



# PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROBUS Club of Ajax, Club #82 Ajax, Ontario

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The PROBUS Club of Ajax will be resuming some in-person activities as Health and Provincial guidelines change. The March 2 meeting will be on Zoom but we hope to have a hybrid meeting on April 6 (in person and on Zoom). Check the Newsletter and Website for any changes.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just five weeks until Spring is officially here. Hopefully Mother Nature will be thinking along the same lines. It does give us something to look forward to. As Covid restrictions are lifting our Club will resume some in-person activities. The Management Committee is planning on a hybrid meeting on April 6 (in-person and on Zoom). This will be our first attempt at this kind of meeting so please be patient. It may take a couple of meetings to get the kinks out. Even though the Province of Ontario will be lifting some proof of vaccination restrictions on March 1, the Management Committee feel that it is best for our members to still require proof of vaccination for our activities, which means you will have to bring your vaccination information when attending any activity.



We are looking for volunteers for our Management Committee. The Vice-President, Interest Group Co-ordinator and one Member-at-large positions are vacant. If you are interested in joining the Management Committee you may want to take the member-at-large position to get familiar with how the committee functions.

Our Zoom information is the same for all activities. Online, the meeting ID is 768 724 6025 and the passcode is probus. The local telephone numbers are 647-374-4685 and 647-558-0588. After being greeted by the operator enter the meeting ID: 768 724 6025#. It will ask for your participant code, just press the pound symbol: #. Then enter the meeting passcode followed by the pound symbol: 611220#.

Stay safe.

*Jane Wilson*

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**COVID-19 PROTOCOL**  
**PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX**

The PROBUS Club of Ajax is a private social club for seniors. Given the ages of our members, it is imperative that safety be our highest priority. Our Club must manage the risk of COVID-19, as we re-introduce in-person meetings and activities. With this in mind, the Management Committee formulated the following Protocol:

**For the foreseeable future, all in-person gatherings of the PROBUS Club of Ajax, will require all participants to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. In addition, a minimum of two weeks must have passed since the second shot was administered. These vaccination requirements include, but are not limited to, our monthly membership meetings, interest group activities, and social events.**

This is how it will work:

- a) When you are vaccinated for COVID-19, you receive a Ministry of Health Vaccination Receipt for each shot. When you attend your first in-person membership meeting, bring the Receipt for your second vaccine shot with you. Your name and the date of your second shot will be recorded, when you enter the meeting room. Admittance to the room will not be allowed if your Vaccination Receipt is not provided. The Social Co-ordinator, Interest Group Co-ordinator and House Co-ordinator for membership meetings, will have access to a list of fully vaccinated Club members, and use this list when approving attendance at their respective activities. Please note, when the Ontario Government Vaccine Certificate is introduced, it will replace the Vaccination Receipt, as proof of full vaccination against Covid-19.
- b) This COVID-19 Protocol will be implemented at our Club's first in-person membership meeting. If there are any interest group activities or social events sanctioned by the PROBUS Club of Ajax, which occur prior to the first in-person membership meeting, then you must provide proof of vaccination at that time in order to participate in same.
- c) If you decide not to be vaccinated for COVID-19, you may attend any virtual events offered by the PROBUS Club of Ajax. This includes our Hybrid membership meetings, and Interest Groups provided on Zoom and Trickster. If you are not vaccinated, do not attend any in-person meetings, interest group activities or social outings etc. held by the PROBUS Club of Ajax.
- d) All COVID-19 Province of Ontario Regulations and Public Health Guidelines in effect at the time of the PROBUS Club of Ajax in-person gathering will prevail, including group size, physical distancing, mask requirements etc.

As stated above, member safety is of paramount importance within our Club. If you have any questions, please email them to [ajaxprobuspresident@gmail.com](mailto:ajaxprobuspresident@gmail.com)

I'm sure we're all looking forward to the opportunity of meeting again in-person. What a joy it will be to socialize with friends we haven't seen for many months.

Take care and stay safe.

