

# PROBUS CLUB OF CLARINGTON



## PROBUS Clarington is on the move...

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### Next Meeting and Upcoming Speakers

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 3, at The Salvation Army Community Church Hall, 75 Liberty Street South, Bowmanville.

Bowmanville's own Bill Humber will be our guest speaker. To find out more about Bill, see the President's Message.

For more on Bill's presentation, and other upcoming speakers, see P. 2.

### Welcome New Members

A very special welcome to the newest members of our PROBUS family.

- Edna MacLellan
- Betty Khattab
- Gail Pedwell
- Donna Bleasdale

### President's Message for October

#### *You have to be at the October Meeting!*

There are two big reasons why you should be at our meeting October 3. Firstly, we have a really terrific speaker. Secondly, we will be giving you all the dope on where we're moving, starting in January.

Everyone agrees that we have had a series of really outstanding speakers over the last few months, and October will continue the tradition. Bill Humber is a Bowmanville resident; the author of a number of books, including a history of Bowmanville; recognized expert on the history of baseball – he is frequently seen on TV, and he was recently installed in the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. His talk is titled, "The Imaginative, Illicit and Ill-tempered Lives of Port Hope's Addy Family: Lost of Canadian History until Now!" Don't miss it.

Also come to hear of our plans for moving. In the new year we will be starting the second chapter of our existence. We're not only moving – to Hope Church in Courtice – we are also switching from the first Wednesday of each Month to the second Wednesday. It has become increasingly clear over the past few months that we have outgrown our current meeting venue. A Task Force under the leadership of Jim Bamford has been considering alternatives. Over forty (40) different venues were considered and Hope Church was, by far, their preferred alternative.

You will find much more information about the move and our new location on Pages 7 thru 10. Enjoy!

Jim will be making a presentation on the work of the task force and will show us pictures of our new home. Be there!

Paul Halliday

## Upcoming October Speaker: Bill Humber

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Prepared to be delighted and amazed by Bill Humber's presentation at the October PROBUS meeting.

Bill will regale with us tales of the imaginative, illicit and ill tempered lives of Port Hope's Addy Family: Lost to Canadian History until Now...

The Addy family's female heroes and baseball pioneers were 19th and early 20th century legends, if we'd just known their story. The sons put Canadian baseball on the American map before one of them deliberately erased it. His entanglements included the American Civil War, marriage to an underage woman, a scandalous divorce with a surprising outcome, and a final home in the old cowboy west.

A brother's daughter starred with London's D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, and then married a Polish explorer whose Antarctic work included the study

of early climate change. Some family members, notably an ambitious but illiterate widowed mother, remained in Port Hope but along with the rest of the clan disappeared from history, resuscitated now for modern acclaim. You are amongst the first to discover them!

## Future Guest Speakers

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November's guest speaker is Matt Anderson, CEO of Lakeridge Health, who will bring us up to date on the redevelopment of Bowmanville hospital.

January's speaker is Richard Pyves, author of WW1 history. and its impact on society.

In February, Steven Murphy, the new President of UOIT, will bring us news of what's going on at the university.

**Please note:** There is no general meeting in December. Instead, join your fellow PROBUS members at the Annual Christmas lunch at Bobby C's. Tickets are \$30. For more information, see P.7.

## Attention: Snow Birds!

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Michelle Davis' presentation on medical cannabis certainly got everyone's attention!

Members who might consider investing or participating in this "growth" industry, should be aware that,

"Canadians will be barred from entering the United States for smoking marijuana legally, for working in Canada's legal marijuana industry and for investing in legal Canadian marijuana companies, a senior U.S. Customs and Border Protection official says," according to a recent article in The Toronto Star. Here's the link to the full article:

<https://www.thestar.com/amp/news/cannabis/2018/09/13/canadians-who-smoke-marijuana-legally-or-work-or-invest-in-the-industry-will-be-barred-from-the-us-customs-and-border-protection-official.html>

## Interest Groups - News from John Muzik

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A new interest group was formed on September 20, 2018, craft beer. Members will visit different craft brewers throughout Durham Region and taste their wares. Mike Wolnik and Allan Vincent have volunteered to coordinate this group. Mike and Allan plan to meet in the near future to plan the first outing. I will keep you posted. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining this group, please see me at the interest group table at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to sign up.

