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Presidents Message...

Get ready for an exciting Annual General Meeting on September 3rd! As we close one chapter and launch into the next, let's celebrate every contribution—big or small—that makes our Club truly special. The PROBUS Club of Ajax is booming! We're thriving, growing at an incredible pace, and have earned our place as the Club everyone wants to join because we are fun and welcoming.

Thanks to the Ajax Partnership Fund, we have enjoyed access to their facilities to host Trivia events, crafting activities, Dancing to the Music, Volunteer Appreciation, and a Summer Picnic BBQ.

We recently raised our glasses to thank the dedicated members who have worked behind the scenes to keep our Club running smoothly and make it enjoyable for all.

Whether you have been a member for many years or have only recently joined, consider getting involved by sharing your time and talents.

You can help make the coming year unforgettable.

April Gilkinson

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



Your Name

PROBUS Club of Ajax

SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 WALKING GRP 2 @9:30	2 9 HOLE GOLF AT 10 CRIBBAGE AT 2	3 MONTHLY MEETING 10:00 AM	4 WALKING GRP 1 AT 9:30 SOCIAL BRIDGE AT 2	5 ZOOM CHAT AT 1 MAHJONG AT 2	6
7	8 WALKING GRP 2 @9:30 MOVE TO MUSIC (1) AT 11 GOMEIO LUNCH AT NOON RODEO LUNCH AT NOON	9 9 HOLE GOLF AT 10 CRIBBAGE AT 2 COFFEE & CHAT AT 10	10 CLUB FRANCAIS AT 1 EUCHRE AT 2 MOVE TO MUSIC (2) AT 11	11 WALKING GRP 1 AT 9:30 ANNUAL BBQ 10:30	12 POOL AT 11 ZOOM CHAT AT 1	13
14 LOUISE PENNY TRIP	15 WALKING GRP 2 @9:30 MOVE TO MUSIC (1) AT 11 BOWLING AT 1 HAPPY HOUR AT 2:30	16 9 HOLE GOLF AT 10 CRIBBAGE AT 2	17 BOOK CLUB AT 10 MOVE TO MUSIC (2) AT 11 BLACK CREEK VILLAGE PLAY NINE AT 1	18 WALKING GRP 1 AT 9:30 DINING OUT AT 5:30 SOCIAL BRIDGE AT 2	19 ZOOM CHAT AT 1 MAHJONG AT 2	20
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28	29 WALKING GRP 2 @9:30 MOVE TO MUSIC (1) AT 11	30 BREAKFAST AT 9 9 HOLE GOLF AT 10 CRIBBAGE AT 2				

Join Us on Facebook !



Coffee Time at the Bean and Basket

**The PROBUS Club of Ajax
for Members Only Facebook
group now has 83 members!
By joining, you will see what
goes on at some of the Interest
Group events.**

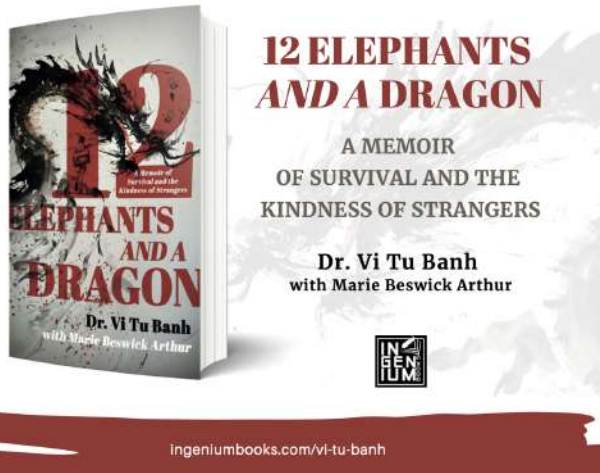
**Find us by searching for
PROBUS
Club of Ajax.**

**You will need a Facebook account
to participate.**

General Meetings

The first Wednesday of the month
Ajax Community Centre, HMS Ajax Room (south side of building)

Meeting Fee \$2
Optional Share the Wealth
\$1 each or 3 for \$2



12 Elephants and a Dragon

Guest Speaker: Dr Vi Tu Banh

WEDNESDAY, September 3 rd - 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



