

# PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON

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## Next Meeting and Upcoming Speakers

Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 1 at The Salvation Army Community Church Hall, 75 Liberty Street South, Bowmanville.

Our guest speaker will be Stephanie MacEwan founder of Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue. For more information, see P.2

A very special welcome to the new members of our PROBUS Clarington family. For a list of our newest members, turn to Page 6.

## President's Message for August

For many, summer is a kind of down time, a time of resting and relaxation before things start up again in September. I have nothing against this view, and more power to you; there are many of our members, and their families and grandchildren who are enjoying such a summer.

Despite the summer, the work of Clarington PROBUS is continuing and prospering. I am enthusiastic to report, to you our members, on how we are doing.

One thing that we think bodes well for the future is that we are getting strong attendance at our monthly meetings. The percentage of our members coming out is higher than in the past, and we think that indicates a greater level of interest and commitment. Another indicator of this is the number of new members who have jumped into leadership roles with our interest groups. And speaking of interest groups, while some are on hiatus during the summer, there are three or four new ones in the process of being formed. I've had very enthusiastic reports about the launch of our wine-tasting group, for example. More evidence that our club is healthy and energetic can be found in the numbers who are signing up for our various social events. We had a sizeable group out at the 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre on July 19.

Your management committee has been busy during the summer. Jim Bamford is chairing a task force investigating optional venues for our monthly meetings. (We need more parking and will soon need more space.) They are planning to make a recommendation to the management committee in September. A promotion task force, chaired by Suzanne Elston has been working on updating our promotional materials. This is important in our ongoing strategy to grow our membership.

Speaking of membership, we regret that Angela Tibbles resigned from this position, but we are happy to report that Eleanor Zadlo has agreed to step forward and has been installed as our new membership chair. We are at the early stages of developing strategies and processes to help ensure that our new members get oriented and integrated into the club.

However you are spending your summer, I hope you are enjoying it.

*Paul Halliday*



- **Stefanie MacEwan with a nine-week-old baby skunk brought to Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue, Durham’s only wildlife rehabilitation centre. (Photo: Clarington This Week)**

### Upcoming August Speaker: Stephanie MacEwan

Stefanie MacEwan is the founder of Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue. After graduating from the University of Guelph, majoring in Zoology, she worked with two CAZA (Canada’s Accredited Zoos and Aquariums) accredited zoos.

Stephanie opened Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue three years ago and took in 1000 animals in the first year! Soper Creek Wildlife Rescue is the only rehabilitation and education centre in Durham Region.

### Interest Groups - News from John Muzik

Our summer interest groups are in full swing and from all accounts well attended. For the most part, the weather has cooperated. The wine club held its first gathering on July 12. Read all about it in Kathleen’s

report, along with some incriminating photos. At the meeting the members decided to name the group Premiere Crew.

I had a good response for the Craft Beer club. I will be setting up a meeting some time in September, so if you are interested in joining this group you still have time to sign up.

The Urban Walking Group has changed the August 3<sup>rd</sup> walk to August 10.

### “Premiere Crew” Update from Kathleen

A great “Wine” was had by all at the home of Margaret Woolsley and Bernie Fisher. They did a terrific job showcasing the wines of Portugal with food pairings.

Everyone found one wine that they would normally not buy that they will purchase in the future. Half the people brought a wine and half brought a pairing from just about every region of Portugal, with information about the region they came from.



Molly and Leslie Soltay have volunteered their home for our next tasting on Thursday September 13, with the type of wines to be decided by our hosts. An email will be sent out later with more information.

## Interest Groups

The following is a list of the current Special Interest Groups:



**Billiards:** October – May. Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Shooters in Bowmanville.

**Bird Watching:** Meet monthly to visit bird hot spots to find migrating and resident birds. Monthly meeting date TBD.

**Book Club III:** Meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Bowmanville Library.

**Breakfast Meet:** 9:00-11:00 am. Third Wednesday of every month. Location to be determined on a monthly basis.

**Euchre:** Third Thursday of the month from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Games will be hosted in each other's homes on a rotating basis (On hiatus for the summer.)

**Fiber Arts:** Meets on the fourth Monday of the month. If you are interested in needlework of any kind sign up for this group.



*Getting into the spirit of things at the inaugural meeting of the Premiere Crew!*





***Our Garden Chat group visited the amazing gardens of Jill Snape in Oshawa. We all wished we had such green fingers!***



**Garden Chat:** Fourth Thursday of the month. Meet over a cup of coffee and talk about gardening, tour local gardens and share ideas and experiences. Note: group is currently closed to new members.

**Genealogy:** Bring your laptops/ tablets to the Courtice library with free access to ancestry.com. Meet on the third Monday of the month to share tips and help each other with their searches and socialize.

**Global Destinations:** Members share their experiences of travel destinations around the globe. Fourth Friday of the month at 4 to 6 pm.

