



June 2022 Newsletter

Event Announcement June 25th and 26th

Come and join a **Local Discovery Tour - Whitby**, a collaboration of the Durham Central PROBUS and Oshawa PROBUS Clubs.

[MORE INFO](#)

Next Meeting June 16th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come to our next in-person meeting and PLEASE, bring a friend! Click below for more information.

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Upcoming Speakers June, July and August

Adventures on the High Seas!
Online Safety.
Electric Vehicle - your Next Car?

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Social Events July and August

Lavender Farm Tour
Mary Walsh
ABBA Mia at Westben
Georgian Bay Cruise and lunch
...and more!

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Incoming Management Team for 2022-23, to be acclaimed at the meeting on June 16th

President

Patti Mavins

Past President

Tom Reed

Vice President

Janet Good

Treasurer

Frank Kelcey

Secretary

Tricia Cadieux

Social Committee

Jackie Bathe,
Judy Roebuck

Special Interest Groups

Catherine Frost

Membership Chair/ Website Membership

Administrator
Paul Dionne

Speaker Committee

Laurie Jones, Sylvia
Hughes

Webmaster/Archivist

Connie Nelson

House Committee

Vacant

Communications

Mary Anne Bridge

Members at Large

Pete Jones
Vacant

Newsletter Editor

Marek Warunkiewicz

Message From The President

Well, this has been an eventful month! Mother Nature unleashed her wrath in a nasty storm, the effects from which many people are still cleaning up. The temperamental swings in temperature and rainfall from day-to-day since then have made planning anything difficult. We've had a provincial election and campaigns have kicked off for the upcoming municipal elections in the Fall. Patios have opened, public events are returning, and people are beginning to travel and explore again.

In our club, social events are opening up as well. There was a great turnout for the Downton Abbey film and the walking tour of Toronto Island. Check the upcoming lineup of social events – most are fairly outdoors and sound amazing!

Our members are enjoying the outdoors special interest groups – walking, golfing, cycling, pedalling, pickleballing and paddling. The Daytrippers are going on their first outing together in a while. All of these groups welcome new members, so pick one that interests you and join in!

We held our second in-person meeting in May, where our speaker, Daniel Alonso, proved very entertaining. It was so nice to see people lingering and chatting with each other after the meeting – we are a social club after all! We hope to make this month's meeting even more social as we bring back our coffee and social time, and encourage everyone to bring a friend to see what Durham Central PROBUS is all about. There will be door prizes again, a fun mingling activity, and our speakers' tales from the high seas to enjoy.

We will also acclaim our new Management team in our June Membership meeting. Some of our existing team members have changed roles, as Tom Reed becomes Past President, Janet Good becomes Vice President and Mary-Anne Bridge takes on the Communications role. We are also welcoming Frank Kelcey, Marek Warunkiewicz and Pete Jones, who have stepped up to take on a role on our team. Doug Byers, Tom Anderson and Heather Anderson, who have been on the Management Team since our club's inception, will be stepping down. On behalf of all the members, I would like to thank Doug, Tom and Heather for their selfless dedication to Durham Central Probus and all their efforts over the years to keep it flourishing, especially during trying times. We owe our thanks as well to the remaining members of the team who will continue their efforts to grow a thriving club.

We still have openings on our team for our House Committee and a Member-at-Large, so if you are interested, please speak to any member of the Management Team about it.

I hope to see more of you at our meeting and at upcoming events. Until then, enjoy the last vestiges of Spring!

Patti Mavins



Membership

Just prior to our May 19th general meeting Shari Jones joined our club. Welcome to the club Shari. Hopefully you enjoyed the meeting and met a few of our members.

As of June 1, approximately 85% of our membership had renewed their membership. The Durham Central PROBUS Management team appreciates your continued support.

For those folks who have not renewed their memberships for 2022-2023, time is running out to renew your membership. Unfortunately your grace period status prevents you from renewing via the website. We will now be accepting renewal cheques for \$30 per member.

To pay by cheque please

1. Write a cheque for \$30 payable to Durham Central PROBUS Club.
2. Mail to Paul Dionne, 207 Henry St Whitby ON, L1N 5C5

NOTE - Please do not drop off your cheque to the above address. Mail only please.

