

PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7th August – 10:00
HMS AJAX ROOM – SOUTH ENTRANCE AJAX COMMUNITY CENTRE
MEETING FEE \$2.00 PER PERSON
DON'T FORGET TO LUG A MUG



President's Message



The Dog Days of Summer

Like last summer we are having very hot humid weather. This type of weather makes it difficult to really enjoy the outdoor activities that we look forward to at this time of the summer. I think of this weather as the dog days of summer. It appears that our climate is changing to bring us hotter more humid days than we have had in past summers. We are lucky to have air conditioning to make our days and nights more comfortable.

The club management committee continues to work hard to complete plans for the new executive for the coming year. Most of the work is done but we still have a couple of key positions to fill to complete our work. If you are considering volunteering to work with next year's executive now is the time to step forward and contact any person on the management committee. I promise you will enjoy the experience!

There are some very interesting club activities scheduled in the coming months. These include the Million Dollar Quartet in Port Hope on August 29. A Car Rally is scheduled on September 17 with a maximum of 64 participants. Sign up at the August meeting to ensure you have an opportunity to enjoy these events. Other coming events include a Wine Tour, and a Muskoka Steamship cruise.

Reg



MEMBERSHIP

Time to say goodbye.

Dear members of The PROBUS Club of Ajax, when the new Management Committee takes over in September, I will no longer be a part of it. The month of August is my last on the Committee. I greatly enjoyed being your Membership Coordinator. It was a rewarding experience and I thank you all for making it so.

During the August 7 general meeting I will be at the Membership table collecting your payments to renew your membership. I look forward to chatting with you all. Thank you to the 72 members who have already paid to renew.

And yes, this is the last time I communicate with you all via our newsletter.



Edna Martiniello, Membership Coordinator 905-239-5644
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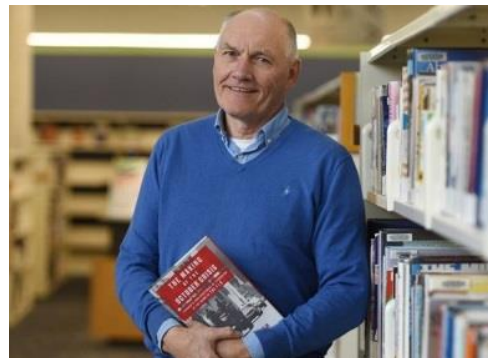


Each month our membership continues to grow. The Ajax PROBUS Management Team would like to thank you for joining our club.

Please welcome your new fellow members: Carol Libbert, Brenda Stone, Donna & Kevin Portener,

PROBUS SPEAKERS

August 7th speaker: - Darcy Jenish. His subject is: "The making of the October Crisis: Canada's long nightmare of terrorism at the hands of the FLQ". I think most of us will remember that particular reign of terror in October 1970 and Pierre Trudeau invoking The War Measures Act. The British Trade Minister, James Cross and a Cabinet Minister, Pierre LaPorte were kidnapped and Mr. LaPorte was subsequently found in the trunk of a car, having been strangled by the FLQ. This should be a fascinating presentation and will bring back many memories of those dark days in Canada's history.



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September 4th speaker is Cathy McWatters who is a noted astronomer. Ms. McWatters was going to be our speaker in February but a blizzard caused the meeting to be cancelled.

Ms McWatters will speak to us of the wonders of the universe and what to see in the night sky.

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October 2nd speaker: - Circles Enrichment group will do a presentation on Frank Sinatra - the man and the music.

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November 6th speaker:- Doug Tozer. Mr. Tozer will speak to us on the Great Lakes waterbirds and other wildlife, particularly around Lake Erie and how complex ecological processes are having a negative impact on nesting and migration. Mr. Tozer is a Bird Studies Canada Ontario Program Scientist. This is a very topical subject in view of the concerns about climate change and pollution so should be thought provoking.

