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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Top of the morning to ya! A good friend is like a four-leaf clover. May you be in heaven a half hour before the Devil knows you're dead. A silent mouth is sweet to hear. Had enough Irish sayings?

Just one more....Frosted Lucky Charms, they're magically delicious! And they were! I never experienced their magical power but that didn't stop me from digging into the box and picking them out till all we had left was boring cereal.

St. Patrick's Day certainly brightens up March. It can be very dreary and rainy this month so wearing green helps to lighten the mood. And a little Irish coffee doesn't hurt either.

Members of our Probus club don't need luck to have fun throughout the month. All we need to do is look at all the Interest Groups and upcoming Social Events to find activities that will give us a reason to wear green and a big smile. And if that isn't enough to be happy, this month starts daylight savings so we can all play outside longer (the street lights come on later)!

March is also when we start to ramp up for better weather in April, patios will be opening even if they need heaters, and soon, announcements will be made as to which management team positions need filling. If you enjoy getting involved it is not too early to job shadow any of the management team. Doing this will help you get to know what each of us do and whether you would like to take it on when our terms are up. Don't be shy. Speak to us at the General Meeting this month. No obligation.

Time to find that pot of gold.

See you at the next General Meeting on Wednesday March 27.

Jackie Brooks (aka Mrs. Brown)
President

VICE PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Vice President – Susan Bruce



Saturday March 23 is the day we can participate in **Earth Hour**. The exact timing of Earth Hour is 8:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. What is Earth Hour you may ask? It is a time to think about the earth and how it needs a little respect. How can I, as one person, make a difference? If each of us turns off our lights for 1 hour, it can add up.

Make it a fun activity. Prepare your meal and eat by candlelight. Go for a little walk. While out there maybe pick up some litter. Play a board game by candlelight. Have a fondue. Now there is a blast from the past.

All these small activities performed by millions can make a huge difference. It is a commitment to the planet.

I thought I would share with you some places that I find that give seniors discount.

Shopper Drug Mart Shop on Thursdays. They give seniors with an Optimum card 20%. This is pretty awesome and adds up.

Michael's gives a 10% discount every day. Basically, never pay full price at Michaels they offer all kinds of discounts.

Pet Valu gives 10% on the last Thursday of the month.

Laura Secord offers seniors 15% every first Monday.

Go to The Bay on the first Tuesday of every month for 15% off most items.

Bulk Barn offers 10% every Wednesday.

M & M offers 5% on Tuesdays or 10% if you spend over \$30 which isn't difficult to do.

The best is **The Presto card**. If you are over 65 years of age you save 55%.

NEWSLETTER



Chair – John Hand

Top O' The Mornin' to
Now some things to look

you All ! and Hoppy Easter!
forward to....

- 1 Spring....it's just around the corner and with it brings all the exciting "Spring" events. Here is a list of seasonal interest groups that will be starting soon.

THE GARDEN GROUP

Leader – Sylvia Gladman

CYCLING GROUP

Leader – John Patté

PADDLING GROUP

Leader – Lewis Williams

WEEKLY GOLF (OUTDOORS)

Leader – Jack Cadan

WALKING WITH JACK

Leader – Jack Ballard

HIKING

Leader – Anne Taylor



Group leaders Please Remember.....

Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 5TH of each & every month

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER

Chair – Martin Reid

On February 28 our speaker was Phil Craig, a historian, master story teller and actor. He gave a wonderful account of the Canadian involvement in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, June 6 1944.

Our next speaker on March 27 will be Dan Buchanan, historian and author. His talk will be “38 Hours to Montreal: A Road Trip from Toronto to Montreal in 1840”. The Governor General needed to travel by stagecoach from Toronto to Montreal and complete the journey in under 38 hours. Hear how the story of this trip unfolded, including 24 changes of horses, broken bridges and mud.

Cheers,
Martin

SOCIAL EVENTS

Co-Chairs – Susan Bruce & Eleanor MacAlpine

Here we are Marching into Spring. With St. Patrick's Day coming up on March 17 you can drink as much green beer as you like. You can also start looking for the Daffodils and Tulips springing up!



On **Thursday February 15th** we went to a **Tour and Tasting at The Durham Distillery**. This in our own backyard. We love supporting local endeavours.



