



PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to the members who contributed to this issue.

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

hettyisnow@gmail.com

Ajax PROBUS website:
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

Thank you to **Julie Mathewson**, **Nancy Hobart** and **Barb Squires** for a very successful car rally on October 14. The rain cleared and the fall colours were spectacular. Be sure to check out other activities and trips mentioned later in the newsletter.

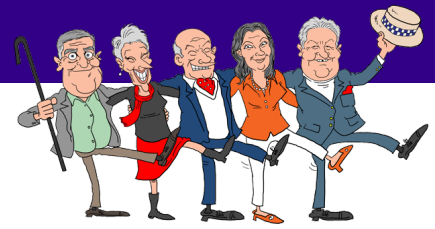
I am pleased to announce that **April Gilkinson** has volunteered to be our new Speaker Coordinator. I would like to thank **Victoria Plaskett** for the wonderful job she did during her tenure. It takes a lot of volunteers to run our club. I am grateful to everyone who helps.

Because of an inquiry from a new member, I learned something I was not aware of. There is medical, dental, life, and trip insurance available to PROBUS members through Johnson Insurance. For more information go to their website www.johnson.ca/probus and select your province. Check if their rates are competitive with other quotes you have received or what you are already paying.

Free membership to PROBUS Global is available to all PROBUS members (www.probusglobal.org/). Through this online PROBUS organization you can find out about PROBUS clubs all over the world, have access to the PROBUS Global newsletter, attend online meetings and much more. The meetings I have attended have had members from England, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, South Africa and other parts of Canada.

I hope to see many of you at our next meeting on November 2. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining our club, please invite them to come to a meeting as a guest.

Jane Wilson



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>President</u>	Jane Wilson	ajaxprobuspresident@gmail.com
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<u>Movie Club</u>	Not meeting during Covid	
<u>RODEO (Ladies Lunch)</u>	Dawn Thornton	dthorn000@gmail.com
<u>Walking Club</u>	Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish	mitchellmis@rogers.com maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

If an event has to be cancelled, you will be notified by email on the day of the event, before 9:00 am. Members who do not have email will be phoned.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:00 am GOLF	2 10:00 am GENERAL MEETING	3 2:30 pm SOCIAL BRIDGE	4	5
6 Clocks go back 1 hour 	7 11:00 am ZOOM CHAT	8 10:00 am GOLF — 2:00 pm EUCHRE	9 12 noon RODEO LUNCH — 1:30 pm BOOK CLUB	10 2:30 pm BRIDGE LESSON	11 Remembrance Day 	12
13	14 11:00 am ZOOM CHAT	15 10:00 am GOLF	16	17 2:30 pm BRIDGE LESSON — 5:30 pm DINING OUT	18	19
20	21 11:00 am ZOOM CHAT	22 10:00 am GOLF — 2:00 pm EUCHRE	23	24 2:30 pm SOCIAL BRIDGE	25	26
27	28 11:00 am ZOOM CHAT	29 9:00 am BREAKFAST CLUB — 10:00 am GOLF	30			



It was decided at the June 2022 Management Team Meeting that we will continue to require Proof of Vaccination for all indoor 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 (except when the majority of an interest group feels more comfortable with masks being worn). A detailed Protocol is on our website at www.ajaxprobus.com.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wearing your name badges at our events helps us recognize each other and makes photo identification easier!



GENERAL MEETING
with Guest Speaker
Wednesday, November 2
10:00 am
Ajax Community Centre, HMS Ajax Room

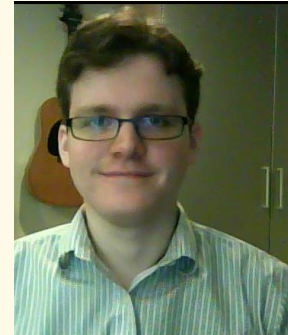
Meeting fee: \$2
Optional "Share the Wealth" draw:
Tickets \$1 each or 3 for \$2
(exact change appreciated)

THE SOUNDS OF HOLLYWOOD: DISCOVERING THE MUSIC OF FILM

with Guest Speaker: Daniel Aonso

Starting from the soaring romanticism of the Golden Era of Hollywood, and traveling through the years: From the scares and screeches of Bernard Herrmann to the beautiful sounds of John Williams, explore the music of motion pictures!

