



# PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON



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## Celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday with us!

In honour of Canada's birthday, we're asking members to wear red and white to our next meeting.

We're also planning to decorate the hall and provide special Canada Day treats for everyone. Hope to see you there.

## Next Meeting

The next general meeting will be held Wednesday, July 5th, at 10 am, Salvation Army Community Church, 75 Liberty St. South, Bowmanville.

Marilyn Morawetz, chair of the Jury Land Foundation (formerly known at Camp 30 in Bowmanville), will be giving a talk about this historic site.

For more information, visit [www.jurylandsfoundation.ca](http://www.jurylandsfoundation.ca)



## President's Message for July

On July 1, 1867, four provinces (Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia) became united as the Dominion of Canada. That makes 2017 Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Canadians can be proud of many things including hockey, innovations in medicine and science, peacekeeping operations throughout the world, and significant contributions to arts and culture.

Anniversaries are about remembering all the things we have to be grateful for and for creating new memories. They also give us a chance to take a break from our busy lives, have fun and enjoy quality family time. Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday provides a great opportunity for everyone to do just that. Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Canada!

I think it is probably fair to say that the weather this month has been abysmal, especially if you were trying to plan outdoor events. If you chose one of the few hot days then you were lucky. Today as I am writing this I am looking at an ankle deep lake in my back yard! Some of our members have been personally impacted by flooding caused by the high water levels in Lake Ontario. Meanwhile, many other places in the world are facing record high temperatures. So it would seem that once again no one is ever entirely happy with the weather they get. The important thing though is that if we are able to grumble we must be in the enviable position of being well enough to care!! After all, weather is only a problem when you want to go out!!!

Hoping to see you at our July and August General Meetings but also know that many of you will be at your cottages. My cottage is my back yard and I love it!

## PROBUS Upcoming Social Events

### Westben Festival Arts Theatre - July 26 - SOLD OUT!

Any new members who did not have an opportunity to sign up for this event, please contact Lorraine Veroba, who may be able to get more tickets.

Paid tickets will be available for pick up at the June and July PROBUS meetings. An email will be sent prior to the event with directions to the Westben venue.

### Uxbridge Dinner and Music in the Park - August 18

Dine at the historic Tin Mill followed by an outdoor concert by professional musicians (Chris Saunders) at the Thomas Foster Memorial Temple, a must see historic architectural building in Uxbridge fashioned after the Taj Mahal. \$ 60/person. **Deadline - August 2.**

### Robin Hood the Panto - November 30

See the naughty version of the classic tale at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope. This social event is back by popular demand. Cost \$ 35.50/person. **Deadline - Nov. 1.**

### Christmas Luncheon at Bobby C's - December 6

Celebrate the season with a full turkey lunch and entertainment. \$ 30/person. **Deadline - November 15.**

**For more information on all of the events, go to: [probusclarington.com/social-events](http://probusclarington.com/social-events)**



### PROBUS Profile: Joan Pumphrey

PROBUS Treasurer, Joan Pumphrey is married to PROBUS Secretary, Kevin Pumphrey.

Joan was born in Port Perry and raised on a farm in Nestleton. She has always been a community leader - from receiving the Gold Cord, the highest award in Girl Guides, to a lifetime commitment to volunteerism - that has included being a Brownie and Cub leader, coordinator of the Daffodil Campaign, and over twenty years as Treasurer for the Scugog Women's Network Breakfast.

Joan has had an interesting and diverse professional career. She has worked for Marathon Realty, the Cambridge Shopping Centre, served as Financial Services Manager for Montreal Trust and was the event organizer for the Oshawa Civic's Health and Wellness Expo.

With an entrepreneurial spirit, Joan opened her own Personal Introduction Service - Match Mates - which she ran successfully for 19 years.

Joan has three children, David, Bryan and Dawn, two step daughters, Sheila and Susan, and ten grandchildren.

## Interest Groups

The following is a list of current interest groups, meeting day of the month, and contact person:

