



PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROBUS Club of Ajax, Club #82 Ajax, Ontario

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July 6th, 2022

The July 6th meeting will be in person at the Ajax Community Centre

The \$2 meeting fee will be re-instated as of our July 6 meeting. We are also bringing back the "Share the Wealth" draw. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Please try to have the exact amount in change.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is finally here. It is also time to start thinking about renewing your membership to the PROBUS Club of Ajax. Our year runs from September to August. Unfortunately, due to increasing costs, particularly speakers, the Management Team voted to raise the membership fee to \$35. **The July 6th meeting will be in person only (no Zoom).** The speaker, Mike Daley, should be a lot of fun. He will be presenting the Elvis Presley Story. We will be serving cake in honour of the 25th anniversary of the first PROBUS Club of Ajax meeting. The club did not get their charter until the following spring, so we will have another occasion to celebrate. Our area co-ordinator, Brenda Andrews, will be attending this meeting. Brenda recently became the president of PROBUS Canada. Please feel to bring a guest to a meeting, but they will have to show proof of vaccination. Like most PROBUS Clubs, our membership has declined during Covid. We look forward having current members return and welcoming new members. Although it is recommended, **wearing a mask at meetings is now up to the individual.**



Again, I am making a plea for people to join the Management Team. Clubs like ours depend on volunteers to function. Speak to me at the meeting or e-mail me at ajaxprobuspresident@gmail.com., If you would like more information.

If anyone is in need of a ride to a meeting, please let me know and I will try to find someone who is able to help.

Jane Wilson

COVID-19 PROTOCOL (Revised June 17, 2022)

PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX

It was decided at the June 2022 Management Team Meeting that we will continue to require Proof of Vaccination for in-person activities. Once you show your proof of vaccination at the first in-person meeting you attend, you will not have to show it again. **It will be up to each member if they choose to wear a mask or not.** A detailed Protocol is on our website at www.ajaxprobus.com.

JUNE 1ST HYBRID MEETING



David & Margaret at the Door



Shirley



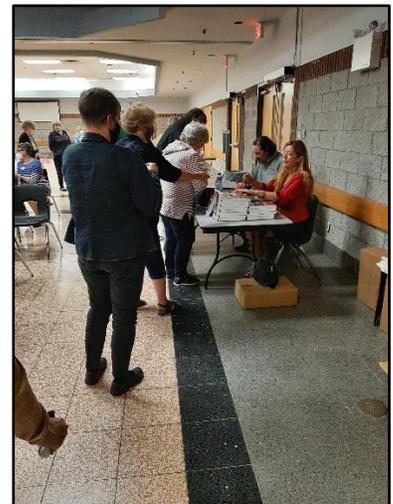
Rowena & Tom



Victoria & Speaker, Mark Rector



Speaker, Mark Rector



Buying Mark's Book



HMS Ajax Room



Coffee Break

MEMBERSHIP

Just a quick reminder that our membership fees have increased for the 2022/2023 year to \$35.00 and are now due. The new member initiation fee remains at \$30.00.

Our preferred method of payment is by cheque, but cash is always acceptable and if you wish payment can be made via an e-Transfer. If making a renewal via e-Transfer make sure to indicate that the deposit is for "Membership Renewal".

If your personal information has changed in any way over the past year, now is a great time to let us know as you renewal your membership.

Tom Rosebush, Membership Coordinator

437 981-6719 or tom.rosebush@gmail.com.



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A Short Bio from our new member April Gilkinson

I recently gave myself the gift of retirement on my birthday, April 1st (yes, the reason for my name, and yes, often play the fool).

I am happy that I was introduced to PROBUS through Reg Lawrance. I was not aware of this organization and am so pleased that it has helped keep me busy and explore new things that I would not have come across otherwise.

I live in Pickering with my son. He will be moving into the Universal city condos once they are finished, and as an empty nester, I will be downsizing and likely renting an apartment nearby.

I have been spending the past few months trying to de-clutter and sort through 25+ years of "stuff" that I have collected. Have been selling on Facebook Marketplace and yard sales, as well as have donated to local charities.

I feel free and calm after being "released" from the corporate world, selling IBM technology. I have already started many volunteer initiatives, mostly supporting youths and the homeless. It fills my heart to be doing something that helps actual people live fuller lives.

This next chapter is exciting and new, and I am thankful for PROBUS for making it more enjoyable.