3. [Send an email](#) after mailing the cheque letting us know that you have placed a cheque in the mail.

[Any questions, just email us.](#)

Paul Dionne

Membership Chairperson

dcprobusmember@gmail.com

Upcoming Speakers

MORE INFO

June 2022 Speakers:

Sue and David Williams

An Adventure on the High Seas and the Journey Within.



July 2022 Speakes:

Senior Constable Darryl Rice

Online Safety.



August 2022 Speaker:

Tim Burros

Should Your Next Car be Electric?

June General Membership Meeting

When 16 June 2022

10:00 AM -
12:00 PM

Location Oshawa &
District
Shrine Hall

What to bring to next meeting

Next in-person meeting 10 AM, Thursday June 16, 2022 - Oshawa & District Shrine Club 1626 Simcoe St N, Oshawa

- Bring a mug for coffee/tea



- Bring a friend-let them know about our great speakers, events, and special interest groups



- 50/50 and door prizes



- Who am I? Getting to know you.



MORE INFO

Social Events

Social Events In July and August

Our private viewing of the new Downton Abbey movie on May 25th was very successful and enjoyed by all! Over 60 people from Durham Central and Oshawa Probus were in attendance.

Christal Lake Lavender Farm
Date: Wednesday July 13
Time: 11 a.m.
Cost: \$5.00

This invitation is out or you can [sign up on the Durham Probus website](#).

Transportation to the Farm which is a little north of Port Perry is on your own.



Photo: Bibiann Avelar

Westben in July
[Westben](#) is a not-for-profit arts organization committed to bringing people together through music.

The Barn is located at [6698 County Rd. 30 North](#), Campbellford, Ontario.

Grounds are open at 12:30 p.m. for a 2 p.m. concert and 5:30 p.m. for 7 p.m. event and the Bar opens one hour early.

Evening with Mary Walsh
Date: Friday July 8
Time: 7 p.m.
Cost: \$ 63.36

[Mary Walsh](#), an award-winning comic known for such gems including characters from *Dancing with Rage*, *CODCO* and *This Hour has 22 Minutes*, along with up-to-date local satire. After the past 2 years we can all use some laugh time !

ABBA Mia
Date: Wed. July 20
Time: 2 p.m.
Cost: \$53.30

This concert-style and features the music of ABBA including numbers from the Broadway Musical and movies using ABBA songs. The performance is two hours long. You are welcome to tap your feet, sing along or get up and dance.

It's a great time!

Georgian Bay Cruise, lunch, and Sainte Marie Among the Hurons Visit-Bus included

Date: Thursday, August 11

Set sail on a fabulous lunch cruise showcasing sparkling waters and windswept pines of the 30,000 islands. Upon arrival back at the dock, enjoy a chance to explore.

Sainte Marie Among the Hurons site, where history comes to life.
Cost: \$158.00 per person

Includes bus, cruise, lunch aboard the boat and visit to Sainte Marie.

Time: Bus leaves Oshawa at 7:45 am from Lowe's parking lot on Laval St. South Oshawa and Whitby (Iroquois Park) at 8:00 a.m. and returns after 7 p.m.

The tour is put on by Lakeshore Tours and Travel. We have blocked off 20 seats and there are still seats available.



Photo: Allison Batley

Local Discovery Tours - Whitby

When: 25 June 2022, EDT

Will you be attending?

REGISTER

DECLINE

Event details:

Come and join a Local Discovery Tour - Whitby, a collaboration of the Durham Central Probus and Oshawa Probus clubs taking place June 25th and 26th.

The goal of the tour is to highlight local history and public art through heritage/historical plaques, visits to cemeteries, murals, outside sculptures, etc.

You can do it in one day if you wish, or you can take your time and do it in two. No pressure! Your passenger(s) can be a family member or a friend. This is not limited to Probus members.

The cost for the event is \$5.00 Per car. Only one registration is required per vehicle. Prizes to be won!

The itinerary/route with a series of questions to be answered about what you see along the way will be emailed to you the evening before the event. You will then be ready to start your discovery tour from your own driveway.

You will return the completed questionnaire by Sunday afternoon to Jackie Frank of the Oshawa club for scoring.

To participate in this event, please register on line and make your payment by June 20th.

