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President's Message

O Canada! Pete and I just came back from a fabulous 9-day road trip with friends touring Newfoundland, a first visit for all of us. It was a reminder of the extraordinary beauty of our country and an appreciation of our good fortune to call this land our home.

When we sing O Canada together at the July meeting I will be remembering scenes of this trip. I am also looking forward to see our guest speaker Lianne Harris again as guest speaker with a Canadian theme this time! There will also be a special presentation to our own Shirlie V as she receives her Senior of the Year award from Ajax council. Congrats!!

REMINDER: This month's meeting will take place on THURSDAY JULY 2 not Wednesday this time. This is because the Ajax Community Centre is closed for Canada Day.

Lots of summer fun in store for Ajax Probus, including: July 9- the Swing EasyBand at Harwood Chartwell, and July 28 - the ever-popular Westben outing for "Love Changes Everything".

Marion M. has organized an Ebike/Touring Bike Club! They will be riding along the Ajax Waterfront on Wed. July 8. Please check the newsletter for details of all events. Most of our regular interest groups will be meeting over the summer—as always check the calendar for dates.

A reminder that the 2025-2026 Probus year is ending on August 1 and that RENEWAL FEES ARE DUE for the 2026-27 year. Please submit your \$45 renewal payment to our treasurer Murray at (probusajaxtreasurer@gmail.com) by August 1. On your e-transfer, please be sure to add the message "For 2026-27 renewal payment" so we know what it is for.

There will be a few weeks as a grace period. However, if payment has not been received by Sept. 1, then a reinstatement fee of \$30 will be charged.

Our Ajax Probus new year starts in September, with our Annual General Meeting on Sept 2. But until then, soak up the sunshine with family and friends. Goodness knows we have waited long enough. Wishing you all happy times this summer—make the most of it!

See you at the meeting on THURSDAY JULY 2!

Kathy



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Probus Club of Ajax would like to acknowledge and thank the Town of Ajax and the Ajax Partnership Fund for their support of our Club's events and activities. We work together to make a meaningful impact for Ajax residents and the broader community.

PROBUS AJAX JULY 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
			1 CANADA DAY	2 PROBUS MEETING @10 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30	3 MAHJONG @ 2 ZOOM CHAT @ 1	4
5 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 GAMES/PLAY 9 @2-4	6 CRIBBAGE @ 2	7 BIKE TOURING AT 9:30 EUCHRE @ 2	8	9 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30 SWING EASY BAND AT 2:30	10 POOL @ 11 ZOOM CHAT @ 1	11
12 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 GOMEIO LUNCH @ NOON RODEO LUNCH @ NOON BRIDGE @2	13 COFFEE & CHAT @10 CRIBBAGE @ 2	14	15	16 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30 DINING OUT @ 5:30	17 ZOOM CHAT @ 1	18
19 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 BOWLING @ 1 HAPPY HOUR @ 2:30	20 COFFEE TIME @10 CRIBBAGE @ 2	21 EUCHRE @ 2	22	23 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30	24 POOL @ 11 ZOOM CHAT @ 1 MAHJONG @ 2	25
26 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 BRIDGE @2	27 BREAKFAST @9 CRIBBAGE @ 2 WESTBEND @10	28	29	30 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30	31 ZOOM CHAT @ 1	



Take advantage of the FACEBOOK page for your PROBUS Club of Ajax. It is visible to our members only.

By joining, you will see what goes on at some of the interest group events. Don't forget to post your pictures too!





Speakers Corner



Lianne Harris

July Speaker
Lianne Harris
Canada's Growing Pains: 1885-1998

In 2003 Lianne was selected by W.O.M.A.D as one of Toronto's Women of Influence.

in 2009 She was invited to contribute to the book "The Power of Women United" Most of us have been fortunate enough to have experienced her various renditions of past times.

This month she will be sharing "Life in Canada between 1885-1998." Lianne will share a snapshot of life typical of the times and personalities to us. It was a time of intense social and economic pressure that created new conditions for change.



August Speaker
S. Waven Murphy

Raven Murphy is among other things an author. Having written Shut Up and Listen: A No BS Guide to Unlocking Nature's Wisdom.

