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Presidents Message...

July 31st marks the end of our fiscal year for the PROBUS Club of Ajax, and we are excited to report a strong finish, thanks to our growing membership and the support we receive from the Town of Ajax.

To give back, we will be subsidizing upcoming events, allowing even more members to participate. In August, thanks to the Ajax Partnership Fund, we will host a special Volunteer Appreciation event to express our gratitude to those who have generously offered their time at meetings and led our interest groups.

Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Being part of PROBUS has enriched my retirement experience. Anyone who thinks retirement is dull hasn't joined a PROBUS Club! We've built a supportive community, where we learn new skills and forge new friendships. My involvement with the management team and event hosting has helped me connect with many of you. If you have ideas for new initiatives, please step forward—you won't regret it!

We encourage you to join our Facebook group or share your photos for our Photo Gallery. Every bit of participation helps strengthen our community!

You can make a difference.

April Gilkinson

Please remember to wear your name
badge at our meetings and events!



Your Name

PROBUS Club of Ajax

AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
					1 ZOOM CHAT @1 MAHJONG 2-4	2	
3	4 WALKING GRP 2 @9:30	5 9 HOLE GOLF @10 CRIBBAGE 2-4	6 MONTHLYMEETING 10:00 AM	7 WALKING GRP 1 AT 9:30 SOCIAL BRIDGE @2	8 POOL @11 ZOOM CHAT @1	9	
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17	18 WALKING GRP 2 @9:30 BOWLING @1 HAPPY HOUR @2:30	19 9 HOLE GOLF @10 CRIBBAGE 2-4	20 COFFEE TIME @10	21 WALKING (1) 9:30 DINING OUT @5:30 SOCIAL BRIDGE @2	22 POOL @11 ZOOM CHAT @1	23	
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Join us on Facebook!



April Gilkinson

Admin

Top contributor

July 2 at 3:11 PM · 🌐

You know our meetings are fun when



**The PROBUS Club of Ajax
for Members Only Facebook
group now has 80 members!
By joining, you will see what
goes on at our monthly meetings
and at some of the Interest
Group events. Find us by
searching for PROBUS
Club of Ajax. You will need a
Facebook account to participate.
Picture provided by
Hetty Shapiro.**

General Meetings

The first Wednesday of the month

Ajax Community Centre, HMS Ajax Room (entrance at south side of building)

Meeting fee: \$2
Optional “Share the Wealth”
draw:

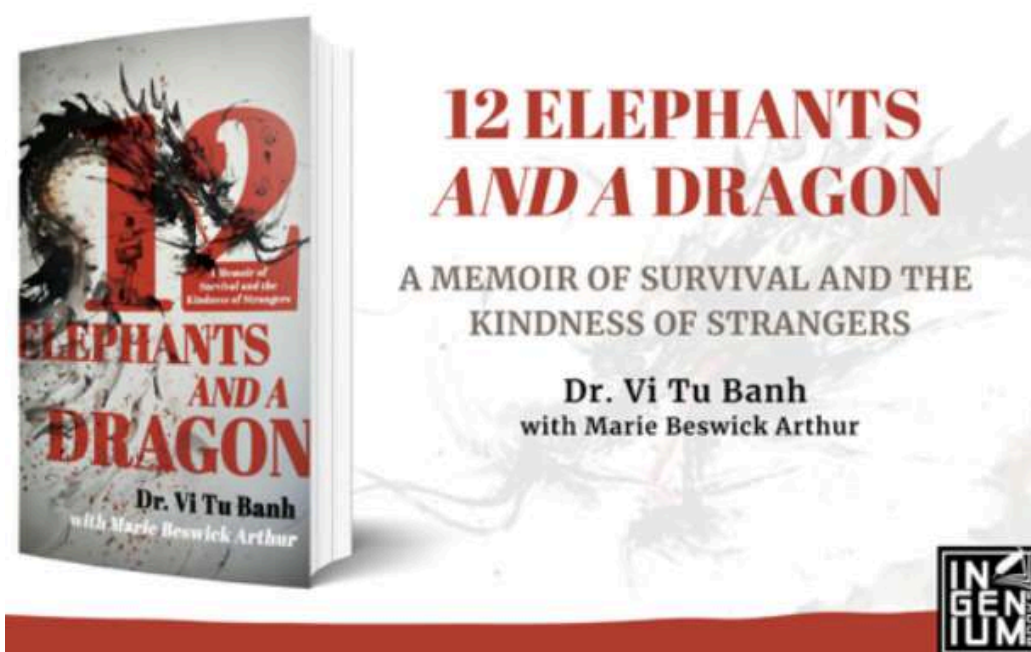
Tickets \$1 each or 3 for \$2



Vintage Music at it's Best

Guest Speaker: **Vintage Soul**
WEDNESDAY, August 6th - 10:00 am

Vintage Soul is a live performance duo featuring the musical talents of Nick Reynolds and Cheryl Gow. Covering a wide selection of songs beginning early 1930's thru late 1970's with music from artists such as Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Nat King Cole and also Elton John, The Monkees, Fleetwood Mac, Van Morrison and The Beatles.