On **Friday February 23rd** we went via the digital screen at Mulligans to St Andrews in Scotland for an **Invitational Golf Tournament**. The Most honest and enthusiastic golfers were delighted to get their prizes if not their scores. The Low score for the females went to Janice Lund and for the males Jon Mitchell. The winning team was Janice Lund, Mark DeSousa, Ted Devonshire and Susan Bruce. The course was challenging but it was good to swing the clubs again. We are all waiting for the return of the season.



On Tuesday March 12 some of our lucky members visited the Hindu Mandir, the BAPS Shri Swaminirayan Mandir.

March 26th at 7:00 PM we are challenging your Trivia Knowledge at the **Brooklin Pub**. There are still spots available. Sign up through Wild Apricot. Cost is \$14. There are a few openings. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the night. There will be a light snack. Notice it's a snack not dinner. This is for Probus members only.



April 9th we will be having a **Lunch and Movie** event at **Amica Whitby**, 200 Kenneth Hobbs Ave. We will be seeing 'The Waking of Ned Devine'

Like the last Lunch and Movie event this filled up quickly.

We have **Progressive Euchre** on **Tuesday April 16th**. You must know how to play euchre. You can sign up as a single. You will be changing partners throughout the evening, hence the title Progressive. Please let Claire DeSousa know if you are signed up and find that you cannot go. She needs to know the exact numbers to have a successful night.



Join us **May 7th** at 1:30 pm for a trip across Canada! We are going to **Little Canada** which is a unique way to explore the sights and sounds of our great country in miniature scale. We can go to the East Coast, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Golden Horseshoe, Ottawa and Quebec City and some other surprises. Look for Maurice the Moose in different locations.

Little Canada is located at Yonge and Dundas St. in Toronto. At 10 Dundas St. East.

Take the GO Train to Union Station and then the Subway to Dundas and Yonge and get off and walk right into the building with Little Canada in the basement. Using the Presto card this will only be 1 fare.

There are several restaurants in the upper levels of the building if you wish to go for lunch first or dinner after the event.

We hope to see you there for a fun filled afternoon. This is posted on Wild Apricot and there are spots available.

I want to remind you that once you have signed up for an event and given your payment, it is nonrefundable. This is our Probus policy. If you find that you cannot attend the event you may find a replacement. You **must** let the social committee know. We need to know if there is a replacement for insurance reasons.

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.” –Wayne Gretzky

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why”. –Mark Twain

Eleanor and Susan

Spur of the Moment Ideas

Check out: Choosebrock.ca/plan-your-trip

Here is an example of what you may find: Forget-me-not Alpaca Farm

Also: 5 Pin Bowling in Ajax - something to do in March

In April check out: Axe Throwing BATLGrounds.com or

Reptilia Zoo - reptilia.org

Durham Chamber Orchestra

May 26 at 2 pm at Forest Brook Community Church Ajax

June 3 2 pm at Port Perry United Church



Old man Casey and old man Sullivan were contemplating life when Casey asked, “If you had to get one or the other would you rather get Parkinson’s or Alzheimer’s?” “Sure, I rather have Parkinson’s”, replied Sullivan.

“’Tis better to spill a couple of ounces of Jameson whiskey than to forget where you keep the bottle!”

MEMBERSHIP

Chair – Claire deSousa

Hello Everyone,

Happy to say we are going strong. We are now at 340 members.

If you have any friends or family thinking of joining, they should do it soon. It has been a few years since we've had a waiting list but we are getting close to that again. Not sure everyone is aware that we do have a maximum.

We really enjoy you bringing potential members to our meetings as your guest. But remember, they can only attend one meeting as a guest. Then they MUST join to attend again.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME to new members since the last newsletter:

Barry T., Jan D., Sandy F., Ellen & Pat. D, Carole L. Doreen J. and Doug W.

Hope to see you soon at a Probus Event!

Claire



WEBMASTER

Mark deSousa



Send Photos to the Webmaster at
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**Remember to label them with
When, Where and Date**

Check your website often
www.whitbybrooklinprobus.wildapricot.org

INTEREST GROUPS

Chair – Anne Cruess

Trying to plan your interest group activities and finding it challenging to fit them all in one week. Please look on the Interest Group Page on Wild Apricot for a week at a glance of all the activities available to members. Some activities are only slotted in as AM or PM activities as time varies according to location. A big thank you to Pat Sturch for coming up with this idea.

