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Hello Everyone.

Brr! The temperatures are getting colder and the nights are drawing in earlier. I envy snowbirds who will be heading to the sunshine soon.

Some of you may already have finished your Christmas shopping. Good for you. Russ and I always seem to be shopping for something at the last minute.

We are working hard to ensure that we can bring your Newsletter to all of you in a timely fashion. Dave Fowler, our Web Master, has been busy setting up a fast, easy way to get into our Website where our Newsletter will be posted monthly.

Starting with our November Newsletter, for a trial period of three months, you will be receiving a monthly email advising you that the Newsletter has been posted on our Website. This email will contain both pdf and word documents as attachments, along with a link. This link will take you directly to our Website.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3. Just a few clicks. When you open your email informing you the Newsletter is now posted on the Website in a pdf file, just do the following:

1. click on the blue link (takes you to the Website) then
2. click on the NEWSLETTER folder then
3. click to download the latest pdf newsletter file and then click on the file at the bottom left hand side of your screen if you are using windows. If you are using a tablet or cell phone then the Newsletter will appear on your screen directly, et voilà, you have your newsletter.

Now wasn't that easy. After the trial period is up you will receive an email blast informing you when the Newsletter, without the attachments, has been posted on the Website.

You may also wish to create a "bookmark" or a "favourite" of our Website www.whitbybrooklinprobud.com for accessing future newsletters.

On a more festive note, our Christmas event is all set for November 29th at Oshawa Golf and Curling Club. For those attending, be prepared for a great evening of fun, delicious food and entertainment.

*Always find a reason to laugh. It may not add years to your life
but will surely add life to your years.*

Patricia Caple – President

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

Chair - Bev Fowler

November 28th, 2018 **STEPHANIE BALL**, Dean of School of Justice and Emergency Services, and Executive Dean, Interdisciplinary Studies, Durham, will present 'Access To Justice; the HUB project'.

January 23rd, 2019 **TED BARRIS**, Award-winning author, journalist and broadcaster, Ted Barris returns to amaze us with 'Dam Busters: Canadian Airmen and the Secret Raid Against Nazi Germany'.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Leaders - Karen Lambert and Jackie Brooks

For those attending the Christmas Party on Nov. 29th, please be advised that the bar is inside the dining room and doors and will not open until 6 p.m. Buffet dinner starts at 6:45 p.m. Dining room is upstairs. There is an elevator around the back for those with mobility issues.

Trivia – January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Brooklin Pub. Signup at November meeting.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES:

No Snacks will be served. Price is reduced from \$12. to \$4. Cheque preferred but cash accepted. Nothing smaller than a loonie. Winning team runs the next Trivia evening. Winning team does not pay the \$4. for the event they run. Monetary value of the prizes may increase and there may be a prize for fourth place.

NEW! Abilities Centre Tour – Jan.15th at 1:30 p. m. Find out what this place is all about and what it offers. After the tour, enjoy a free hour on the walking track, so bring your walking shoes with you. \$5.00 . Cash accepted but nothing smaller than a loonie. Signup at November meeting.

probusinterest@gmail.com Jackie Brooks

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PROBUS CLUB OF WHITBY-BROOKLIN UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

*****Please bring your chequebook to every meeting so you don't miss out on a social event*****

NOTE: If you realize you can longer attend an event, but we have already cashed your cheque, you must find a replacement and have them reimburse you directly. Please notify us of the replacement's name.



MEMBERSHIP

Chair - Fran Ballard

We are at 334 members now.

FYI Membership runs from September 1 to August 31.
No matter when you join you must renew by September 1.
Back up person needed for membership chair.

ART APPRECIATION #1

Leader - Nancy Mills

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the Month.
October was a fun and informative time at Liz Gilbert's carving and decorating pumpkins.

ART APPRECIATION #2

Leader - Karen Lambert

November 8th – Visit to Tim Packer Gallery in Oshawa. Exhibit of local contemporary artists. Coffee at local café afterwards. Organized by Shan Chandler.
December 12th – Visit to Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto. Special exhibit of Manolo Blahnik shoes. Lunch at Toronto restaurant. Organized by Lynda Smith.