Barbara Provis, Speaker Coordinator - 905-240-5527 or leedle@rogers.com

SOCIAL REPORT

Reminder

Please bring your **cheque book** to the meeting to sign up for events



Thursday, August 8th – Prince Edward County Wine Tour – Cost \$99

Picton is a small Town with an urban neighbor feeling! Sandbanks Winery is a great place to come visit! Try any of our award-winning wines in our tasting boutique, which is home to our resident artist Rita Thivierge contemporary art gallery. You can also enjoy your tasting outdoors in our beautiful outdoor gazebo tasting bar overlooking our vineyard.

Includes:

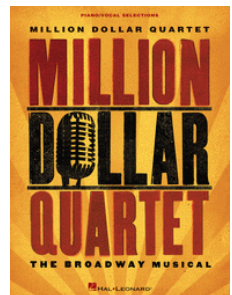
- Return transportation by Motor Coach
- Wine Tasting at 2 Wineries
- Picnic Lunch
- Driver's Tip

August 29th – Million Dollar Quartet – Cost \$35

"A Tuesday night, shortly before Christmas 1956, four legends, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley gathered at the Sun Record recording studio in Memphis, Tennessee, where they'd launched their careers. Word soon leaked out of an impromptu jam session. A newspaperman who was there wrote, 'This quartet could sell a million.' Soon, they were dubbed the Million Dollar Quartet.

Includes:

- Orchestra Level seats at the Capitol Theatre





Saturday, September 14th – Blue Jays Game – Cost \$85

Blue Jays vs New York Yankees; Game Time: 3:07pm; 200 Level Seats
“Section 229”

Includes:

- Ticket to Baseball Game

Monday, September 30th – Muskoka Steamships – Cost \$135

Discovery Centre: Our interactive exhibit will have some of Canada’s oldest maps of Muskoka on display. Steamship: Muskoka’s steamship heritage is older than Canada. The first ship steamed Lake Muskoka in 1866. After visiting the Discovery Centre and having lunch on the Muskoka Steamship, we will head off to Johnston Cranberry Farm.

Includes:

- Return transportation by Motor Coach
- Cruise & Lunch on the steamship
- Tour & Tasting at Johnston’s Cranberry Farm
- Driver’s Tip & 407



Save the date, **December 10, 2019** for our
Christmas Luncheon

More information at the September meeting!



MULTI-DAY MULTI-CLUB PROBUS TRIPS

New York City- August 29th – September 2nd – Cost \$1,199 (double)

For more information on this trip, please see or contact Shirlie for additional details.

Cape Cod, Boston & Newport RI – Sept 9th – 14th – Cost \$1,299 (double)

For more information on this trip, please see or contact Shirlie for additional details.

To sign up for any excursions contact Shirlie at shirlievanputten@rogers.com or 905-619-8583

HOUSE

I would like to thank the following people who volunteered to help with house committee. Margaret and David Wells will be doing the sign in and taking the meeting fee. Ann Clarke will be selling the "Share the Wealth" tickets. Bernie Rosebush will be their back up. Bev Gignac and Debbie D'Souza will be doing the coffee and tea. The club is grateful for your assistance.

Jane Wilson, House Coordinator jw.003@sympatico.ca

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AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups Coordinator: Carol Breen – 905-839-7762					
RODEO (Ladies Lunch)	Dawn Thornton	905-683-6975	Dining Out	Carol Breen	905-839-7762
Bridge	Harvey Brodhecker	905-683-5778	Cribbage	Reg Lawrance	905-428-2663
Golf	Marcia Everitt Durham West	416-724-6355	Breakfast Club	Julie Mathewson	905-686-0803
Family History	Michael & Ann Reed	905-239-2909	Walking Club	Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish	905-683-5539 905-432-5469
Euchre/Scrabble	Julie Mathewson	905-686-0803	Book Club	Bernie Rosebush	905-426-1598
Billiards	Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS	905-427-9653	Using Technologies	Tom Rosebush	905-426-1598

Car Rally



The date for our Car Rally is September 17th. It involves a 100 kilometre trip along mostly side roads north of Ajax, ending at Carruthers Marsh Pavilion for lunch. It is not a race but a sort of scavenger hunt where you try to answer questions on things you see along the Rally route. The cost is \$16.00 per person and we suggest you plan for four people in your car. Come to our table at the August Probus meeting and we will sign you up.