Daniel Aonso studied piano from an early age. He then went on to complete a Bachelor's and later Master's degree in music from York University with Classical Piano as primary instrument. His main areas of interest are in Popular Music and Film Music. He currently teaches piano, guitar, percussion and music theory at PAVAS music school in Mississauga.



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

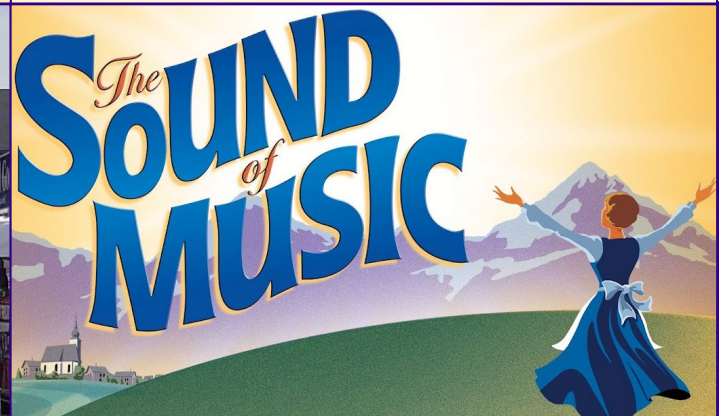
SOLD OUT

ST. JACOBS FARMER'S MARKET
and
"THE SOUND OF MUSIC"
at the Drayton Theatre, Cambridge

Wednesday, November 30
Bus leaves at 8:30 am from Walmart, Ajax

\$150 per person
includes lunch at the
Stonecrock Restaurant, return transportation
by coach, driver's tip, 407 toll,
St. Jacobs Farmer's Market & performance
of "The Sound of Music"

RSVP: shirlievanputten@rogers.com
905-619-8583



COMING SOON

Note that there will not be a General Meeting in December.



Concerts

The Fitzgerald's Christmas



Thursday, December 8

7:00 pm

\$38 per ticket

includes HST. Service charge may apply.

St. Francis Centre

78 Church St. S., Ajax

Back by popular demand, The Fitzgerald's return to the St. Francis Centre with their new Christmas show, highlighting music from their new album, A Canadian Christmas. This show features triple fiddle arrangements of holiday favourites and the group's signature high energy Ottawa Valley step dancing!

Grab your ugliest Christmas sweater, and join The Fitzgerald's as they provide a cheerful and truly Canadian soundtrack to your holiday season!

I have seen the Fitzgeralds perform many times and they are exceptional entertainers! This brother and sister group fiddle and step dance to traditional Irish songs as well as a variety of original tunes. Their music will touch your souls and energize your spirit. We are very fortunate to be able to see them in such an intimate setting as the St Francis Centre. Not to be missed. Highly recommended.

April Gilkinson (Member, Probus Club of Ajax)

If you would like to attend, please contact Jane Wilson

ajaxprobuspresident@gmail.com

If we have a group of at least 10 people we will get a 10% discount.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH and THEATRE AT THE HERONGATE BARN THEATRE

2885 Altona Rd, Pickering

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Arrival 11:30 pm

\$69 per person

includes Buffet Lunch and Theatre

RSVP: shirlievanputten@rogers.com

905-619-8583

Contact Shirlie if you need a lift to the theatre
or you can provide a lift.

PLAY: "FUNNY MONEY"

Who wants to be a millionaire? Everyone does! Henry A. Perkins, a mild-mannered C.P.A. picks up the wrong briefcase and it happens to be full of money!



**FAMOUS PEOPLE PLAYERS THEATRE
NEW MUSICAL
"SLEIGH BELLS RING"**

Tuesday December 13, 2022

**Bus leaves at 10:15 am
from the Walmart parking lot, Ajax**

\$120 per person

**includes 3-course lunch,
return transportation by coach,
driver's tip and 407 toll.**

**RSVP: shirlievanputten@rogers.com
905-619-8583**



Famous PEOPLE Players - Glow in the dark Dine & Dream Dinner Theatre. From Broadway, to Radio City Music Hall and around the World – FPP is Where Special Happens!"