- **Global Destinations** - 4th Friday of the month, 4:00 pm. Members share their experiences of travel destinations around the globe. **Contact Victoria Girling**
- **Fiber Arts** - If you are interested in needlework of any kind sign up for this group. **Contact Stella Dorsman**
- **Lunch Meet** - 1st Wednesday, after PROBUS meeting. **Contact Paul Halliday**
- **Genealogy** - 3rd Thursday. Bring your laptops/ tablets to the Courtice library with free access to -. Share tips and help each other with their searches and socialize. **Contact Lynda Wood** ( currently on summer break)
- **Euchre** - 3rd Thursday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Games will be hosted in each others home on a rotating basis. **Contact Joan Pumphrey**
- **Movie Night:** 3rd Tuesday. Meet for a matinee movie with a discussion to follow at a local restaurant. Movies will be chosen by members on a rotational basis. **Contact Anne-Marie Halliday**
- **Bird Watching:** 2nd Monday. Visit bird hot spots to find migrating and resident birds. **Contact John Muzik**
- **Garden Chat:** 4th Thursday. Meet over a cup of coffee and talk about gardening, tour local gardens and share ideas and experiences. **Currently closed to new members**
  - **Scrapbooking:** 3rd Thursday of the month, at members' homes. **Contact Nelly VanVeldhuizen**
  - **What's For Dinner:** Monthly. Gourmet Potluck Dinner Club held at members' homes. **Contact Dawn Aitken**
  - **Bridge:** *Currently on hiatus.* Stay tuned for updates
  - **Book Club:** *Currently closed to new members*
  - **Men's Book Club:** 2nd Thursday. **Contact Paul Halliday**
  - **Breakfast Meet:** 3rd Wednesday, 9:00 - 11:00 am.  
Location: Molly's Country Kitchen, 2727 Courtice Road, Unit C5 - NOTE: This is a change of location for the summer.  
**Contact Joan Pumphrey**
- **Hiking:** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10 am. Approx. 2 hour hike at a slow pace. Dogs on leashes are welcome. **Contact John Wyndham**
- **Golf:** Meets every Tuesday at Stonehenge Golf Club for 9 holes of fun. **Contact George Aitken**
- **Chess:** There has been some interest in starting a chess interest group. If you are a chess player, and would like to get together with other chess players in our group, please see **John Muzik** at the next general PROBUS meeting.



## PROBUS goes off to the races!



A dozen members attended the VARAC Vintage Grand Prix at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park on June 15-18.

John Greenwood met our group early in the morning and directed us to corner two of the race track. We all viewed a few races from this location while John ran commentary and told us interesting facts about the cars and racing car drivers.

One driver is still racing at 85 years of age. Then it was off to corner #3 of the track to see more races and more wonderful anecdotes from John.

After lunch we toured the paddock where we were able to see the cars up close and speak to owners and drivers.

**A big thank you to John Greenwood for organizing this event. An enjoyable day at the races was had by all!**



For contact information for the PROBUS Management Team,  
please visit [www.probusclarington.com](http://www.probusclarington.com).

## Interest Groups News

The bird watching group had a successful outing to the Carden Alvar on Monday, June 19. A total of 27 species were identified, including 4 species unique to the alvar. We were greeted by an eastern meadowlark in the parking lot at the entrance. Further down the road we saw a female eastern bluebird at her nest. In the same area we heard, then saw 2 upland sandpipers flying around. On the way home a Wilson's snipe was perched on a fence post, posing for pictures.



Unfortunately we never saw a loggerhead shrike, a rare bird in this area.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**John Muzik will not be able to attend the September 6th PROBUS meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer to sit at the Interest Groups table and look after new sign ups, new groups etc. please let John know.**

## Upcoming Speakers

We have a stellar list of upcoming speakers. Please mark your calendars for the following:

### July 5

Marilyn Morawetz, chair of the Jury Land Foundation (formerly known as Camp 30 in Bowmanville) will be giving a talk about this historical site. The goal of the Jury Land Foundation is to rejuvenate a Canadian historic and architectural significant site in Clarington, Ontario with international, national, and local significance for re-use for those same audiences even as it recognizes the place's one-time distinction of managing both Camp 30 Prisoners of War and troubled youth while harmoniously integrating with its host community of Bowmanville.

### August 2

Robert Doyle, Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) will explain electricity pricing in Ontario

### September 6

Humorist and Newspaper columnist Neil Crone is sure to tickle our funny bones

### October 4

Sophie Hills, Lawyer from Elliott and Hills

### November 1

Sarah White , Mental Health First Aid

### December 6

No regular meeting. Join us for a Christmas luncheon at Bobby C's. See Upcoming Social Events for more information.

**If you have an idea for a guest speaker, please contact Karen Cashin.**

### Book Exchange

PROBUS members are invited to bring current titles that they would like to share, or to pick up a book that looks interesting.

Members are not required to bring a book in order to pick one up.

Please note: Unclaimed books will be donated to the Oshawa Public Library.



To join the Clarington PROBUS Facebook group, you must first have a Facebook account.

Send a "friend request" to Suzanne Elston.

Once accepted, send a message to Suzanne, asking to join the Clarington PROBUS group.

#### CHEQUES, PLEASE!

Payment for social events sponsored by Clarington PROBUS are payable by cheque.

Remember to bring a cheque with you if you are planning to register for an event.

#### LUG-A-MUG!

Please remember to bring your own coffee mug to the General Meetings. This helps cut down on clean-up time, and helps to do our part to reduce waste.

#### NEWSLETTER REMINDER:

If you don't have email, please remember to pick up your copy of the newsletter at the General Meeting. A copy with your name on it will be at the registration desk.

### And finally ...



PROBUS Member Kevin Girling found himself ankle-deep in his backyard after the latest deluge.

Canada's 150th isn't the only special birthday being celebrated in July. Joan Pumphrey turns 70 on the 7th day of the 7th month.

*Happy Birthday, Joan!*

