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Presidents Message...

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Summer is finally upon us, and it's the perfect time to embrace the great outdoors! From outdoor concerts and delightful picnics to refreshing swims and serene walks in the woods, the season is brimming with opportunities for fun and relaxation.

The Town of Ajax has a number of activities on July 1st celebrating Canada Day from 2-10 at Ajax Downs with a special fireworks finale at 10 pm. Shuttle buses are available.

Our Club has an exciting lineup of events, including a Golf Tournament at Spring Creek, Dancing at the Edge, or Pool, Karaoke, and a Potluck extravaganza in Dianne's backyard.

We're still riding high from the success of last month's Open House, where we welcomed 14 new members into our fold. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many saying they felt the warmth and friendliness of our Club. You have all made this such a welcoming community!

We appreciate all our volunteers and express a special thank you to Kathy Lennox who will step up and perform dual roles as Speaker Chair and Vice President. It is volunteers that keep us strong. Let's make this summer unforgettable together!

April Gilkinson

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



Your Name

PROBUS Club of Ajax

JULY 2025 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 9 HOLE GOLF 10 CRIBBAGE 2-4	2 MONTHLY MEETING 10:00 AM	3 WALKING GRP 1 AT 10 SOCIAL BRIDGE 2	4 FUN GOLF @ 9 ZOOM CHAT 1 MAHJONG 2-4
6	7 WALKING GRP 2 AT 9:30 (new)	8 C AND C @10 9 HOLE GOLF 10 CRIBBAGE 2-4	9 GARDEN CLUB 9:45 A.M. EUCHRE 2-4	10 WALKING GRP 1 AT 9:30 (new) SOCIAL BRIDGE 2	11 POOL 11 ZOOM CHAT 1
13	14 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 GOMEO NOON BACKYARD PARTY @ NOON	15 BACKYARD NOON (RAIN DATE) CRIBBAGE 2-4	16	17 WALKING GRP 1 AT 9:30 (new) SOCIAL BRIDGE 2	18 ZOOM CHAT 1 MAHJONG 2-4
20	21 WALKING GRP 2 AT 9:30 (new) HAPPY HOUR 2:30	22 9 HOLE GOLF 10 CRIBBAGE 2-4	23 IMPROV 1:30 EUCHRE 2-4	24 WALKING GRP 1 AT 9:30 (new)	25 POOL 11 ZOOM CHAT 1
27	28 WALKING GRP 2 AT 9:30 (new)	29 BREAKFAST CLUB 9 9 HOLE GOLF 10 CRIBBAGE 2-4	30 COFFEE AND CONVERSATION 10 a.m. (Goldies Café)	31 WALKING GRP 1 AT 10 SOCIAL BRIDGE 2	



The PROBUS Club of Ajax for Members Only Facebook group now has 78 members! By joining, you will see what is going on at some of the interest group events. You can find us by searching for PROBUS Club of Ajax. You will need a Facebook account to participate. The post of the month is from pictures provided by Julie Mathewson.

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



Remember When ... for Baby Boomers

Guest Speaker: **Tim Westhead**

WEDNESDAY, July 2nd - 10:00 am

Tim is an award-winning Canadian educator, author, actor, and popular conference presenter. In his presentation, we will relive the 50s and 60s when life was just a little bit simpler. Enjoy a lively, nostalgic trip down memory lane with interactive games that will have you reminiscing and laughing.



Vintage Music at it's Best

Guest Speaker: **Vintage Soul**

WEDNESDAY, August 5th 2nd - 10:00 am

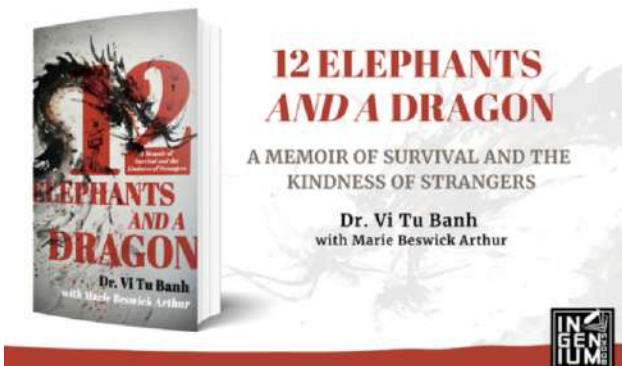
Vintage Soul is a live performance duo featuring the musical talents of Nick Reynolds and Cheryl Gow. Covering a wide selection of songs beginning early 1930's thru late 1970's with music from artists such as Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and Nat King Cole and also Elton John, The Monkees,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



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

Time - 10:30 - 2 p.m.

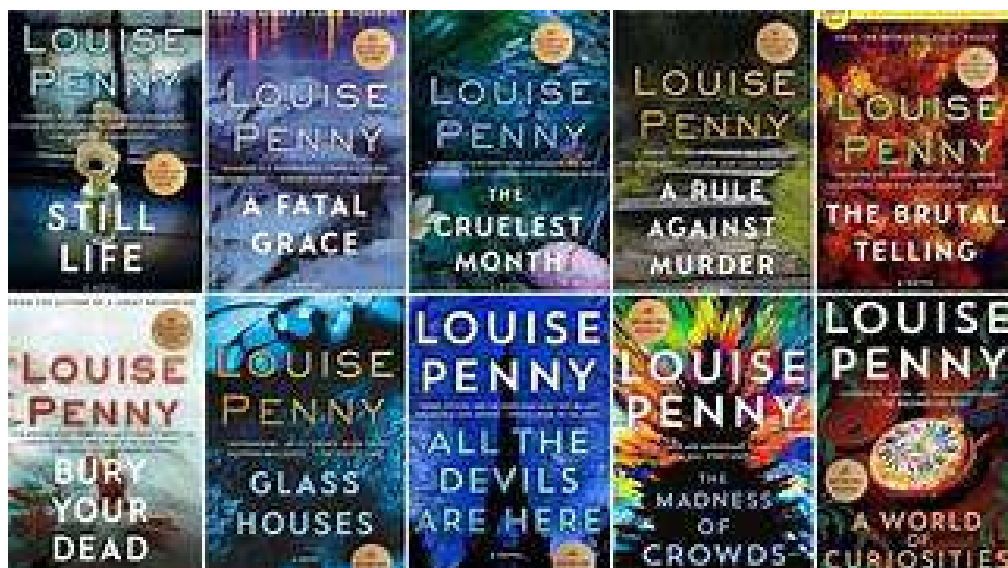
We will have live music featuring a variety of popular tunes.