Management Committee  
PROBUS Club of Ajax  
September 24, 2021

## A FEW WORDS OF PRAISE



At the beginning of this pandemic when our club activities came to a screeching halt, some of our members stepped up and sent contributions to the newsletter. They've continued to do so month after month. I'd like to thank them for their terrific articles, I'm sure It hasn't been easy coming up with ideas all this time.

Thank you also to the club members who have sent submissions for the Members Corner and recipes for the RODEO section, as well as the Interest Group Coordinators and Leaders who have kept up their sections of the newsletter. A special thanks to the Management Team past and present for their contributions during the entire time and to the Technical Coordinator who organizes the Zoom meetings and chat rooms.

The previous President of the club had to come up with ideas to keep things going under unheard of constraints, as well as serving for two years. Now we have a new President, who along with the Management Team is making some tough decisions on opening things up again.

Everyone involved deserves a pat on the back, so instead of waiting until we resume our normal activities, I thought there's no time like the present.

*Barb*

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## MEMBERSHIP

If anyone would like a copy of the membership list, please call or email me and I will provide. Also, if you have moved or changed any of your contact information please let me know so we can keep our records up-to-date.

***Tom Rosebush, Membership Coordinator***

**437 981-6719 or [tom.rosebush@gmail.com](mailto:tom.rosebush@gmail.com).**



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## MEMBERS CORNER

We have decided that even after we return to normal activities, that we would like to continue with the Members Corner. It's a great way for us to get to know our fellow Ajax PROBUS members. Keep those articles coming. If they're not used immediately, they will be filed for future newsletters.

Thanks to everyone who have sent contributions so far. We've really enjoyed reading them.

## PROBUS SPEAKERS



### March 2-Mitch Daniels-Autism Awareness

#### **Speaker Introduction:**

“Probodies Nerfect.” Mitchell Daniels has lived with this saying for most of his life. Born with Hydrocephalus and diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum, Mitchell is a local musician, museum professional, and autism advocate. In recognition of the upcoming, “Autism Awareness Month” Mitch will introduce an overview of autism from a personal perspective, and the physiological and social aspects of autism

#### **Speaker Bio:**

Mitchell Daniels has performed musically since age six, inspiring others to achieve their dreams. As a vocalist specializing in Broadway, jazz and opera, he performs at galas, government and sporting events and received the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Accessible Community Volunteer Award from the Town of Ajax and the Lieutenant Governors Volunteer Award. Mitch has been featured on, “Daytime Durham,” “Employable Me”, “Friday” and alongside his autism service dog Simba in a documentary, “Hold Me Steady: A Story of Autism Service Dogs.” Mitch recently graduated from Durham College Music Business Management program and Centennial College Museum and Cultural Management Program, receiving the Peter Dickinson Award.



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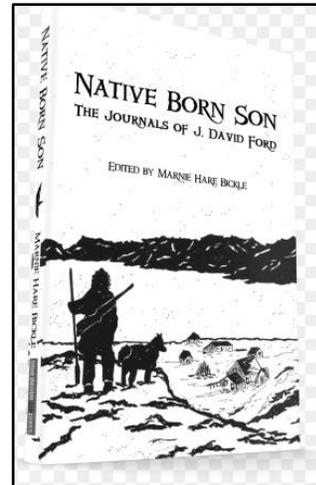
**April 6-Marnie Bickle**

**Speaker Introduction:**

Author/editor of a book, "Native Born Son" which is available from Amazon. "Native Born Son" is J. David Ford's first-hand telling of his suspenseful exploits while growing up in the eastern Arctic during the 1920's and 1930's. He was born into a multi-generational line of traders, trappers and Hudson's Bay Company employees who, since the late 1700's, lived alongside and sometimes intermarried with indigenous people. This social history depicts life at the end of an era-before radio communication, snowmobiles or power boats - a nomadic life on the verge of extinction. An account of early colonialism in the Arctic, working for Hudson's Bay, and how their son grew and became integrated into the Arctic life.

