



PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to the members who contributed to this issue.

Please send articles and photos of our events by the 25th of the month to Hetty Shapiro.

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www.ajaxprobus.com

Canada PROBUS website:

www.probus.org

See what's on in the
Town of Ajax:

<http://www.ajaxlibrary.ca/>



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was wonderful to see so many people at our March meeting. Our April meeting will be an Open House as well as a celebration of our official 25th Anniversary (when we received our charter from PROBUS Canada). We will be using the full HMS Room. Our speaker is **Neil Crone**, actor, comedian, writer and motivational speaker. **Brenda Andrews**, our District Director, and President of PROBUS

Canada, will present our 25th Year Certificate. We will be serving light refreshments as well as a cake.

Jim Meek, our Vice-President, **April Gilkinson**, **Carl Mabee** and **Shirlie VanPutten** have worked hard to advertise our club and promote membership. I would like to thank **Hetty Shapiro** for the fabulous open house flyers and new brochure she created for our club. The Management has worked hard to organize this event. We thank the Ajax Partnership Fund for supporting our Open House with a grant.

I encourage members to bring a guest if possible. Please welcome people you see wearing a "Guest" name badge.

We have two new special interest groups. I would like to thank **Kevin Portener** for organizing a "men's only lunch". Eight members attended the first lunch at MacKenzie's Pub on Tuesday, March 21. Thank you to **Sylvia Clark** and **Jane Armstrong** for starting the new Garden Group. The group will be attending the Vandermeer Greenhouse tour on Sunday, April 2. I appreciate the effort of all members who volunteer for our special interest groups, running the meetings and the management team.

Jane Wilson



OUR TEAM



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President	Jane Wilson	ajaxprobuspresident@gmail.com
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Bridge	Harvey Brodhecker	hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca
Cribbage	Reg Lawrance	reglawrance@rogers.com
Dining Out	Carol Breen	cbreen840@bell.net
Euchre	Julie Mathewson	jmathewson@rogers.com
Garden	Jane Armstrong & Sylvania Clark	armstrongjane@rogers.com travelsylvia52@gmail.com
Golf	Marcia Everitt (Durham West)	marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca
Men's Lunch	Kevin Portener	kportener@gmail.com
RODEO (Ladies Lunch)	Dawn Thornton	dthorn000@gmail.com
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Zoom Chat Room	Stewart Beatty	ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com

APRIL CALENDAR

Wearing your name badges helps us recognize each other and makes photo identification a lot easier!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 2:00 pm GARDEN GROUP	3	4	5 9:30 am OPEN HOUSE 	6 10:00 am WALKING CLUB — 2:30 pm SOCIAL BRIDGE	7 <i>Good</i> FRIDAY	8
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16	17	18 12 noon MEN'S LUNCH	19	20 10:00 am WALKING CLUB — 2:30 pm SOCIAL BRIDGE — 7:00 pm OBSERVATORY	21 1:00 pm ZOOM CHAT	22
23	24	25 9:00 am BREAKFAST — 2:00 pm EUCHRE	26	27 NIAGARA 10:00 am WALKING CLUB — 2:30 pm BRIDGE LESSON — 5:30 pm DINING OUT	28 1:00 pm ZOOM CHAT	29
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PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX

INVITES THE SENIOR COMMUNITY
TO CELEBRATE OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY



PROUD WINNERS OF THE 2022 AJAX SENIORS SUPPORT AWARD

The Seniors Support Award is in recognition of “being a staple of the Town, and improving quality of life for seniors within our community.” Our Club provides many opportunities to socialize through various meetings, programs and events as well as day trips and tours. We also offer interest groups including bridge, euchre, restaurant outings, walking clubs and more.