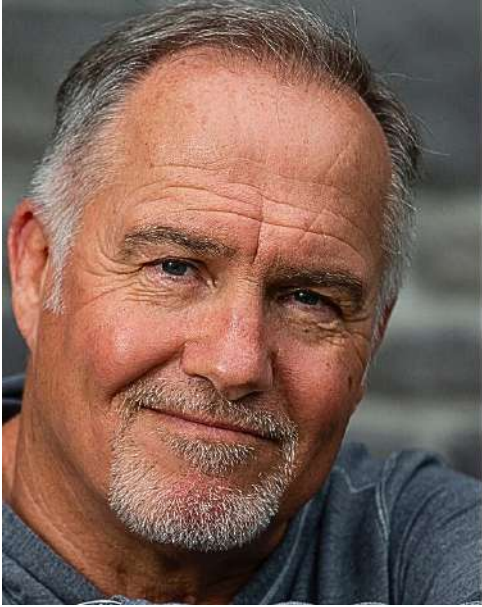
Morning with the Mayor: Probus Club of Ajax
welcomes Shaun Collier!

WEDNESDAY, October 1st- 10:00 am

Since his election as Mayor in 2018, Shaun Collier has worked to bring long-term social and environmental sustainability to the Town of Ajax, while strengthening our economic position. Mayor Collier is an Armed Forces Veteran, accountant, and a chartered director. He raised his two children in Ajax and is proud husband to Rose Collier. Mayor Collier will bring news of what's happening currently in Ajax, and then we will open up the floor to questions from our members

We would like to have some questions for the Mayor from our members ahead of time.
Please submit your questions for the Mayor to kathylennox@rogers.com or at the September meeting.
Thanks, Kathy

Speaker's Corner



Neil Crone - Actor/Improvisor/Writer
All Round good guy who will be joining us Wednesday
November 5th at 10 a.m.

Topic: Rectum? Darn near killed em! The power of healing through laughter.

Neil has performed in TV and Radio Commercials, TV shows and cartoons. He is a Second City Mainstage alumnus who has been performing improvised and sketch comedy for over twenty years and is the recipient of a Canadian Comedy Award for the Best Radio Comedy for his work as "Bad Santa" on Q107's morning show.

He has written numerous books and contributed to various magazines including ACTRA magazine.

Neil is a cancer survivor and is a National Spokesperson for both the Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada and Colon Cancer Canada. He is a motivational speaker who focuses on the power of laughter in healing.

When Neil grows up he wants to be an Astronaut!

Thursday September 11th - Annual BBQ \$25
Come and join your fellow Probus Club Members at Greenwood
Conservation Area, 2290 Greenwood Rd., Ajax
10:30 - 2 p.m.

BBQ Menu:

- Corn on the cob
- Chicken or Pork Skewers or Veggie Burgers
- Drink and Dessert

We will have live music featuring a variety of popular tunes.
Great food and good fun!

****you might want to bring a chair**

September 14th - 17th - Louise Penny Tour - Pick up Flyer - 3 spots left

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.



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.

September 17th - Black Creek Village and McMichael Gallery Cost \$132

Black Creek Village: Costumed educators will guide participants on a 90-minute interactive tour of the Village at Black Creek.

McMichael Gallery: Explore their online collection of art and historical objects.

Discover Inuit art from the Kinngait (Cape Dorset) archive. We will have a 1-hour guided tour.

- Event includes:
 - Return transportation by deluxe motor coach
 - Entrance to Black Creek Village and McMichael Gallery
 - Dessert & drink with your lunch (please bring a sandwich)
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September 23rd - Kingston Penitentiary Tour & Boat Cruise - Cost \$189

Step inside the walls of Canada's oldest penitentiary and explore the living and working areas, some dating back to the 1830s. Hear the personalized accounts from former staff and learn about the history and the daily routines, including stories escapes, riots and everything in between on this guided tour.

Included:

- Return transportation by deluxe motor coach
 - Express Tour of the Penitentiary
 - Lunch at Gananoque Inn
 - 1-hour Boat Tour of 1000 Islands
 - Drivers Tip
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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.

Wednesday October 23rd Murder Mystery Luncheon - Cost \$89

Brooklin Pub (Hwy 7 and Hwy 12 - 15 Baldwin St. Whitby)
Maybe someone in our Club will be playing a part!! Will he or she be the Killer?
A Buffet lunch is included with the adventure!

Monday October 27th - Halloween Dance Cost \$35

"Boo Bash" Halloween Dinner/Dance -
Falcon Brewery, 30 Barr St, Ajax
Come out in your best costume! (optional)
DJ to dance the night away
Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.
Cash Bar Available!