Best regards,

Durham Central Probus Club



Please click on the image to take you to the trailer for the Webinar.

Maple Leaf Route Historical Webinar Series

This season, The Laurier Institute has decided to take a broader view of Canada's involvement in the Second World War with six webinars focused on various topics. We hope you enjoy it!

Registration is required. Should you have any questions about the speaker series, please [send Eric an e-mail](#).

Past AGM



55+ Extravaganza!

Friday, June 24

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Whitby 55+ Centre, Rotary Centennial Park

The 55+ Recreation Advisory Committee and Staff are pleased to host a 55+ Celebration in collaboration with [Whitby Lawnbowling Club](#) and [Lynde House Museum](#). Featuring a BBQ, Craft/Quilting Bazaar, Music, Games, Activity Demonstrations, Lawnbowling and Lynde House tours. \$2 fundraiser for a hamburger or hot dog and drink. Bazaar features handmade knitted and quilted crafts by our volunteer craft and quilting groups. Event sponsored by [Amica Whitby](#) and [Amica Taunton](#). Registration is not required.



55+ Art Show

June 1-30, 2022

Whitby Public Library Central Branch

Meet the Artists at the Whitby Library on Friday June 10 at 11:00am-12:30pm (sponsored by [Amica Whitby](#)). Visit the second floor of the Whitby Public Library, 405 Dundas Street West, during the month of June.

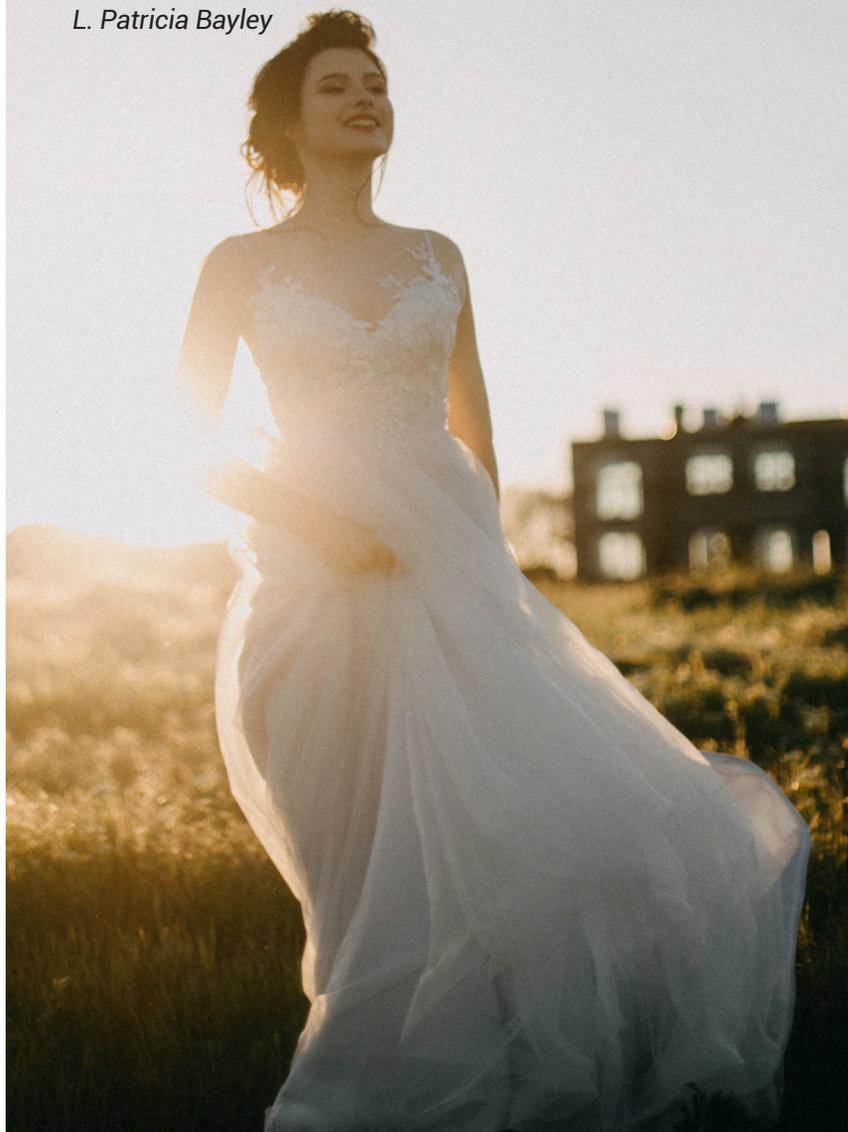
The display will showcase art from Residents of Whitby 55+ and over.

