

# PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> June – 10:00**

**HMS AJAX ROOM – SOUTH ENTRANCE AJAX COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**MEETING FEE \$2.00 PER PERSON**  
**DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG**



## President's Message

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS SINCE MAN FIRST WALKED ON MOON



Do you remember where you were on July 20 1969 when man first walked on the moon? The landing of two American astronauts on the moon was watched on live television by 500 million people around the world, you and me included. Where were you on that very special day? I was glued to the TV in my home in Calgary Alberta. My guess is everyone reading this can remember where they were when Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin's voice cracked out "Tranquility Base, The Eagle has landed." Those were very exciting words to me.

When Neil Armstrong's boots scuffed the lunar dust for the first time and he uttered the thrilling words "One small step for man and one giant leap forward for mankind". Unknown to the space agency, Buzz Aldrin had concealed a small vial of wine and a cracker in his space suit. Soon after landing he celebrated a private communion.

The entire Apollo 11 rocket weighed 6½ million pounds at launch. Only 10 thousand pounds returned to earth. The Eagle Moon lander had only 20 seconds worth of fuel left as it touched down. The Apollo 11 spacecraft re-entered the Earth's atmosphere at a speed of over 24,000 miles per hour or 7 miles per second. It is not known at this time whether the next manned flight will be to the moon, an asteroid or Mars.

Meanwhile back on Earth in Ajax your management team is working hard to build a good executive for the coming year. Please consider recommending someone or yourself as a volunteer for next year's management team.

*With acknowledgment to Ken Lehan-Port for his inspiration and assistance.*



## MEMBERSHIP

### TIME TO RENEW OUR MEMBERSHIP!!

Membership dues of \$20 to renew for the period from August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 are now due. We accept cash and cheques, whatever works best for you all.

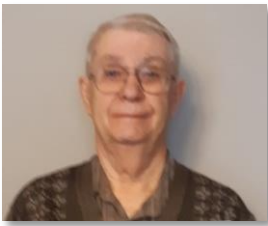
**HELP !!!** Thank you to the people that have volunteered to help me so far but I still need more bodies willing to sit with me during the hour prior to the start of each meeting and during the coffee break. I need this help for July, August, September and October.



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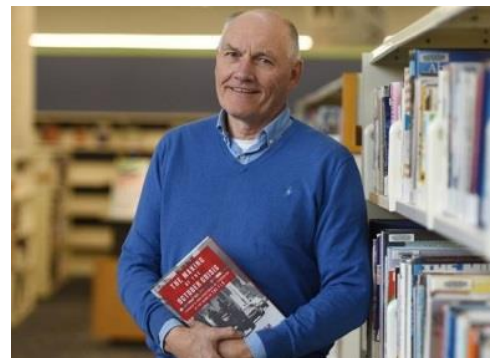
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### PROBUS SPEAKERS



July speaker - July 3rd - Tom Rosebush - our own Ajax PROBUS member. He is going to speak on the genealogy of his family and how he lost his family and then discovered family members he had never known many years later.

August 7th speaker: - Darcy Jenish. His subject is: "The making of the October Crisis: Canada's long nightmare of terrorism at the hands of the FLQ". I think most of us will remember that particular reign of terror in October 1970 and Pierre Trudeau invoking The War Measures Act. The British Trade Minister, James Cross and a Cabinet Minister, Pierre LaPorte were kidnapped and Mr. LaPorte was subsequently found in the trunk of a car, having been strangled by the FLQ. This should be a fascinating presentation and will bring back many memories of those dark days in Canada's history.



September 4<sup>th</sup> speaker is Cathy McWatters who is a noted astronomer. Ms. McWatters was going to be our speaker in February but a blizzard caused the meeting to be cancelled.

Ms McWatters will speak to us of the wonders of the universe and what to see in the night sky.

October 2nd speaker: - Circles Enrichment group will do a presentation on Frank Sinatra - the man and the music.



November 6th speaker:- Doug Tozer. Mr. Tozer will speak to us on the Great Lakes waterbirds and other wildlife, particularly around Lake Erie and how complex ecological processes are having a negative impact on nesting and migration. Mr. Tozer is a Bird Studies Canada Ontario Program Scientist. This is a very topical subject in view of the concerns about climate change and pollution so should be thought provoking.