PROBUS RODEO GROUP

We will be meeting on August 21st for lunch at The Villa. This is a Japanese restaurant. It is located in Whitby at 813 Dundas Street, West. This is the corner of Cochrane & Dundas on the South side. Hopefully we will all be seated by 12 o'clock. Please reply to me, Dawn Thornton by July 16th so that I can make an accurate reservation

Dawn Thornton 905-683-6975 dthorn000@sympatico.ca



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BREAKFAST CLUB

Come join us for breakfast on Tuesday, August 27 at 9:00. This month we are trying a brand new restaurant that just opened - The South Lake Grill is located at 955 Westney Road South, in the mall at Westney and Harwood. Call Julie Mathewson 905-686-0803 or email jmathewson@rogers.com to reserve your place. Suggestions for other restaurants to try are welcomed.



*In July we met at Angelique's Family Restaurant in Ajax. We all got a kick out of this order of **ONE** pancake (That's a dinner plate it's sitting on)*



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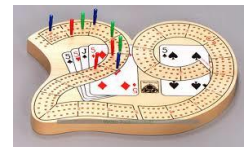
Pick your favourite game to play on the second and fourth Tuesday every month. Our next games afternoons will be on August 13 and 27 from 2:00 to 4:00. **Note that since July had five Tuesdays, there will be three weeks between the last game in July and the first in August.** We play at Chartwell Harwood Retirement Residence 240 Old Harwood Avenue in Ajax. Limited parking is available behind the residence as long as you don't park in a reserved spot, and there is additional parking on the street. For more information, contact Julie Mathewson 905-686-0803 or jmathewson@rogers.com.

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PROBUS CRIBBAGE

The Cribbage Interest Group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 PM. We have 14 members and about 10 attend on a typical afternoon for fun fellowship and cribbage. We take a short break at 3 for coffee, tea, sweets and a chat. We charge a loonie for the tea and coffee and we take turns bringing the sweets. We all have a good time and new members are welcome.

For more information contact *Reg Lawrance* at 905-428-2663, or email reglawrance@rogers.com



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PROBUS BOOK CLUB

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

Our selection for September 25, 2019 is:

"The Scapegoat" by Daphne du Maurier.

Interested in reading, discussion, fun and fellowship, we welcome you to join our group.

For more information call or e-mail Bernie Rosebush at

905-426-1598 or bernie.rosebush@gmail.com

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FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Ajax PROBUS Family History Group will not meet until Wednesday, 18th September. Any PROBUS members, interested in probing their family roots, are welcome to join us at the Ajax Main Public Library, at 10:00 am on the 18th.

Contacts: Michael and Anne Reed, 905-2392908, mandareed@bell.net.



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PROBUS WALKING GROUP

The walking group gets together on Wednesday mornings at 10:00, except on the first Wednesday of the month (because, of course, we all want to attend our PROBUS meeting). We walk for 1½ to 2 hours at an easy pace, covering 4 to 6 km in a variety of locations.

Come join us and discover some of the many walking trails Ajax and surrounding areas have to offer. *Contact Ron Mitchell at 905-683-5539 or mitchellmis@rogers.com to get on the mailing list*



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DO YOU PLAY POOL?

PROBUS Billiards club Meets Fridays August 2, 16 and 30. at Petrina's Taps and Billiards, 21 Harwood Ave S. Meet time is 11:00 am. All are welcome. Seniors pay only \$4.00.

Parking is free East side parking lot. North entrance upstairs to second floor.

All PROBUS members are welcome.

Don Voorhees, Pickering PROBUS Billiards Coordinator

Holdus1399@gmail.com or 905-427-9653

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USING TECHNOLOGIES



The Using Technologies Group is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the Fall. More information to come in a later newsletter.

