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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Probus members, I am happy to write my first message as your president and look forward to meeting many of you in person when the timing allows.

We had a satisfying outdoor general meeting at Esplanade Park on Oct 27 with many eager participants on a wonderful sunny day. Refreshments were served and proper Covid19 safety protocols were followed.

The transition of the executive took place with an interesting cabinet shuffle and the addition of two new positions. With our team in place, and membership renewals coming in we are set for a new year in a hopefully less restrictive environment. Many thanks to those in attendance and for your generous applause ratifying our 2021-2022 Management team.

Going forward the temperature will be dropping and we steady approach the winter season. Our prospects for having an outdoor November general meeting became unrealistic. Therefore, on Nov 24 we will broadcast our General meeting by Zoom at 10:00am. The link will be sent to you. We will have our management team in attendance, a guest speaker, and reports on upcoming Probus events.

We are trying earnestly to secure indoor venues for our upcoming meetings in 2022 and happily our House Co-ordinator Marilyn Mendes has secured a venue for January. Read her announcement for details on attendance.

Please keep in touch with activities, events, and news through our newsletter. These are well composed offering content and important details. Continue reading to the end to find items that may be of particular interest to you.

The most satisfying 2-letter word in our language is 'We". Together as members, **We** make a great club.

Stay active, stay safe and stay connected to your Probus Club.

Joe DeSimone, President

EDITOR'S NOTE

- The ZOOM link for our November 24th meeting will be sent out by November 22nd.
- Note the Tastes of the World has started again.

Sandy Smiles

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Iris Forsey – Membership

Please be advised that your Probus membership of $15.00 is due by ***Wednesday, December 1, 2021.*** If you have already renewed your membership, thank you.

You can send a cheque payable to "Probus Club of Pickering" to:

Iris Forsey, 1244 Barnwood Square, Pickering, On L1X 1C7 or e transfer to Probus1ezpay@outlook.com and the security question is **Probus**

If you are not renewing, please let me know, so that I can update our membership records. Thanks for your prompt attention to this request. It is greatly appreciated.

New members are anxious to join our club, so don't lose your spot.

Marilyn Mendes – House

After three successful outdoor in-person meetings, we unfortunately need to move back indoors. There are still some challenges that remain, however, due to the Pandemic and construction at the Chestnut Hill Recreation Centre.

Our November meeting is set as a ZOOM meeting and will remain as such. However, the Province has increased capacity so we can welcome more members to our subsequent meetings.

Our first indoor meeting of 2022 will be held on **Tuesday** January 25 '22. We can invite 150 to attend a meeting at the Westshore Community Centre on Bayly St. between Liverpool Rd. and Whites Rd at 10.00 am. Unfortunately, we need to switch to **Tuesday** for this meeting in order to have access to this venue. We are hoping we can change back to Wednesdays for February and March when the meetings will be held at the Don Beer Banquet Hall.

Stay tuned for updates. As we know things can change on a dime, as long as the pandemic is still on. Stay safe everyone!! We're nearly at the end of this.

Nancy Turner Grant – Speakers

Ted Barris, our November speaker is a noted military historian who will give a talk/presentation based on his book, rush to Danger: Medics in the Line of Fire.

Shirlie van Putten – Social

REMINDER: **Christmas Luncheon is December 15th at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club on Myrtle Rd.** Please contact Shirlie van Putten at shirlievanputten@rogers.com to sign up. Your meal choices are Turkey; Salmon; or Vegetarian. Cost $35.00. **DEADLINE for signing up is December 1st!!**

Come from Away: January 26th performance in the evening at 8:00 pm. Orchestra Level Cost is $159 includes transportation downtown. Bus will pick us up in Pickering and drop off in front of the Theatre. Only 35 tickets, contact Shirlie by asap!

Famous People Theatre: still seats available, December 14th and Cost is $115. Contact Shirlie at shirlievanputten@rogers.com

Kathy Borisko – Activities Co-ordinator

Firstly, I have to tell you just how much I admire Marilyn Werry. She puts her whole 100% into everything she does. It's unbelievable all the activities she created, especially during a pandemic. We truly appreciate all your hard work. We're so lucky to have you as our new VP. I have big shoes to fill.

