



## PROBUS Club of Whitby Brooklin

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Membership List



# HAPPY CINCO de MAYO!

Hola Everyone!

May is not only Mother's Day month but also Cinco de Mayo! This is when Mexico has its yearly celebration remembering its victory over France at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. More battles were fought and you can Google all the info telling you why we say "Una cerveza, por favor" instead of "Une biere s'il vous plait" when vacationing in Mexico. So, bring on the Margaritas and Enchiladas, por favor!

As seniors, we don't really need a reason to celebrate. Just enjoying life is reason enough. Probus will help us have fun every day if we let it. How? By signing up, joining up, starting up, and Volunteering Up! Now is your big chance to get more involved. Management team nominations are open till June 30. Check what positions need filling, read the job descriptions found on the website, and ask any questions to the Management members who are vacating them. You will have the instruction and support from the former team member as long as you need them.

If a Management position is not for you then consider becoming a leader or co-leader of an Interest Group. Just ask any Interest Leader how they did this or the Interest Group Chair and you will get full instructions and support.

Now grab your Sombrero or Mantilla and head to your nearest restaurant serving those Margaritas and Enchiladas. You can even wear them to the May 22 Probus General Meeting. Encantador!

Adios,

Jackie Brooks (aka Señora Presidenta)  
President

# **Request for 2024 Management Committee Nominations**

## **Here's a volunteer opportunity to help out your club!**

Each year the Management Committee of the Probus Club of Whitby-Brooklin reviews its need for new committee members for the coming year(s) to ensure continuity of club operations as terms of office end.

We are seeking nominations for the term beginning September 1, 2024 for the positions of:

- **Social Co-Chair** (currently Susan Bruce)
- **Interest Group Chair** (currently Anne Cruess)
- **Treasurer** (currently Mary Smith)
- **Membership Chair** (currently Claire deSousa)
- **Newsletter Editor** (currently John Hand)
- **Webmaster** (currently Mark deSousa)
- **Wild Apricot Administrator** (currently Karen Lambert and Mary Smith)

Nominees can look forward to playing two key roles in any position: one of being responsible for a specific aspect of club activities (social events, treasurer etc.) and the other of contributing to overall club operational decisions and policies.

Job descriptions are available on the Club website at [whitbybrooklinprobus.wildapricot.org](http://whitbybrooklinprobus.wildapricot.org) at the bottom of each page. Terms for each position are one year minimum and up to three years and will start on September 1, 2024. Please feel free to contact any of the current Management Chairs listed above, should you want more information about what their position involves.

A Nominations Committee has been established to oversee the process consisting of the Past President (Karen Lambert), the President (Jackie Brooks), and per bylaw requirements, a member in good standing (Diane Kirby). Karen Lambert is the Nominations Chair.

***If interested, you need to send an email to the Nominations Committee expressing interest in a specific position. You also need to have another member of the club send an email nominating you for the position.***

*The Nominations Committee will follow up with you to discuss the position and process in more detail and answer any questions that you may have.*

***The "cut off" date for nominations is June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024***

We look forward to your response and interest in continuing to maintain a great club.

Nominations Chair,

Karen Lambert

## NEWSLETTER



Chair – John Hand

Welcome to May! I hope you are ready for Victoria Day; the weather is going to be fantastic. I just know it!

While you are out on your patio or in the garden having a cold drink and reading this newsletter please don't forget to help the club by volunteering to run for a Management position or if you don't feel you are ready for this, then perhaps volunteer to run an interest group, leaders are always needed.

DON'T FORGET....our General Meetings are always held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, NOT the last Wednesday therefore this month's meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. See you there.



Interest Group Leaders please remember.....

**Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> of each & every month**



## UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER

Chair – Martin Reid

The next speaker for May 22 will be Rob Smythe, who will give an interactive talk on "A Century of Famous Movies".

Rob has hosted multimedia presentations to audiences in venues ranging from homes, to auditoriums, to cruise ships, and lately, on Zoom. He invites you to join him with a nostalgic, entertaining look at the most influential movies of the past century.

Our speaker on April 24 was Julien LeBourdois.

Julien spent a career as a professional photojournalist, and presented a slide show and commentary on Canadian Prime Ministers, the Queen and royal family, the Stanley Cup (yes, with the Leafs), John and Yoko, to mention just a few of his photographs.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Co-Chairs – Susan Bruce & Eleanor MacAlpine

Wow!!! We are halfway through May and the unofficial start of the summer is right around the corner. The social committee is thinking about having a barbecue, walking in Toronto, watching horse races, baseball games, and listening to bands in the parks. And we have a great opportunity to go to Niagara Falls with someone else doing the driving.



The beginning of May we played real tourists in Toronto by visiting a great tourist attraction.