ART APPRECIATION # 3

Leader - Teresa Hupka

Excursion to the Canoe Museum in Peterborough – November 7, 2018
After inviting the other Art Appreciation Groups, and Pat Sturch graciously sending the invitation to the other Probus Clubs, we had 9 attendees. The following people attended:

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| From Art Appreciation Group 3 | Eleanor McAlpine | Cher Jacks | Andris Piebalgs |
| | Peggy Primeau | Martha Webber | Margaret Hogan |
| From Whitby-Brooklin Probus | Debra Eckstein | | |
| New Member joining November | Lynn Lush | | |
| From Pickering Probus | Paula MacDonald | | |



Picture from Left – Dale (tour guide), Lynn, Debra, Paula, Martha, Eleanor, Cher, Margaret, Andris, Peggy

We had 3 cars and all arrived for our 10:30 a.m. tour. The cost was \$12.30; \$9.50 entry fee and \$25.00 for the guide shared by the 9. Our guide, Dale, was extremely knowledgeable and the tour was enjoyed by all. We went to the Kettle Drums Restaurant for lunch after the tour. Food and service was excellent. The Canoe Museum has an amazing display of canoes and kayaks of historical significance and many could be considered works of art.
Submitted by tour organizer Margaret Hogan.

BID EUCHRE #2

Leader - Jackie Brooks

Bid Euchre #2 is meeting at Susan and Charles Lotherington's house on Nov. 9. Anyone interested in being a **fil-lin** please see Jackie Brooks. Lessons are available but basic Euchre knowledge is necessary.

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Brewskers [beer group]

- **Coordinator:** David Fowler
- **Contact:** dyref29@gmail.com
- Visit various micro breweries in the Durham region.
- Meet the fourth Monday of the month, from 2 - 4 PM
- This group is open, notify David if interested.
- **In November we will tour the Manantler Brewery in Bowmanville on Monday, November 26th from 4-5:30 PM**

BOOK CLUBS

LITWITS BOOK CLUB

Leader - Fran Slat

We will meet on Wednesday November 14th at the home of Marion Brumwell to discuss the novel "The Essex Serpent". 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Reminder email will be sent.

CHATTY CREATIONS

Leader - Pat Sturch

Our group gets together on the 4th Thursday of the month between 2:00 p. m. - 4:00 p.m. at member's home. Our next meeting is set for December 13th and the location will be announced later.

We have vacancies in our group and would welcome anyone who would like to join us with a portable craft or hobby – sewing, knitting, rug-hooking, drawing, colouring – anything that is portable and not too messy!

CREATE AND CONVERSATION

Leader - Ann Gifford

We will meet on Monday November 12th at Fran Slat's new residence. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A reminder with address will be sent out.

CYCLING

Leader - John Patté

Alas, cycling season has come to an end for 2018! While we may still have decent weather, more likely we will have weather that is increasingly cool, possibly snowy, wet, and unpleasant for cycling. So, for most of us, it's time to put away our bikes for this year.

Before you do though, I suggest that you do a little maintenance on your bike:

- Clean off whatever dirt may have collected on the frame and wheels with warm water and a mild detergent using a soft cloth.
- Degrease and oil your chain and related sprocket and derailleur to avoid rusting over the winter.
- Store your bike in a dry and secure place.

Given the success of our trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake last summer, we will be looking forward to another multi-day trip next summer, perhaps to Prince Edward County region, for more cycling combined with winery tours. So, keep yourself and your bike fit and ready to join us next year.

Meanwhile for those not on my email list ... We welcome new members and are not intimidating! We ride for pleasure and recreation, although health and fitness may be by-products. "No one gets left behind" is not just a buzz phrase.

Please contact me if you would like your name added to my email list. You won't hear about our rides unless you are on the list! There is no limit on numbers, nor any obligation to come out every week.

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GREY CELLS STIMULATORS GROUP

Leader - Jane Brown

The next session of the Grey Cell Stimulators will be held on Thursday November 15th from 10:00 a. m. until noon, upstairs at the Superstore.

A number of our regulars will be visiting the Famous People Players on that day, so we are inviting any Probus member who is curious about exactly how we stimulate our little grey cells to join us for a trial visit. We don't keep score, and no-one wins, but we do laugh a lot.