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FROM THE PROBUS TREASURER

How to Make an e-Transfer to Ajax PROBUS

You may now pay for memberships and social events by e-Transfer. Please follow the procedure exactly. Each bank has a slightly different system; however, the steps are the same, but may be in a different order.

- 1) Sign into online banking
 - 2) Select Interact e-Transfer
 - 3) Select "Send Money" or whatever name your bank calls it
 - 4) Select the bank account from which you are sending money
 - 5) In the Amount field, enter the amount you are sending
 - 6) Enter the recipient: (each bank is slightly different in the way this works)
 - Select: Enter New Recipient
 - add the name PROBUS Club of Ajax
 - enter the email address: probusajaxtreasurer@gmail.com
 - *double check to make sure the email address is exactly as above!!!*
 - 7) **In the Comments box you MUST enter**
 - *Your name (and other names if it is for more than one person)
 - * What the money is for
- If you do not put anything in the comments, we will have no idea why you are sending the money!***
- 8) Double check everything is correct, especially the email address!
 - 9) Go to next step – Review and Finish Transaction.
 - 10) Ajax Probus is using the safest method of e-Transfer which is Autodeposit. Once you hit send, the money will go directly to our account, and cannot be intercepted. (Passwords are not used in this method)

Last but not least: Notify the Membership Coordinator, or Social Coordinator that you have paid by e-Transfer.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE NEEDED

Do you enjoy your coffee at break time? Maybe you would like to help with providing the refreshments for the monthly meetings?

We need a few volunteers to help with set up and cleanup of the refreshments at the meetings. It is not a difficult job and a chance for you to become involved in the club. The coffee is purchased and ready to go so there is very little work involved.

If you feel that you are able to help, please contact Margaret Wells dmpwells@gmail.com or 905-839-6499

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Help is also needed to check in people at the door for each meeting and sell share the wealth tickets. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the club this is a great way to meet people. Volunteers are needed to check people in, collect their dues and also to sell tickets. There are usually 3 people at the table and if we have a few volunteers then we can rotate the jobs so that you would not have to be available every month.

If you think you would be interested in helping, please contact Margaret Wells dmpwells@gmail.com or 905-839-6499

MEMBERS CORNER



Barb & Pauline at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea, June 3rd



Bernie, Barb, Tom, Rowena & Jane at the Ajax Seniors Barbecue, June 9th

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.

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PROBUS SPEAKERS



Victoria & Denise Davy who was the speaker at our May 4th meeting.

JULY 6 - Mike Daley

The Elvis Presley Story

Speaker Introduction:

Elvis defined rock and roll culture in the 1950s with hit records like “Heartbreak Hotel” and “Love Me Tender” and scored hits well into the 1970s like “In The Ghetto” and “Suspicious Minds.” The King of Rock and Roll led a life filled with triumphs and tragedies. His life and music are the subject of Dr. Mike Daley’s lecture.

Speaker Bio:

Dr. Mike Daley is a freelance popular music history lecturer around Toronto. He holds a Ph.D in musicology and has published widely on a variety of musical subjects. Mike's well-received lectures on the Beatles, Elvis, jazz, folk music and much more have gained him a strong following in the GTA. Mike also offers video lecture series on his website, mikedaleymusic.com and is currently writing a history of live music in the Yorkville coffee house district of Toronto in the 1950s and 1960s.



PROBUS SPEAKERS (Continued)



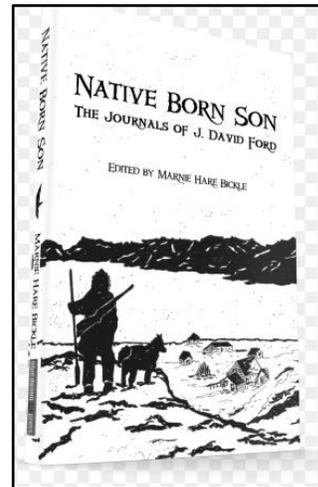
August 3rd - Marnie Bickle

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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FUNNIES



I didn't think the chiropractor would improve my posture. But I stand corrected....

Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of in one ear and out the udder...

What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up his own incision? Suture self...

Exercise gives you energy...but you need energy to exercise, Sounds like a pyramid scheme to me...

If a supervisor at work gets Covid, do all those people who kiss his butt have to get tested? *Asking for a friend....*

I have a friend who tried to take a selfie in the shower, but the image was too blurry. He has selfie steam issues.....

Please don't ride with me if you're going to hold the dash and scream every time we run off the road. It makes me nervous...