Thursday, November 6th - St.Jacob's - Cost \$99

What better way to start off the Shopping Season then a visit to St. Jacob's .
We will start our day with a visit to the Farmer's Market and then over to town.

Included:

- return transportation by deluxe motorcoach
 - Visit to Farmer' Market; Outlet Mall; Picard's Peanuts and Town of St. Jacobs
 - 407 Toll and driver's tip
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Sun and Fun in the Dominican Republic - January 13-23 - pick up flyer

Emotions by Hodelpa Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic is a 5 star all Inclusive Hotel right on the beach. It has 5 pools, 7 restaurants, 4 bars, WiFi, Fitness Centre, 24 hour drinks/snacks and an in-room safe.

- Adult only section: Room (only 10 singles available) Single \$2,799.
- Adults only Jr. Suite (17 available) -double occupancy \$2,599. each
- This tour price includes all meals, drinks, airfare, daily activities & nightly entertainment.

February 24 - March 18, 2026 - Portugal - pick up flyer

Portugal's Algarve Province, with its magnetic Moorish appeal has become a Mecca for Snowbirds. It is one of Europe's most picturesque destinations. Cobblestone streets are lined with outdoor cafes, bistros, wine bars and markets full of fresh fruits and vegetables. The weather is wonderfully spring-like and invigorating.

Stay Tuned!

December 3rd - Christmas Luncheon
December - Capital Theatre for a Panto

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Pickering Village Fall Festival

September 13, 2025 10 - 2 p.m.

Community Celebration!

Live music, food, games, prizes and giveaways, free swag

Author readings

Karen Ingold 11 a.m.

Nikki Soliman 12 p.m.

**Our Coffee Time was at the Bean and Basket in the Village last Wednesday!
see picture on facebook!

Friday, September 19, 2025 6:00 pm - 9:15 pm

Ajax Fairgrounds – Grand Opening and 70th Anniversary Celebration

Event Details:

Join us for a celebration of the Town of Ajax's 70th Anniversary and the official opening of the Ajax Fairgrounds (Audley Recreation Fairgrounds - 1955 Audley Road North) on September 19 from 6 – 9:15 p.m. This event will feature our first ever Drone Show at 9 p.m. to celebrate the occasion! There will be Live music, Food trucks & interactive activities (closing at 9 p.m.)

St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts & Centre

September 20th at 7 p.m. Cost FREE!

15th Anniversary Season Launch

Get a sneak peek of select performances from our season. Enjoy free refreshments and cash bar.

Register by phone or email

stfranciscentre@ajax.ca

**Scavenger Hunt
(Formerley Car Rally)
Save the Date: Monday
October 27th Cost - \$20.
More details to follow**



Interest Groups

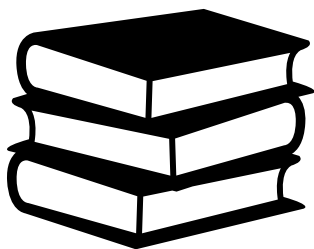
Book Club - Your Choice -(formerly Not a Book Club)

Every 3rd Wednesday Via Zoom

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 17th at 10:00 a.m.**

Do you have a favourite book? Did you read a couple of books that you enjoyed and would like to share with others? Join our Book Club-Your Choice where we will discuss books you wanted to read!

Contact Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com or 905.839.8147



Bowling + Happy Hour

This month is Monday Sept 15th @ 1 pm

AJAX BOWLING CENTRE - 172 Harwood Ave. S. Lower floor

RSVP: Kevin keportener@gmail.com

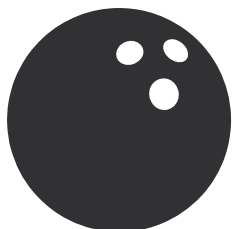
call or text 905.626.6303

\$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.

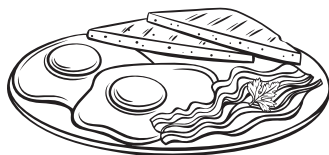


Breakfast Club

Next get together: **Tuesday, Sept 30th at 9:00 am**

Sunset Grill 235 Bayly, Ajax

RSVP Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com 905.839.8147



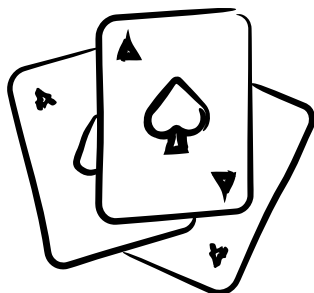
Bridge (Social)

Every Other Thursday 2:00PM - 4:30PM

Sept 4 and Sept 18th

AT THE AJAX LIBRARY - Main Branch

55 Harwood Avenue South



Marathon Bridge is now closed. You can play Social Bridge at the Library Main Branch every other Thursday.