**Golf:** May – October. Meet every Tuesday at Stonehenge Golf Club for a friendly round of golf. Lunch afterwards for those interested.



**Hiking:** April – October, 10:00 am. Meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month to hike approximately 2 hours or 5 km at a slow pace. Dogs on leash welcome.

**Lunch Meet:** First Wednesday of the month after the PROBUS meeting.

**Men’s Book Club:** Meets the second Thursday of the month.

**Movie Club:** Third Monday of the month. Meet for a matinee movie with a discussion to follow at a local restaurant. Movies will be chosen by members.

**Scrapbooking:** Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, at members homes. (On hiatus until September.)

**Ukulele Group:** New group, meeting dates starting in the fall.

**Urban Walking:** Meets the first and third Friday of the month. Members meet at various urban locations throughout Clarington.

**What’s For Dinner:** Gourmet Potluck Dinner Club to be held monthly at members homes.

**NEW: Wine Tasting:** See Pages 2 & 3 for more information.

**Women’s Book Club:** Meets the second Thursday of the month.



Friends and family are always welcome to join Social Group outings.  
Interest Groups are for PROBUS members only.

*Members of the urban walking group enjoy lemonade in the Halliday’s garden after a walk around Courtice.*

## PROBUS Profile: Jim Bamford



We were pleased to have Jim join the 2018 Management Committee as Vice-Chair.

Prior to joining PROBUS, Jim had a very successful and interesting career. In his own words:

*"I was born and raised in Toronto (Woodbine & Gerrard area) by my mother and Scottish grandparents in a home filled with much joy, laughter, love and deep faith. My grandparents had a profound influence on my life, which led me to playing the bagpipes. I had the privilege of playing with the Toronto Police Pipe Band for over 30 years. My first job at age 12 was delivering fish and chips on my bicycle, three nights a week. Following that experience, I worked at a large food chain store throughout my high school years.*

*On graduation, I joined the then Metropolitan Toronto Police Force and had a terrific career that spanned more than 37 years. During my service I served in many capacities, but my specialty was giving leadership to organizing major events.*

*These included many royal visits, the visit of Pope John Paul II, several presidential visits, the economic summit and the unforgettable convergence of 500,000 Shriners on the City of Toronto. I retired at the rank of Superintendent and Unit Commander of No. 42 Division in Scarborough. My passion and involvement for the Scarborough community gave me the nick name of "Unofficial Mayor of Scarborough" and I was paid the highest honour of receiving a star on the "Scarborough Walk of Fame".*

*My beautiful wife Patti and I raised three wonderful children and we are now proud grandparents of seven grandchildren including two sets of twins. Patti and I moved to Newcastle eight years ago and much of our time is spent with our kids and being full-time grandparents. Our grandchildren are our joy, our passion and our world. Patti and I enjoy traveling and have visited many countries around the world with over 60 cruises to our credit. I am also very involved in church work, serve with a refugee organization and of course, am a member of PROBUS. I have truly been blessed and give thanks to God every day for my life, my family, my health and my faith. "*

## Welcome New Members:

A very special welcome to the newest members of our PROBUS family in July:

- Debbie Flaherty
- Bernie Fisher
- Doug McKay

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## New Newsletter Features

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This month, we introduce two new features to the newsletter - **Of Interest** and **Help Wanted**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The newsletter editor reserves the right to limit entries based on available space and appropriateness.

### Of Interest

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**Of Interest** articles are for general knowledge only. PROBUS Clarington can't promote goods or services.

Members are invited to

submitted links to articles that they think might be of interest to fellow PROBUS members.

### Help Wanted

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**Help Wanted** postings are for members who are looking for items (seasonal equipment, cottages for rent) or services (e.g. lawn cutting, house sitting, dog walking).

## Member Milestones

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Paul and AnneMarie Halliday escort their daughter Bronwyn into her wedding on June 30. Bronwyn, their only child, was married at Steamwhistle Brewery (which explains the CN Tower in the background).



If you have a Milestone you'd like to share, please send an email, along with a photo and caption, to Suzanne Elston.

## Social Events

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The Social Events Committee is on hiatus for the summer.

For information on upcoming events, please visit the Social Events table at the August General Meeting, or check out the events online at <http://probusclarington.com/social-events>

## Photo Gallery

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Every picture tells a story. Send us photos of your PROBUS events to share with members.

Please remember to include a caption describing where you are and what you're up to!



*Enjoying the sun at the 4th Line Theatre.*

### “Scent”sitive Issue

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Perfumes, body sprays and men’s colognes can trigger serious allergic reactions for some of our members.

Please refrain from wearing scented products to General Meetings and ask your guests to do the same. Thank you!



*PROBUS Clarington members shared a picnic with members from the Oshawa club at the Hungarian picnic grounds.*

Coffee, Tea or Free?  
Double your money and save money, too.  
Proceeds from the Share the Wealth ticket sales will be used towards covering the cost of tea and coffee on a trial basis - Your refreshments will be free - at least until further notice!

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.