FELLOWSHIP ♦ FRIENDSHIP ♦ FUN



Wednesday, April 5

OPEN HOUSE AND PROGRAM

Presentation of 25-year Anniversary Certificate
BRENDA ANDREWS, President of PROBUS Canada

Keynote speaker, **NEIL CRONE**
Actor, comedian, writer and motivational speaker
Topic: "I'm not a real person but I play one on TV"

DOORS OPEN 9:30 AM ♦ PROGRAM STARTS 10:00 AM SHARP
FREE ADMISSION ♦ REFRESHMENTS ♦ GUESTS WELCOME

AJAX COMMUNITY CENTRE
HMS AJAX ROOM
(entrance at south side
of building)



Thank you to the Ajax Partnership Fund
for generously sponsoring this event.

For more information
Contact: April Gilkinson
april-ann@hotmail.com
www.ajaxprobus.com

GENERAL MEETINGS continued

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

10:00 am

Ajax Community Centre

HMS Ajax Room

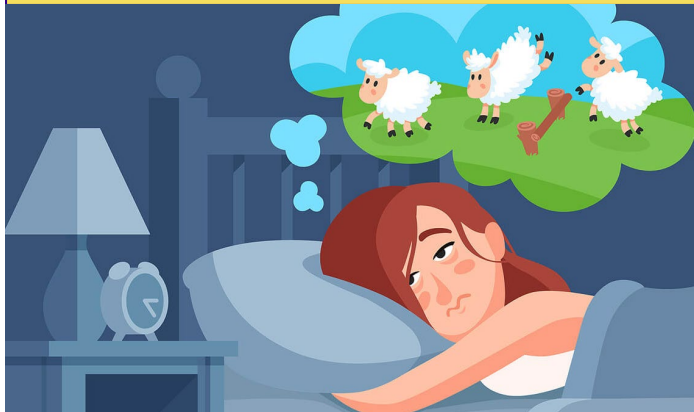
(entrance at south side of building)

Meeting fee: \$2

Optional "Share the Wealth" draw:

Tickets \$1 each or 3 for \$2

(exact change appreciated)



"COUNTING SHEEP"

with Guest Speaker: **Eve Smeltzer**

If you have difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep, this fascinating presentation is for you. **"Counting Sheep"** will be the topic of discussion by Eve Smeltzer. Her research shows how sleep differs across the animal kingdom and how choosing a good place to snooze can have an enormous impact on health.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT THE PORTLY PIPER PUB AFTER THE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

10:00 am

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

(exact change appreciated)

GUEST SPEAKER
JEREMY BERTRAND
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



Jeremy makes his topics fun and interesting. You've learned how you can benefit from income tax credits: now you have the opportunity to better understand Ontario's Estate Administration Tax. You will learn:

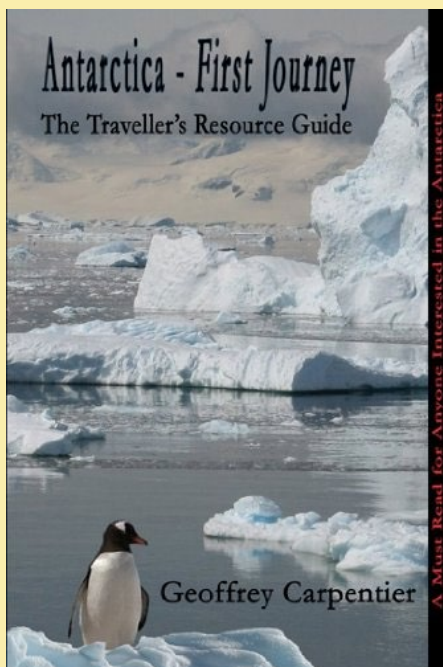
- ◆ whether Estate Administration Tax could be payable on the value of your estate;
- ◆ what assets to include and exclude in the value of the estate;
- ◆ how to calculate and pay the tax owed, and
- ◆ how to file an Estate Information Return.

Jeremy Bertrand is Senior Program Advisory Specialist at the Ministry of Finance: Advisory, Objections, Appeals & Services Branch - Public Education, Program Communication & Outreach Unit.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT THE PORTLY PIPER PUB AFTER THE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5
10:00 am
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
(exact change appreciated)



JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA with Guest Speaker: **Geoff Carpentier**

A published author, ecotour guide and environmental consultant, Geoff Carpentier will take us on an amazing journey through the SubAntarctic and Antarctic regions he knows so well.