**Speaker Bio:**

Marnie Bickle worked most of her career in music academia and lives in Port Hope with her husband and two cats. Marnie found journals in her attic, and now, 100 years after the eight-year-old David Ford first set foot on Coats Island at the top of the Hudson Bay, those journals have been given new life in her edited book, "Native Born Son." Always a writer at heart, she also combined her interest in music and history to write, "Opera and the University of Toronto 1972-1996" and other articles to promote and showcase classical musicians. She looks forward to finding new stories that need to be told.



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**Operating interest groups are Chat Rooms (Zoom), Euchre (Trickster) and Bridge (Trickster)**

**AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS**

RODEO (Ladies Lunch)	Dawn Thornton	Dining Out	Carol Breen
Bridge	Harvey Brodhecker	Cribbage	Reg Lawrance
Golf	Marcia Everitt Durham West	Breakfast Club	Julie Mathewson
Euchre/Scrabble	Julie Mathewson	Book Club	Bernie Rosebush
Billiards	Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS	Movie Club	
Walking Club	Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish		

**In-Person Activity Guideline**

As we begin to resume in-person activities, we would like to remind our members that there is always a possible risk involved when socializing. Your personal decision to participate in any PROBUS in-person activity should be made knowing you are taking full responsibility for that decision. The PROBUS Club of Ajax cannot be deemed responsible for the decision of individual members. Your own personal health and safety should be your first concern. For everyone's safety, participating in a PROBUS Club of Ajax in-person activity will require you to be fully vaccinated and follow all Health Department and Provincial guidelines.

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**SOCIAL**

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Niagara Falls Tour – Cost \$131

Included:

- Niagara College for Wine Tasting
- Skylon Tower for lunch (contact Shirly for lunch choice)
- Butterfly Conservatory
- Driver's Tip
- 407 fees (both ways)

Depart Pickering Rec Centre at 9:00 am and Return 5:30 – 6:00 pm



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**May**

3- Day - Ottawa Tulip Festival  
Stay tuned for more details!

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**June**

The Royal Botanical Gardens and see the Peonies in Bloom!

Stay tuned for more details!



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**July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Newfoundland – please contact Shirlie for all the details. Amazing Tour!  
Every Canadian should visit Newfoundland at least once.

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**August –**

If all goes well, we will be having a BBQ this year!  
**YEAH!**



Please contact Shirlie at [shirlievanputten@rogers.com](mailto:shirlievanputten@rogers.com) or 905-619-8583  
For more information!

## PROBUS BRIDGE



Unfortunately, I have decided to cancel Marathon bridge until the fall of 2022. It is my opinion that the uncertainty with the virus makes this the prudent decision. Sorry for any disappointment that this has caused you.

### LOOKING FOR INDOOR ACTIVITIES - JOIN US AND PLAY BRIDGE WITH TRICKSTER

During the past months we have been playing Bridge on Trickster. We have had a lot of fun. It will be more fun if you join us! The days will be Tuesday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 15 starting at 2:00 pm (The first and third Tuesdays of the month). If you are NOT a present participant please contact Harvey either by email ([hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca](mailto:hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca)) or phone (416-894-5778). He will forward to you information on Trickster and playing bridge on Trickster. We will play with partners. If you have a current partner please let me know. If you need a partner, let Harvey know and he will attempt to get you a partner. As with Marathon Bridge, these Trickster games are for fun and socialization.

*Harvey Brodhecker*

### BRIDGING THE GAP BRIDGE

For the past three newsletters I have been covering a series on Modern Walsh-style Bidding. This approach occurs when partner opens 1 club and you have a two suit hand (a 5 card diamond suit and a 4 card major suit). In the first column, I covered responding with a minimum hand where you jump over the 5 card diamond suit and bid your 4 card major. In the second column, I covered responding with a strong hand where you bid your diamond suit and subsequently bid your 4 card major. In the third column, I covered responding with an invitational hand where you use your discretion. In this column, I will cover opener's rebid after they open 1 club and responder bids 1 diamond.