12 Elephants and a Dragon

Guest Speaker: **Dr Vi Tu Banh**
WEDNESDAY, September 3rd - 10:00 am

Dr. Vi Tu Banh, a board-certified family optometrist, will be sharing the remarkable story of his family's arrival in Canada in the early 1980s. His memoir 12 Elephants and a Dragon sends us the message of “sharing love and kindness we all have with the world, and gratitude.” It will be available for purchase with all net proceeds donated to charities.



Morning with the Mayor: Probus Club of Ajax welcomes Shaun Collier!

WEDNESDAY, October 1st- 10:00 am

Since his election as Mayor in 2018, Shaun Collier has worked to bring long-term social and environmental sustainability to the Town of Ajax, while strengthening our economic position.

Mayor Collier is an Armed Forces Veteran, accountant, and a chartered director. He raised his two children in Ajax and is proud husband to Rose Collier.

Mayor Collier will bring news of what's happening currently in Ajax, and then we will open up the floor to questions from our members.

We would like to have some questions for the Mayor from our members ahead of time. Please submit your questions for the Mayor to me at kathylennox@rogers.com or see me at the August or September meeting. Thanks Kathy

Shamrock Adventure: The North and South of Ireland – 14 Day Tour - Oct 4 - 17

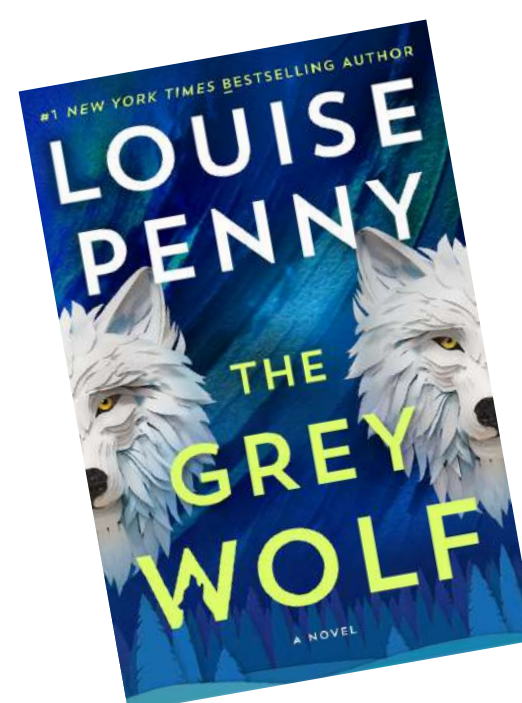
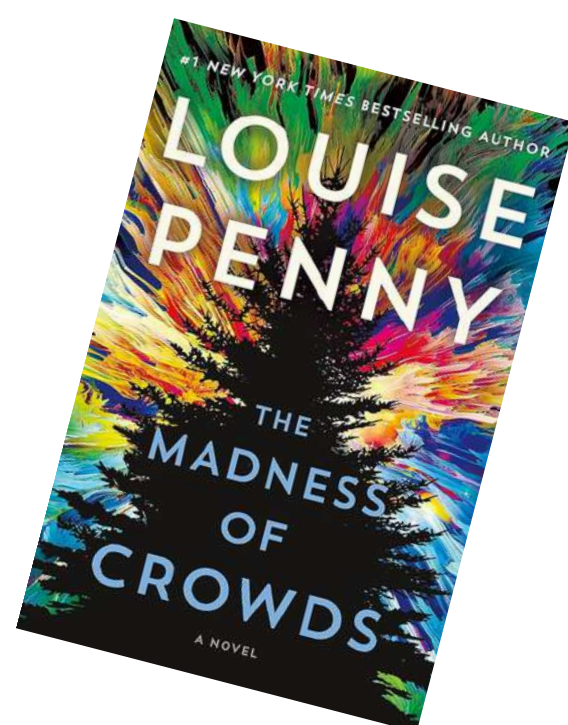
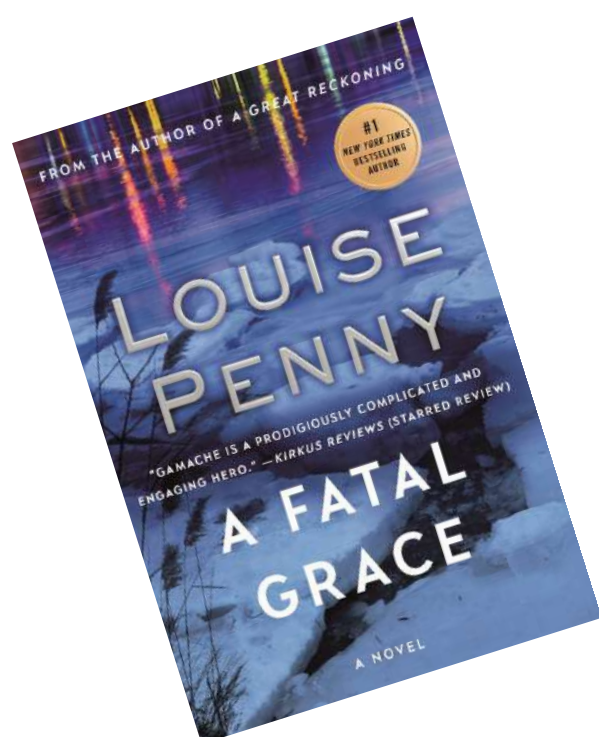
This tour is the perfect introduction to Ireland's best-loved attractions and its best-kept secrets including Dublin City, the Wild Atlantic Way and Northern Ireland. This comfortably paced tour introduces you to Ireland's iconic locations and its vibrant culture. Pick up flyer for more info.

