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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Probus members.

December has arrived and with it the holiday season. Unfortunately, the ongoing pandemic is still with us and as such it restricts our plans for festive gatherings with family and friends. Navigating through these times we have learned to adapt to the Covid-19 protocols and managed to keep active and in touch with our Probus family.

During this past year we were able to have three outdoor general meetings at Esplanade Park, safely conducted under our Club's guidelines.

Our membership renewal drive has concluded and in addition, we are pleased to have accepted 40 new members. We welcome them as they navigate through our club's ability for making lasting friendships.
Probus Christmas lunch set for December 15 will take the place of our monthly general meeting. With Shirlie's planning, it will be a wonderful gathering of Probus members.

The current management team which was introduced in October, are primed and ready for action. Read further on this newsletter for updates from our technical group led by John Roberts. Our House Co-ordinator Marilyn Mendes. Our Activities Leader Kathy and Membership Leader Iris. Our editor Sandy continues to produce a comprehensive, information packed monthly newsletter. Take the time to read through to the end.

We are planning for year 2022 in hopes of a less restrictive environment. Much credit and thanks to our hard-working Management Team for providing opportunities allowing our membership to engage in social gatherings that promotes friendship and fun.

And, to our general membership we wish to thank you for staying with us and for your patience as we migrate out of this pandemic. On behalf of our executive, Past president, Jim Hare, Vice president, Marilyn Werry, myself and the entire management team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, a festive holiday season and to all a Happy New Year.

Stay active, stay connected to your Probus Club.

Joe DeSimone, President

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hope to see many of you at the Christmas lunch.

Sandy Smiles

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Iris Forsey – Membership

Hello Members

Thanks very much to everyone who has renewed their membership for another wonderful year with the Probus Club of Pickering. Deadline for renewal was December 1, 2021.

Our present membership is 345 renewals and 40 new members.

It will be an exciting new year ahead for all our members!

Merry Christmas and All the Best in the New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas lunch on Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Cheers Iris Forsey

Marilyn Mendes – House

As we approach the end of the year, we start thinking and planning for the next year. Hopefully 2022 will see us getting back to more normal ways of meeting and enjoying Probus activities.

A reminder - the next General meeting will be held on **Tuesday January 25th 2022 at Westshore Community Centre at 10 am** at 1015 Bayly St**.** After that if we are still unable to get into the Recreation Complex, we will meet at the Don Beer Arena Banquet Hall and go back to the 4th Wednesday of the month. Stay tuned for further updates.

The hall capacity for both these venues is 150, so we will most probably have to pre-register. All current covid protocols will be followed so we can keep everyone safe. Stay tuned for details as things evolve.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Shirlie van Putten – Social

Christmas Luncheon - Wednesday, December 15th Hall opens at 11:45. Lunch at 12:30 Royal Ashburn Golf Club, 995 Myrtle Rd W (east of Lakeridge Rd).

My phone number is 905-619-8583 in case you are lost or need me. (Shirlie)

Everyone MUST be double vaccinated and bring proof with your ID.

Pickering Probus Social Committee

John Roberts – Web Coordinator/ Marilyn Compton - Technical

It's a New Year ahead and we're excited to announce our new Probus Club of Pickering website to be revealed in January.

While the current website has served us well, it was time to update and simplify our members' experience with new functionality and easier navigation.

New features such as online activity registration, automated renewals, and custom profiles to ensure you receive updates on your selected activity preferences, are just a few of the features we will soon have available.

Stay tuned for more information on our members' introductory and training sessions in January.

We look forward to sharing our new website and improving your online experience to Get Connected - Stay Connected.

Till then, have a safe and happy holiday season!

Kathy Borisko – Activities Co-ordinator

Merry Christmas Everyone

Here's to a Happy, Healthy 2022

We are still looking for someone to take the lead for the Happy Hour Club.

We want to run a paint night in January at Falcon Brewery. Please let me know if you're interested in attending. Kborisko@hotmail.com

ACTIVITY LEADER UPDATES

World Tour Trivia and Scavenger Hunt
Hello all, we have decided to reschedule the Amsterdam travel trivia to January. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough signups to make it worthwhile. It's a busy time of year and hopefully in January more people will be looking for another activity.

Thanks again for participating the last time and for participating in the regular trivia.

We wish you a happy Xmas and New Year.

Shirley and Bob Humphries

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 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

I will be hosting two group cruises next year. If you are interested in learning more about our Celebrity cruise to the Adriatic Sea in July or our Princess Cruise to the British Isles in September, please contact me for more information.

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

A LITTLE LAUGHTER

Anyone with an old car will appreciate this one!



Merry Christmas



JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Euchre Walking Club	7	8
9	10	11	12 Men's Breakfast Club	13 Walking Club	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Euchre Walking club	21	22
23	24	25 Novel Ideas	26 Taste Around the World Probus Meeting	27 Bid Euchre/ Cribbage Walking Club	28 Book Club	29
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Website - http://www.pickeringprobus.ca