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.



Work In Progress (Stay Tuned) :

September - Kingston Penn Tour

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**



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.



MUSIC IN PAT BAYLY SQUARE - SUMMER 2025

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.

Local Outings



Lakeridge Dixie Stompers



Cloud Nine Bar & Grill

Sunday July 6th 4-6 p.m.

at 368 Bayly St. W. Ajax

Jazz fans unite! Come and enjoy traditional jazz in a hot New Orleans style for your dancing and listening pleasure. FREE!

DANCING AT THE EDGE
FRIDAY, JULY 18
8:30 PM



Join us for a fun evening dancing to retro hits.

THE EDGE LOUNGE - FRIDAY,
Mackenzie Pub Plaza, 250 Bayly St. West
featuring THE SPITFIRE KINGS
[Watch them on YouTube](#)

Entrance fee at the door \$10-\$15

RSVP: April april-ann@hotmail.com

BACKYARD EXTRAVAGANZA

POOL PARTY, KARAOKE & POT-LUCK LUNCH

Join us for a fun afternoon at a member's home

Monday
July 14
Rain day
July 15
Noon-4pm



POOL, KARAOKE AND POT LUCK

Monday July 14 from 1 - 4

LUNCH will be pot luck - let us know what you will bring

Sing, swim, enjoy, what could be better

RSVP Diane: dsharp0322@rogers.com

Interest Groups



Bowling + Happy Hour

This month is **Monday July 21 @ 1PM**

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, July 29 at 9:00 am**

at the South Lake Grill, 955 Westney Rd., 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 with prizes.

Player's abilities range from beginner to experienced.

Contact Harvey, hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca

NOTE - there will be no lessons over the summer



Club FRANÇAIS

Club Francais will take a break during July and August



Coffee and Conversation for new Members

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY 10:00 - NOON

Next get-together: Tuesday, July 8th at 10:00 a.m.

RSVP: Marlene marzrae18@gmail.com

For new members who 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 (new)

Wednesday July 30th at 10 am at Goldies Cafe, 75 Bayly St W, Ajax

Why don't you come on out to Goldies 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



Dining Out

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY - 5:30 PM

Next get-together: Thursday, July 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Location TBA RSVP: Carol cbreen840@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: July 9th & 23 at Pickering 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

Wednesday July 9th, meet in the Ajax Community Centre parking lot at 9:45 as we will carpool. Guided garden tour of Parkwood Estate in Oshawa followed by lunch at the Tea House Restaurant outdoors around the fountains. Cost \$16.95 to be paid on arrival plus the cost of your lunch. We will visit the amazing Parkwood Gift Shop after lunch.

Confirmation must be made by Wednesday July 2nd.

If interested, contact Marlene at marzrae18@gmail.com



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 July 14th at noon at MacKenzie Pub and Restaurant

250 Bayly St. West Ajax



Happy Hour

EVERY 3RD MONDAY - 2:30 PM

Next get-together: Monday, July 21st 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

Next get-together: Wednesday, July 23rd

CHARTWELL RETIREMENT RESIDENCE (Theatre in lower level)

240 Old Harwood Ave., Ajax

RSVP: April april-ann@hotmail.com



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 July 4th and 18th.

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



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

This is not another book club. We discuss books that members have read and recommend as opposed to all of us reading the same book.



POOL **NEW

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

July dates are the 11th and 25th at 11:00.

Everyone is welcome, no experience required. Probud 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 Probud name tag.

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



"RODEO" Lunch Group

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

next get together Monday, July 14th at Mandarin Restaurant

1725 Kingston Rd. in Pickering

RSVP: Anne mandareed02@gmail.com



Walking Group 1

EVERY THURSDAY - 9:30 AM (new time)

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 (new time)

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 - 1:00 PM

To join the Zoom chat contact: **Stewart**

ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com

All members are welcome - Keeps us connected !

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.

If anyone else has an idea for a one-time activity or special interest group, please let us know. Contact Julie: jmathewson@rogers.com.

Volunteers Needed!



Join our Management Team

The PROBUS Club of Ajax is in need of volunteer to be our House Chair in September and our Speaker Chair in the new year. Both positions would work well as a shared role (also more fun).

If interested, please contact Jane Wilson at jw.003@sympatico.ca or 905-619-6674.

Membership fees will be due in August make sure you renew for only \$45. IT WILL BE FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN! - Payment may be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer through your bank to: probusajaxtreasurer@gmail.com.

Include your name and add in the notes that the payment is for membership fees.

Members Corner



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Linda Black

Lorraine Carrier

Susan Dunlop

Clyde Gopaul

Sharon Gopaul

Virginia McKay

Moira Potter

Delia Presteasa

Jim and Josie Beech **

Ann and Ed Eriksson **

Cathy Fleming **

Ann London **

Paula MacDonald **

Laura MacAloney **

Susan Stocks **

****Membership packages available at the Member's Table**



PHOTO GALLERY

FROM MEETINGS AND EVENTS

IN

JUNE





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