Thursday September 11th - Annual BBQ \$25 at Greenwood Conservation Area, 2290 Greenwood Rd., Ajax 10:30 - 2 p.m.

We will have live music featuring a variety of popular tunes.
Menu will include Corn on the Cob, Baked potatoes, Chicken or Pork Skewers,
or option of a Veggie burger, Drinks and Yummy Desserts
Great food and good fun!

September 14th - 17th - Louise Penny Tour - Pick up Flyer

Even if you haven't read any of the Louise Penny books, you will have a great time exploring the epic sites that created the backdrop for her captivating novels primarily set in the eastern townships of Quebec. Her wildly popular books from the Three Pines series have consistently topped the New York Times bestseller lists and have been translated into twenty-nine languages, selling more than ten million copies worldwide.



**For more information contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or
shirlievanputten@rogers.com OR visit the Website**



Payments for events and membership may be made via e-transfer through your bank to:
probusajaxtreasurer@gmail.com
Include your name and what the payment is for.

September 17th - Black Creek Village and McMichael Gallery Cost \$132

Black Creek Village: Costumed educators will guide participants on a 90-minute interactive tour of the Village. At McMichael Gallery: Explore their online collection of art and historical objects. Discover Inuit art from the Kinngait (Cape Dorset) archive. We will have a 1-hour guided tour. Event includes: Return transportation by deluxe motor coach, Entrance to Black Creek Village, Dessert & drink with your lunch (please bring a sandwich)

September 23rd - Kingston Penitentiary Tour & Boat Cruise - Cost 189

Step inside the walls of Canada's oldest penitentiary and explore the living and working areas, some dating back to the 1830s. Hear the personalized accounts from former staff and learn about the history and the daily routines, including stories escapes, riots and everything in between on this guided tour.

Included:

- Return transportation by deluxe motor coach
 - Express Tour of the Penitentiary
 - Lunch at Gananoque Inn
 - 1-hour Boat Tour of 1000 Islands
 - Drivers Tip
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February 24 - March 18, 2026 - Portugal - pick up flyer

Portugal's Algarve Province, with its magnetic Moorish appeal has become a Mecca for Snowbirds. It is one of Europe's most picturesque destinations. Cobblestone streets are lined with outdoor cafes, bistros, wine bars and markets full of fresh fruits and vegetables. The weather is wonderfully spring-like and invigorating.

**For more information contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or
shirlievanputten@rogers.com OR visit the Website**



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January 13 - 23rd - Sun & Fun in Dominican Republic - Pick up Flyer

Emotions by Hodelpa Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic is a 5 star all Inclusive Hotel right on the beach. It has 5 pools, 7 restaurants, 4 bars, WiFi, Fitness Centre, 24 hour drinks/snacks and an in-room safe.

Adult only section: Room (only 10 singles available) Single \$2,799.

Adults only Jr. Suite (17 available) -double occupancy \$2,599. each

This tour price includes all meals, drinks, airfare, daily activities & nightly entertainment.

Stay Tuned!

October - Fall Boat Tour

October - Murder Mystery

October 27th - Halloween Party

November 6th - St. Jacob's

December 3rd - Christmas Luncheon

December - Capital Theatre for a Panto

For more information contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com

OR visit the Website

Random Acts of Kindness

If you are aware of anyone celebrating a special birthday or anniversary,

If you know anyone who is experiencing an illness or who has lost a loved one, please let Jane Wilson know so she can send a card on behalf of the club.

Contact Jane at jw003.@sympatico.ca or 905-619-6674

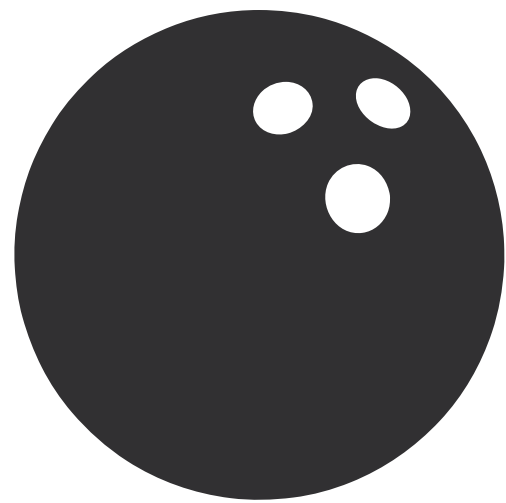


Bring a chair. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Registration is not required. **Concerts are held from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.**

July 15:	Solitary Man - Neil Diamond Tribute
July 29:	Simply the Best - Tina Turner Tribute
August 12:	Pearl Jamming – Pearl Jam Tribute
August 26:	Keep the Faith - Bon Jovi Tribute

Performances will move indoors (Ajax Community Centre - HMS Room) during inclement weather and admission for indoor seating is on a first come, first served basis 180 capacity). Please check the Town of Ajax social media channels after 5 p.m. for inclement weather updates. Decisions will be finalized at that time, unless otherwise posted.