ARTISTICS

Leader - Deborah Corbett

This month we visit the **McMichael Art Gallery** in Kleinburg for a guided tour of First Nations Art from the Gallery's Canadian Art Collection. We'll have lunch at the Gallery restaurant after our tour. Many thanks to Lewis for organizing us this month. **Coordinator: Deborah Corbett**



Probus Artistics at the AGO, KAWS exhibit

Two Artistics members admire the work of Brian Donnelly, **Kaws: Family**, one of five exhibits visited at our February visit to the AGO.



Artistics are joined by Olex Wlasenko of the Station Gallery for a curated viewing of the art of Michelle LaRose.

A man from Cork was in with his doctor. 'Look, David. I've some bad news and some terrible news for you.'

'God. What's the bad news?!', asked the patient. 'Well,', replied the doctor, 'You only have 3 days to live'.

'You're joking' says the patient. 'How on earth can the news get any worse'. 'Well,', says the doctor, 'I've been trying to get hold of you for the past 2 days.'



TICKLE MY PALETTE

Leader – Janet Hill

February 6, we enjoyed a beautiful warm day exploring the Art Galleries of Port Perry, followed by a tasty lunch at The Pantry. We visited the Kent Farndale Gallery exhibiting Animals of the World via the Toronto Zoo photographed by Donna Brittain. We also visited the Port Perry Artist's Association Backstreet Gallery, Scugog Council for the Arts, and the Meta4 Contemporary Craft Gallery. Our next visit is to Northumberland Art Galleries in Port Hope and Cobourg!

THE BOOKIES

Leader – Cheryl Cassidy

The Bookies book club has had some great discussions over the last few months. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at member's homes. We are looking for 3 more members. Contact Cheryl Cassidy for more info. Make today amazing!
Cheryl

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Leader – Jackie Brooks

This month our book is The Girl From Widow Hills by Megan Miranda and Ann A. is hosting.

WOMENS BREAKFAST CLUB #2

Leader – Carol Cadan

This month our group will be meeting at Cora's restaurant in Whitby on Tuesday March 26 at 9.30

FUN BRIDGE

Leader – Fran Ballard

Fun bridge every Tues 10:00-12:00. New members welcome. Must know how to play bridge. Contact Fran Ballard.

MOONSHOTS - BID EUCHRE

Leader – Roy Pettitt

Moonshot 🚀 😊 Bid Euchre.

Hi all, we had a little juggling 🤹 with the roster this month, four of our regular crew 🧳🧳🧳🧳 were on leave and thanks to our stand-in cadets, Claire, Fran, Isabel and Sherry, we had a full complement of twelve astronauts 🧑🚀 for our February launch. All with playing cards ♠️♥️♣️♦️ in hand ready to reach for the elusive Moonshot 🚀, unfortunately no success. But points awarded for the skillful play saw the Gold stars awarded 🏆 Cadet Isabel, 141 points, Silver to FO Marilyn, 140 🥈 and FO Susan Bronze 🥉 with 125. Another flight is scheduled later this month and should be an exciting contest. Cheers 🍻🍷

THE CRAFTERS

Leader – Fran Ballard

Craft group every Thursday 1:00-3:00. Bring your own projects. Contact Fran Ballard.

TASTE THE WORLD DINNER

Leaders – Pat Sturch / Jackie Brook

We are enjoying Fionn McCool this month in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Wearing green means you don't have to drink green beer!

WEEKLY GOLF (OUTDOORS)

Leader – Jack Cadan



Calling all golfers

Who shoots a 6, yells "fore" and writes 5

It is that time of year that the yearning to frustrate oneself by spoiling a good walk chasing a little white (or sometimes coloured) ball around a golf course. The time has come to let me know who wants to join us once a week for 9 holes of golf. The format will be the same that I have used the last couple of years. We will play either Tuesday or Wednesday morning (around 9:00 am) at Spring Creek or Hawthorne golf courses. Simply send me an email to register for this activity. All future correspondence will be through email. I expect that we will begin in early May and run through to about Thanksgiving.



THE BRAIN TEAM

Leader - Wendy Marshall

Do you forget what you went upstairs for? Where you put your keys? This type of forgetfulness is normal as we age. Come join The Brain Team where we will challenge you with some fun puzzles and memory work. One of our exercises is listing "a to z" down a page and thinking of a fruit or vegetable that starts with each letter. Come out and join our fun team of "thinkers and solvers". The next registration for The Brain Team will be at our April 22nd meeting. Please email me prior to the April meeting. Hope to see you there!