Molly Soltay and Franklin Wu have come up with an idea for a new interest group and invite you to join them in an adventure into the "World of Flavours". Here is Molly's report:

There has been some interest in sampling foods from different areas of the world. We have an expert and a semi-expert who will start the ball rolling with "Asia" and hope to branch out to where ever a member wants to take us.

Most of the restaurants are outside this area so there will be some driving time required. Our first Adventure will be Chinese Dim Sum lunch followed a few weeks later with a full Chinese meal (Lunch or dinner to be finalized). Franklin has mentioned winter "Hot pot " as well. Always open to suggestions.

If this interests you, please sign up at the next meeting.

There is now enough interest in starting up a third women's book club! I will be setting up a meeting sometime in October with those who have signed up. As an aside, there is still room in the men's book club. So, guys?

## Interest Groups

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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. **Contact Caroline Charman**

**Bird Watching:** Meet monthly to visit bird hot spots to find migrating and resident birds. Monthly meeting date (to be determined). **Contact John Muzik**

**Book Club III:** Meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Bowmanville Library. **Contact Susan Wood or Susan Hollyman**



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

**Euchre:** Third Thursday of the month from 1 to- 4:pm. Games will be hosted in each other's homes on a rotating basis. **Contact Joan Pumphrey**

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

**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: The Garden Chat 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. **Contact Lorraine Veroba**

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

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



**Hiking:** April – October, Time: 10 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. **Contact John Windatt**

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

**Contact Liola Limeback**

**Men's Book Club** - Meets the second Thursday of the month. **Contact Dave Durbin**



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

**Contact Rhonda Wraith**

**Premiere Crew** – A wine tasting group that meets every 6 to 8 weeks in members' homes. Half the members bring a bottle of wine, and the other half bring appetizers to match with the wine and the theme chosen by the host.

**Contact Kathleen Brear**

**Scrapbooking:** Meets the third Thursday of the month 6:30 pm, at members homes. **Contact Nelly Van Veldhuizen**

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



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

**What's for Dinner:** Gourmet Potluck Dinner Club to be held monthly at members' homes. **Contact Dawn Aitken**

**Number 1 Ladies Book Club:** Meets the second Thursday of the month. **This group is currently closed to new members.**



**Ukulele Group:** New group, Members meet Tuesdays, beginning October 2. **Contact Susan Wood.**

## PROBUS Profile: John Muzik

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John Muzik was born and raised in the City of Oshawa. Some people say that they were born on the wrong side of the tracks. John was born between two tracks, the CN and CP lines, just north of Highway 401, surrounded by factories. John's parents owned and operated a successful "greasy spoon" restaurant that depended on one of those factories for survival. When that factory shut down there was some concern, however Johnny's Grill had a strong customer base and was able to carry on for several years after the factory closed. Although the restaurant business never interested John, growing up in a successful service industry-based business would serve John well in the future.



Another thing that did not interest John was school. As it became apparent that school and John were not meant for each other John took some time off and joined the work force. It was during this hiatus from school that fate intervened and John met the love of life, Nancy. John knew that he was going to spend the rest of his life with this girl when he found out the Nancy was the only other person he knew that had the extended 45 rpm version of "Green Eyed Lady" by Sugarloaf. (Okay, maybe not the only reason, but it was a good start). Nancy convinced John to go back to school and at least get his grade 12.

After graduating high school, John jumped back into the work force, this time with the LCBO, where he would spend the next 36 years of his life. During those 36 years he would marry Nancy, have 2 children, be promoted to manager, become president of the Newcastle and District Chamber of Commerce, get his marketing certificate (after Mike Harris threatened to privatise the LCBO) and start his

love of travel, that to this day he still enjoys doing.