Barbara Provis, Speaker Coordinator - 905-240-5527 or [leedle@rogers.com](mailto:leedle@rogers.com)

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## SOCIAL REPORT

### Reminder

Please bring your **cheque book** to the meeting to sign up for events

#### **Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Westben – Cost \$99**

You can dance! You can jive! But even if you can't, you can still have the time of your life when you join Westben and a barn full of fabulous singers and musicians for a rollicking musical review of all your favorite ABBA hits from Mamma Mia to Here We Go Again! Singing & Dancing optional!!!

#### **Includes:**

- Return transportation by deluxe Motor Coach
- Ticket to hear all your favorite Abba hits
- Picnic Lunch
- Drivers Tip



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#### **Thursday, August 8th – Prince Edward County Wine Tour – Cost \$99**

Picton is a small Town with an urban neighbor feeling! Sandbanks Winery is a great place to come visit! Try any of our award-winning wines in our tasting boutique, which is home to our resident artist Rita Thivierge contemporary art gallery. You can also enjoy your tasting outdoors in our beautiful outdoor gazebo tasting bar overlooking our vineyard.

#### **Includes:**

- Return transportation by Motor Coach
- Wine Tasting at 2 Wineries
- Picnic Lunch
- Driver's Tip



### August 29<sup>th</sup> – Million Dollar Quartet – Cost \$35

“A Tuesday night, shortly before Christmas 1956, four legends, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley gathered at the Sun Record recording studio in Memphis, Tennessee, where they’d launched their careers. Word soon leaked out of an impromptu jam session. A newspaperman who was there wrote, ‘This quartet could sell a million.’ Soon, they were dubbed the Million Dollar Quartet.

#### Includes:

- Orchestra Level seats at the Capitol Theatre



### Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Blue Jays Game – Cost \$85

Blue Jays vs New York Yankees; Game Time: 3:07pm; 200 Level Seats  
“Section 229”

#### Includes:

- Ticket to Baseball Game

### Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Muskoka Steamships – Cost \$135

Discovery Centre: Our interactive exhibit will have some of Canada’s oldest maps of Muskoka on display. Steamship: Muskoka’s steamship heritage is older than Canada. The first ship steamed Lake Muskoka in 1866. After visiting the Discovery Centre and having lunch on the Muskoka Steamship, we will head off to Johnston Cranberry Farm.

#### Includes:

- Return transportation by Motor Coach
- Cruise & Lunch on the steamship
- Tour & Tasting at Johnston’s Cranberry Farm
- Driver’s Tip & 407



### MULTI-DAY MULTI-CLUB PROBUS TRIPS

**New York City- August 29th – September 2nd – Cost \$1,199 (double)**

**For more information on this trip, please see or contact Shirlie for additional details.**

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**Cape Cod, Boston & Newport RI – Sept 9th – 14th – Cost \$1,299 (double)**

**For more information on this trip, please see or contact Shirlie for additional details.**

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**Contact Shirlie 905-619-8583 or [shirlievanputten@rogers.com](mailto:shirlievanputten@rogers.com) for more details on Multi Day Trips!**

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**To sign up for any excursions contact Shirlie at [shirlievanputten@rogers.com](mailto:shirlievanputten@rogers.com) or 905-619-8583**





### **Volunteers Needed**

**We are still looking for a couple of volunteers for next year's management committee. We also need someone to set up the audiovisual equipment at meetings. Please contact Julie Mathewson or Harvey Brodhecker if you're interested in helping to keep our club as great as it is.**




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### **HOUSE**

I would like to thank Lois Hanna, Douglas Kerr and Bill Winters for the great job they have done at the sign in table and "share the wealth" draw, and Gwen and Bill Watson for all the work they have done preparing the coffee, tea and cookies for our breaks for the past year.

Please try to bring the exact change (\$2) for the meeting fee. Help save the planet by bringing your own mug to the meeting.