Interest Groups



Bowling + Happy Hour

This month is **Monday Aug 18th @ 1 pm**

AJAX BOWLING CENTRE - 172 Harwood Ave. S. Lower floor

RSVP: Kevin keportener@gmail.com

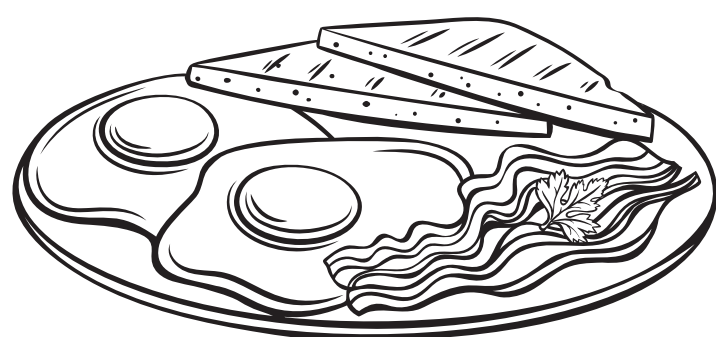
call or text 905.626.6303

\$10 for two games plus \$2 for shoes

HAPPY HOUR

After bowling, at 2:30 pm, we go to the **MACKENZIE PUB.**

Non-bowlers are welcome to join us.



Breakfast Club

Last Tuesday of the Month

Next get together: **Tuesday, Aug 26th at 9:00 am**

at Michael's Eatery 44 Commercial Dr., Ajax

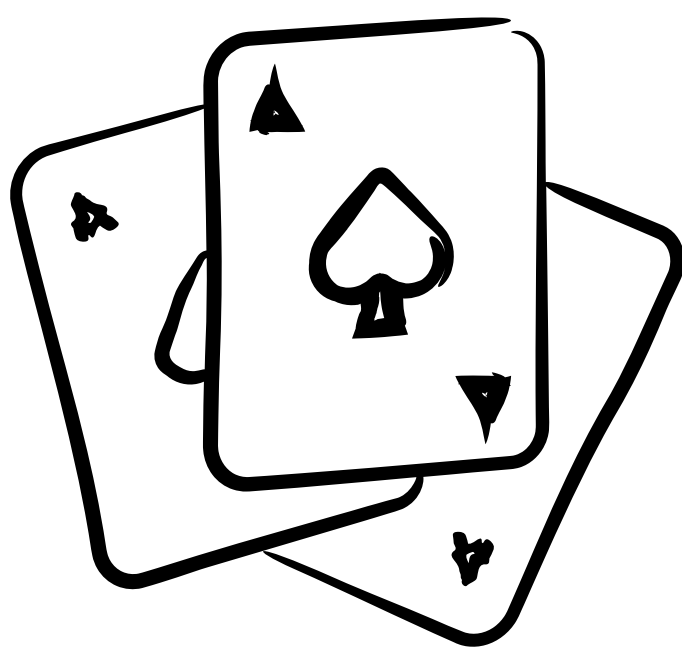
RSVP Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com 905.839.8147

Bridge (Social)

Every Thursday 2:00PM - 4:30PM

AT THE AJAX LIBRARY Rotary Room

55 Harwood Avenue South

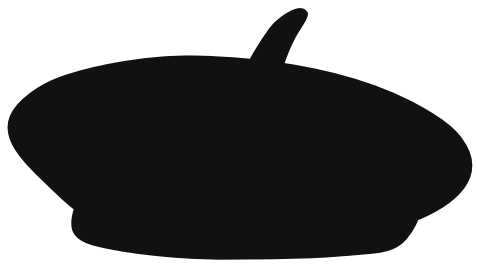


It is time to register your team for next year's **Marathon Bridge** which starts September 1st. Please register with Harvey by early August so he can include your team in the schedule. Marathon Bridge is a social event which consists of a partnership playing bridge (a card game) against another partnership in their own home. These matches occur 12 times against different partnerships between September and April. The purpose of marathon bridge is fellowship not competition. Cost \$30 which covers administration costs and an end of season luncheon. Player's abilities range from beginner to experienced.

Contact Harvey, hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca

NOTE - there will be no lessons over the summer

Interest Groups



Club FRANÇAIS

Club Francais will take a break during July and August



Coffee and Conversation

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY 10:00 - NOON

Next get-together: Tuesday, August 12th at 11:00 a.m.
This month we are having a pot luck. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

RSVP: Marlene marzrae18@gmail.com

For anyone who has joined our club in the last 12 months. A great way to meet new people and learn more about how to enjoy PROBUS.



Coffee and Conversation for Everyone

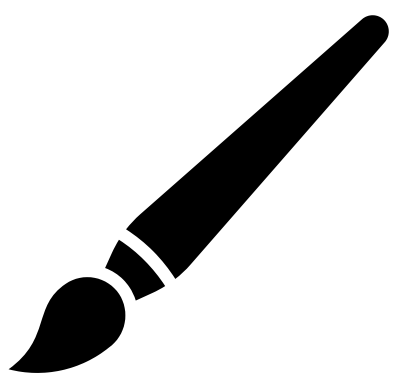
Wednesday August 20 at 10 am at the Beans and Basket Cafe

62 Old Kingston Rd., Pickering Village

Why don't you come on out for a coffee (or tea) and a good chat!