Thanks to Anne Reed for these

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	Julie Mathewson	Book Club	
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



July 14th – Westben Theatre Presents Abba Mia – Cost \$120

Afternoon includes:

- Return transportation by motor coach
- Picnic lunch
- Ticket for show
- Driver's tip

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August 15th – Cruise the Toronto Harbour on the Obsessions III – Cost \$140

The OBSESSION III is a 78' beautiful motor yacht. Her main salon is large and spacious, featuring a raised area for live music. She can comfortably hold up to 190 guests. The real treat here however is the upper deck -- Obsession III has a fully retractable roof! Your guests can enjoy the largest dance deck in any weather. Our two-deck ship boasts an elegant dining room with scenic windows.

Includes:

- Return transportation by motor coach
- Dance and Dinner aboard the Obsession III
- Cruise in Toronto Harbor
- Driver's tip



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September 12th - Ajax PROBUS Picnic – Cost \$15

Come and join your fellow PROBUS Members to celebrate getting together again and enjoy a Summer Picnic

Where: Carruthers Marsh Pavilion

Address: 55 Ashbury Blvd West

Time: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch: Picnic lunch will be supplied

Entertainment provided by Mitch Daniels performing "Songs of the Rat Pack"

September 13th – 16th – Detroit – Mackinac Island - Frankenmuth - COST: \$999. Per person/double occupancy; single \$1,299. (No HST) - \$250 non-refundable deposit due upon booking. Balance due July 1st .

The state of Michigan is ablaze with colour during autumn! We travel through western Ontario and our first stop is at the famous “MOTOWN” museum in downtown Detroit. For the car enthusiasts, we are headed over to tour the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. We then head to Mackinaw City, Michigan and take the ferry to Mackinac Island, where we step back in time before cars – exploring the island via horse drawn carriage. We then travel to Frankenmuth – Michigan’s “Little Bavaria” for the opening night of OKTOBERFEST!!!! This includes their famous Oktoberfest buffet.

Included in your tour:

Return motor coach transportation

- 3 night’s hotel accommodation
- Tour of the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn
- Tour of Motown Museum, Detroit
- Ferry to Mackinac Island and tour of the Island
- Tour of Frankenmuth including an evening of OKTOBERFEST!!!!
- Three breakfasts – 1 dinner



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Coming this Fall:

- 1000 Island Cruise with Kingston Penitentiary Tour (September)
- Micro-brewery Tour (October)
- Nashville / Memphis Tour (November)
- St. Jacobs with play and Market (November 30th)
- Famous People Players (December 13th)

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Please contact Shirlie at shirlievanputten@rogers.com or 905-619-8583

For more information!

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When you receive a notice from Ajax PROBUS reminding you of dates for various functions, i.e., Dining Out; Euchre; Breakfast Club etc., please **DO NOT CLICK ON 'REPLY'**. Your reply will come back to the Ajax PROBUS gmail and has to be forwarded on to the person who sent the original email. If you want to let this person know whether you will be attending or not attending, please reply to the contact information that is supplied.

PROBUS BRIDGE



MARATHON BRIDGE

Marathon Bridge will commence in September. Please confirm your team's participation to Harvey sometime during the summer.

BRIDGE IS BACK AT THE AJAX LIBRARY

Social bridge is back at the Ajax Library main branch, every Thursdays from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. It will run every Thursday until September at which time we will go back to alternating with lessons. There are no lessons until September just social bridge every Thursday afternoon.

Harvey Brodhecker

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PROBUS RODEO GROUP



Our June meeting was held at BATON ROUGE and was enjoyed by all. We have been enjoying starting our sessions at a later time – 1 p.m. Most of the lunch crowd is gone, it is quieter, and our service was great.

We have decided to take a break for July and August and will return to meeting for lunch on **September 21st**. Hope you enjoy everything that summer brings. See you in the fall.

Dawn

P.S. We would certainly be happy to have more members join us in September.

289-989-0641 dthorn000@gmail.com

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BREAKFAST CLUB
and
EUCHRE
(Julie)



BREAKFAST CLUB

Join us for breakfast on **Tuesday, July 26 at 9:00** at Westney's Restaurant, 570 Westney Road South. Call Julie at 905-686-0803 or email jmathewson@rogers.com to reserve your place.

