally, Marianne. Photo submitted by Sharon Lochan

Sharon Lochan

Chess Club



Kevin and Kelvin playing chess; photo by Joan Pumphrey

*Two friends were having a conversation:
"So, last night I had Kasparov over for dinner."
"Cool! And how was it?"
"It was nice, but we had to eat a cold meal."
"Why is that?"
"We had a checkered tablecloth, and it took him one hour just to pass me the salt."*

Choir – Singing at the March General Meeting; led by inimitable leader, Marg Allen.



Photo by Pleun Dorsman

Coffee and Chat

On March 19, we welcomed Barbra Robinson as she has joined the group. (Bowmanville Family Restaurant).

Shirley Shirley



Movie Lover's Group

Members of the Movie Lovers Group gathered at Tim's, still drying their eyes after watching Anthony Hopkins in the movie, "One Life", based on a true story. It was a great movie, enjoyed by all.

Sally Mullen



Photo by Shirley Shirley



Photo by Sally Mullen

Ladies Who Lunch

On March 13, 9 ladies enjoyed a Jamaican lunch at Da Taste in Newcastle. *Shirley Shirley*



Photos by Shirley Shirley

Eating is not merely a material pleasure. Eating well gives a spectacular joy to life and contributes immensely to goodwill and happy companionship. It is of great importance to the morale.

Elsa Schiaparelli

Premiere Crew

The Premiere Crew wine tasting was held at Lois and Derek Gillette's home. They picked Chile as the theme and we all brought a wine and appetizer. Lois had a great trivia quiz as well. Everyone had a most enjoyable time! *Nancy Muzik*



Photo by Margaret Woolsey



Photo by Lois Gillette

It's that most wonderful time of the year – Filing Tax Returns!



Do your tax return before breakfast and nothing worse will happen to you all day.

*What's the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector?
The taxidermist only takes the skin.*

*What's the difference between a tax adviser and an angry bull?
The tax adviser charges more.*

Next PROBUS Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 10 am

Remember to bring a mug and money for Share the Wealth

Deadline for submissions to the May Newsletter is April 27

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

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



SPRING GARDEN TOUR

Thursday, June 13th, 2024

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

- Visit Hendrie Park

WHISTLING GARDENS

- Picnic lunch and guided tour

NORTHLAND NURSERY

- huge selection of unique and interesting plants for purchase

\$189
tax incl. pp

Activity Level: Active (walking for extended periods)

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

Book online by May 30, 2024



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Prince Edward County Wine Tour

Tour date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- THE BIG APPLE, Colborne
- WAUPOOS ESTATES WINERY
- LUNCH AT THE WARING HOUSE
- GRANGE OF PRINCE EDWARD WINERY
- SANDBANKS ESTATE WINERY

\$199
tax incl. pp

Price: \$199 per person, taxes included, based on double occupancy, **book by May 31, 2024**

See our website for more details

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NEWFOUNDLAND DISCOVERY TOUR

Tour Date: July 7 to 16, 2024

Online presentation March 14, 2024

Email cathy@canxplore.com for the link

50% SOLD OUT. Final date to book April 15, 2024

\$5195
double occupancy tax incl. pp



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