For information, contact Lynne:

912lynne@gmail.com or 905.839.8147



Creative Explorers

Work in Progress - will keep you posted

Location TBD **RSVP: Tina** tinakvrgic@gmail.com



Cribbage (see more info*)

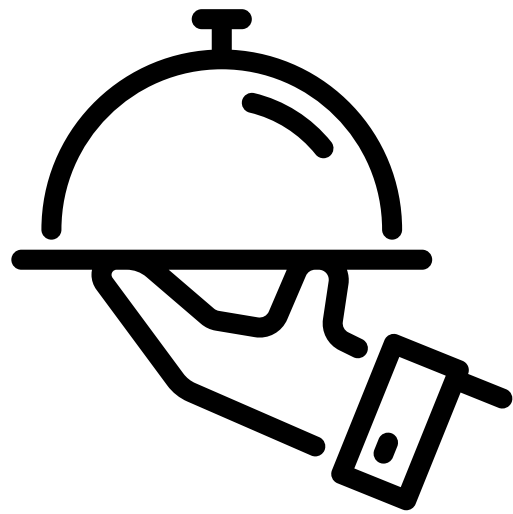
EVERY TUESDAY 2:00 - 4:00 PM

AT THE PICKERING VILLAGE SENIOR CENTRE

29 Linton Avenue north of Kingston Road, west of Church St.

Contact Wendy: wendysmith1@live.com

Interest Groups



Dining Out

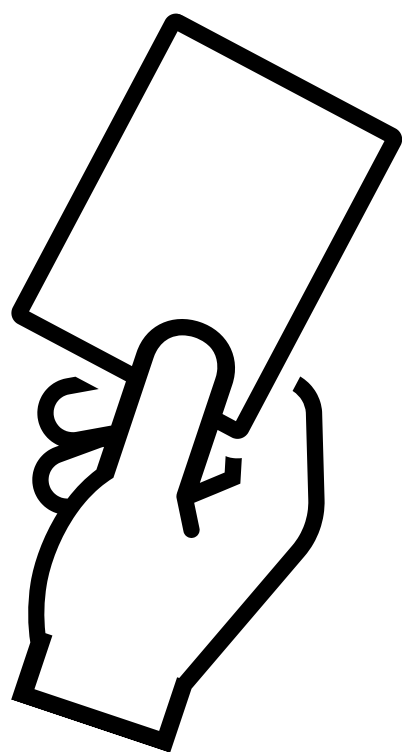
EVERY 3RD THURSDAY - 5:30 PM

Next get-together: Thursday August 21st at 5:30

Location TBA

RSVP: Carol cbreen840August@gmail.com

I reserve the restaurant when I know how many people will be joining us. Let me know as soon as possible if you will attend.



Euchre (see more info*)

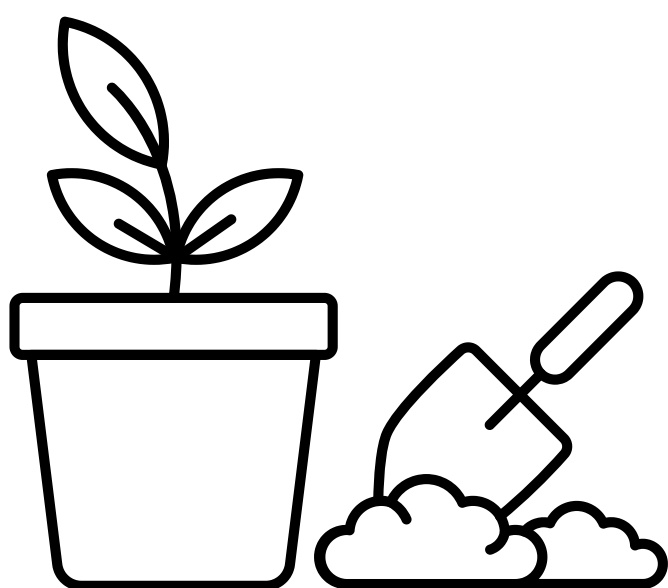
EVERY 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Next get-together: at Pickering Aug 13 & 27th

Village Senior Center

RSVP: Jane jw.003@sympatico.ca 905-619-6674

The Pickering Village Senior Center is at 29 Linton Ave, one block north of Kingston Rd, one block west of Church St. Hope you will attend.



Garden Club

Monday August 25th

We will be going to Rosetta McClain Park, Monday August 25th meeting @ACC 11:a.m.

Free self guided tour of Rosetta McClain Park followed by lunch @ Duckworth's Fish and Chips.

Confirmation must be made by Monday August 4th.
If interested, contact Marlene at marzrae18@gmail.com

Interest Groups



9-Hole Golf

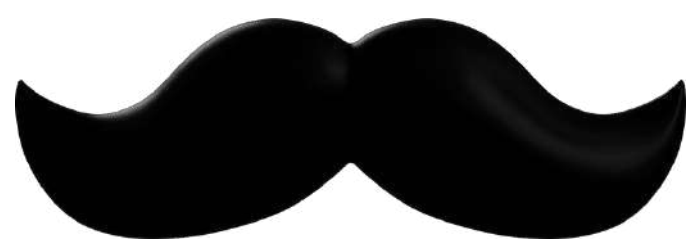
EVERY TUESDAY - Tee Time 10 AM
Hawthorne Valley Golf Course, 3470 Salem Rd.,
Pickering

Tee time can be booked one week ahead by calling 905-686-2028.