*Jane Wilson, House Coordinator*  
[jw.003@sympatico.ca](mailto:jw.003@sympatico.ca)



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## **AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS**

Interest Groups Coordinator: Carol Breen – 905-839-7762					
RODEO (Ladies Lunch)	Dawn Thornton	905-683-6975	Dining Out	Carol Breen	905-839-7762
Bridge	Harvey Brodhecker	905-683-5778	Cribbage	Reg Lawrance	905-428-2663
Golf	Marcia Everitt Durham West	416-724-6355	Breakfast Club	Julie Mathewson	905-686-0803
Family History	Michael & Ann Reed	905-239-2909	Walking Club	Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish	905-683-5539 905-432-5469
Euchre/Scrabble	Julie Mathewson	905-686-0803	Book Club	Bernie Rosebush	905-426-1598
Billiards	Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS	905-427-9653	Using Technologies	Tom Rosebush	905-426-1598

### **PROBUS RODEO GROUP**

HAPPY DAYS Summer has arrived. We had our June lunch out at Baton Rouge in Whitby. We were a small group but had a most enjoyable lunch. The food was excellent (best ribs ever!) The large round tables enabled all of us to be part of the same conversation. Great!! I hope we return there in the future. Thanks to Olga for the suggestion. We will try to go to Amice's restaurant, 1305 Pickering Parkway, in July. If I have trouble with the booking and need to change the venue I will let you know. By the time you read this the long week-end will be over and you will be entrenched in summer life. Enjoy!



Dawn Thornton 905-683-6975 [dthorn000@sympatico.ca](mailto:dthorn000@sympatico.ca)

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### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Come join us for breakfast on Friday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m. July's breakfast will be at Angelique's Family Restaurant, 31 Barr Road in Ajax. Call Julie Mathewson 905-686-0803 or email [jmathewson@rogers.com](mailto:jmathewson@rogers.com) to reserve your place. Suggestions for new places to try are welcomed.



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## **EUCHRE AND SCRABBLE**

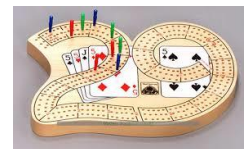


Pick your favourite game to play on the second and fourth Tuesday every month. Our next games afternoons will be on July 9 and 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We play at Chartwell Harwood Retirement Residence, 240 Old Harwood Avenue in Ajax. Limited parking is available behind the residence as long as you don't park in a reserved spot, and there is additional parking on the street. For more information, contact Julie Mathewson 905-686-0803 or [jmathewson@rogers.com](mailto:jmathewson@rogers.com).

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## **PROBUS CRIBBAGE**

The Cribbage Interest Group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 PM. We have 14 members and about 10 attend on a typical afternoon for fun fellowship and cribbage. We take a short break at 3 for coffee, tea, sweets and a chat. We charge a loonie for the tea and coffee and we take turns bringing the sweets. We all have a good time and new members are welcome.



For more information contact *Reg Lawrance* at 905-428-2663, or email [reglawrance@rogers.com](mailto:reglawrance@rogers.com)

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## **PROBUS BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club meets at 1:30p.m., on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exclusion of July, August and December.

Information for our September meeting will appear in the August Newsletter.

Interested in reading, discussion, fun and fellowship, we welcome you to join our group.

For more information call or e-mail Bernie Rosebush at 905-426-1598 or [bernie.rosebush@gmail.com](mailto:bernie.rosebush@gmail.com)

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## **FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

The Ajax PROBUS Family History Group will not meet until Wednesday, 18th September. Any PROBUS members, interested in probing their family roots, are welcome to join us at the Ajax Main Public Library, at 10:00 am on the 18th. Contacts: Michael and Anne Reed, 905-2392908, [mandareed@bell.net](mailto:mandareed@bell.net).



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## **PROBUS WALKING GROUP**

The walking group gets together on Wednesday mornings at 10:00, except on the first Wednesday of the month (because, of course, we all want to attend our PROBUS meeting). We walk for 1½ to 2 hours at an easy pace, covering 4 to 6 km in a variety of locations.



Come join us and discover some of the many walking trails Ajax and surrounding areas have to offer. Contact Ron Mitchell at 905-683-5539 or [mitchellmis@rogers.com](mailto:mitchellmis@rogers.com) to get on the mailing list

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### **DO YOU PLAY POOL?**

PROBUS Billiards club Meets this Friday June 21st. July 5 and 19. and Fridays August 2, 16 and 30.

At Petrina's Taps and Billiards, 21 Harwood Ave S. Meet time is 11:00 am. All are welcome. Seniors pay only \$4.00.

Parking is free East side parking lot. North entrance upstairs to second floor.

**All PROBUS members are welcome.**

Don Voorhees, Pickering PROBUS Billiards Coordinator  
[Holdus1399@gmail.com](mailto:Holdus1399@gmail.com) or 905-427-9653

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## **USING TECHNOLOGIES**



The Using Technologies Group is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the Fall. More information to come in a later newsletter.