Follow the paths of explorers; learn about the climate; the incredible science that takes place at the research stations, and enjoy the amazing antics of the wild creatures of Antarctica.

Geoff's latest book - "Antarctica - First Journey" is a complete traveller's guide to Antarctica. It includes information on planning the trip; packing; where you will go; what you will see; the history and sites to visit; ice and snow morphology; superstitions; mammals; plants, and birds.

Geoff has lived in Durham Region since the early 1990s. He has served as a member of the Durham, Ajax and Scugog Environmental Advisory Committees. He is also a former member of the Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water and is a current technical advisor to the Lake Scugog Stewards.

Geoff Carpentier is a proud recipient of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal for his service to the Durham community and to Canada.

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DAY TRIPS



THURSDAY, APRIL 20 - 7:00 PM

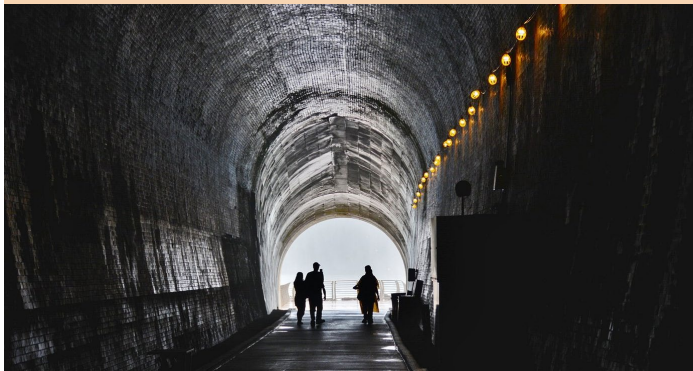
**THE RICHMOND HILL
DAVID DUNLAP OBSERVATORY**
123 Hillsvie Drive, Richmond Hill

PEAK DATES FOR A METEOR SHOWER ARE APRIL 20-23

\$17 per person admission price
(transportation not provided - please carpool)

Contact Shirly for more information
shirlyevanputten@rogers.com 905.619.8583

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
BE ONE OF THE FIRST TO VISIT THE NEW ATTRACTION
AT NIAGARA FALLS!



From the most towering turbine to the tiniest detail, uncover fascinating stories hidden within the historic Niagara Parks Power Station. New this year, descend 180 feet in a glass-paneled elevator and explore the 2,200-foot-long tunnel, leading to an observation deck at the river's edge. Lunch on Clifton Hill (not included).

\$124 per person includes: Return transportation by coach, guided tour, tasting at a local Winery, Driver's tip and 407 toll

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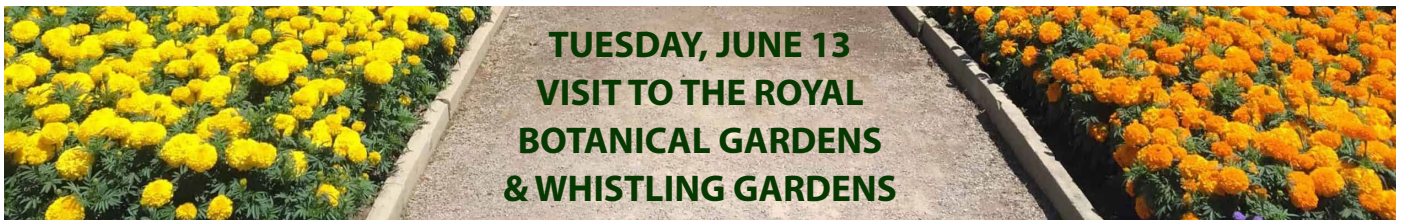


WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 "RENT" AT THE FESTIVAL THEATRE, STRATFORD

Set in Manhattan in the 1990s and inspired by Puccini's opera *La Bohème*, this rock musical by Jonathan Larson follows a group of young East Village artists, performers and philosophers as they struggle through the hardships of poverty, societal discord and the AIDS epidemic in the search for life, love and art. With a song list that includes the iconic "Seasons of Love," *Rent* tells a story as relevant today as when it took Broadway by storm more than 25 years ago.