Poet's Corner

June Bride

The magic recorded is fleeting at best.
It's not even captured at someone's behest.
Preserved for the future love's encounter with art
a blessed event on the photographer's part.
The love on the face of the bride is the start
of her faith in the promise of Cupids' sweet dart.
The star of the moment, significance known,
a new path ahead and she's not on her own.
The adventures beginning with changes in life,
heartache and joy part of being a wife.
Just for a moment radiance shines,
captured forever a glimpse so divine.

L. Patricia Bayley



Special Interest Groups

At this time, I encourage all members to consider joining one of the follow activities which do take place outdoors

Paddling on Monday

Cycling on Tuesday

Walking – DC Wanderers on Tuesday

Pickleball on Thursday

Golf on Friday

The breakfast group continues to meet and would welcome new members. We have been meeting indoors but patios are now operating so we will try to meet on the patio where possible.

Day Trippers would also welcome members to join them on outings. More info is available in this newsletter. Please see the note below.

Please check with the leader of any group to get up-to-date information.

If you are having difficulty reaching a leader or cannot find the contact, please [contact me](#).

Special Interest Group chair

[Catherine](#)

Golf - Summer Is Almost Here!

The weather has now changed and the sun is shining warmer. Short sleeve shirts and short pants are ow common on the course. The Probus Golf Group is playing every Friday at various courses. We have recently played at Black Diamond, Baxter Creek and Deer Creek. It is very nice to meet friends and enjoy the outdoors on the golf course and patio.

We golf 18 holes at various golf courses on Fridays starting around 10:00 AM. If anyone is interested in joining us, please [email me, Tom](#).



Photo: Andrew Shelley



The Court Jesters Pickleball Group

We are now playing at Brookside Park on Thursdays at 9 a.m. Brookside does not have pickleball nets so Donna and I have been bringing our own nets. Once the tennis lessons start for the summer we may be looking for another venue to play. If you want to join, please [contact Linda](#).

Toronto Island Walking Tour

An interesting, informative, highly enjoyable adventure at Toronto Island on Tuesday in spite of the rain. We all thoroughly enjoyed a fun day of comradeship with new and old friends.



Book Club

"The Chicklits":

Our May book, "Cool Water" by Dianne Warren, gave a glimpse into the life in a small town over a couple of days. Although some of us found the plot a little uneventful, the stories provided nostalgia for those of us who have lived in a small-town setting.

Our June novel will be "The Pull of the Stars", by Emma Donoghue. It is the story of a nurse in a Dublin maternity ward in 1918, dealing with the aftermath of the war and the ravages of the 1918 flu on her hospital and on her pregnant patients, in particular.

Our next meeting is on Monday, June 27, 2pm and we may try to meet outside, in person, if the weather cooperates!

[Patti Mavins](#)

DC Wanderers

Our group enjoyed several walks in May and each other's company.

We explored two new trails along the Ajax Waterfront.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact [Pete Jones](#).

We are out and about for about one hour and the pace is leisurely.



Probus Pedal Power Cycling Group

"Every time I see an adult on a bicycle, I no longer despair for the human race." *H.G. Wells*

Join us – we ride Tuesday mornings.

Please [contact me](#) if you would like your name added to my email list. You won't hear about our rides unless you are on the list!

John Patté

Joy On Two Wheels by John Patté

My memories of childhood bicycling are still fresh – that feeling of joy and freedom! At 10 years old, I was older than my friend when my parents bought me my first bike. At an older age, it was probably more difficult to learn to ride. I survived the bumps, scrapes and scratches I received crashing down the laneway behind our house, falling into wooden fences and concrete pavement, getting up and doing it again. Eventually, I won the battle and was able to ride with my friend.

Then there came that day when, for some reason, we chose to venture out of our neighbourhood, without our parents' knowledge, to "explore"! In truth, we were only a couple of blocks from home, but it seemed exotic and new, undiscovered at least by us. We were free!