Tom Rosebush 905-426-1598 [tom.rosebush@gmail.com](mailto:tom.rosebush@gmail.com)

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## **PROBUS GOLF**

Golf on Tuesday mornings started the first Tuesday in May. As usual we tee off starting at 10 a.m. at Hawthorne Valley. (See pictures at end of newsletter)

The rate is the same: \$19. Call the course at 905-686-2028 to make your first tee time.

If anyone wants to be added to the golf list e-mail me at [marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca](mailto:marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca). See you out there soon.

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## **Nine and Dine at Royal Ashburn**

Date: Wednesday, August 28th

Time: Arrive at 3:00 with shotgun start at 3:30 p.m

Format: Scramble.

Cost: Nine holes with a cart and dinner - \$75

Ride and dine - \$52

Dine only - \$44

Dinner choice: Prime rib or vegetarian (stuffed peppers)

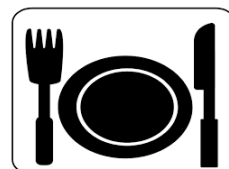
Jean Jackson will be at the July meeting to sign up any interested golfers. Please sign up in groups of four if possible. There is one spot still open for a single golfer. Groups of two will be paired up with another group of two.

Contact Person: Dale Thomas: (905)-723-6862

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### **DINING OUT CLUB**

Our next dinner out will be on Thursday, July 11th at 6 pm. We will be dining out at the Thai Orchid restaurant located on Kingston Rd. and Valley Farm on the northwest corner of the plaza. Please let me know if you are planning on being there so I can make our reservation. Look forward to seeing you there.



Carol Breen 905-839-7762 [cbreen840@gmail.com](mailto:cbreen840@gmail.com)

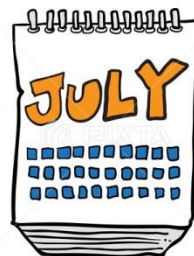
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**OUR POST MEETING LUNCH IS AT THE PORTLY PIPER PUB, 235 BAYLY STREET WEST, AJAX – PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND WHEN ASKED IF PLANNING TO ATTEND**

For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada go to [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org). Our Ajax PROBUS website: [www.ajaxprobus.com](http://www.ajaxprobus.com)  
Many thanks for those who sent in items for this issue.

Comments and items appreciated including photos of Club events. Please send to **Barbara Squires**, Editor  
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## SOCIAL BRIDGE



### Marathon Bridge

**It is time to register your team for next year's marathon bridge. See Harvey at coffee break. If you do not know what marathon bridge is, see Harvey at the coffee break.**

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SOCIAL BRIDGE on Thursdays at the Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at 2:30pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.) Social bridge will continue every Thursday through the summer.

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### Bridging the Gap – Opener's Rebid – Part 2 Spade Responses

What would you bid in the following situations?

Opener  
1 Club  
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Responder  
1 Spade

Clubs AQ972	Diamonds K5	Hearts 35	Spades AKJ4
Clubs AK6	Diamonds 87	Hearts KQ98	Spades AQ54


A bid of 3 Spades shows more than a minimum hand (16 to 18 points) and 4 card spade support. In the second example there is no point in showing your hearts. It is better to confirm the suit for the contact and tell partner of your point count. They can then decide whether there is no game, a game or a slam.

*Harvey Brodhecker*

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# AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, JULY, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <i>Happy Canada Day!</i> 	<b>2</b>  10 am Golf	<b>3</b>  <b>10-12 PROBUS Meeting</b>  2-4 Cribbage	<b>4</b>  2:30 Social Bridge, Library	<b>5</b>  11 am Billiards	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  10 am Golf  2-4 Euchre	<b>10</b>  10-12 Walking Group  2-4 Cribbage	<b>11</b>  2:30 Social Bridge, Library  6 pm Dining Out	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  1:30 - 3:30 Library Movie: <b>Borg vs McEnroe</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  10 am Golf	<b>17</b>  10-12 Walking Group  12:00 RODEO Lunch  2 – 4 Cribbage	<b>18</b>  2:30 Social Bridge, Library	<b>19</b>  11 am Billiards	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Westben (ABBA)</b>  10 am Golf  2-4 Euchre	<b>24</b>  10-12 Walking Group  2 – 4 Cribbage	<b>25</b>  2:30 Social Bridge, Library	<b>26</b>  9 am Breakfast Club	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  1:30 – 3:30 Library Movie: <b>On the Basis of Sex</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  10 am Golf	<b>31</b>  10-12 Walking Group  2 – 4 Cribbage			