EUCHRE

We are continuing to play on Trickstercards for the summer, but will hopefully be able to start playing in person this fall. Our games this month will be on Tuesday, **July 12 and Tuesday, July 26 starting at 2:00**. Since tables have to be assigned in advance, email Julie at jmathewson@rogers.com by noon the day before if you plan to play.

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PROBUS BOOK CLUB



Lately, it has become apparent that there is insufficient interest in the Ajax Probus Book Club. Therefore, I have decided to step down as its leader, and suggest it be recessed for the present time.

If, in the future, there is an indication of interest by Probus members it could then be reinstated.

Bernie Rosebush

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DINING OUT CLUB

Sorry there wasn't anything in the newsletter last month but I had no power or phone for 5 days so I missed the posting.

Our next outing will be on **JULY 14TH AT 5.30 PM AND WE WILL BE GOING TO AMICI ITALIAN RESTAURANT** in Pickering.

Please let me know if you are planning on attending by **MONDAY JULY 11TH**. Please send your reply to me directly to my email address or phone.

DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL AS IT GOES TO BARB SQUIRES AND MAKES EXTRA WORK FOR HER. THX

Carol Breen 905-839-7762 cbreen840@bell.net

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PROBUS Club of Durham West
 9 and Dine Golf Tournament
 Thursday, August 25, 2022
 Shot-Gun Start 3:30

Royal Ashburn Golf Club, 9995 Myrtle Road West, Ashburn, 905-686-1121

PROBUS Club of Durham West is organizing a 9 and Dine Golf Tournament. It looks like we will not be able to fill all 72 golf slots so we are opening the tournament up to other PROBUS Clubs. As in previous years, you will have the option of golf, cart and dinner, ride only and dinner or dinner only. We hope to fill all 72 golf slots. If you have a foursome, please indicate all names for the foursome. **Please make cheques payable to PROBUS Club of Durham West. Cheques must be currently dated.**

Please plan to arrive by 3:00pm to be ready for the 3:30 shot-gun start

Golf (9 holes), Cart & Dinner	
Golf, Cart & Roast Beef Dinner	\$125.43 *
Golf, Cart & Pasta with Shrimp or Pasta Vegetation	\$114.13
Ride Only & Dinner	
Ride Only & Roast Beef Dinner **	\$ 68.93
Ride Only & Pasta with Shrimp or Vegetarian Pasta ***	\$ 57.63
Dinner Only	
Roast Beef Dinner	\$ 51.98
Pasta with Shrimp or Vegetarian Pasta	\$ 40.68

*All prices include HST and Gratuities

** Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef - Hand carved and served with in house made Yorkshire pudding, daily potatoes, market vegetables, horseradish and red wine demi.

*** Orrecchiette Pasta with Shrimp - **(Vegetarian without shrimp)** Orrecchiette pasta with fried pancetta, fresh garden peas, sun-dried tomatoes and chiffonade of baby spinach tossed in a garlic cream sauce and topped with Cajun seared jumbo shrimp

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AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, JULY, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 11 am Zoom Chat	5	6 10am PROBUS General Meeting	7 2:30 pm Bridge	8	9
10	11 11 am Zoom Chat	12 2pm Euchre Trickster	13	14 Westben 2:30 pm Bridge 5:30 pm Dining Out	15	16
17	18 11 am Zoom Chat	19	20	21 2:30 pm Bridge	22	23
24	25 11 am Zoom Chat	26 9am Breakfast Club	27	28 2:30 pm Bridge	29	30
31		2pm Euchre Trickster				



CANADA

Did You Know....

Canada has more lakes than you think

Canada has a lot of great things in abundance, like hockey players, parkas and Tim Hortons franchises. But one of the most fascinating facts about Canada is that we also have more surface area covered by lakes than any other country in the world. It's true! The Great White North has 563 lakes larger than 100 square kilometres. The Great Lakes alone contain about 18 per cent of the world's fresh lake water. That's a lot of water—and a lot of gorgeous scenery.



LIBRARY NEWS

“WHAT’S ON FOR JULY, 2022

The link for What’s On is: www.ajaxlibrary.ca and click on ‘Programs’

(ctrl click for link)

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If you have a problem reaching a Management Team member at any of the above email addresses, send your email to ajaxprobus@gmail.com and it will get forwarded to the correct person

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For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada to: www.probus.org . Our Ajax PROBUS website: www.ajaxprobus.com.

Many thanks to those who sent in items for this issue

Comments and items are appreciated including photos of club events. Please send to: ajaxprobusnewsletter@gmail.com

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