Almost 70 years later, it's rare indeed to experience that feeling of joy and freedom. But, every once in a while ... like that day several years ago, a fellow Probus member and I ventured westward along the Waterfront Trail from Liverpool. We found ourselves riding down a quiet street in Scarborough. The houses were relatively small and older, but the properties were well kept, and there was a wonderful canopy above us provided by the trees lining the street. That exhilarating feeling of discovery and joy returned! I was that kid of 10 again.

Returning to cycling as an adult presented challenges. I had lost fitness and gained a few kilos. And the roads were far busier and more dangerous than I remembered. But I immediately saw the potential of cycling as a means of improving my health and fitness while enjoying a wonderful recreational activity. More than that, I saw the potential of cycling as a means of transportation, to go to my office,

or to go to the local bakery or pharmacy, to visit friends. Those observations made me a cycling advocate. I wanted to change the world, at least my small part of it; I wanted others to discover this wonderful recreational and healthful activity; I wanted all of us to be able to cycle safely.

To pursue my new vision, I joined the Oshawa Cycling Club, I attended the annual Ontario Bike Summit hosted by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition, I joined the Whitby Active Transportation & Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

And I joined Probus and started cycling interest groups with both the Whitby-Brooklin and Durham Central clubs. My goal: to share my sense of discovery and joy in cycling. I found that there were many other members who also wanted to get out on two wheels, enjoy the fresh air and health benefit, and the comradeship. As for safety, we minimize risk by riding usually on off-road paved trails such as the Waterfront Trail, away from traffic. The plan has worked well – we have a great group of regulars each week.

Still, of the 40+ members who have signed up, several have never joined us. I remain optimistic that all those on my email list will eventually take that first step.

Our rides are neither races nor lengthy endurance affairs. To encourage more participants, we are considering dividing the group into an (A) group of those who want shorter, more leisurely rides, and a (B) group interested in more challenging. But we need more participants for the (A) group to make this arrangement viable. We will continue to evaluate.

Come out and experience again that youthful joy and exhilaration you knew as a child. All you need is a working bike and a bike helmet.

See you on the trail!



Daytrippers

This was the Daytrippers group enjoying tea and scones followed by a tour of the Lucy Maud Montgomery museum. It was so interesting, I would recommend! A definite must for anybody who enjoyed reading the Anne of Green Gables books.



Fibre Friends

The Fibre Friends have enjoyed two lovely outdoor, in-person meetings in May. It was so wonderful to meet in person again to catch up and to chat about all things fibre!

Weather permitting, we are looking forward to more in-person meetings throughout the summer months.

Our next meetings will be:

Wednesday, June 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 14 at 10 a.m.

The meeting locations will be decided based on the weather and emailed to members before the meetings. If weather prevents an outdoor meeting, we will get together on Zoom.



Intermediate Bridge Classes With Pete And Barb Jones

Bridge classes will be offered to members of Oshawa PROBUS and Durham Central PROBUS for 6 consecutive Friday afternoons, beginning on September 9.

These classes are for INTERMEDIATE players only and will be free of charge but there will be a small materials fee (for photocopy expenses, etc.).

Classes, which will be held in our kitchen, will be very limited in size and will last approximately an hour and a half. Watch your email for registration instructions which will be sent out on Monday, July 18. If you're interested in joining us, please mark your calendars!

Knowing that intermediate players use a variety of bidding systems, the lessons will focus on the play of the hand and/or defence. The lesson topics will be chosen from the following:

- To pull or not to pull trump...that is the question!
- Ducking
- Loser on Loser Play
- Unblocking
- Throw-in plays
- Lavinthal Discards and coded Jacks and Tens
- Frozen Suits
- No five card suit in dummy should ever be ignored!