Please email to let me know you'll be coming.

Jane B. Whitbygreycells@gmail.com

HIKERS GROUP

Leader - Dave Fowler

Contact David Fowler for details and to have your name added to the Hikers' Group list.

November 12

December 7

December 17

KNITTING

Leader - Fran Ballard

As of November 13th Fran Ballard will be temporarily taking over the knitting group.

We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Fran's.

All levels of knitters welcome including those who wish to learn how to knit

Spots are available.

MOONSHOT BID EUCHRE

Leader - Jackie Brooks

The Moonshots Bid Euchre is meeting Fri. Nov. 23 at Jackie Brooks' house and Janice Lunn is hosting. Anyone interested in being a **fill-in** please see Jackie. Lessons are available but basic euchre knowledge is necessary.

probusinterest@gmail.com **Jackie Brooks**

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Leader - Jackie Brooks

The Mystery Reading Group is meeting at Sherry Weese's house on Nov. 19th.
John Cooper will be the facilitator for ‘The Key To Rebecca’ by Ken Follett.

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NEWSLETTER

Chair - Alice Birtch

Deadline for submissions to newsletter 5TH OF EACH & EVERY MONTH

Your photographs can be put on our website via David Fowler.

Please use Fonts: Times New Roman Size: 12 when you send your entries.

We are attempting to include pictures in this month’s newsletter.....

NEXT PROBUS WHITBY/BROOKLIN MEETING WILL BE

WEDNESDAY November 28th, 2018

ATTENTION: Shadow person needed for Newsletter Chair..... Train now, for later.

Probus Pickleball Group – Proposed

Leader - John Patté

Pickleball has become very popular, particularly among those who may have been previously engaged in other racquet sports but now given those up for various reasons. With this in mind, we are reviewing the possibility of setting up a new Pickleball Group within our Probus Club. When announced at the October general meeting, 30 members expressed interest in joining such a group. Since not all members were present, this note in our newsletter is intended to give those who were not at the October meeting an opportunity to add their name to the list.

At this point, there are a number of uncertainties related to this new group:

Who will act as coordinator? While I am collecting names and doing some research, I will not be able to act as coordinator.

When and how often will the group get together? Initially, my thought was this would be a weekly activity, probably best on Thursdays to minimize conflict with other Probus groups. However, these are decisions for the group as a whole, not just me.

Where will we play? Availability of space may depend on the number of active participants and may also dictate when we will play. We must also assume that there will be a cost associated with whichever location we choose.

Rules of play, strategies, acquisition of equipment? Many of us who expressed interest (including me!) have never actually played. We must anticipate a range of knowledge and skills. If we have a few people within our members who are familiar with the game, perhaps those people could act as instructors and guide us.

For those interested in joining us but who have not sign up previously, please let me know – John Patté. I'll make sure you are on the email list.

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SHUTTERBUGS

Leader – Barrie Brumwell

Our next meeting will be to capture pictures of the reptiles at the new Reptilia Zoo; 1400 Victoria East, Whitby. Meeting is 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 19th. New members welcome
Submitted by: Peter Miller

SUPERVISED BRIDGE PLAY

Leader - Fran Ballard

Every Monday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Fran's. Spots available.

WINE GROUPS

GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

Leader - Karen Martin

The October theme for Grape Expectations was 'Around the World with Merlot'. We compared colour, aroma and taste of Merlot from various growing regions from Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, France and Italy. Very subtle colour difference among the wines was noted. Although they were all enjoyable, we seemed to prefer the ones from Chili and Argentina. Cheers x 12

THE GRAPE ESCAPE

Leader – Heather Baker

The theme for our October meeting was wines from South Africa. We enjoyed a Stellenbosch Chenin Blanc with an appetizer of figs and goat cheese drizzled with a balsamic reduction. This was followed by a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc with a selection of butter chicken, vegetable, and spinach samosas. Our hosts' wine was a bottle of Cathedral Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon served with pumpkin fritters. Our last wine was a Syrah and the appetizer was Curried Chicken with pumpkin. Our host ended the evening with a delicious Malva Pudding served with a creamy custard. We were also entertained by a demonstration of a South African drinking game and we met a visitor from Africa! It was another evening of great wine, delicious food and lots of laughs. We have included 2 pictures.