## June 5, 2019 Meeting



Door Committee, Douglas Kerr, Bill Winter, Lois Hanna and House Coordinator, Jane Wilson



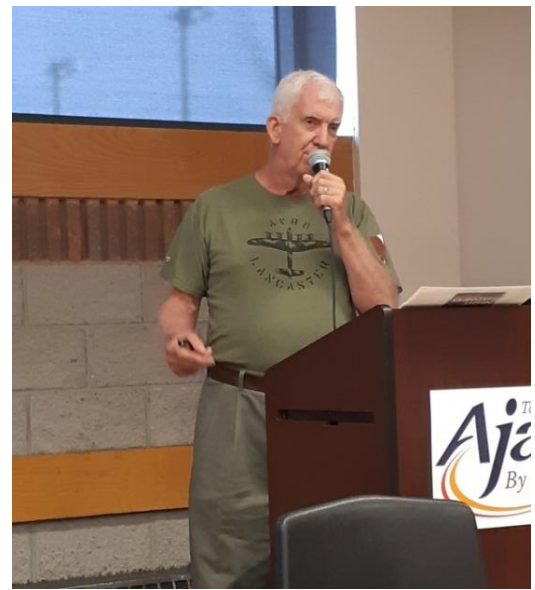
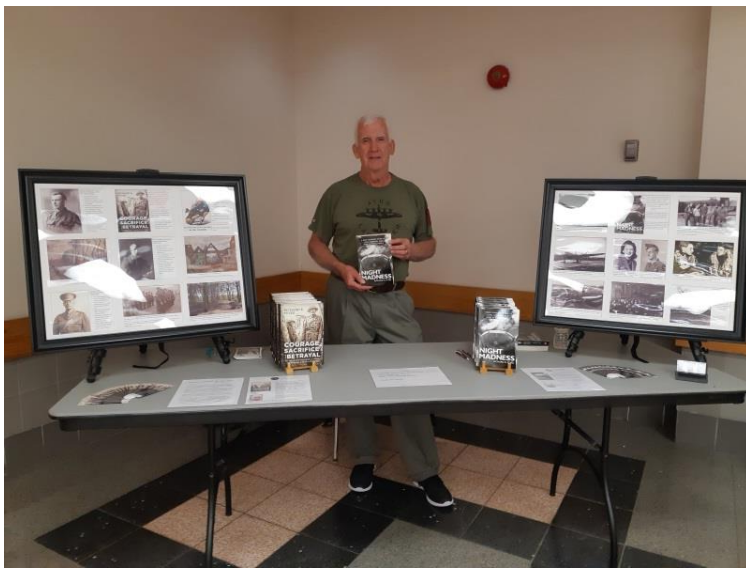
Reg with new member Peter Scheffel



Laura Rae – Age Friendly Ajax



Harvey, Laura & Joyce



June Speaker, Richard Pyves

**June 6, 2019**



Joyce, Barb & Jane at Ajax 55+ Barbecue



**June 18, 2019**



PROBUS Golf at Hawthorne Valley. Finally some good weather for golf.

**June 24, 2019 – Ajax PROBUS Annual Barbecue**



Enjoying the Outdoors



Bean Bag Game



Trivia



Egg Toss





Enjoying Lunch



Some Winners

To see more Annual Barbecue pictures go to our website: [www.ajaxprobus.com](http://www.ajaxprobus.com)

# **NON-PROBUS EVENTS**



## **MOVIES AT THE AJAX LIBRARY**

**MOVIES AT THE MAIN – Enjoy great movies at the Ajax Library Main Branch Rotary Room. Free of Charge. Please note: Our movie titles may change at any time. For the most up-to-date information, please visit [www.ajaxlibrary.ca](http://www.ajaxlibrary.ca) or call any of our branches.**

**First come, first serve; limited to 125 spots; doors open 30 minutes prior to show start.**

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### **Borg vs McEnroe (Rated 14A)**

The story of the 1980 tennis rivalry between the placid Björn Borg and the volatile John McEnroe.

