



# PROBUS Club Of Clarington

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## President's Message

As I am writing this message on November 21<sup>st</sup> the snow has started to fall! We knew it was coming! Sadly, we now experience darkness earlier in the evenings and the cold is often a deterrent to getting out. Hopefully though you will still participate in the interest groups that continue to meet during December. A reminder though that there is no General meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> since The Salvation Army Hall will be packed with non-perishable goods for their Christmas Food drive. Our next meeting is on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

I feel very fortunate to have met so many people through PROBUS activities. If you want to be busy every day I don't think it will be too long before there is an activity daily that you could get involved in! Remember that the website is constantly being updated with information about events so this is the best way to keep current.

This is my opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to all members. Every Christmas Day my husband Kevin and my families connect from various places in the world - Singapore, England and this year Italy. When my husband Kevin and I first immigrated to Canada we made numerous phone calls during the day and then we progressed to conference calls so that less calls were necessary and now of course with Skype it is a visual call and a chance to see lots of people at the same time – no more passing around of the telephone with a quick "miss you". How fortunate we are to have this capability to keep in touch.

This is a joyous season to take a step back from our busy lives and enjoy time with our loved ones. Best wishes to you and yours.

Victoria Girling

**Our next meeting is **JANUARY 4, 2017**  
at 10 a.m. at the Salvation Army Community Church  
Hall, 75 Liberty St. S. in Bowmanville**

**Our Guest Speaker will be Sher Leetooze  
Story-Teller and Author. Sher will tell us about the  
women from this area who served during the two world  
wars.**

**SOCIAL EVENTS FOR CLARINGTON**

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Chair Janice Cutting**

**Please pay by cheque only. Separate cheques for each event.**

**Please have your cheques made out BEFORE lining up for sign up.**

**Cheques should be made payable to “ Probus Club of Clarington”**

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**Special! Special! Special!**

**Niagara Wine Tour**

**Monday January 30, 2017**

**Cost \$99 (includes Driver's tip)**

- Visit **Peller Estates** to the 10 Below **ICEWINE LOUNGE** – an underground ice bar, built entirely of ice. Coats and mitts are supplied.
- Visit **Trius Winery** for a **Sparkling Tour**
- Lunch at **Calamus Winery** – a hot catered meal.
- Soar 175 feet above the Falls for a spectacular view, on the **SKYWHEEL.** Or

(if an 8 passenger, fully enclosed Gondolas on the **SKYWHEEL** aren't your thing)

**Bird Kingdom:** This is the World's Largest Free Flying Indoor Aviary. Only a 5-minute walk from Niagara Falls. Encounter exotic birds, animals and reptiles!

## Christmas Luncheon at Massey House Restaurant

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 12 noon

**SOLD OUT**

Just a reminder that you will need to bring some money to cover the tip, which was not included in the amount each of you has paid for lunch. Also, there is quite a lot of free street parking in Newcastle or you can try the Shoppers Drugmart parking lot which is close to the restaurant

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## Oshawa Probus Christmas Dinner Dance

Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:00 PM      Cost - \$55.00

**Unifor Hall, Philip Murray Ave., Oshawa**

Chicken, beef, salad rolls, Vegetables, Gravy, Dessert

Cash Bar   Door Prizes   Live Band – Mood Swing

Sign up until the end of November by contacting,

Lorraine Veroba at: [lveroba@sympatico.ca](mailto:lveroba@sympatico.ca)

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## Escape Room and Dinner

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 5:00pm

Cost: \$25.00 (Escape Room only)

**Join us at the Panic Factory, 1413 King St East (hwy#2) in Courtice**

The **Panic Factory** is a manufacturer of immersive themed escape rooms, different than anything you have experienced before.

To make your way out of interactive rooms, you will need to work with your group and use your problem-solving skills to the maximum.

The **Panic Factory** offers visitors a unique test of wits, full of puzzles and twists at every turn.

**Will you escape?**

After this adventure, we are gathering at the **Bittmore Tap and Grill** – corner of Nash Rd and Trull's Rd - for drinks and pub food. **They are offering us \$8.00 pizza special.**

For more information contact Janice Cutting at [janicecutting@rogers.com](mailto:janicecutting@rogers.com)

**CREDIT VALLEY SNOW TRAIN**

**Saturday, February 25, 2017 9:45am – 6:30pm approx..**

**COST - \$115.00 per person ( includes driver’s tip)**

The snow train travels from Orangeville to Snelgrove and return.

Mid-day tour through the wintery Credit Valley and Forks of the Credit.