After opener bids 1 club and responder bids 1 diamond, it is important for opener to show whether they have a balanced or unbalanced hand. With a balanced hand (no singletons or voids), bid No trump even if you have a 4 card major. The reason is that if responder has a 4 card major they will rebid it on their second bid.

(Spades) AJ8 3 (Hearts) K4 (Diamonds) QJ9 (Clubs) K983 – Rebid 1 NT

Do not bid spades. If responder has a strong or a good invitational hand and 4 spades, they will bid it over 1 NT. If you bid spades, and responder has a weak hand with no 4 card major they will have to bid 1 NT. This will put the strong hand as dummy. Where if you as opener's rebid, bid 1 NT, the weak hand becomes dummy.

This concludes our columns on Modern Walsh-style Bidding.

*Harvey Brodhecker*

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## BREAKFAST CLUB

## EUCHRE & SCRABBLE (Julie)



### Breakfast Club

#### Breakfast Around the World

What's your go-to breakfast? Here's what is typically eaten around the world for the first meal of the day.

- A typical **French** breakfast consists of baguette slices served with jam or butter.
- **Italian** breakfast mostly consists of coffee and pastries like cornettoes filled with custard or other spreads.
- For a traditional **German** breakfast, the main star is *Brötchen* or German bread rolls, served with a variety of stuffing or spreads from sweet marmalade and jam to savory hams and sausages.
- A **Korean** breakfast includes rice, soup, meat, and an assortment of pickled vegetables or kimchi.
- **Dutch** breakfast commonly includes toast with candied sprinkles. However, it's important to note that most of these sprinkles only contain cocoa and cocoa butter – with little to no sugar.
- In **Switzerland**, people usually prefer quick, filling breakfasts like *birchermüesli*, or a mix of oats, fruit, and nuts served with thick yogurt.
- A typical **Australian** breakfast incorporates Vegemite. Aussies love this spread so much that they'd even make Vegemite lattes and Vegemite ice cream.
- Traditional **Mexican** breakfasts include tortillas, cheese and beans. Most of the time, these dishes make for a heavy, spicy breakfast.
- Typically, an **English** breakfast features a hefty meal of beans, sausages, eggs, bacon, hash browns, mushrooms, and toast. More traditionally, English breakfast also includes black pudding.
- **Canada** takes credit for a hefty meal of eggs, fried pork, and flapjacks. Originally intended for men who do heavy labor, you can guess why it's named the lumberjack.

Find out about other favourite breakfasts on <https://facts.net/breakfast-around-the-world/>

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### Euchre

Join us for euchre on Trickstercards.com. Our games this month will be on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 2:00 pm. Since tables have to be assigned in advance, let Julie know by noon the day before if you plan to play, [imathewson@rogers.com](mailto:imathewson@rogers.com). You will need to have the free Trickstercards app downloaded to your computer or tablet.



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## Scrabble

# COVID-19 Word Scramble

1. KSIC	12. EAIDSES
2. HDNA	13. SOTSYMPM
3. ASHW	14. GIGCNOHU
4. AMKS	15. NLTSOIAIO
5. ESTT	16. MCIPADNE
6. SIURV	17. LEAACHETRH
7. REFEV	18. VPIRENONTE
8. RDEASP	19. EARAQUTNIN
9. EYSTAF	20. CNANOVTCAL
10. TEOTCPR	21. RYRPESOTAIR
11. IGYHEEN	22. EUSPACTINIRO

(Answers on Page 16)

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As of March 1, 2022 the Province of Ontario no longer requires restaurants to have customers show proof of vaccination. The PROBUS Club of Ajax is still requiring members to show their proof of vaccination when attending all activities.

### DINING OUT CLUB

Well I think we should try this again. Hopefully this time we will be able to get together.



Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 24th at 6 pm. If you are planning on coming, send me a short email or call me and when all the arrangements have been made, I will let you know where we are going.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Carol Breen 905-839-7762 [cbreen840@bell.net](mailto:cbreen840@bell.net)

## PROBUS RODEO GROUP



Dawn Thornton [dthorn000@gmail.com](mailto:dthorn000@gmail.com) 289-989-0641

Hello Ladies,

Let's try again to get our monthly luncheons operating. By the time we meet mandated vaccinations for dining will be lifted. This may affect how some of us feel about dining out.