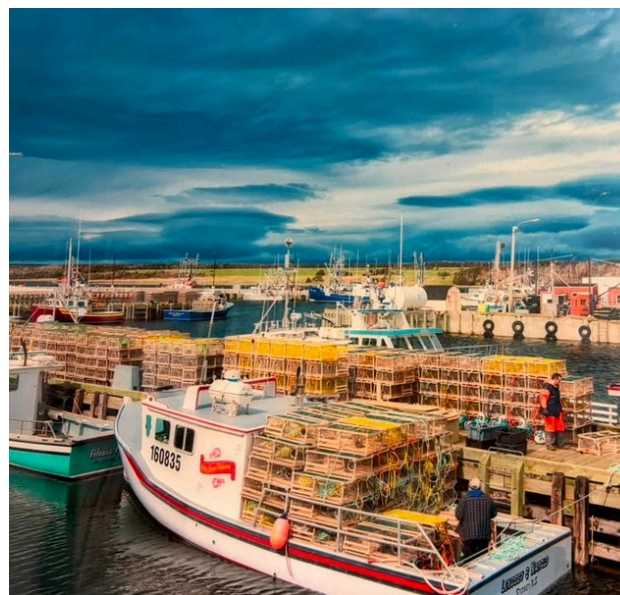
Raven will help show us how to appreciate the benefits of nature.

"When you give nature your attention, it gives you back calm, clarity and a sense of belonging you can't find anywhere else"



Socials and Tours

Nova Scotia Travellers



Payments for events and membership may be made via e-transfer through your bank to:

probusajxtreasurer@gmail.com

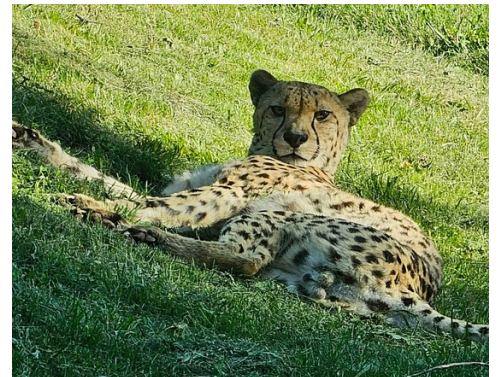
Include your name and what the payment is for.

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



Socials and Tours

The Adventurers Toronto Zoo



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Socials and Tours

Mystery Night



Winners at Mystery night



October 3rd-13th
- Exploring the UK - October 3rd to 13th
Explore Stonehenge, Torquay, Greenway, Bath, The Cotswolds, and London to name a few.
Pick up flyer for more details!

SUN AND FUN!
January 15th-26th 2027

Emotions by Hodelpa Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic
This 5 star all inclusive hotel has amazing pool, 7 restaurants, 4 bars etc.

Adult Only Section Single \$3,150
Adults Only Junior Suite Double \$2,799

Pick up flyer for more details



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Upcoming Events



Volunteers are needed now to help organize this year's scavenger hunt. This has been one of the most popular fall events but we can't do it without you!

Contact Julie jmathewson@rogers.com



New PROBUS Mini-Concert Series for the clubs in Pickering and Ajax

Concert #2: Swing Easy Band

Thursday July 9th from 2:30-3:30 Cost: \$10.59

Harwood Chartwell, 240 Old Harwood Ave, Ajax

Meet members from neighbouring clubs, enjoy live music in a friendly intimate setting. Enjoy complimentary fresh bake goods and coffee prepared by the Harwood Chartwell Chef.

All Proceeds go directly to the musicians.

To secure pay on-line go to Durham West Probus' Event Registration or paste the following URL into your browser:

<https://durhamwestprobus.wildapricot.org/event-6658163>

Please note: there are no cancellations or refunds.



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Include your name and what the payment is for.



Upcoming Events

Westben Presents - Love Changes Everything Tuesday, July 28th Cost \$142

Experience the transformative power of love on Broadway in the sparkling musical revue. Enjoy songs such as Aspects of Love, The sound of Music, My Fair Lady, Hamilton, West Side Story and many more

Includes:

- Pick up Walmart Ajax 10:00 am - Motor Coach
- Picnic Lunch
- Ticket for Show
- Driver's Tip

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

FINAL DAY FOR SIGN UP AND PAYMENT IS JUNE 15TH OR WHEN SOLD OUT!

Famous People Players - Cost \$153 Wednesday September 16th

This Electrifying musical experience will dazzle and inspire you - it is something you can only see in the dark! Our soccer ball will bounce right into your heart and leave you truly Star Struck - Go Games Go!

Included:

- Return transportation by motor coach
- Delicious lunch in dining room
- Performance at the World renowned Black Light Theatre
- Dessert is served in the dining room at intermission
- Driver's Tip

for more info contact Shirlie at: **905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com**

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Interest Groups



Book Club - Sip and Chat

Reading now: Spare by Prince Harry

Enjoy a 'royal' cuppa and chat about this book.