**Tour includes: Return transportation by deluxe motor coach**

**3 course hot turkey lunch aboard the train**

**Pick up time will be determined closer to the date.**

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**JOINT PROBUS CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**NEW YORK CITY**

**APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> TO APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**COST: DOUBLE - \$3,150.00 PER PERSON**

**SINGLE - \$4,230.00 PER PERSON**

(includes coach transportation and taxes/gratuities on meals)

Members may invite a guest

\$1900.00 p.p. deposit, non-refundable after January 25, 2017

Balance due by February 10,2017 (non-refundable)

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

6-nights hotel in Times Square, breakfast daily, Dinner Cruise and meal, and  
**much, much more!**

**For more Information contact Frank Kelcey at [frank.kelcey029@sympatico.ca](mailto:frank.kelcey029@sympatico.ca)**

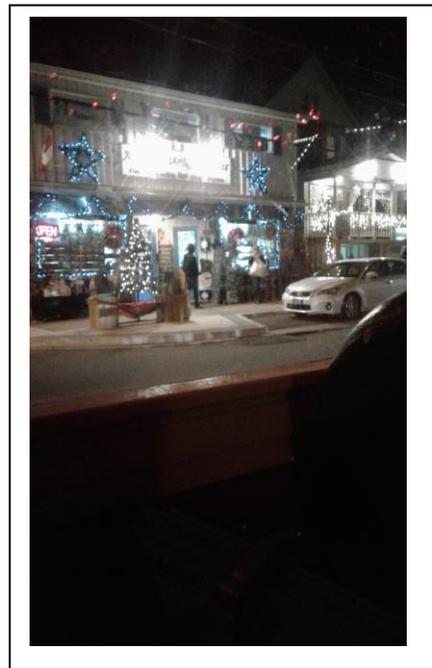
## St. Jacobs "Sparkles" Trip

On November 17, some fifty Probus Club members climbed aboard a Denny's luxury coach headed for the quaint olde-worlde village of St. Jacobs. Tour organizer, Shirlie Van Putten, spent a good part of the trip passing out crackers and cheese, so keeping everyone's hunger pangs in check until the coach reached St. Jacob's Market. Here, several hours were spent exploring the Market's mouth-watering array of local produce, until everyone was "back on the bus" for the short hop to Picard's Peanuts, and another opportunity to indulge those over-worked taste buds.

Then it was on to the Village proper. In keeping with the "Sparkles" theme, every store and shop front was decorated with thousands of twinkling lights and, as dusk fell, King Street became a magical place. After a delicious Amish style buffet at the Stone Crock Restaurant most of the group wandered around the shops, enjoying all the sights and sounds of a country Christmas. Strolling Victorian carollers sang merrily as Volunteer Fire Fighters kept Santa and his elves warm with a Burn Barrel, and the free horse drawn trolley *clip-clopped* its leisurely way up and down the street.

Happy to recommend this trip as good value and a great way to get into the holiday spirit. But wear comfortable shoes!

Angela Tibbles



## Special Interests News

As I write this, watching tiny snowflakes drift past my window on a blustery November morning, I am reminded that winter is coming. With this in mind, one of our members is interested in starting a ski group at Devil's Elbow. Anyone who is interested in joining this group please see me at the special interests table at the January fourth meeting.

Two new groups garnered a lot of interest at the last meeting.

Stitch and B\*\*\*\* - if you like knitting, crochet, hand sewing, embroidery etc., join a group of like-minded people for a day of stitching and um... lively conversation!

If you signed up for this group, keep an eye out for email notifications of start dates and times.

Global Destinations –the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Initial meeting is Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at Victoria and Kevin Girling's home.

This is a new group where members share their experiences of travel destinations around the globe. Learn about how they got there, where they stayed, what they did there, the lows, the highs, lessons learned, look at pictures and memorabilia, avoiding disasters etc. This may help influence your next holiday destination choice.

For a complete list of special interest groups and contact information, please check out <http://probusclarington.com/interest-groups>.

John Muzik

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## Updates to Probus Club of Clarington Website

Have you visited our website recently? Many updates and enhancements have been made to the site. A photo gallery has been added. Click on a photo and a description of the event will pop up. Click on the navigation arrows to view a slide show. Have photos you want to submit? Send them to Nancy Muzik at Probus-Info@probusclarington.com.

The interest group page has also been updated highlighting newly formed interest groups. The social events page is constantly updated with new events as they become available. A must-visit page.

A link to the application form to join the club has now been added to the home page. So encourage your friends or neighbors to visit the site and join the Probus Club of Clarington.

Click here to see all the exciting updates [www.probusclarington.com](http://www.probusclarington.com).

**PLEASE BRING A MUG TO the GENERAL MEETINGS** – this cuts down on the cleanup for our House Committee. If anyone is interested in helping this committee with the refreshments set up and clean up please see Marilyn Munro at any of the General Meetings. Any help is gratefully appreciated.

## **NAME BADGES**

Just a reminder to all members to wear your name badges to all social events and Interest groups. This is good way to get to know each other. Suggestion - If you leave it in your car it will always be there when needed.

Look forward to hearing these Speakers in the months to come:

February OPG - an update as to what is what for our Power

March Westben Entertainment

April Our AGM. Speaker TBA

May Authors panel

June Trevor from Morris and Newcastle Funeral Homes- Pre-planning and options.

***Enjoy the Magic of this Holiday Season by listening to music and celebrating the occasion with people that you care for most !***

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