Tom Rosebush 905-426-1598 tom.rosebush@gmail.com

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PROBUS GOLF

Golf on Tuesday mornings started the first Tuesday in May. As usual we tee off starting at 10 a.m. at Hawthorne Valley.

The rate is the same: \$19. Call the course at 905-686-2028 to make your first tee time.

If anyone wants to be added to the golf list e-mail me at marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca. See you out there soon.

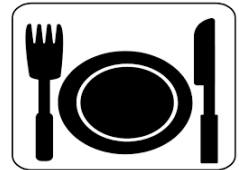


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DINING OUT CLUB

Our next dinner will be on Thursday, August 15th at 6 pm. It will be held at Symposium Restaurant which is located at the corner Salem and Rossland. Look forward to seeing you there. Please let me know if you are planning on attending..

Carol Breen 905-839-7762 cbreen840@gmail.com



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We also will be serving lunch following our September 4th meeting. The cost is 5.00 and I will be collecting the money at our next meeting in August. You must sign up in August so I can get an idea of how much food to order. You will not be able to participate if I do not know in advance.

Carol Breen 905-839-7762 cbreen840@gmail.com

For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada go to www.probus.org. Our Ajax PROBUS website: www.ajaxprobus.com
Many thanks for those who sent in items for this issue.

Comments and items appreciated including photos of Club events. Please send to **Barbara Squires**, Editor
stunikki@gmail.com or to ajaxprobus@gmail.com

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SOCIAL BRIDGE



Marathon Bridge URGENT

It is the last time to register your team for next year's marathon bridge. Harvey has to make up the schedule for the fall for distribution at the September meeting. See Harvey at coffee break. If you do not know what marathon bridge is, see Harvey at the coffee break.

SOCIAL BRIDGE on Thursdays at the Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at 2:30pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.) Social bridge will continue every Thursday through the summer.

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Bridging the Gap – Opener's Rebid – Part 3 Spade Responses

What would you bid in the following situations?

Opener
1 Club
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Responder
1 Spade

Clubs Q10972	Diamonds A	Hearts AK5	Spades KQJ4
Clubs AJ10742	Diamonds AJ4	Hearts –	Spades AQ95

A bid of 4 Spades shows a strong hand (19 or more points) with 4 card spade support. This is NOT a closeout bid. Partner should consider slam with more than a minimum hand.

Harvey Brodhecker

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AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, AUGUST, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Civic Holiday 	2 11 am Billiards	3
4	5	6 10 am Golf	7 10-12 PROBUS Meeting 2-4 Cribbage	8 Prince Edward County Wine Tour 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	9	10
11 1:30 - 3:30 Library Movie: If Beale Street Could Talk	12	13 10 am Golf 2-4 Euchre	14 10-12 Walking Group 2 – 4 Cribbage	15 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	16 11 am Billiards 6 pm Dining Out	17
18	19	20 10 am Golf	21 10-12 Walking Group 12:00 RODEO Lunch 2 – 4 Cribbage	22 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	23	24
25 1:30 – 3:30 Library Movie: Fighting With My Family	26	27 9 am Breakfast Club 10 am Golf 2-4 Euchre	28 10-12 Walking Group 2 – 4 Cribbage	29 Million Dollar Quartet 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	30 11 am Billiards	31



July 3, 2019 Meeting



July 3rd speaker, Tom Rosebush



Interest Group Coordinators: from left: Anne Reed, Ron Mitchell, Bernie Rosebush, Maureen McVarish, Julie Mathewson, Harvey Brodhecker, Michael Reed, Reg Lawrance, Tom Rosebush

Absent: Dawn Thornton, Carol Breen, Marcia Everitt, Don Vorhees,

Westben, July 23, 2019





For more Westben pictures, please go to our website: www.ajaxprobus.com (ctrl & click)

NON-PROBUS EVENTS

MOVIES AT THE AJAX LIBRARY



MOVIES AT THE MAIN – Enjoy great movies at the **Ajax Library Main Branch Rotary Room**. Free of Charge. **Please note: Our movie titles may change at any time. For the most up-to-date information, please visit www.ajaxlibrary.ca or call any of our branches.**

First come, first serve; limited to 125 spots; doors open 30 minutes prior to show start.