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WINE COMPANIONS

The Wine Companion Group met at the home of Pauline and Martin Reid for a fun evening on the theme of South American wine. We tasted delicious wines from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. The wines were accompanied by tasty appetizers that paired very well with the wines we sampled. Everyone had a great time!
Submitted by: George Hilts

TRAVEL BUDDIES

Leader - Deborah Corbett

The group for those looking for someone to travel with

How it works: you submit your contact info (name, phone, e-mail) along with where you would like to travel (limit 4-6 countries/areas max). These are compiled on a listing of travellers and destinations and the list is distributed to all who have signed up. It's then up to you to get in touch with someone who wants to go somewhere you do - you decide if the two of you are compatible and whether your trip ideas gel. You then check out travel companies, make your bookings and off you go! Note that I will not be doing the match-making or booking trips for you - I'm not a travel agent. Happy travels.

INTEREST GROUPS

Leaders - Pat Sturch, Ann Conroy

The weather is getting colder - time to look for indoor activities. We have 30 interest groups meeting on a regular basis, 15 of them are welcoming new members. As well, our monthly Bridge, Euchre and Bid Euchre groups are looking for new players to register as substitutes when regular members are unable to attend. This would be great for anyone who likes cards, but does not wish to commit to a monthly meeting. If anyone would

like to be placed on a substitute list for any of these card groups, please let Pat Sturch or Ann Conroy know and we will make sure your names go on the right list.

Also, if there are any existing groups you would like to join, let us know and we will contact the leader of that group.

Sign-up for a new Pickleball group was amazing. John Patté will be in touch with everyone who signed up when he has done a little more research into locations.

If you can think of an activity that you would like to see formed into a group, or you would like us to help you start a new group, please visit us at the front table in the coffee break of the monthly Probus meeting.



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INTEREST GROUP SCHEDULE

DAY	WEEK	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT
MON	2 nd	PM	ART APPRECIATION 2	KAREN Lambert
	2 nd	PM	CREATE AND CHAT 2	ANN Gifford
	3 rd	AM	HIKING	DAVID Fowler
	3 rd	AM	SHUTTERBUGS	BARRIE Brumwell
	Every	AM	SUPERVISED BRIDGE	FRAN Ballard
	Every	AM	WALK WITH JACK	JACK Ballard
	Every	AM	INDOOR GOLF	DON Mills
	4 th	PM	BREWSKERS	DAVID Fowler
TUES	Every	AM	CYCLING GROUP	JOHN Patté
	1 st	AM	EUCHRE	MARILYN Dainty
	2 nd	AM	BOOK NOOKERS	BARBARA Carroll
	4 th	AM	WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 2	CAROL Cadan
	Every	PM	BOWLING	CATHY Duncan
	2 nd & 4 th	PM	KNITTING	LYNDA Smith
WED	2 nd	PM	LITWITS BOOK CLUB	FRAN Slat
	3 rd	AM	WOMEN'S BREAKFAST 1	BARBARA Carroll

	3 rd	AM	BREAKFAST FOR MEN	BOB Lewicki	BOB
	3 rd	PM	ART APPRECIATION I	NANCY Mills ANNETTE Hudson	
	Varies		ART APPRECIATION 3	TERESA Hupka	
THUR	1 st	EVE	BEER & BOARD GAMES	SUSAN Lotherington	
	2 nd	AM	CREATE & CHAT 1	JUDY Bowring	
	3 rd	AM	GREY CELL STIMULATORS	JANE Brown	
	4 th	PM	CREATE AND CHAT 3	PAT Sturch	
FRI	1 st	AM	HIKING	DAVID Fowler	
	2 nd	PM	BID EUCHRE 2	JACKIE Brooks	
	4 th	PM	BID EUCHRE 1	JACKIE Brooks	
SAT	3 rd	EVE	GRAPE ESCAPE	HEATHER Baker	
	3 rd	EVE	GRAPE EXPECTATIONS	KAREN Martin	
	Varies	EVE	VINTAGE VINES	ANN Conroy ANN Pettitt	
SUN	2 nd	PM	EUCHRE & POT LUCK	ANN Gifford	