Studies show that seniors who stay socially active and engaged experience a variety of benefits, including: Better cognitive function. Social activities keep us sharp and mentally engaged, and this is important to prevent the onset of dementia or Alzheimer's disease….

Book Club has been reactivated (actually using the two other book clubs). Novel Ideas Book Club is a fun active club that is full right now, but if anyone else wants to start one, please let me know.

Golf, Gardening, RODEO, Men's breakfast, Walking Club, Euchre, Cribbage, Bid Euchre, Bridge, Billiards are very active Clubs. If anyone is interested in joining, please let me know. THANK YOU SOOO MUCH to the Club volunteers who run these Clubs. Without Volunteers, our Club would fold. **Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place**.

Novel Ideas – Home of Marilyn Werry
Tuesday, November 23rd at 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Marilyn Werry mjwerry@gmail.com

Cribbage/Bid Euchre – Pickering Legion
Thursday, November 25, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Cost: $5.00
Cribbage contact: Cathy Kwiecien ckwie@hotmail.com
Bid Euchre contact: David Werry dkwerry70@hotmail.com

RODEO (Retired Old Dames Eating Out) – Black Dog Pub *(see Debbie's update)*
Monday, December 6th - Noon
Contact: Debbie Cox d_c_cox@hotmail.com

Progressive Euchre (Full) – Pickering Legion
Thursday, November 18, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Cost: $5.00
Contact: Kathy Borisko kborisko@hotmail.com

Kitchen Bridge with Harvey Brodhecker (Ajax Probus)
Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Harvey Brodhecker - at 416 894-5778 or email Hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca

Men's Breakfast Club
Next meeting in January 2023
Contact: David Werry dkwerry70@gmail.com

World Tour Trivia and Scavenger Hunt
Tuesday, December 14 at 3 p.m.
Contact: Shirley Humphries at: shirlmcnamara587@gmail

Walking Group - Thursday mornings at 9:30 p.m.
Contacts: Jeanette Adams jeanette.mary.adams@gmail.com or
Bev Sinclair rap875@gmail.com

Tastes Around the World
November 24 at Thai Orchid
Contact: Barbara Twiner plantsbarbara1@gmail.com

Falcon Brewery welcomes any Clubs to use their facility. For more information, please contact me.

The City of Pickering has given me a schedule of places throughout Pickering that we can use if you want to start up your own Club…. I thought some suggestions are …

Beer Tasting	Jewelry Making
Bread Baking	Movie Night
Card Making	Photography
Coffee Club	Running Club
Darts	Scrapbooking
Happy Hour Club	Wine Club

Activities are a vital component of our Club. I'm excited to see what everyone comes up with. Zoom is another option that has come out of this Pandemic and I know many people would enjoy meeting up that way, so thinking outside the box is welcomed …

Please let me know your thoughts.

Warmest regards, Kathy - Kborisko@hotmail.com

ACTIVITY LEADER UPDATES

Kathy Borisko – Progressive Euchre (we are full)

Progressive Euchre is the first and third Thursday of the month, at the Pickering Legion. It starts at 1:00 p.m. and costs $5. You DO have to register first, and show proof of double vaccination. Email kborisko@rogers.com

Debbie Cox – RODEO

The next lunch is at The Black Dog Pub on Monday, December 6 at 12:00 noon. The banquet room in the basement is only accessible by stairs. Spots are limited, and only open to those who sign up in advance. Covid protocols and requirements are in place. Contact Debbie Cox: d_c_cox@hotmail.com

Stay healthy!

"If you see your glass as half empty, pour it into a smaller glass and stop complaining." ~ CHFI newsletter

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Carea CHC Welcoming Streets Team is running an Out of the Cold Drop-In for unsheltered individuals at the Carea Pickering location on Thursdays from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

The drop-in will be starting on November 18th and end on December 16th. Individuals can warm up, have lunch, and chat with a member of the Welcoming Streets team.

Contact Vithusan at 289-928-8605 or varunakirinathan@careachc.ca.

