



Probus Patter

Port Hope and District Probus Club, since 1998

Regular Meetings

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Speaker

- Mar 6 Terry Hickey and Louise Ferrie
Blecher from PH Council
- Mar 20 Cornerstone Family Violence
Prevention

Greeters

- March 6 Gloria and Fred Schumacher
- March 20 Barbara and Bob Moorcroft

President's Message



About our 20th anniversary, your management committee discussed this and have decided on a party at the regular May 1st meeting. We will combine the party with an open house, mentioned as a guest meeting, in my last "musings. Details to follow.

It is strange to think that we are already at the half way point in our year and I am starting to think about the next year and our need to fill the management positions. All those positions are important but a critical need is the program and special events portfolios, to say nothing of president and vice president. Please think about this and if you wish information on any of these jobs give me a call and I will arrange to meet with you together with the current leaders.

Pleased to see the snow disappearing very quickly, I have daffodils sticking their noses out to see what it's like and I look forward to putting away my boots and winter coats knowing that it's not over yet!

See you on March 6th

Homeshare



Homeshare speaker Taylor Collicot talked about connecting women 55+ with other women 55+ seeking safe and affordable housing. Homeshare matches home owners who have spare living space with homesharers who need affordable accommodation. Trained staff support participants for the duration of the match which includes creating a homeshare agreement. The agreement outlines individuals preferences, accommodation cost, household responsibilities, and other aspects of living together before the homesharer moves in. Those interested in taking part in the homeshare program participate in a 5 step admission process. This allows participants to be matched based on preferences, affordability, safety and compatibility

Valentines Day Luncheon



Members enjoying lunch after the meeting



Joan giving a Valentine's Day door prize to Pauline

Thanks to Liz Davidson for the pictures and info on this page.

9 Questions Interesting People Ask to Cut Through the Small Talk

1. What excites you right now?

As Burkus explains it, this question can go in many directions (work life, personal life, etc.) with a wide range of possible answers that may overlap into your life or work, which will open up the conversation further. And asking it allows for the other person to share something that he or she is passionate about.

2. What are you looking forward to?

Similar to the last one, but this is more forward-looking, which, says Burkus, allows for the other person "to choose from a bigger set of possible answers."

3. What's the best thing that's happened to you this year?

Same technique as the previous two, but this one goes back in time for the other person to reflect on something pivotal that may have changed the course of his or her life. It also opens up a wealth of answers to choose from, which may overlap into some of your own areas of interest or expertise for further discussion.

4. What's the most important thing I should know about you?

Because it can come across as a little direct, this is certainly not your first question, and it may not even be your third or fourth, but it "gives the broadest possible range from which they can choose," says Burkus. Use it in context, listen for clues, and wait for the right timing.

5. What's your story?

One of my personal favorites, this is open-ended enough to trigger an intriguing story--a journey to a foreign country, meeting a famous person, getting funded for the startup of your dreams, a special talent used for making the world a better place, etc. It's a question that immediately draws in the other person and lets him or her speak from the heart.

6. What is one of your defining moments?

This is another great question that invites the speaker to share on a deeper level, which builds momentum and rapport quicker. Obviously, a few casual questions before it helps set the mood for hearing about a profound moment or transition in that person's life.

7. Why did you choose your profession?

This assumes that, at some point, you dropped the mandatory "What do you do?" question. As a follow-up, it's a question that will reveal multiple layers of someone's journey. It speaks to people's values, what motivates them, and whether their work is their calling. It may also trigger a different, more thought-provoking response: Some people aren't happy in their jobs. By asking, you may be in the position to assist or mentor a person through a career or job transition.

8. What are you currently reading?

You may have the same authors and subjects in common, which will deepen your conversation. Also use this question to ask for book recommendations. You may find the conversation going down the path of exploring mutual book ideas to solve a workplace issue or implement a new business strategy.

9. How can I be most helpful to you right now?

To really add the most value to a conversation, once a level of comfort has been established, ask the other person how you can be most helpful to him or her, whether personally or professionally. You'll be amazed how pleasantly surprised people get by that thoughtful gesture, and how responsive they are in their answer. Your genuine willingness, no strings attached, to make yourself useful to others leads to more interesting, engaging, and *real* conversations that may lead to future opportunities.

Remember, when you approach another person in conversation, the skill you want to use right off the bat is to immediately show sincere interest in that person. This will pave the way for a smooth conversation that can go places.

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THE LUCK OF THE IRISH ONLY APPLIES TO THE IRISH AND IS NON-TRANSFERABLE.

IF YOU MESS WITH THE IRISH, YOU WILL BE HOUNDED BY MURPHY'S LAW FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

KISSING THE BLARNEY STONE AND EATING "LUCKY CHARMS" WILL NOT MAKE YOU IRISH.

ALL "WANNA-BE" IRISH SHOULD STAY OUT OF THE GOOD PUBS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE WORDS TO "DANNY BOY", YOU SHOULD STAY AT HOME ON ST. PATS.

IF YOU BEAR A RESEMBLANCE TO "PATTY'S PIG" YOU MAY GAIN HONORARY IRISH STATUS.

ONLY THE IRISH MAY LIVE THE LIFE OF REILLY, GIVEN HIS EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH IRISH RULES MAY CAUSE YOU TO DEVELOP A PAINFUL SHAMROCK SHAPED RASH ON YOUR SHILLELAGH

Probus St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Beamish

Wednesday, March 14/18

Your free green beer at 5 pm or something similar!

Dinner at 6 pm

Price is \$25.00 [same as last year]



The original Patty's Pig