**Little Canada** which is a great way to explore the sights and sounds of our great country in miniature scale..

Our Annual Barbecue, marking the unofficial start of summer is Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>. We have booked the Swing band, Mood Swing, to play for the first hour. You can listen to their great music or get up and dance to it. It will be fun. After the barbecue, the committee will have a few activities for you to enjoy with prizes, a Share the Wealth and door prizes. The sign up is almost full. Check the website to sign up.



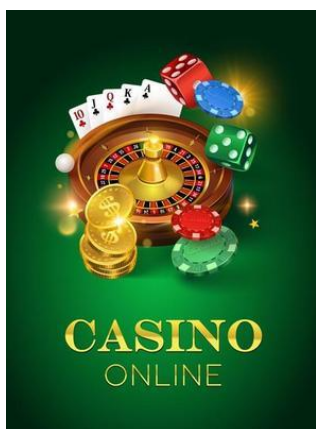


We have 2 **Bruce Bell** tours in downtown Toronto. Bruce will share his knowledge of the old and new **Toronto in the Financial district**. The dates are **Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>**. Both tours will meet Bruce at the big clock on the main floor of Union Station at 10 o'clock on the day of the tour. The cost is \$27 for members. Tickets are available on Wild Apricot.

Have you ever seen a horse race live and up close? On **Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>** we have booked a room at the **Ajax Downs Racetrack**. Come at noon. You can buy your lunch and enjoy it in the room while you study the race form. The races start at 1:30. You will have time to place your bets if you like. When the race is about to start, go outside to the balcony, watch the action and cheer on the horses. A race will be dedicated to our Probus club. 6 lucky members will be able to join the winner of that race in the winner's circle for pictures.



**Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>** we are donning our walking shoes again to explore the **Toronto Waterfront** with a guide from the **Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)**. While we stroll along Queens Quay we will learn about the evolution of Toronto's waterfront from its industrial and commercial origins. This tour will explore history, art, and architecture as well as the recent revitalization of this area. Check the website to register. Cost is \$12 for members.



We have come across a great deal in my opinion. Would you like to go to Niagara Falls for only \$42? Yes, that is right, only \$42 and you will get \$35 back in casino chips. You can sit back and relax while a professional bus driver does the driving. He will take us to **Falls view Casino in Niagara Falls**. With proof of a valid, government issue photo I.D. you will be given, if you are over 19, \$35 worth of casino chips. We will meet the bus at **Iroquois Park Sports Centre, Whitby at 9:00 AM Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will arrive at Niagara Fallsview Casino at 11:30. We can enjoy Niagara Falls and the casino until 4:30 when the bus will take us back to Iroquois Park, Whitby. Guests are welcome and will pay \$42. Guests must be over 55 years of age, a spouse, a partner, or a potential Probus member. Guests pay \$44. Go to the website and register.

The **Blue Jays** are back in town, and they need our support. We have booked 25 seats along the third base line for **Wednesday September 11**. They will be playing the **New York Mets at 3:07 PM**. The seats are in section 235. They are excellent seats. The cost for our Probus members is \$54 and \$56 for guests. Remember guests must be over 55, a spouse, partner or potential Probus member. Head over to the website to register.

Like I said the social committee is thinking about having a barbecue, walking in Toronto, watching horse races, going to baseball games, and going to Niagara Falls. I'll tell you about listening to bands in the parks in the next newsletter. Go to the website for the latest adventures and Probus events.

This has come up a couple of times when an event allows guests. If you would like to bring a guest, the guest must be registered at the same time as you place your registration. Wild Apricot does not allow adding a guest at a later date. This is unfortunate. I am sorry.

"In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." – Mark Twain

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." –Margaret Atwood

"A flower blossoms for its own joy." – Oscar Wild

Eleanor and Susan

### **Spur of the Moment Ideas**

May 18, Brooklin Whitby Garden Club plant sale in Brooklin

May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26 10 AM to 4 PM Warkworth Lilac Festival

May 30 to June 2. Brooklin Spring Fair

June 15 Gardens of Uxbridge Garden Tour 10 am to 5 pm tickets \$25.

June 27 Whitby Brass Band 7:30 pm

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Chair – Claire deSousa**

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we are having. Lots of rain in April means that our flowers are really blossoming.

Speaking of growing. We are now at 353 members. If you know anyone wishing to join, they should do it soon. We have a maximum and we are VERY close.

Please get involved in YOUR club. We have lots of Social Events and Interest Groups to join. And if you can't get into one, start a new one. Lots of help available.

Please don't respond to any e-mail you get from the club's address. If you have an inquiry, you need to contact the appropriate person directly. That way you're not wasting time waiting for me to respond or forward your inquiry.

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME to new members since the last newsletter:



Lila R., Yvette S., Brian L., Joyce M., Gerard H., Linda H., Melody M. and George Y.