After retiring John was able to spend more time playing the piano, starting a new hobby (photography) honing his birding skills by participating in Cornell University's Back Yard Feeder Program and joining the Durham Region Field Naturalists and of course do more traveling. One day John read in the local paper that some people were looking to form a new Clarington Probus club. John had heard of Probus from his sister who is a member of the Oshawa Probus club. John replied to the email and was soon on the steering committee to form the new Probus Club of Clarington.

Today John is the chair of the Special Interest Groups and enjoys meeting new and interesting people at PROBUS.

### Social Events

Your Social Committee continues to offer adventure and fun and opportunities for camaraderie.

**October 10 - Cranberry Cruise *SOLD OUT***

**October 23 - Car Rally - *SOLD OUT***

**Saturday November 10 - Close to Home Shopping \$53.00**



Visit Bradford Greenhouses, Cookstown Outlet Mall where you can enjoy lunch on your own, and finish of at the William Ashley Warehouse Sale. Offered by Lakeshore Tours and Travel. Departs Bowmanville at 8:00 am



**November 16 - Astronomy Event at the Ganaraska Forest Centre, 7 to 9 pm. \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child.**

Requires pre-registration by calling Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority on 905-885-8173. See Jupiter, our Moon, Mars, Saturn, star clusters and other celestial sights with telescopes and other observing aids provided by the Peterborough Astronomical Association and instruction by its members.

**NOTE:** This is not an organized event by PROBUS. Members need to make their own reservations.

**Other Upcoming November events (dates to be determined):**

**Supper and Games at Walsh's Snug in Newcastle. \$5.00 for games.**

Members are encouraged to arrive and purchase supper at 6.00pm. This is always a fun night out and the Snug has undergone renovations since our last outing there. The date will be put on the Website once confirmed so make sure you check it regularly.

**Algoma Orchards Tour (approximately 2 hours) in Newcastle. 6.00 pm. \$5.00.**

A chance to see inside the processing plant and learn how apples are sorted and processed for various purposes. The date will be put on the website once this event has been confirmed so make sure you check it regularly.

**Wednesday December 5, - Christmas Luncheon at Bobby C's \$30.00**

Don't forget to sign up at the next meeting – spaces are getting filled rapidly. Prepare to be amazed by a variety of musical performances by members. Everyone will have a fun and festive time.

**Tuesday December 11 - Old Time Christmas \$115.00 SOLD OUT**

**Wednesday December 12 - A Christmas Carol \$159.00**

Enjoy time with Ebenezer Scrooge at the historic Royal George Theatre in Niagara on the Lake, includes dinner at Hernder Estate Winery following Performance. Offered by Lakeshore Travel and Tours - Bus departs Bowmanville at 8:45 am.

**For information on upcoming events, check out the events online at <http://probusclarington.com/social-events>**

**Bylaw Amendment**

In accordance with our Bylaws which require at least 30 days written notice, this is to inform the membership that a vote to amend one of our bylaws will be held at our November 7 meeting.

Bylaw 5.1 currently states: General Meetings of the club will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at the designated venue, except for Decembers.

We will be asking the membership to vote on amending this to the following: General Meetings of the club shall be held monthly at the designated venue, subject to venue availability.

**Clarington PROBUS is on the Move**

Starting in January, we will be meeting at Hope Fellowship Church in Courtice.

We are victims of our own success. Both our membership and our attendance have been growing to the point where we have outgrown our current meeting venue. Recognizing this trend, the management committee established a task force in May to research available alternatives and make recommendations. Members of the task force were: Jim Bamford (Chair), Laurie Allum, Susan Simpson, John Windatt, and Franklin Wu.

In the last three months, the task force has investigated over 40 different venues. They wanted to find venues which were as central as possible, big enough to house our growing membership, have enough parking, be accessible, have enough washrooms, have appropriate sound and A/V systems to support our meetings, have a kitchen we could use, be available when we needed it on an on-going contractual basis, and be within our budget, etc. etc.