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If Beale Street Could Talk (Rated PG)

A young woman embraces her pregnancy while she and her family set out to prove her childhood friend and lover innocent of a crime he didn't commit.

For accessibility purposes, closed captioned will be used during this program.

Sunday August 11, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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Fighting With My Family (Rated PG)

A former wrestler and his family make a living performing at small venues around the country while his kids dream of joining World Wrestling Entertainment.

For accessibility purposes, closed captioned will be used during this program.

Sunday August 25, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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Tribute Communities Centre a premier sports and entertainment centre facility in Oshawa and the Durham Region which hosts Oshawa Generals Hockey, concerts and family shows. Click on the web site at <http://www.tributecommunitiescentre.com/> to view upcoming concerts and events. From Jerry Seinfeld, Rock the Rink to Australia's Thunder from down under.

NON-PROBUS TRIPS

October 6th – 18th – IRELAND: Shamrock Adventure – the North and South

It is often said that each day in Ireland is like a festival. Ireland is, after all, a country bustling with activity. Activity that ranges from cultural to traditional and from music to theatre and dance. Ireland is also a country of ancient landscapes that are ever changing. In fact, it is a country that boasts “40 shades of green”. Join us on a delightful journey to the Emerald Isle. Your visit will take you to some of Ireland’s most treasured landmarks.



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November 17th – 24th – The King meets Country- MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA TOUR from Blues to Rock ‘n Roll to County!

Includes:

- Round trip airfare from Toronto to Memphis
- Three nights in Memphis / Three nights in Nashville – including breakfast
- City tours of Memphis and Nashville; Tours of: Sun Studio and Graceland; Country Music Hall of Fame + RCA; Grand Ole Opry & The Ryman Auditorium



Contact Shirlie asap for these two trips! I will send complete information!!
5-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com



Age-Friendly Ajax Update

We want to hear from you!

Consultation with the people who call Ajax home is the best foundation for building the future of an age-friendly Ajax. There is still time and opportunity to share your insights, experience and knowledge to help shape the Age-Friendly Ajax Community Plan.

Open Houses coming in September!

Last chance to have your opinion heard on everything age-friendly! Come join our Age-Friendly Ajax Steering Committee as we discuss and engage Ajax residents in each ward across the town. Three Dates and locations to participate:

Ward 1: Monday, September 23, 2019 - 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
McLean Community Centre – Community Room 3

Ward 2: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 - 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Audley Recreation Centre – Community Room

Ward 3: Thursday, September 19, 2019 - 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Ajax Community Centre – HMS Room

Complete the Age-Friendly Ajax Community Survey

The survey will be available until September 2019. To date, we have collected 224 completed surveys with the hope of receiving many more. The Age-Friendly Ajax Community Survey is available online at ajax.ca/agefriendly, or in hard copy at the Ajax Main Branch Library, Ajax Town Hall, the Ajax and McLean Community Centres and the Audley Recreation Centre. If you would like to have access to a hard copy survey, please let us know and we will get one to you!

Arrange an Age-Friendly Focus Group

Do you belong to an organization or club that would benefit from participating in an age-friendly focus group? Let us come to you!

We can arrange a specific 1.5-2 hour focus group with your members to discuss the seven age-friendly community features. Facilitators will provide open ended discussion questions to gather members' feedback and input on age-friendly community strengths, challenges and opportunities within Ajax.

To arrange a focus group, please contact:

Jennifer Plishewsky

Community Development Coordinator / Age-Friendly Ajax Steering Committee Chair

Jennifer.Plishewsky@ajax.ca

905-619-2529, ext. 7231