**\$184 per person includes: Return transportation by coach, Orchestra level ticket,
Lunch at Queen's Inn & driver's tip & 407 toll**

shirlievanputten@rogers.com 905-619-8583



TUESDAY, JUNE 13 VISIT TO THE ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS & WHISTLING GARDENS

The Royal Botanical Gardens is the largest botanical gardens in Canada. Located at the western tip of Lake Ontario, there are four distinct formal gardens contained within 1100 hectares of nature reserve. Nestled into the slopes of the Niagara Escarpment, the ever-changing seasons, blooms, and natural phenomenon make each visit a new experience. Explore and enjoy the many historical plant collections.

**\$126 per person includes: Return transportation by coach,
Guided tour of both Gardens, Driver's tip & 407 toll
Lunch is not included. Please pack a lunch to enjoy in the beautiful Gardens.**

shirlievanputten@rogers.com 905-619-8583





Award-winning Canadian author, Louise Penny, has captivated the world with her compelling mystery novels set primarily in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. Her wildly popular books from the Three Pines series have consistently topped the New York Times bestseller lists.



JUNE 7 - 10: LOUISE PENNY & THE THREE PINES TOUR

HNA's special four-day excursion will explore the epic sites that created the backdrop to Louise Penny's captivating novels.

We will visit many sites that are cherished parts of the fabric woven in Louise Penny's novels, including the Victorian village of Knowlton – the direct inspiration for Penny's fictional village of Three Pines – with stops at Brome Lake Books and the Brome County Historical Society Museum where Jane's painting from Still Life is on display; Abbaye de Saint-Benoît-du-Lac (the inspiration for Saint-Gilbert-Entre-les-Loups Abbey in A Beautiful Mystery), old Hadley House, and of course, Sarah's Boulangerie. Join us as we uncover the important settings that make Penny's novels so endearing and the secrets behind them!

**Package: \$1,309.67 inclusive per person/double occupancy
\$1,987.67 inclusive per person/single occupancy**

Package includes:

- ♦ Return coach transportation.
- ♦ Three night's accommodation at the Domaine Chateau Bromont.
- ♦ Admission to all attractions stated in the itinerary.
- ♦ Three breakfasts; two lunches; one dinner (Welcome dinner).
- ♦ Two full days of Sharman – a Louise Penny Guide specialist.
- ♦ Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director.

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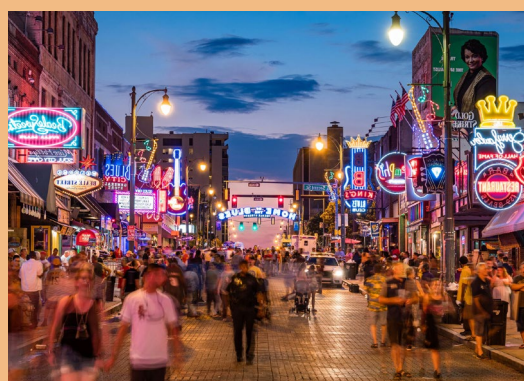
NEW ORLEANS: SEPTEMBER 3 - 8

\$2,699 includes:

- ♦ City orientation tour
- ♦ Tour & lunch at the Houmas Plantation
- ♦ Bayou Swamp Tour

Your five-night stay in New Orleans is at the Drury Inn located in the historic Cumberland Phone Building just one block from the St. Charles trolley.

Contact Shirlie for more information
shirlie@hnatravels.com



THE KING MEETS COUNTRY! MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA TOUR

From Blues to Rock 'n' Roll to Country!