Please bring your vax documents as all Probus members must be vaccinated. As the organizer I think I am expected to check.

I selected the Symposium (Rossland and Salem) because it is spacious and airy. After our initial lunch, sites will be chosen by members.

Please notify me if you are joining us as I will need to make a reservation and prepare a vax check list.

Reservation will be under my name: Dawn Thornton (Probus Lunch Group)

Place Symposium (Rossland and Salem)

Date Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Time 12:00 Noon

Please be prompt. It is much easier for staff if we don't have stragglers.

I am so looking forward to seeing you again or meeting others of you for the first time. It's hard to believe so much time has passed.

Take care, Dawn

### **Here is a recipe from one of the ladies**

#### **Broccoli Salad**

3 c. broccoli florets (cut them up so they're fairly small)  
½ c. finely chopped onion (red onion looks nice but colour may bleed the next day)  
¼ c. pine nuts or slivered almonds  
½ c. crumbled feta cheese  
In salad bowl, combine broccoli, onion, nuts, raisins and cheese.

#### **Dressing**

½ c. low fat yogurt (or sour cream)  
¼ c. light mayonnaise  
2 tbsp. granulated sugar  
1 tbsp. lemon juice  
Salt & pepper

Combine yogurt **or** sour cream, mayonnaise, sugar and lemon juice.

Pour over salad and toss to mix. Season with salt & pepper. Cover and refrigerate two hours to two days.

*Judy Robins*



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## PROBUS BOOK CLUB



The Book Club **usually** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at St. Paul's United Church, 65 King's Crescent, at 1:30 p.m.

During Covid19, of course, we are **not** meeting!!!

However, when normalcy returns we shall continue our very interesting discussions on chosen book titles.

Interested in reading, discussion, fun and fellowship, we welcome you to join our group. In the meantime, book suggestions you may wish to enjoy:

### **Book Suggestions:**

**Born With Teeth (★★★★+)** by – Kate Mulgrew; published January 12, 2016.

Genre: a Memoir. By turns irreverent and soulful, laugh-out-loud funny and heart-piercingly sad. This is the breathtaking memoir of a woman who dares to live life to the fullest, on her own terms.

**The Invisible Thread (★★★★ +)** by – Laura Schroff/Alex Tresniowski;

published November, 2011. The True Story of an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive, and unlikely meeting with destiny.

### **The Extra Tid-Bit:**

#### **The Positive Side of Life**

\*Living on earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every day.

\*How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

\*Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

\*Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

\*Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

\*Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

\*If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?

\*You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

\*Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

\*Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

\*We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names and all are different colours...but they all exist very nicely in the same box.

\*A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

**Have an awesome day!**

**Know that someone who thinks you're great has thought about you today!**

*Bernie Rosebush - 905-426-1598 or [bernie.rosebush@gmail.com](mailto:bernie.rosebush@gmail.com)*

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## Rambles with my Camera – Haliburton Wolf Centre

*(Maureen McVarish)*

On February 10 of this year I visited the Haliburton Wolf Centre with 2 of my photo buddies. We went to observe and to take photos of this wild unsocialized pack of western Timberwolves roaming freely in a more than 7-acre forested enclosure. The large indoor facility consists of an interpretive centre, a theatre, 2 observation areas and knowledgeable staff to answer questions about all aspects of the wolves and their care.

Of course, the highlight of our trip was the observation areas where we had an upfront view of the 6 wolves in the pack, 3 males and 3 females. The wolves are viewed entirely from the inside through one-way glass. The day-to-day life of the pack is made as natural as possible with very little human interaction. They are fed mostly beaver, deer and moose on a random feeding schedule about every five days from donations by hunters and trappers as well as roadkill.

We were very lucky during our visit; all 6 wolves spent most the time in sight and were relatively active so we managed to achieve some pretty natural shots of the wolves, both individually and interacting with each other. A great visit!





