

# Probus Perth Social Events Report April 2025



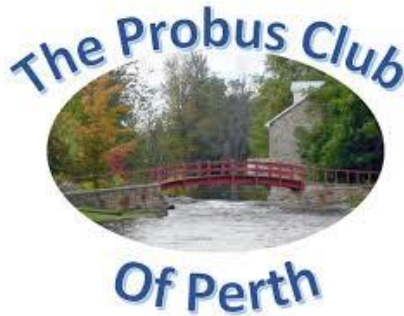
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**Spring has sprung!! Read on and signup!!**

## Booking a Probus Event?



Send an email to the Social Events Team Member identified in this report for event(s) in which you wish you confirm your attendance. Your payment will then be verified to the team by our financial overseers, Graeme and Tony. ***Please note the event(s) for which you are paying in the space provided on the eTransfer transaction. Payment may be made by eTransfer or cheque only.***

eTransfer to [finance@probusperth.ca](mailto:finance@probusperth.ca)

Cheques to: *The Probus Club of Perth* at a meeting OR  
by mail to: Box 20131, Shoppers Drug Mart  
Perth, ON K7H 3M6

## Keep an eye out for upcoming events for our Probian members!!

Each month your Social Events Team books a lunch following our first Wednesday of the month meeting. In addition, we try to offer another excursion in our greater community.

**We welcome your suggestions and input.** Please email your input to [read2read@outlook.com](mailto:read2read@outlook.com) .



## Probus Perth Lunch Perth Restaurant Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Sign-up began at our April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for a Probus Lunch at the Perth Restaurant. Please contact Sue at [auntieotterdale@hotmail.com](mailto:auntieotterdale@hotmail.com) if you wish to make a reservation.



## Upcoming events.....



### **Wheeler's Maple Table** **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** **11:30 am**

Join your Probus friends for a traditional **Canadian maple lunch** at Wheeler's Maple Table.



You may enjoy a wander through the forest and/or the museum afterwards.

Email Gail by **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** to confirm your reservation at [read2read@outlook.com](mailto:read2read@outlook.com)



### **How is Maple Syrup Graded?**

The four Grade A colour classes are based on the percent of light that is transmitted (Tc) through the sample of maple syrup. The flavour profile is then verified through taste-testing by the Wheeler Family.

Golden, Delicate Taste  
75-100% Tc

Amber, Rich Taste  
50-74.9% Tc

Dark, Robust Taste  
25-49.9% Tc

Very Dark, Strong Taste  
0-24.9% Tc



### **What determines the Grade?**

Cool weather and clean, fresh sap make lighter maple syrup. Warm days later in the season result in darker maple syrup. The lighter the colour, the milder the flavour. Each colour class is boiled to the same density and has the same sugar and nutrient content.

[www.wheelersmaple.com](http://www.wheelersmaple.com)

## ***A Probus Dinner or Combined Event*** ***Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>***

***Whether you have tickets to Mary Frances Leahy or not...***

***You are welcome to have dinner at Maximilian Restaurant!!***



### **Maximilian Restaurant** 4:45 pm

**Concert or not.... Enjoy a  
delicious dinner with your  
Probus friends!**

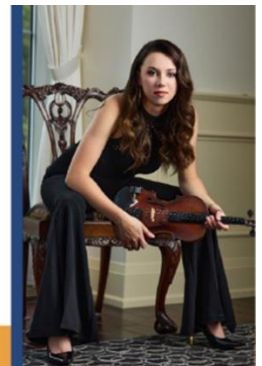
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by **April 10<sup>th</sup>** .