Pull carts can be rented. No power carts available.

If interested contact Marcia (Durham West)

marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca



GOMEO" Lunch Group"

"Great Old Men Eating Out" **EVERY 2ND MONDAY at**
NOON

RSVP: Kevin keportener@gmail.com 905.626.6303

On Aug 11 at noon at MacKenzie Pub and Restaurant
250 Bayly St. West Ajax



Happy Hour

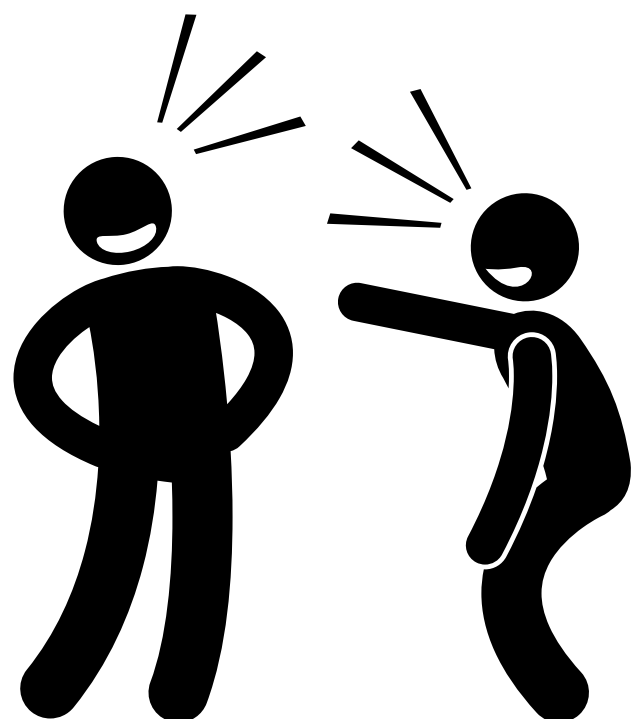
EVERY 3RD MONDAY - 2:30 PM

Next get-together: Monday, Aug 18th at 2:30.

RSVP: Kevin keportener@gmail.com 905.626.6303

We join the Bowling group at **MACKENZIE PUB &**
RESTAURANT

250 Bayly St. West Ajax



Improv for Beginners

EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Taking a break in August -

Next get-together: Wednesday, Sept 24

CHARTWELL RETIREMENT RESIDENCE (Theatre in lower level)
40 Old Harwood Ave., Ajax

RSVP: April april-ann@hotmail.com

Interest Groups



Mahjong__ (see more info*)_

First and third Fridays of the month 2:00 - 4:00 PM
at the St. Andrew's Friendship Club, 46 Exeter Road in Ajax, .

Next games will be on Aug 1st and Aug 15th

We are playing a simpler Chinese version of the game. New players are welcome even if you've never played before.

Contact Julie jmathewson@rogers.com



Move to the Music

**Every Wednesday morning from 10:30 - 11:30 (to be confirmed)
at Quaker Meeting House starting Aug 13th**

Contact Patsy, patsyhandley55@gmail.com

This is a combination of disco dancing and line dancing to some upbeat music. You do not need a partner. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. This will be fun.



Not Another Book Club

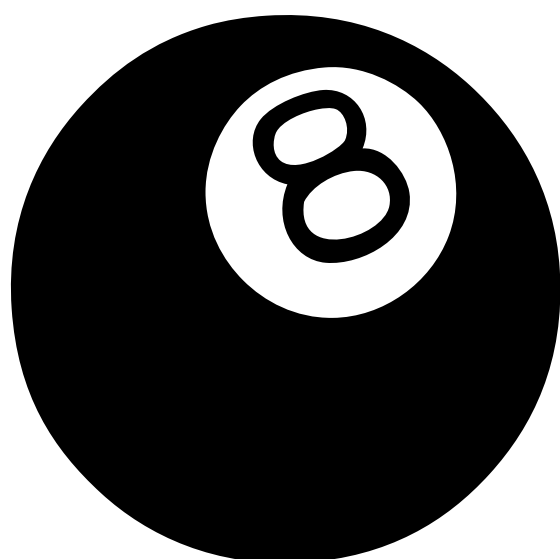
Every 3rd Wednesday Via Zoom

On hiatus until September

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m.**

Contact Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com or 905.839.8147

We discuss books that members have read and recommend as opposed to all of us reading the same book.



POOL

Second and fourth Friday at Petrina Billiards, 21 Harwood Ave. S

August dates are the 8th and 22nd at 11:00.

Everyone is welcome, no experience required. Probus members pay only \$6.00 to Petrina's. Note that no outside food or drink is permitted; food can be ordered from the restaurant on the main level and delivered. Please remember to wear your Probus name tag.