Interest Groups

Club FRANÇAIS



Second Wednesday of every month 1-4 pm
Next Meeting Wednesday Sept 10th

Watch a short French movie and discuss it over snacks and tea.
Please contact Heiderose at
heiderose.butscher@gmail.com for her address and other
details

Coffee and Conversation



EVERY 2ND TUESDAY 10:00 - NOON
Next get-together: Tuesday, Sept 9th at 10:00 a.m.
RSVP: Marlene marzrae18@gmail.com
For anyone who has joined our club in the last 12 months. A great way to meet new people and learn more about how to enjoy PROBUS.

Coffee Time (new name) was Coffee and Conversation

for all members



Tuesday Sept 23rd and Wednesday Sept 24th at the
Coffee Culture Cafe
60 Salem Rd, Ajax
Seating is limited to 12 so we are offering two
seatings!

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

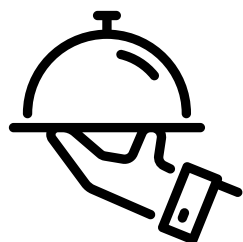
Interest Groups



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

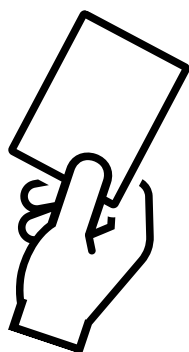


Dining Out

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY - 5:30 PM
Next get-together: Thursday Sept 18th at 5:30
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.

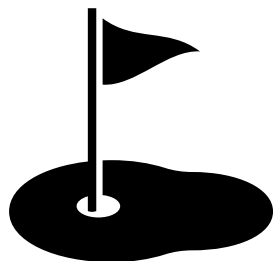


Euchre (see more info*)

EVERY 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Wednesday Sept 10th and Wednesday Sept 24th
To take place at the 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.

Interest Groups



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 Sept 8th at noon at MacKenzie Pub and Restaurant
250 Bayly St. West Ajax**



Happy Hour

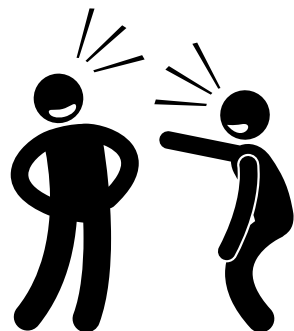
EVERY 3RD MONDAY - 2:30 PM

Next get-together: Monday Sept 15th 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, Sept 24

CHARTWELL RETIREMENT RESIDENCE (Theatre in lower level)

240 Old Harwood Ave., Ajax

RSVP: April april-ann@hotmail.com

Interest Groups



Mahjong_

First and third Fridays of the month 2:00 - 4:00 PM
at the St. Andrew's Friendship Club, 46 Exeter Road in Ajax, .

Next games will be on Sept 5th and Sept 19th

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



Move to the Music

new location - Parkland Retirement Home

3 Rossland Rd. West

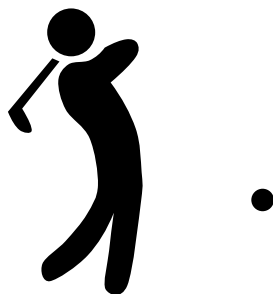
Group 1 - Mondays 11-12 (no class on Labour Day)

Group 2, Wednesdays 11-12 (no class on Sept 3rd)

A limited number of openings are still available for both groups

Contact Patsy, patsyhandley55@gmail.com

Enjoy a golf game



Play Nine

Wednesday September 17th at 1 p.m.

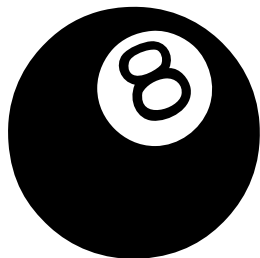
Are you interested in playing a new card game?

Draw, flip and discard cards to shoot the lowest score.