**Rotary**  
of Smiths Falls  
Presents a Special Evening with  
Mary Frances Leahy

Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 at  
Perth & District Collegiate Institute

A Rotary Community Event to Support the  
PSFDH Foundation's MRI Campaign





**Station Theatre**

63 Victoria Ave,  
Smiths Falls  
7:15 pm

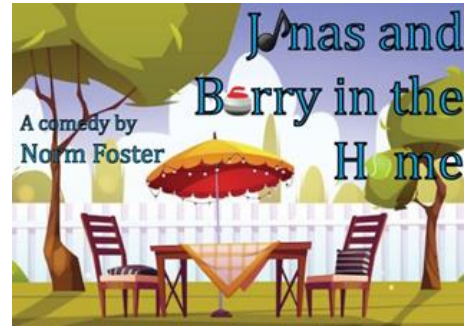
Contact Linda at [bl.walker@sympatico.ca](mailto:bl.walker@sympatico.ca) if you would like to attend. Tickets are **\$21** if paid to [finance@probusperth.ca](mailto:finance@probusperth.ca) by **Monday, April 21st**. The **maximum number is 20** Probians!!

**Dinner & Theatre**

Thursday, May 1, 2025

**My Place Restaurant**

2 Main Street West  
Smiths Falls  
5 pm



Two Retirees search for Friendship, Love, Sex and Elusive Happiness in an Assisted Living Home.

**Celebrating Canadian!! Join us on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in Almonte!  
A lovely day explore a pretty town!!**



Our adventure:

10:00-30 Arrive at **Hummingbird Chocolate**, 476 Ottawa Street, with parking on site. This Canadian company has won over 100 awards for their chocolate products. Hot chocolate and a treat will be available.

11:00 Tour of 45 -60 minutes. Cost of \$7.50 pp.  
We'll receive samples of their bars and 10% off purchases



1:00 Lunch is booked at **Barley Mow**, 79 Little Bridge Street, with parking on site. We invite you to join us on the Little Bridge Walk, a pleasant short walk along the river, from the restaurant.

3:00 We will arrive at **Vodkow Dairy Distillery**, 34 Industrial Drive, with parking on site. This Canadian company is a maker of vodka using a sugar rich milk mixture called permeate. The cost of this tour is \$8.00 pp.

Combining Canadian history, beauty, and businesses!  
**Contact Linda by May 18<sup>th</sup> at [bl.walker@sympatico.ca](mailto:bl.walker@sympatico.ca)**  
to register and e-Transfer \$15.50 to [finance@probusperth.ca](mailto:finance@probusperth.ca), remembering to record Almonte Tour in the information box. Consider carpooling.



## River House Year-End Celebration Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>



- 9:45 Arrival
- 10:00 General meeting
- 10:30 Social time  
Tea/coffee
- 11:00 Speaker on AI,  
Brett Martensen
- 12:00 Lunch is served



### Menu of the Day

#### *Main: Choose 1 of the following...*

1. Buttermilk crispy chicken sandwich with a small salad
2. Maple pork sandwich with a small salad
3. Honey glazed sweet potato bowl
4. Mediterranean bowl
5. Caesar salad with kale

#### *Dessert: 1 of the following...*

6. Apple strawberry crisp
7. Gluten free brownie

**Choose your meal options when you sign-up for the 2025 year-end celebration at a cost of \$33 including HST and gratuity. Beverages will be purchased separately. Payments by e-transfer confirm your attendance and should be made to [finance@probusperth.ca](mailto:finance@probusperth.ca) .**

**The final deadline will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> or while space permits!**

**Maximum seating 150 members.**

Tickets matching your food selections will be provided upon your arrival to the venue. Tea/coffee tickets will be available for purchase at a cost of 2/\$4 at our May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please email Sue at [auntieotterdale@hotmail.com](mailto:auntieotterdale@hotmail.com) or Linda at [bl.walker@sympatico.ca](mailto:bl.walker@sympatico.ca) to sign-up. Reservations are confirmed upon payment to [finance@probusperth.ca](mailto:finance@probusperth.ca) .

River House is approximately a 30-minute lovely drive from Perth but use of a GPS is helpful. They are located at 221 Davern Lane, Maberly. There is ample parking. Visit their website at <https://www.riverhousewine.com/> .