Hope to meet you soon at a Probus Event!

Claire



Send Photos to the Webmaster at  
**webguy4PWB@gmail.com**

**Remember to label them with  
When, Where and Date**

Check your website often  
**www.whitbybrooklinprobus.wildapricot.org**

if you ever get an  
email about pork,  
ham, salt, and  
preservatives,  
don't open it.  
it's spam

*Cool Funny Quotes.com*



## Summer Sunshine Contest

For the months of June, July and August



Each week, 3 times a week on different days, there will be a little happy sunshine hidden somewhere on the website.

It could be in an attachment, It could be hidden on the photo page,...anywhere.

Your job is to search the website and record the hiding place on a piece of paper

There will only be one sunshine at a time. Three per week.

At the end of each month, please send me an email [webguy4pwb@gmail.com](mailto:webguy4pwb@gmail.com) with the dates and location of the 12 icons.

A token prize will be rewarded at the Monthly Meeting following each month.

In the case of a tie, a draw will be held at the General Meeting to determine the winner  
This contest is being run by the club's Webmaster

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## ARTISTICS

Leader - Deborah Corbett

We'll be travelling to various artists' studios on the Lake Scugog Studio Art Tour, followed by lunch. Many thanks to Donna for organizing our outing this month.

## ART GROUP #3

Leader - Teresa Hupka

In April some of our members attended an exhibit at the ROM - "[Death: Life's Greatest Mystery](#)"

In June, we are planning a visit to the Latcham Gallery in Stouffville.

## TICKLE MY PALETTE

Leader – Janet Hill

On April 16, members were given a curated tour at the Leisure Centre in Stouffville. The group enjoyed lunch at the Fickle Pickle. Then went to the Varley Art Gallery in Unionville. Our next adventure in May will be at the McLaughlin Art Gallery in Oshawa.

On March 19, we explored the Visual Arts Centre of Clarington; the Art Galleries of Northumberland in Port Hope and in Cobourg. Our visit was followed by a wonderful lunch at The Buttermilk Cafe. Our next visit is to Stouffville Leisure Centre and the Varley Art Gallery in Unionville!

## BOOK NOOKERS

Leader - Barbara Carroll

This month we'll be discussing *Miss Benson's Beetle* by R. Joyce on Tuesday, May 14, with meeting hosted and led by Judy. We have a spot open for membership, so please contact Barbara Carroll for information.

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Leader – Jackie Brooks

We are discussing *The Bullet That Missed* by Richard Osman. It is a really fun read and yes, there will be a murder.

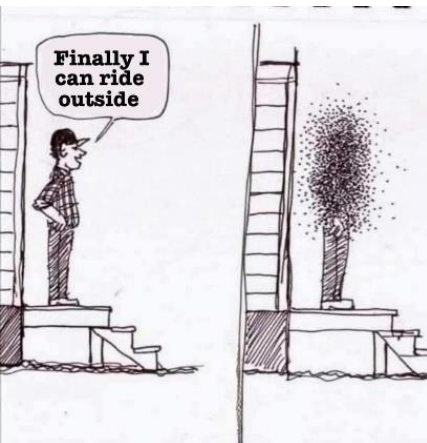
## WOMENS BREAKFAST CLUB #2

Leader – Carol Cadan

Our group will meet on Tuesday May 28 at Pure and Simple Restaurant in Whitby

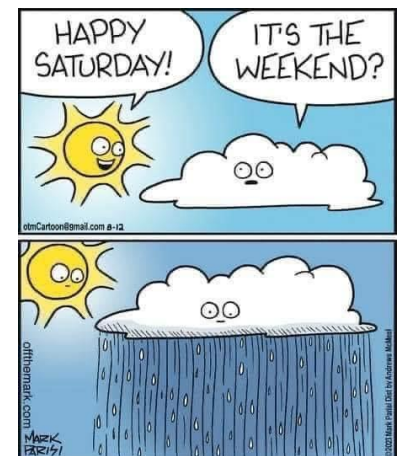
## CYCLING GROUP

Leader – John Patté



Spring cycling season does have its challenges, but cycling season is finally here! So, get that bike out and join us for one of our Tuesday morning rides. The weather may still be chilly in the morning, and there may be the odd gnat along the Waterfront Trail. But dressed appropriately, we will be just fine!

But you must be on my email list to know where and when we will be riding. Just let me know.



## WEEKLY GOLF (OUTDOORS)

Leader – Jack Cadan

Calling all golfers. Who shoots a 6, yells "fore" and writes 5?



It is that time of the 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.

## TASTE THE WORLD DINNER

Leaders – Pat Sturch / Jackie Brook

Scaddabush here we come! Just saying the name of the May restaurant is fun! Try it! Our diners will have lots of opportunity to repeat it.