## THE BOOKWORM



China-Canada relations remain frosty but for over two weeks our eyes were on Beijing as China hosted the 2022 Winter Olympics. For over 15 years I spent every summer volunteer teaching in Jiangsu Province, living for a year in Nanjing, travelling extensively across the country, including the Olympic village in Beijing. I even spent 35 hours on a 'hard seat train' with migrant workers from Shanghai to Kunming at a cost of \$26 CN. My Chinese students were polite, reserved, and obedient ("I'm sorry I'm late Miss. May I come in?") Seared in my heart is a class discussion when a grade 10 female student lowered her head and said, "The government is not the people."

I've read a wide variety of literature in an effort to understand the dynasties and politics of China but have barely touched the surface. These are three of my favorites.

I loved, "Under the Hawthorne Tree" by Ai Mi (2007). Written as a novel, it's based on real-life journals with the author using a pseudonym fearing Chinese reprisal. She now lives in Florida. At its core it is a love story of a couple on opposite sides of the 1970's Cultural Revolution. High school student Jingqui is an urban girl sent to the countryside to be "re-educated" under the dictates of Chairman Mao. Her father is a political prisoner and her mother a teacher. She meets Jianxin, called, "Old Third" who is the son of a high-ranking military officer. Despite their different social backgrounds and a political atmosphere forbidding their relationship, they fall in love. I heard many stories of grandparents living through similar experiences while I was in China.

"Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See (2005) is a novel about friendship. Set in 19<sup>th</sup> century China, eighty-year-old Lily was born in 1824 and it is now 1903. During her lifetime Lily lives through the reign of four emperors and is destined to become a *laotong* pair, or sisterly friend with Snow Flower. Through their strong bond the two girls experience the painful process of foot-binding, learn the important art of embroidery, write secret letters to one another, and pray for the birth of healthy sons. The woman with the smallest 'lotus' feet will marry into the most powerful family. Author Lisa See, a Chinese-American, was influenced by her youth in Los Angeles Chinatown.

"Big in China: My Unlikely Adventure Raising a Family, Playing the Blues and Reinventing Myself in Beijing" by Alan Paul (2011) captures what it's really like to be an ex-pat in China. As with all things Chinese, entertainment is controlled and subsidized by the government. English tv typically features reruns of Mr. Bean and old Simon and Garfunkel concerts. Alan Paul's hilarious memoir starts when his wife is named the Wall Street Journal China Bureau Chief and he goes along as 'the husband.' Giving up their comfortable lives in New Jersey, they spend four years in Beijing during the lead to the summer Olympics. Instead of isolating himself, Alan befriends a guitarist and forms the "Woodie Alan" blues band, learns Mandarin, tours the country, and even gets voted, "Beijing Band of the Year." Importantly, he also writes about the reverse 'culture shock' on their return to America.

While living in Nanjing, I found my way to different Chinese operas every weekend, often the only foreigner in the audience. Without surtitles, I absorbed the music, costumes, and stories by osmosis. Now, when I hear the tonal Mandarin language and strains of the classical, "Peony Pavilion," my China memories come flooding back. The warmth of the children's voices during the closing ceremonies of the Beijing winter Olympics brought a tear and a reminder that the message of understanding and inclusion is an important one.

*Victoria Plaskett*

CARL'S CORNER



**Carl Mabee**  
**President (2013-2014)**

Continuing from Oct. article: After the course on Thursday Murph and I drove around town looking at some of the architecture and noticed that most of the style of the older buildings (not surprising) were Spanish as were the names of the streets. We saw Kalesas, horse driven carriages being used. These have been in use as a mode of transportation since Spanish colonial days. Like I said with Jeepney's, Carriage's, Buses, and Private Cars traffic is chaotic! Terrence and I have been invited to a farewell dinner party Friday evening at the family compound somewhere out in the suburbs. And it's semiformal and so I have to buy a Barong dress shirt, it's made of raw silk and has a Pina weave pattern. I will make sure this one does not disappear with the laundry! Well Friday has arrived, and we crammed all we could into my last day. I left the new managers with as much information as I could and suggested that should they have questions or problems that require answers or solutions not readily available here to get the general manager to phone or write and I will give any assistance I can. Hugs and handshakes all around I left to get showered and changed for the dinner party!