## **Probus Perth's "Away Trip" for 2025 Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Irish Heritage in Peterborough**

Peterborough is the centre of Irish events this summer as it is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Irish immigration that brought more than 2000 Irish settlers to the area on nine ships under the direction of Peter Robinson and the British government.

Our event will be a 2-day stay in Peterborough, traveling early on July 29<sup>th</sup> and departing in the afternoon of July 30<sup>th</sup>. Participants may attend all the events offered or select those that work best for their enjoyment. **NB. As of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, there are still some tickets available!!**



The 4th Line Theatre is presenting **Wild Irish Geese**, a new play written by Meghan Murphy, about this very significant event. This is the story of the Irish settlers and their journey to the Peterborough region. Peter Robinson was the architect of an 1820s emigration plan which saw thousands of Irish families come to Canada to escape the brutal poverty which they were facing in Ireland. Eventually over 2 000 impoverished Irish settled in Scotts Plains, later renamed Peterborough and began their lives anew. These new Canadians planted deep roots in the Peterborough area.

We will attend a preview on the evening of **July 29<sup>th</sup>**. Visit <https://4thlinetheatre.on.ca> to **purchase your tickets...which are still available!!!!**

The Holiday Inn on George Street provides accessibility to river walking, proximity to the downtown, and a pool. The 2-hour Liftlock Cruise will depart from the marina adjacent to our hotel. The Captain will provide a colourful commentary of the history of the Trent Severn Waterway. And into the 118-year-old lock system, where we will go up and over the Peterborough Liftlock. Cameras will be on the ready for the world’s highest hydraulic Liftlock, rising 19,8m above the city! Ticket cost: \$33.00 in June.



The magnificent Canadian Canoe Museum opened in 2021 and offering 20 000 sq ft of exhibits designed in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples. It features watercraft from around the world with a focus on canoes and kayaks. Ticket cost: \$20.34 in June.



Nestled along the banks of the historic Indian River, Lang Pioneer Village Museum features over thirty restored and furnished historic buildings constructed between 1825 and 1910, in addition to several replica buildings.

Lang Pioneer Village Museum was established in 1967 by the County of Peterborough to commemorate the centennial of Canada’s Confederation, This Museum seeks to preserve the history of the area. The 25-acre site, between two historic mills



(the Lang Grist Mill and Hope Saw Mill), was the ideal location for the layout of a 19th-century village exemplifying the development of the County of Peterborough. Many of the historic buildings have been moved to the Village from townships in the County representing a century of time beginning with the Michi Saagiig encampment (1820s) and ending with the Peterborough County Agricultural Heritage Building representing a 1910-style barn. Ticket cost: \$8 at the site.



For more information on the Irish emigration and settlement, visit <https://nineships1825.com> . **Please contact Gail at [read2read@outlook.com](mailto:read2read@outlook.com) to participate. Further information about activities and scheduling will be communicated in May.**



## Picture us .....



On March 27<sup>th</sup> Perth Probians filled a l-o-n-g table at Mex & Co for a delicious Mexican dinner. We later enjoyed an engaging play at Studio Theatre, where Holmes and Watson presented a complex plot with an intensive final shot!!!

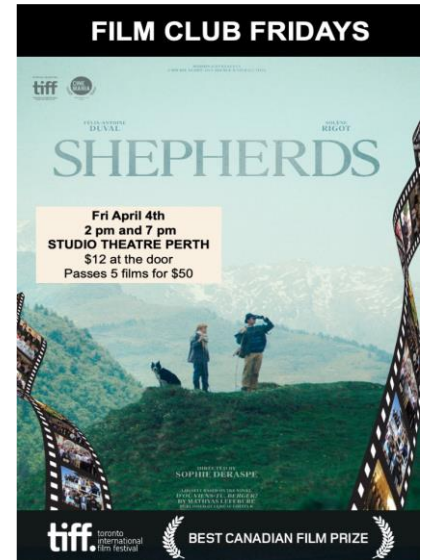


Following our April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, we reached our capacity at Michael's Table recently renovated venue. Great food, engaged conversation, and lots of laughs! Participation has increased. Please be sure to sign-up early for upcoming events!