## YOU & ME DINNER

Leaders – Ron Hallett/Joe Murray



On April 18/24, our YOU & ME Dinner Group met for dinner at Scaddabush Italian Kitchen and Bar. We had a wonderful time together with good food, drinks and even better conversations and laughter!

## VIRTUAL WINE TROTTERS

Leader – Nancy Prout

Our wine journey zoomed us to the beautiful country of Croatia, where we enjoyed the beaches, the food and their Pelijesac wine.. This dry, medium red wine filled with flavours of red berry juice and Mediterranean herbs won a definite 4 ☆☆☆ rating with our travellers. Next stop - New Zealand!!

Did You Know That  
A Person Uses  
Up To 14 Muscles  
When Opening  
A Bottle Of Wine?  
Fitness Is  
My Passion...



## THE BRAIN TEAM

Leader - Wendy Marshall

As we age, we need to keep those brain cells working. So come out and give it a try! We meet at the Whitby Public Library in Room 1A on the 4th Monday of the month from 11 - 12:30. **Tip** - look for the puzzle in the newsletter. I usually put one of our puzzles there. Fun time with lots of puzzles, quizzes and memory work. Email me to book your spot!

## MIND TEASER QUIZ sent in by Wendy Marshall

### Animal links)

Find the name of an animal, which links the following groups of words.  
For example: If we give the clues *black, blue, jail, and mocking*, The word that completes those four words is *bird: black bird, blue bird, jailbird, and mockingbird*.

1. Fiddler; Hermit; Horseshoe; King
2. Army; Carpenter; Fire; Red
3. Tape; Book; Silk; Ring
4. Corn; Bird; Top; Guide
5. Clay; Rock; Stool
6. Bull; Leap; Tree
7. Garter; Rattle; Cora
8. Eat; Jim; Scare
9. Candy; Jack; Kick; Smart
10. Black; Cave; Honey; Gummy
11. Cry; Gray; Lone; Timber
12. Canada; Golden; Mother; Snow
13. Alley; Black; Fat; Bob
14. Talk; Cold; Wild
15. Cash; Sacred; Holy; Mad
16. Spring; Rubber; Fried

Answers at the end.

EDITORS NOTE! I just went back through my joke archives from 2020 and came up with these. My apologies if you remember them.

Just spent 15 minutes searching for my phone in my car. While using my phone as a flashlight.

I HAVEN'T TRIED YOGA, BUT I HAVE TRIED BENDING OVER TO PICK UP MY KEYS, SO I'M PRETTY SURE I'D HATE YOGA.

I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That's 7 years in a row now.

AS I WATCHED THE DOG CHASING HIS TAIL, I THOUGHT DOGS ARE EASILY AMUSED. THEN I REALIZED I WAS WATCHING THE DOG CHASE HIS TAIL.

Don't wear headphones while vacuuming... I've just finished the whole house and realised the vacuum wasn't even plugged in

Brain cells, hair cells and skin cells - they all die constantly, but freaking fat cells seem to have eternal life...

Never in my whole life would I imagine my hands would consume more alcohol than my mouth!!

And who could forget what was happening in 2020!



OK, if we're going to have one-way grocery aisles then I'm going to need a passing lane.



To get rid of unwanted junk during the holidays ... Put it in an Amazon box and leave it on the porch.

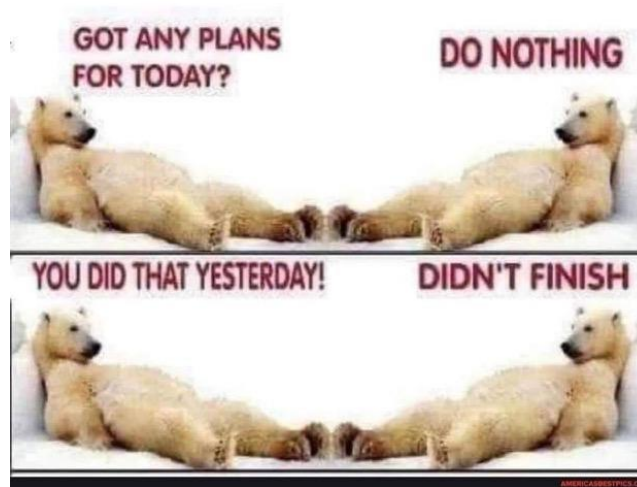


Masks are the new bra... They aren't comfortable, you only wear them in public, people will notice when you DON'T wear one, and you can now get them in every color pattern and style.



Answers for the puzzle are:

1. Crab
2. Ant
3. Worm
4. Dog
5. Pigeon
6. Frog
7. Snake
8. Crow
9. Ass
10. Bear
11. Wolf
12. Goose
13. Cat
14. Turkey
15. Cow
16. Chicken



That's all folks!