There is plenty of strategy mixed with a little luck as you pit your wits
against other players

Contact Diane Sharp

dsharp0322@rogers.com, for directions



Pool

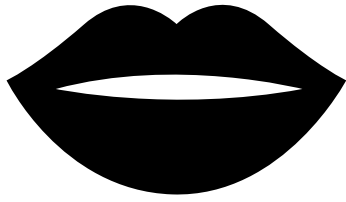
Second and fourth Friday at **Petrina Billiards**, 21 Harwood Ave. S

September dates are the 12th and 26th at 11:00.

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

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

Interest Groups



"RODEO" Lunch Group

"Retired Old Dames Eating Out" **EVERY 2ND MONDAY - NOON**
next get together Monday, Sept 8th at Mandarin Restaurant
1725 Kingston Rd. in Pickering
RSVP: Anne mandareed02@gmail.com



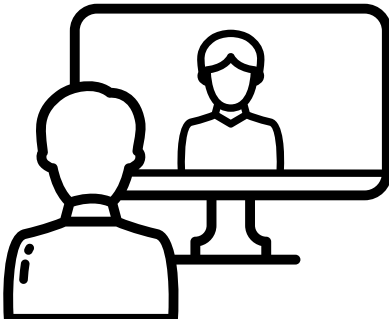
Walking Group 1

EVERY THURSDAY - 9:30 AM
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
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 p.m.
To join the Zoom chat contact: Stewart
ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com;
All Members are welcome
Keeps us connected!

Interest Groups

In future, please make sure you add your name and email address for any of the social or interest groups on the sign up sheets provided at the meetings. This will allow us to calculate how many spots are available.

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

**Contact Julie:
jmathewson@rogers.com**

There has been some interest in starting up a regular Book club, where participants gather to discuss a book everyone has read. If you are interested in coordinating a group, please contact Julie, jmathewson@rogers.com

Ajax Seniors Club

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.

Members Corner



New Members - Bonnie Evans, Kathy Lennox (Vice President) Sandra Hart, Trudey & Brian Nicklee

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathryn Bunston
Cathy Clark
Kimberly Edwards
Hannah Farrell
Julie Jordan
Michael Jurysta
Irv Murphy
Lorie Murphy
Savitri Sankar
Sandra Weller

MEMBERS PACKAGES TO BE PICKED UP AT THE MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Josie Beech
Jim Beech
Linda Black
Sheri Bredewold
Lorraine Carrier
Irene Craig
Cathie Jackson
Ann London
Linda Lowe
Virginia McKay
Laura MacAloney
Paula MacDonald
Fred Pleasants
Moir Potter
Susan Stocks

Members Corner

Random Acts of Kindness

If you are aware of anyone celebrating a special birthday or anniversary, or if you know anyone who is experiencing an illness or who has lost a loved one, please let Jane Wilson know so she can send a card on behalf of the club.

Contact Jane at jw003@sympatico.ca or 905-619-6674



Volunteers Needed!

Membership dues for August 1st, 2025 to July 31st, 2026 are \$45 and are now due. The window for payment will extend until the September Meeting which falls on Sept 3rd.

After the September meeting members who have not paid will be taken off of the Ajax Probus membership list. Please see me at the membership table if you have questions.

You may pay by e-transfer, cash or cheque. Please see me at the membership table for cash and cheque payments.

**E-transfer may be sent to our Probus Ajax Treasurer, at the address below.
probusajaxtreasurer@gmail.com**

Please ensure your name is in the message box stating 25/26 membership dues.

Members Corner

Congratulations to members who are celebrating an anniversary with our club!

25 years - Wilma Brown

20 Years - Bill and Sandra Armour, Sylvia Clark and Carl Mabee

15 years - Jane Armstrong, Norm Campbell, Joyce Starkman and Peggy Vokins

10 years - Colin Behagg, Ann Clarke, Bruce & Karen Davis, Carol, Forsythe, Olga Green, Judy Insley, Julie Mathewson, Lise Partanen, Shirley Van Putten, David and Margaret Wells

5 years Victoria Plaskett



Photo Gallery



Marlene Rae and Sharon Leung



August meeting entertainment

To see more pictures of **PROBUS** events, visit our website, www.ajaxprobus.com,
or send submissions to Oankar@yahoo.com



August meeting Conga Line

Photo Gallery



Greg Casquenet, Nancy Hobart,
Debbie Casquenet, Erica Winfrow



Sweet Caroline Ba! Ba! Ba!...



Ice Cream, we're gonna get Ice Cream!



City of
Ajax
By the Lake



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