Not unlike Cinderella the long black car was waiting at the front of the hotel. A liveried driver opened the door and ushered me into the back seat of this ultra-secured bulletproof car. However, that's where the similarities ended because it was not Prince Charming sitting beside me, just Murphy! Looking bedazzling in his Barong and black pants he would knock the ladies off their feet if we were going to a ball. Unfortunately for him we were going to a dinner, and I believe that other than the hostess and the serving girls, the dinner will be an all-male function. On our way to the compound, we grilled the driver about security and were informed that the compound had armed guards on the walls and that inside there was a few homes to house the extended family. As we pulled up the large gates opened to allow us entry and we were dropped off at the door and told to go on in. It felt kind of awkward to just open the door and walk in, but we did and were met with a big smile from our host. I had met most of the people present except our hostess **Bolen** and perhaps one or two other members of the firm. The house was a sweeping affair, and one could clearly feel the influence of money and lots of it. Bolen's family control the Copra market and is the agent in this country for Shell Oil. David Gestetner's wife's family are Shell Oil so perhaps that was the connection? In any event Bolen is a charming hostess and made us feel very welcome. More on my trip in the coming months.



## **COMMUNITY CARE DURHAM**

Community Care Durham is recruiting members for their Volunteer Board of Directors. CDC is a multi-service registered charity organization, providing a broad range of community support services for adults and their caregivers who have needs related to aging, physical and/or mental health throughout Durham Region. Skills/Qualifications: Governance, Risk & Compliance, Information Technology/ Digital Skills, Member & Stakeholder Engagement, Financial Performance, Social Responsibility. Interested candidates, please forward resumes to: [rkeys@communitycaredurham.on.ca](mailto:rkeys@communitycaredurham.on.ca). If you have questions regarding the position, call Marcy Marcuk, week days between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, at 905-718-0716.

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **“WHAT’S ON FOR MARCH, 2022**

The link for What’s On is: [www.ajaxlibrary.ca](http://www.ajaxlibrary.ca) and click on ‘Programs’

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### **Answers to Covid-19 Word Scramble from page 10**

1. SICK	12. DISEASE
2. HAND	13. SYMPTOMS
3. WASH	14. COUGHING
4. MASK	15. ISOLATION
5. TEST	16. PANDEMIC
6. VIRUS	17. HEALTHCARE
7. FEVER	18. PREVENTION
8. SPREAD	19. VACCINATION
9. SAFETY	20. QUARANTINE
10. PROTECT	21. RESPIRATORY
11. HYGIENE	22. PRECAUTIONS

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If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

## AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, MARCH, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>  2 pm <b>Bridge,</b> Trickster	<b>2</b>  10 am <b>PROBUS</b> <b>General Meeting</b> – Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  11 am Zoom <b>Chat</b>	<b>8</b>  2 pm <b>Euchre,</b> Trickster	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  2 pm Zoom <b>Chat</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>   Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>14</b>  11 am Zoom <b>Chat</b>	<b>15</b>  2 pm <b>Bridge,</b> Trickster	<b>16</b>  12 pm <b>RODEO</b> Lunch	<b>17</b>  	<b>18</b>  2 pm Zoom <b>Chat</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>   HAPPY FIRST DAY OF SPRING!	<b>21</b>  11 am Zoom <b>Chat</b>	<b>22</b>  2 pm <b>Euchre,</b> Trickster	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  6 pm <b>Dining Out</b>	<b>25</b>  2 pm Zoom <b>Chat</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  11 am Zoom <b>Chat</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web

It's weird being the same age as old people.

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<b>March 13<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	<b>March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patricks Day</b>	<b>March 20<sup>th</sup> First Day of Spring</b>

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