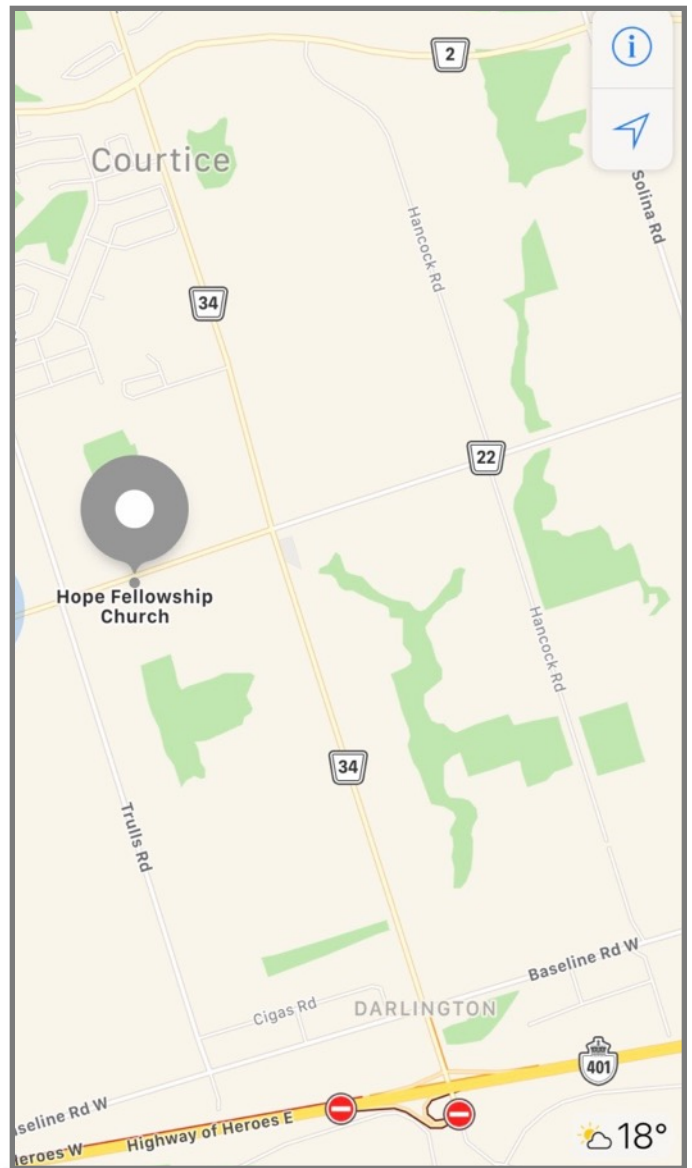
The task force presented a 20-page report to our management committee on Sept 17. What they found is that no venue met every criterion, but that the best option, by far, and the one they recommended, is Hope Fellowship Church, 1685 Bloor Street in Courtice.

You will see from the photos on the following pages, that this is an outstanding facility in every way. The biggest drawback is that the facility is not available the first Wednesday of every month. But it is available to us the second Wednesday of the month and the management committee, after touring the facility, decided to change our meeting days to the second Wednesday. Hope has committed to us for the long term, and a contract has been signed. We will hold our first meeting there on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

**Hope Fellowship: Our new home in 2019!**



Hope Fellowship Church is located at 1685 Bloor Street in Courtice, across from the Courtice Flea Market. Formerly Courtice South Public School, the building was fully renovated and expanded eight years ago. The map (right) shows the exact location of the beautiful building (below), which is easily accessible from Hwy. 2 and the 401.







The beautiful airy entranceway leads to a spacious auditorium, (with seating up to 500). It has an excellent sound system and comfortable seating. There is also a large, well-equipped kitchen that opens up to a meeting area.





**There is lots of parking (both outside and in) at Hope Fellowship Church!  
The building can be accessed from both the front and back - accessible parking spaces are located near the front doors.**