Next meeting will be Monday Aug 10th

Books available for pick up at the July 2nd meeting or afterwards.

For more details please contact Kathy at kathylennox@rogers.com

Bowling + Happy Hour



This month bowling will be **Monday, July 20th at 1 pm.**
AJAX BOWLING CENTRE - 172 Harwood Ave. S. Lower floor

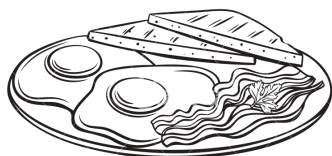
Please contact: [Kevin keportener@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.keportener@gmail.com) call or text
905.626.6303

\$10 for two games plus \$2 for shoes. Non-bowlers are welcome to join us.

Happy Hour

After bowling, at **2:30 pm**, we go to the **MACKENZIE PUB**
250 Bayly St. Unit 1, Ajax

Breakfast Club



The fourth Tuesday of the Month

The next outing will be **Tuesday July 28th at 9:00 am**

South Lake Grill, 955 Westney Rd. Ajax

Please contact Lynne: 912lynnne@gmail.com **905.839.8147**

Bridge



2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. 2-4 pm,

at Chartwell Pickering City Centre Retirement Residence,
1801 Valley Farm Rd on the lower level.

Bridge for Intermediate to advanced players. \$2 to play.

Must register in advance with Jacqueline, mjmollaret@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Coffee and Conversation



Next get-together is **Tuesday July 14th, 10-noon.**

Please Contact April, april-ann@hotmail.com

This is for anyone who has joined our club in the last 6 months.
It is a great way to meet new people and learn more about how to enjoy
PROBUS.

Coffee Time

Tuesday July 21st at 10 am

At Azul Restaurant,

First Pickering Place 1550 Kingston Road, Pickering



This is a new place just waiting for us to explore!

For information, contact Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com or
905.839.8147

Cribbage



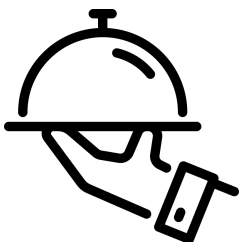
Every Tuesday 2:00 - 4:00 PM

at The Pickering Village Senior Centre

Contact Wendy: wendysmith1@live.com

The Pickering Village Senior Centre is at
29 Linton Avenue, one block north of Kingston Road, one block
west of Church Street

Dining Out



Third Thursday of the month

Next outing will be on Thursday,

July 16th at 5:30

Location TBA

The number of members attending is needed before
Carol can book a place.

RSVP Carol: cbreen840@gmail.com

Interest Groups

NEW! Electric Bike Touring

Wednesday July 8th at 9:30

We will meet at Rotary Park and ride east to Lynde Shore Conservation Area in Whitby

Come ride the local trails with e-Bikes or touring bikes. All riders are welcome

The July 8th trail is 8.8 m one way and takes approximately 30 minutes.

The next proposed ride will be from **Rotary Park** to Liverpool Rd, Waterfront trail and lunch at the chip truck, date TBD.

Contact Marion MMullen for more information, doggieslive@rogers.com



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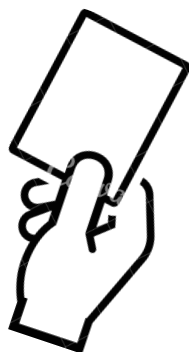
Second & Fourth Wednesdays of the month

Wednesday July 8 and July 22nd from 2-4 pm

at the Pickering Village Senior Center

Contact 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.



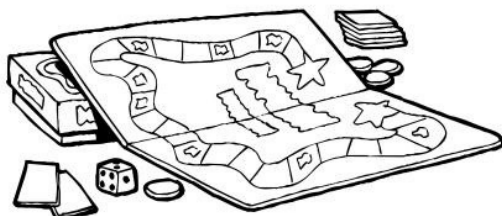
Games

First Monday of the month, **Monday July 6th from 2-4 pm**

at the Pickering Village Senior Centre, 29 Linton Avenue, Pickering.

Bring your favourite game or play one of ours.

Contact Jacqueline: mjmollaret@gmail.com



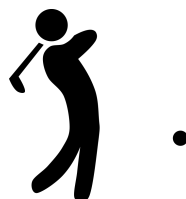
Garden Club

Nothing scheduled in July

Golf

Golf is Back!