TRAVEL BUDDIES

Leader – Deborah Corbett

This month we'll be enjoying another networking lunch to find someone to travel with - we don't like to pay that single supplement.

DISCUSSION ON ZOOM

Leader – Margaret Hogan

The Probus Discussion Group will be meeting on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on April 2 and 16, 2024. We use Zoom so that the presentations can be news items, power point or YouTube etc. We each have an opportunity to discuss a topic and our topics provide an opportunity to learn from each other. We would welcome new members to our group. Just send an email and I will put you on the invitation for the next meeting.



An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"



Editors note! Repeat from previous years... I just love this joke.



Two Irish lads were working for the local county council. One lad would dig a hole and the other lad would follow him and fill the hole in.

They worked up along one street and then down the other. They then moved to the next street and did the same, working flat out all day without stopping.

One lad digging the holes. The other lad filling them in.

A passerby saw what they were doing and was amazed at the hard work, but couldn't understand what they were at.

So, he shouted over to the lad digging the holes, 'I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only for the other lad to fill it in?'

The lad wiped his brow and sighed deeply, 'Well, I suppose it probably does look a bit odd. You see, we're normally a three-man team. But today the lad who plants the trees phoned in sick.'



Happy Lunar New Year!

Instructions: All the answers in this word definition game contain the consecutive letters **MOO**.

QUESTIONS

1. The vacation after the wedding.
2. Bullwinkle's species.
3. To have a second job in addition to one's regular employment.
4. Temperamental; sullen; prone to emotional swings.
5. Surname shared by two popular British actors. One played the happily drunken millionaire Arthur, and the other played James Bond in the 1970s and '80s.
6. Bread; cabbage; dough ... in other words: money.
7. Slang term for kiss.
8. Tract of grassy, uncultivated land (usually British); heath.
9. Yiddish term meaning to talk with someone in a lively and friendly way, especially in order to impress or manipulate them.
10. To depart hurriedly; scoot; scam; skedaddle.
11. Neil Armstrong's achievement ... or, Michael Jackson's famous dance.
12. A thick drink of fresh fruit pureed with milk, yogurt, or ice cream.
13. To ask for (or get) something without paying for it.
14. High proof liquor, generally whiskey, which is made and distributed illegally.
15. She was nominated for six Emmy Awards for her work as Endora on *Bewitched* (1965-1972).

Answers at the end.

When squirrels come across an especially spectacular nut, they'll often gather and stare in amazement... very similar to how they're looking at you right now.



DOES ANYONE KNOW WHICH PAGE OF THE BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO TURN WATER INTO WINE?
ASKING FOR A FRIEND.

My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

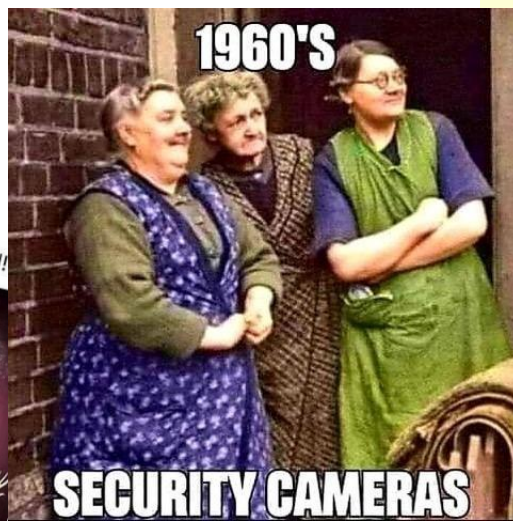
Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

I RECENTLY BOUGHT A TOILET BRUSH...

LONG STORY SHORT, I'M GOING BACK TO TOILET PAPER.



Once I went to a party with my husband, full of people he knew (from work) but I didn't. A guy came up to us, turned to me and said "You must be his wife." I turned to my husband and said "You have a WIFE?" Should've seen the guy's face!



ANSWERS

1. Honeymoon
2. Moose
3. Moonlight
4. Moody
5. Moore (Dudley and Roger)
6. Moolah
7. Smooch
8. Moor
9. Schmooze
10. Vamoose
11. Moonwalk
12. Smoothie
13. Mooch
14. Moonshine
15. (Agnes) Moorehead