## Upcoming events in Our community:



April 4@7pm Studio Theatre presents **TIFF: Shepherds.**  
\$12 at the Door or 5 for \$50

**Shepherds** stars Félix-Antoine Duval as a young Montreal advertising executive, converted to a Provençal shepherd. A series of misadventures follow. The Best Canadian Film award at TIFF.

April 11@7pm Studio Theatre hosts **The Magic Extravaganza** featuring Diego Lopez.

April 12@7pm Studio Theatre presents **The Undercovers**, featuring music by Kenny Rogers, Lionel Richie, and Smokey Robinson. Tickets \$40 plus fees at [www.ticketsplease.ca](http://www.ticketsplease.ca)

April 12@7:30pm St. Paul's United presents **ABBA Revisited.** [www.ticketsplease.ca](http://www.ticketsplease.ca) \$39+fees

April 19@11am **Perth Easter Egg Hunt** fun for the children at Stewart Park, behind the bandshell rain or shine!

April 19-20@10am Railway Museum in Smiths Falls presents **The Easter Eggpress.**  
\$17.31 @ [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)

April 24@5:30pm Stonefield's presents **A Trip through Europe Dinner:** cocktails and a 4-course dinner. Music by The Dougherty Sisters at 1985 9<sup>th</sup> Line of Beckwith. \$110

April 26 **The Perth Festival of the Maples** annual event with local vendors, artisans, taffy-on-the-snow, live music, antique cars! Pancake breakfast at the Perth Legion.

April 27@2pm **The Perth Community Band** their new season at the Legion. Free!

April 28 **Elections**  **Canada**

May 1-10 Carleton Place Town Hall presents **Groundhog Day the Musical**  
Tickets are \$25+ fees at <https://mudds.ticketsplease.ca>

May 1-11 Studio Theatre presents **Waiting for the Parade**, a Canadian drama by John Murrell. Set in Calgary during WWII. [www.ticketsplease.ca](http://www.ticketsplease.ca) \$24

May 10 **Perth Farmer's Market** opens for the season!! Visit the Crystal Palace

May 14@6:30pm Studio Theatre presents **Red Dirt Skinnners** \$37.50 at All Events Perth

May 25 **Hike for Hospice** online registration is coming soon at [www.thehospicehub.ca](http://www.thehospicehub.ca) .  
Help them to achieve their goal of \$81 000!

## For your consideration.....

### Lifelong Online Learning Program Lectures

Carleton University, Ottawa, and McMaster University, Hamilton, have some interesting online courses available. You do not have to be a university graduate. Some are a couple of hours, some a couple of weeks, some free, others have a fee.

To access Carleton - [Carleton.ca/lifelong](http://Carleton.ca/lifelong)  
Browse- Series and Workshops On Line Series  
You can join the mailing list under Browser

To access McMaster - [info@alumic.org](mailto:info@alumic.org)  
Scroll to ALC/McMaster University Alumni Webinars.

McMaster also has healthy living for optimal aging information that they send out.  
To access - [alerts@mcmasteroptimalaging.org](mailto:alerts@mcmasteroptimalaging.org)

### More Online Learning at Google [microlearnontario.ca](http://microlearnontario.ca)

Consider this recommended portal for over 2500 micro-courses available from various educational institutions across Ontario. They are intended for people who have new responsibilities and need to learn related skills, for those wanting to beef up their resume, or for those just seeking a general interest course. You can tailor a search to a narrow scope or browse the list. There is a fee for most courses which can be verified by sending a question to the sponsoring institution.



The Perth Probus Club meets at the  
Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith Street,  
on the first Wednesday of the month,  
September through June.  
President: Mary Kilgour  
Further information on the club and contact details  
for the other members of the Management Team  
can be found at:  
[www.probusperth.ca/board.htm](http://www.probusperth.ca/board.htm)  
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