NOVEMBER 16 - 23, 2023

EIGHT DAYS, SEVEN NIGHTS

**COST: \$3,7000 per person double occupancy
\$5,200 single) Same price as 2022**

A non-refundable deposit of \$600 is due upon booking.
Balance due September 10, 2023.

Cost includes:

- ◆ Direct round-trip flight Toronto/Nashville.
- ◆ 3 nights in downtown Memphis.
- ◆ 4 nights in downtown Nashville.
- ◆ Breakfast daily.
- ◆ Tours include: Graceland; Country Music Hall of Fame; Grand Ole Opry performance; Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum; Memphis Music Hall of Fame, and Loretta Lynn Ranch.
- ◆ Transfers from airport to hotel.
- ◆ Coach transportation during tours.
- ◆ Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director.

Contact Shirlie for more information.

shirlie@hnatravels.com 905.619.8583

or 1.866.372.3030

INTEREST GROUPS

BREAKFAST

Next breakfast meeting:

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 am

MICHAEL'S EATERY

44 Commercial Avenue, Ajax

RSVP: Julie Mathewson

jmathewson@rogers.com 905-686-0803



BRIDGE

- April 6: Social Bridge
- April 13: Bridge Lesson - Weak 2 Bidding Sequences
- April 20: Social Bridge
- April 27: Bridge Lesson - Takeout Doubles

2:30 - 4:30 pm

ROTARY ROOM, AJAX LIBRARY

55 Harwood Ave. South

RSVP: Harvey Brodhecker hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca



DINING OUT

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

5:30 PM

AMICI RESTAURANT

1305 Pickering Parkway

RSVP by April 25 to Carol Breen

cbreen840@bell.net



EUCHRE

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.
We are close to having a location to play and a notice will be sent around as soon as details are confirmed.

Next meetings:
TUESDAY, APRIL 11 & 25
2:00 pm

RSVP: to Julie Mathewson
by noon the day before.
jmathewson@rogers.com 905-686-0803



NEW

GARDEN

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 @ 2:00 PM
TOUR OF
VANDERMEER GREENHOUSES
\$10 per person

For more information contact:
Jane Armstrong armstrongjane@rogers.com
or Sylvia Clark travelsylvia52@gmail.com



GOLF

Golfers stay tuned for details about our opening day. If any new golfers would like to join us at Hawthorne Valley on Tuesday mornings let me know and I will add you to the list.

Marcia Everitt
marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca



NEW

MEN'S LUNCH

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting:

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 @ 12 noon
MACKENZIE'S PUB & RESTAURANT
250 Bayly St. West, Ajax

RSVP: Kevin Portener kportener@gmail.com



"RODEO" LUNCH

(Retired Old Dames Eating Out)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 @ 12 Noon
MAGWYERS PUB
105 Bayly Street The Baywood Centre, Ajax

RSVP by April 9th - the absolute deadline.
This is Easter weekend and I'll be away so it will be rushed
for me. Thanks, Dawn.
dthorn000@gmail.com



WALKING

Come join us and discover some of the many
walking trails in Ajax and surrounding areas.

EVERY THURSDAY - 10:00 AM

For more information contact:

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or Maureen McVarish maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca



ZOOM CHAT ROOM

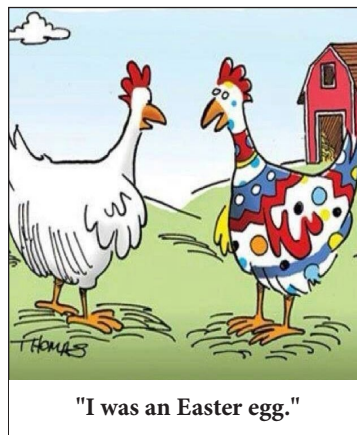
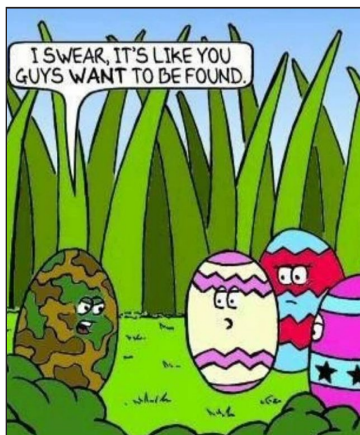
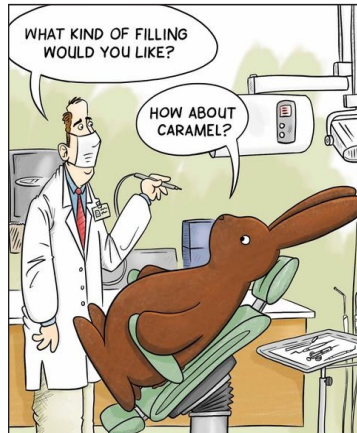
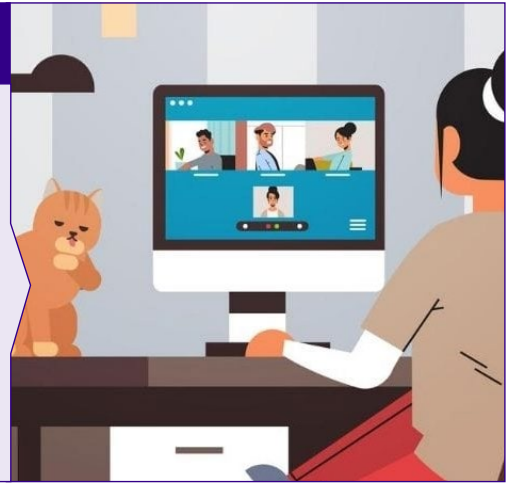
EVERY FRIDAY - 1:00 PM

(No Chat on Good Friday - April 7)

To join the Zoom Chat contact:

Stewart Beatty ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com
or Barb Squires ajaxprobus@gmail.com

All members are welcome to join us for a discussion on general topics of interest.



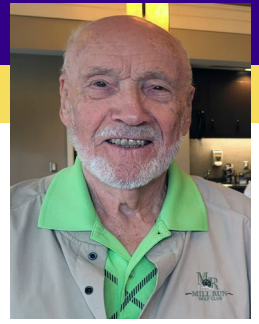
MEMBERS' CORNER



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

At our general meeting in February, we welcomed the following new members pictured above with our President, Jane Wilson: I-r: Geraldine Amyot, (Jane Wilson), Ginette Cooper, Stephanie Freeman and Lorraine Delmonte.

Since that meeting, we are delighted to add the following members: Frank Cooper, Wendy Mason, Gillian Minshall, Gail Roberts, Tom Stewart, Judy St. Germain and Ron and Karen Strong. Welcome to all!



Carl G. Mabee



VERANDA

As I sit upon this old veranda
That spreads from wall to wall,
I contemplate my life that's past
And guess I've seen it all.

From Europe's highest mountains,
To England's windy shores,
from the Roman's Trevi Fountain
To the trade winds of Azores.

I've drank beer in a German gausthaus;
Ate figs on Spanish shores;
Met a Geisha in a Bath House;
Shopped Ginza's famous stores.

Yes, I've seen most of Asia
and South America, too;
My days of travel are now over;
to that, I say "adieu".

I've been married to a lady
In the true sense of the word.
She was both elegant in posture
And gentle in her word.

We had 60 years plus marriage
And love was always there.
To keep the passions burning,
We stoked the fire with care.

And when I take my final bow
And leave this earthly plain,
I might come back as someone else
And do it all again.