Contact Don Voorhees, holdus1399@gmail.com or 905-427-7446

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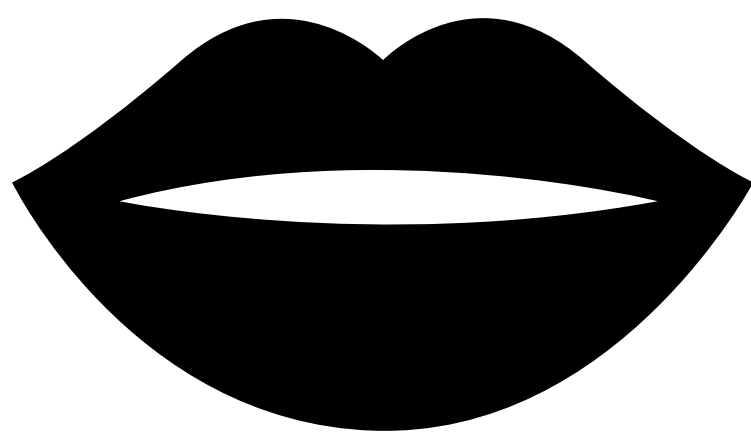
"RODEO" Lunch Group

"Retired Old Dames Eating Out" **EVERY 2ND
MONDAY - NOON**

next get together Monday, Aug 11 at Mandarin
Restaurant

1725 Kingston Rd. in Pickering

RSVP: Anne mandareed02@gmail.com



Walking Group 1

EVERY THURSDAY - 9:30 AM

RSVP: Ron mitchellmis@rogers.com or

Maureen maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca

Join us and discover many walking trails in Ajax and
surrounding areas.



Walking Group 2

EVERY MONDAY - 9:30 AM

We meet at the parking lot at Rotary Park on Lake
Driveway

RSVP: Julie jmathewson@rogers.com

This group is for those members who prefer a
shorter, slower pace.



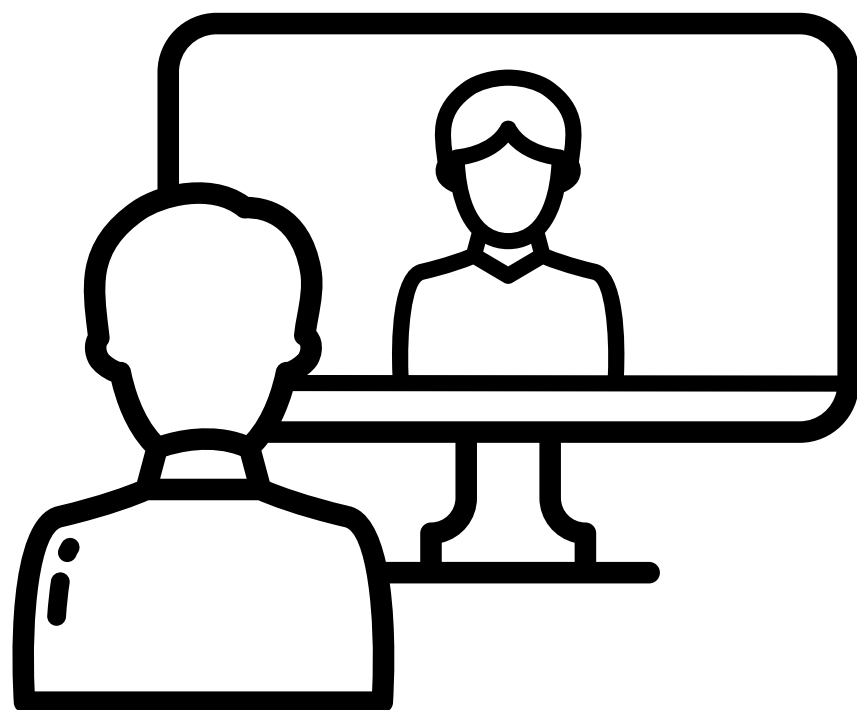
ZOOM

EVERY FRIDAY - 1 p.m.

To join the Zoom chat contact: Stewart
ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com;

All Members are welcome

Keeps us connected!