*For accessibility purposes, closed captioned will be used during this program.*

Sunday July 14, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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### **On the Basis of Sex (Rated PG)**

The true story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, her struggles for equal rights, and the early cases of a historic career that lead to her nomination and confirmation as U.S. Supreme Court Associate

*For accessibility purposes, closed captioned will be used during this program.*

Sunday July 28, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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**Tribute Communities Centre** a premier sports and entertainment centre facility in Oshawa and the Durham Region which hosts Oshawa Generals Hockey, concerts and family shows. Click on the web site at <http://www.tributecommunitiescentre.com/> to view upcoming concerts and events. From Jerry Seinfeld, Rock the Rink to Australia's Thunder from down under.

## **NON-PROBUS TRIPS**

### **October 6th – 18th – IRELAND: Shamrock Adventure – the North and South**

It is often said that each day in Ireland is like a festival. Ireland is, after all, a country bustling with activity. Activity that ranges from cultural to traditional and from music to theatre and dance. Ireland is also a country of ancient landscapes that are ever changing. In fact, it is a country that boasts “40 shades of green”. Join us on a delightful journey to the Emerald Isle. Your visit will take you to some of Ireland’s most treasured landmarks.



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### **November 17th – 24th – The King meets Country- MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA TOUR from Blues to Rock ‘n Roll to County!**

Includes:

- Round trip airfare from Toronto to Memphis
- Three nights in Memphis / Three nights in Nashville – including breakfast
- City tours of Memphis and Nashville; Tours of: Sun Studio and Graceland; Country Music Hall of Fame + RCA; Grand Ole Opry & The Ryman Auditorium



**Contact Shirlie asap for these two trips! I will send complete information!!**

**5-619-8583 or [shirlievanputten@rogers.com](mailto:shirlievanputten@rogers.com)**

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### **Age-Friendly Ajax Update**

On Thursday, June 20, 2019, the Town of Ajax held its first ever Age-Friendly Ajax Community Planning Conference. This was an opportunity for Ajax residents, businesses, social service agencies, not-for-profit organizations and local clubs to come together for a day of discussion to help identify shared priorities for creating an age-friendly community. The conference saw approximately 75 delegates participate in conversations related to the age-friendly community features, including:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Communication & Information
- Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion
- Community Support & Health Services
- Civic Participation & Employment
- Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

Conference delegates had the opportunity to examine each community feature through survey questions, open discussions and a mapping exercise, with the goal of identifying specific age-friendly strengths, challenges and opportunities present in the Ajax community.

The information gathered from the conference will be instrumental in helping to build the Age-Friendly Ajax Community Plan. This plan will give municipal departments, not-for-profit organizations, local business, service providers, and community groups one common vision for fostering healthy and active aging in Ajax.

## **Your Voice is Important!**

Consultation with the people who call Ajax home is the best foundation for building the future of an age-friendly Ajax. There is still time and opportunity to share your insights, experience and knowledge to help shape the Age-Friendly Ajax Community Plan.

### **1. Complete the Age-Friendly Ajax Community Survey**

The survey will be available until September 2019. To date, we have collected 153 completed surveys with the hope of receiving many more. The Age-Friendly Ajax Community Survey is available online at [ajax.ca/agefriendly](http://ajax.ca/agefriendly), or in hard copy at the Ajax Main Branch Library, Ajax Town Hall, the Ajax and McLean Community Centres and the Audley Recreation Centre.

### **2. Visit an Age-Friendly Ajax Information Booth**

The Age-Friendly Ajax Steering Committee will be out in the community all summer long! Stop by one of our information booths to complete a survey, fill out an age-friendly comment card, or talk with a Steering Committee member. The committee will be at the upcoming Summer in the Square events as follows:

#### **Summer in the Square**

Pat Bayly Square (corner of Harwood Ave. & Bayly St.)

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, starting on Wednesday, July 3 until Wednesday August 28

### **3. Arrange an Age-Friendly Focus Group**

Do you belong to an organization or club that would benefit from participating in an age-friendly focus group? Let us come to you!

We can arrange a specific 1.5-2 hour focus group with your members to discuss the seven age-friendly community features. Facilitators will provide open ended discussion questions to gather members' feedback and input on age-friendly community strengths, challenges and opportunities within Ajax.

To arrange a focus group, please contact:

Laura Rae

Community Development Coordinator / Age-Friendly Ajax Steering Committee Chair

[Laura.rae@ajax.ca](mailto:Laura.rae@ajax.ca)

905-619-2529, ext. 7231

**Have your say! We hope you participate in the Age-Friendly Ajax Conversation!**