PORK TENDERLOIN WITH APPLES & ONIONS *(submitted by April Gilkinson)*



2 (1½ pound) pork tenderloins
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon sea salt
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided,
or more as needed
3 medium Granny Smith apples
- peeled, cored, and sliced into eighths
2 medium sweet onions, sliced vertically
3 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme, divided
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 cup chicken stock
1 tablespoon butter

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
2. Trim silver skin from pork tenderloins; pat dry using paper towels. Rub 2 teaspoons vegetable oil over tenderloins, then rub with sea salt.
3. Heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in a large, oven-proof skillet over medium heat until it shimmers. Cook tenderloins in hot oil, rotating to brown all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer pork to a large plate.
4. Add remaining 1 tablespoon vegetable oil to any drippings in the skillet. Cook apples and onions in hot oil, stirring occasionally, until onions turn translucent, about 5 minutes; add more oil if the skillet gets dry. Season with 1 teaspoon thyme and black pepper; stir gently to combine. Remove from heat.
5. Use a pastry brush to spread Dijon mustard evenly over tenderloins. Sprinkle with remaining 2 teaspoons thyme. Nestle tenderloins into the skillet with apple mixture.
6. Roast, uncovered, in the preheated oven until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the centre of tenderloins reads at least 145 degrees F (63 degrees C), about 15 minutes. Remove the skillet from the oven and transfer pork to a large platter. Cover with aluminum foil and let rest.
7. Meanwhile, pour chicken stock into a saucepan and cook over medium-high heat until reduced by half, 8 to 10 minutes. Pour into the skillet with apple mixture. Cook over medium-high heat until boiling, about 5 minutes; stir in butter until melted.
8. Slice pork and serve over apple mixture.

Notes: The Granny Smith apples will cook down and become a sauce for the pork. If you prefer the apples to keep their shape, use Golden Delicious or another firm cooking apple of your choice. You can reduce chicken stock in a microwave-safe container in the microwave instead of on the stovetop.

PHOTO GALLERY

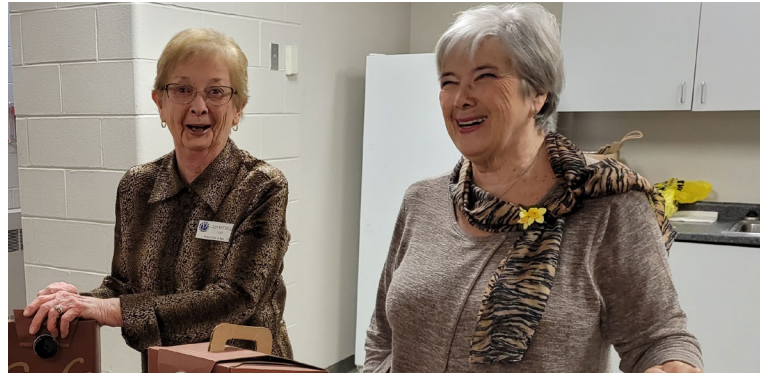
FEBRUARY BREAKFAST CLUB



MARCH GENERAL MEETING

More than 75 members and guests attended our March General Meeting to hear the award-winning journalist, author, and broadcaster, **Ted Barris**, give an energetic presentation on the *Battle of the Atlantic* - the title of his latest book. Canada's longest continuous military engagement of the Second World War, it lasted 2,074 days, and claimed the lives of more than 4,000 men and women in the Royal Canadian Navy, air force and merchant navy.

Thank you to **April Gilkinson** for arranging such excellent, interesting speakers.



Judy Mitchell & Margaret Wells



Peter Barths, Jim & Tish Meek



John Love with Tom & Bernie Rosebush



Freda Cureton & Clarence Prins



Carl Mabee chatting to Bob Wilson



Janice Lepper & Betty Hennings

PHOTO GALLERY continued



PHOTO GALLERY continued

ST. PATRICK'S DAY KITCHEN PARTY

Even though there were hundreds of guests from various groups in Kitchener's huge Showplace Dinner Theatre, a talented, high-energy group of musicians, "The Celts", made us feel as though we were at an intimate kitchen party. We sang, laughed, and tapped our feet, as we were entertained by the musicians and a step-dancer. The buffet lunch was very good and well organized so that no-one had to wait in long lines. Thank you to **Shirlie** for yet another great, fun event!



PHOTO GALLERY continued