TRAVEL 2022 – NON PROBUS

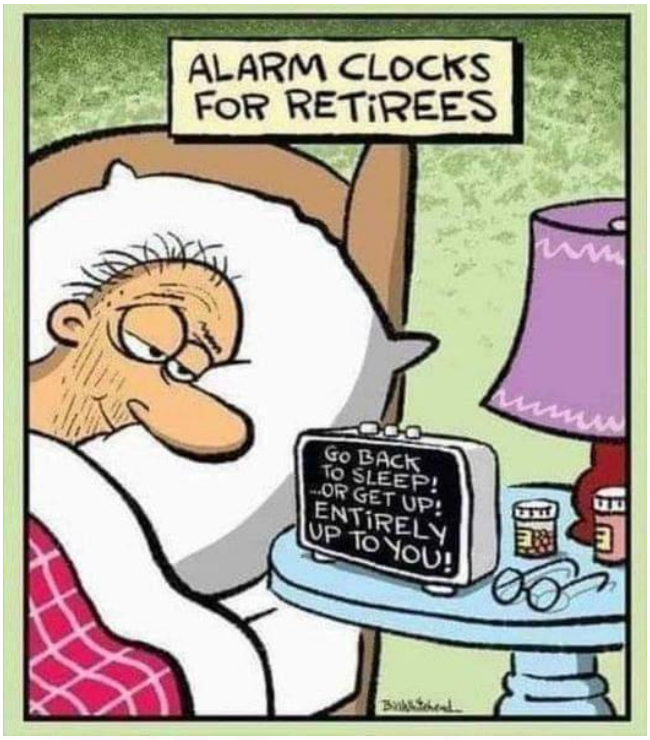
We are cruising again. Join us as we take in the sites of Italy, Croatia, Greece and Montenegro. We still have some staterooms available for our July 16 - 23, 2022 Celebrity cruise sailing in the Adriatic Sea. Please note that the date has changed.

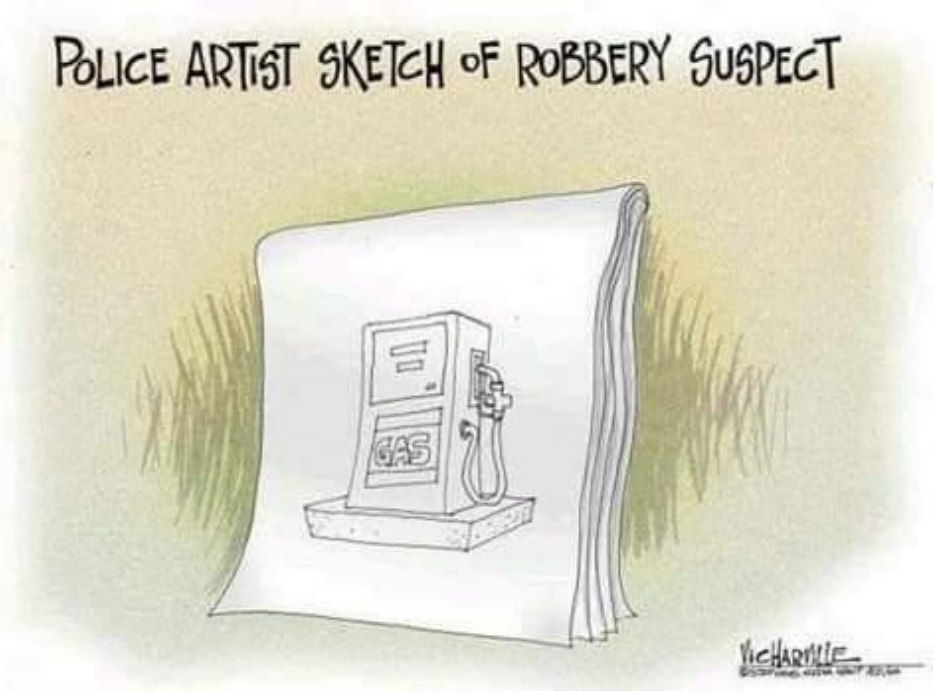
Or perhaps your family roots are in the British Isles and you want to see where your ancestors came from. We are offering a 12 night British Isles cruise, September 6 – 18, 2022 on board the Emerald Princess.

I will be accompanying guests on the above cruises. For more information, please contact:

Sandy at 289 314-7794 or ssmiles@expediacruises.com

A LITTLE LAUGHTER





DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 RODEO Black Dog Pub	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 World Trivia Famous People Theatre	15 Christmas Lunch Royal Ashburn	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31	