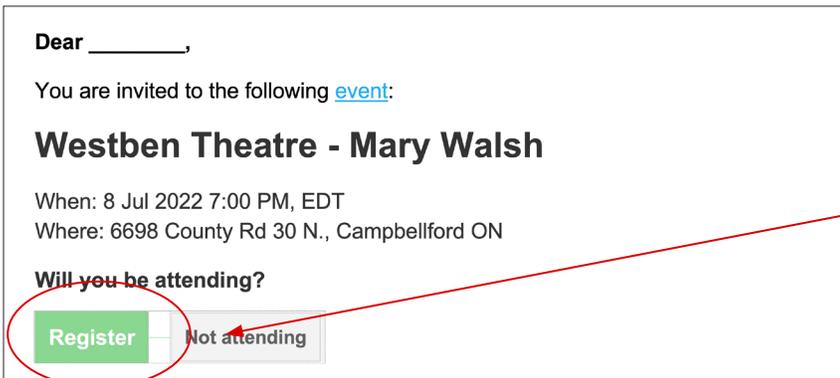
We promise minimal "teacher talk" and maximum playing time! A handout will be provided for each lesson.



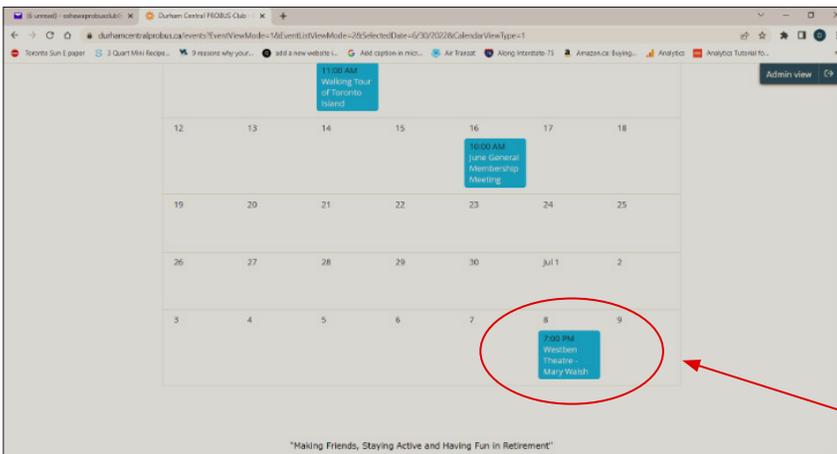
Website Tips and Tricks

Registering and Paying for Events:

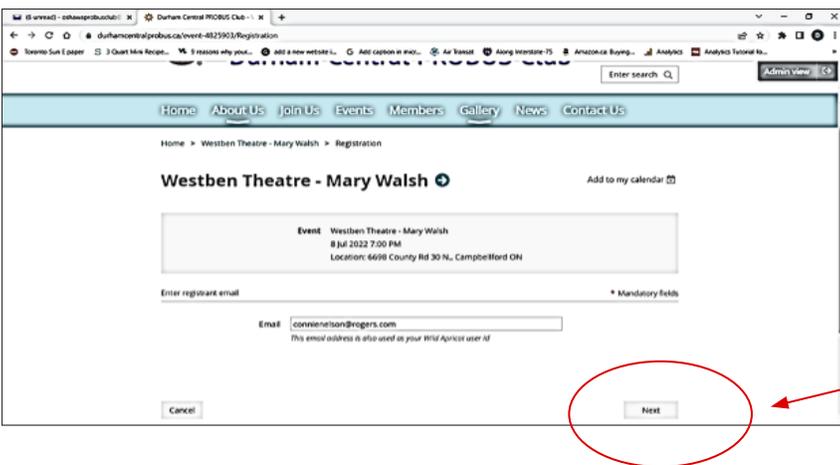
The simplest way to register and pay for events is from the email invitation announcing the event.



Click on the **REGISTER** button and follow the instructions. You will be asked to enter your email address or if you are already logged into the website, your email address will be displayed. If not logged in, you will be prompted to log in.



If you are unable to locate the email invitation, you can also register via the Member Event Calendar located in the Events Tab of the website. Click on the **EVENT**.



Click on the **NEXT** button.

Enter your **FIRST** and **LAST** NAME and there may also be an option to add a guest. Upon completion, click **NEXT**.

The next screen will be for your review and confirmation. At this point, click **PAY ONLINE**.

1 On the payment screen, enter your 16-digit credit card number (NO SPACES), check either Visa or Mastercard, enter expiry date and CVV (3 numbers on back of your card).

3 CAPTCHA will ask you to prove you are not a robot by asking you to identify objects.

2 Enter the mailing address of your credit card to validate your card.

4 Hit the **PAY BUTTON** to finalize payment.