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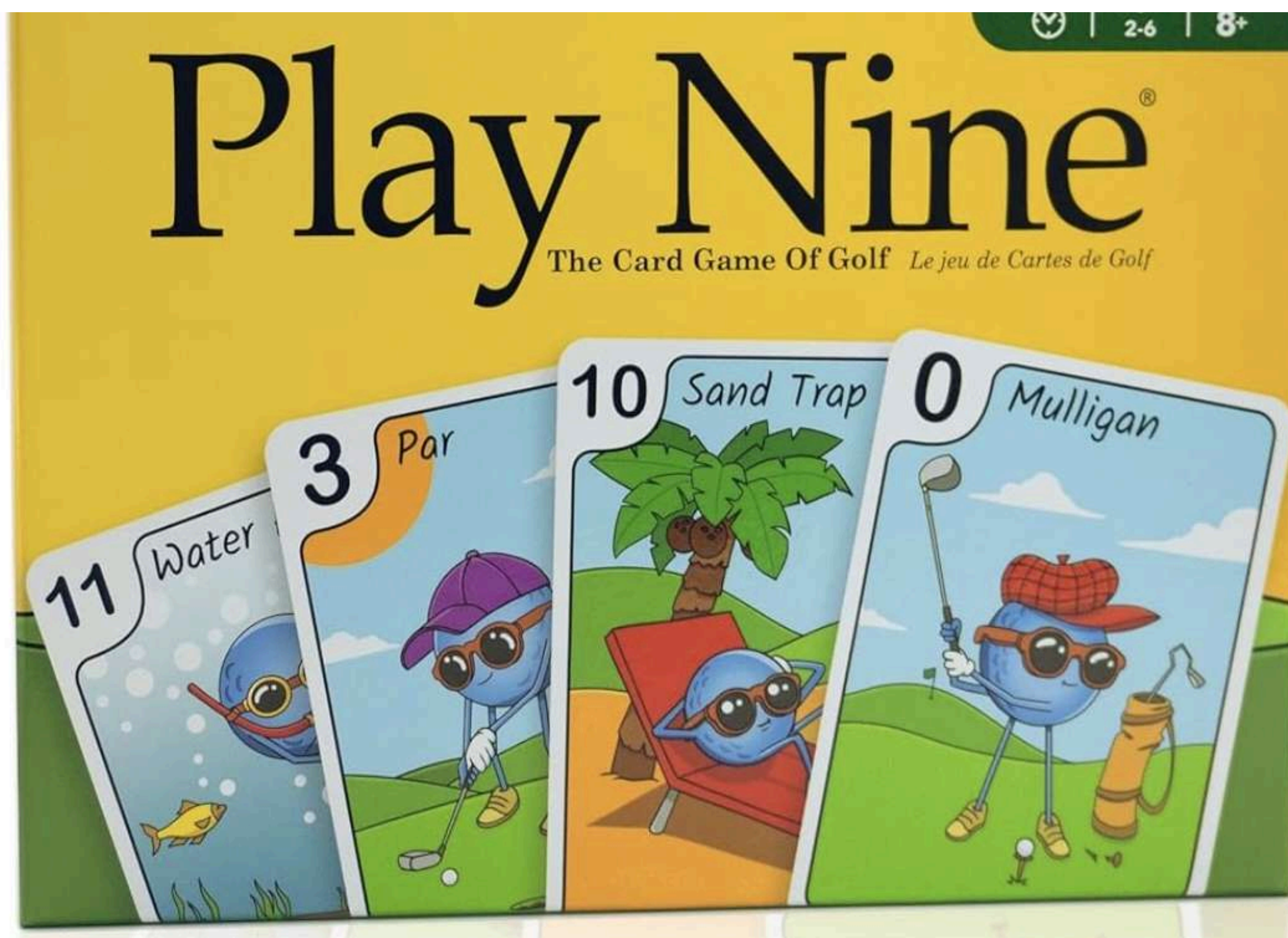
Coming Soon?

Are you interested in playing a new card game?

Draw, flip and discard cards to shoot the lowest score.

There is plenty of strategy mixed with a little luck as you pit your wits
against other players

More details to follow



There has been some interest in starting up a regular Book club,
where participants gather to discuss a book everyone has read.
If you are interested in coordinating a group, please contact Julie,
jmathewson@rogers.com

Interest Groups

Coming Soon?

If anyone has an idea for a one-time activity or a special group, please let us know.

Contact Julie:
jmathewson@rogers.com

In future, please make sure you add your name, phone number and email address for any of the social or interest groups on sign up sheets provided at the meetings.

This will allow us to calculate how many spots are available.

See More Info **

For activities at the Pickering Village Seniors Centre and St. Andrew's Friendship Club (Currently Cribbage, Euchre, Mahjong) we're asked to join the Ajax Seniors Club (which gives you membership in both centers). Membership is \$20 a year plus \$1 activity fee when you play.

Members Corner



We presented our new members at the meeting in July.

Special mention to members who received package but did not get picture in the newsletter:

Janet Dirstein
Laura MacAloney
Cathy Fleming

Packages for Pick Up at the Membership Table

Sheri Bredewold
Josie Beech
Jim Beech
Lorraine Carrier
Irene Koddermann
Ann London
Laura MacAloney
Paula MacDonald
Susan Stocks

Welcome New Members!

Irene Craig
Bonnie Evans
Sandra Hart
Brian Nicklee
Trudey Nicklee



Volunteers Needed!



Join our Management Team
We are in need of a volunteer
to be our House Chair in
September and a Vice
President in January.
If interested, please contact
Jane Wilson at
jw.003@sympatico.ca or 905-
619-6674.

Scavenger Hunt (Formerley Car Rally)

At the moment we have only one volunteer to organize this event. It
takes a committee to put this together. Please offer your help so
that we can keep this popular event going.

Contact Jane Wilson at jw.003@sympatico.ca or 905-619-6674.

Membership dues for August 1st, 2025 to July 31st, 2026 are \$45 and are now due. The window for payment will extend until the September Meeting which falls on Sept 3rd.

After the September meeting members who have not paid will be taken off of the Ajax Probus membership list. Please see me at the membership table if you have questions.

You may pay by e-transfer, cash or cheque. Please see me at the membership table for cash and cheque payments.

E-transfer may be sent to our Probus Ajax Treasurer, at the address below.
probusajaxtreasurer@gmail.com

Please ensure your name is in the message box stating 25/26 membership dues.

Photo Gallery



Friendly sign in with Diane and Anna



Westben Theater outing

To see more pictures of PROBUS events, visit our website, www.ajaxprobus.com, or send submissions to Oankar@yahoo.com



**Thursday hiking group with
Maureen and Ron**



Jim and Tish Meek at July Meeting



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