Email marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca to join



Interest Groups

GOMEO" Lunch Group"



"Great Old Men Eating Out"

Second Monday of the month at noon.
This month it will be **Monday July 13th**
at the MacKenzie Pub
250 Bayly St. West, Unit 1, Ajax
Please let Kevin know if you are attending
keportener@gmail.com 905.626.6303

Happy Hour



Next get-together: **July 20th at 2:30.**
Please let Kevin know if you are attending **keportener@gmail.com**
905.626.6303
We join the Bowling group at **MACKENZIE PUB**
250 Bayly St. West Ajax

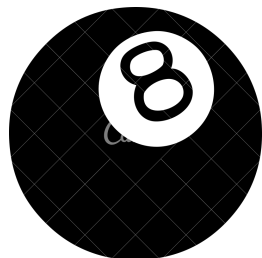
Mahjong



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 **July 3rd and July 24th.**
We are playing a simpler Chinese version of the game. New
players are welcome even if you've never played before.
Contact Julie for more information
jmathewson@rogers.com

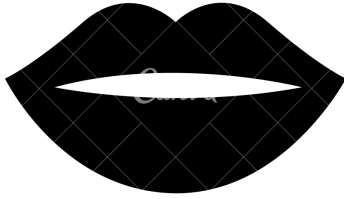
Pool



Second and fourth Friday at **Petrina Billiards, 21 Harwood Ave. S**
July 10 and July 24th. Everyone is welcome, no experience required.
Probus members pay \$6.00 to Petrina's. Please remember to wear
your Probus name tag.
Contact Don Voorhees, **holdus1399@gmail.com or 905-427-7446**

Interest Groups

"RODEO" Lunch Group



"Retired Old Dames Eating Out"
the Second Monday of the month at noon
Next get-together is **Monday July 13th** at
Mandarin
1725 Kingston Road, Pickering
Please let Anne know if you are attending
mandareed02@gmail.com

Walking Group 1



EVERY THURSDAY - AM 9:30 am
For more information, please contact:
Ron mitchellmis@rogers.com or **Maureen McVarish maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca**
Join us and discover many walking trails in Ajax and surrounding areas.

Walking Group 2

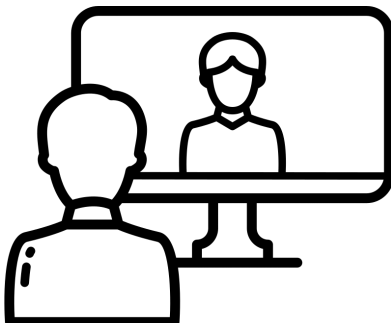


EVERY MONDAY - 9:30 AM
We meet at the **parking lot at Rotary Park on Lake Driveway**
177 Lake Driveway West, Ajax
Please contact: Julie - **jmathewson@rogers.com**

This group is for those members who prefer a shorter walk at a 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!

Member's Corner



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

Contact Julie: jmathewson@rogers.com
or drop a note in the suggestion box at the next meeting.

For activities at the Pickering Village Seniors Centre and St. Andrew's Friendship Club (Cribbage, Euchre, Mahjong and Games). We are 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.

Random Acts of Kindness

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

Please contact Jane at [jw003.@sympatico.ca](mailto:jw003@sympatico.ca) or 905-619-6674

WELCOME TO JUNE 2026 NEW MEMBERS!

Tina Anderson
Mike Cassidy
Alicia Davis

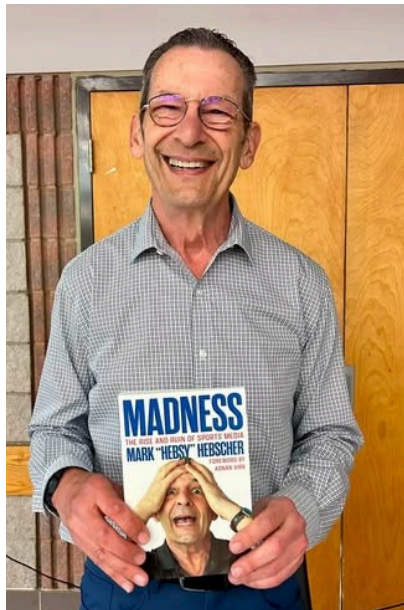
Linda Debets
Kumar Thusyanth
Lorrie Vitek



JUNE
MEETING

Members Corner

Guest Speaker Mark Hebscher



June meeting volunteers and members



ROMEO LUNCH