All year long. This group mounts unique, visually fantastic "black light" shows. Famous People Players is renowned not just for the quality of its shows, but also for bringing out the creative potential in performers with disabilities.

Diane Dupuy, the company founder, is an outstanding motivational speaker who spoke alongside former Vice President Al Gore at the Alliance for a New Humanity. With five honorary doctorate degrees, she was awarded the Order of Canada and the Queen's Jubilee medal for her work in Theatre and her dedication to the integration of PEOPLE with disABILITIES.



*Voted #1 of 104 Concerts & Shows in Toronto
on [Trip Advisor](#)*



Albufeira, Portugal



Costa del Sol, Spain

PORTUGAL & SPAIN February 9 – March 1, 2023

Portugal's Algarve province, is one of Europe's most picturesque holiday destinations. The white-washed villages cascade into the sea. Cobblestone streets are lined with outdoor cafés, bistros, wine bars, and fruit and vegetable markets.

The Costa del Sol region of southern Spain is remarkable for its diverse landscapes, fabulous beaches, and coastal sites as well as a wealth of small villages that dot the shoreline. It is one of Europe's most popular holiday destinations.

Prices range from **\$3,699** for double occupancy to **\$4,899** for a single Studio at [Hotel Brisa Sol](#) (pool view) and 1 bedroom at Sunset Beach Resort. Prices include:

Transportation: Coach to Montreal; direct nonstop flight from Montreal to Malaga, Spain; transfer from the Costa del Sol by coach to Albufeira, Portugal, and direct non-stop flight from Faro, Portugal to Toronto.

Accommodation: 12 nights in Albufeira; one dinner and boat ride, and 8 nights at the [Sunset Beach Resort](#), Benalmadena, Spain in a one bedroom apartment.

PORTUGAL February 28 – March 22, 2023

Albufeira is the largest, liveliest and most energetic of the resort towns that line southern Portugal's beautiful Algarve coastline, with stunning beaches, and a vast selection of restaurants. Within the charming and historic streets of the "Old Town" there are over one hundred restaurants and bars.

Cost is **\$3,449** double occupancy - One Bedroom Apartment: Poolview; (Single price is **\$4,499**) Prices include:

Transportation: Round trip direct flights from Toronto to Faro, Portugal; coach transfer from Faro airport to your hotel in the Algarve; transfer from your hotel to the airport, and flight from Faro to Toronto.

Accommodation: 21 nights with kitchen at the [Hotel Brisa Sol](#), Albufeira, Portugal and one dinner and boat ride.

Services of an HNA Travels Tour Director are included with both tours.

Tours presented by HNA Travels. For booking or more information contact:
Shirlie van Putten 905-619-8583 or email shirlie@hnatravels.com

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is on

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:30 pm

**at 3 Kemp Drive
Ajax**

The book we selected is "The Last Dress from Paris" by Jade Beer. You do not have to have read the book to attend the meeting.

RSVP: to Jane Armstrong
armstrongjane@rogers.com
905.683.2069



BREAKFAST CLUB

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 am

SYMPOSIUM CAFÉ

**338 Rossland Road East
(at Salem Road)
Ajax**

We meet on the last Tuesday of the month at various restaurants

RSVP: to Julie Mathewson
jmathewson@rogers.com
905-686-0803

BRIDGE CLUB - EVERY THURSDAY 2:30 - 4:30 pm

- Nov 3:** Social Bridge
- Nov 10:** Bridge Lesson (*Major Suit Openings & Response Sequences when Responder has the Other Major*)
- Nov 17:** Bridge Lesson (*Minor Suit Openings & Response Sequences when Responder has a Major Suit*)
- Nov 24:** Social Bridge

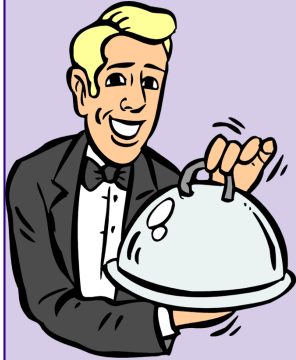


The library is having trouble locating the source of the water leak in the floor of the Rotary Room in the main branch of the Ajax Library. We have therefore been reassigned to the Audley branch:

**Multipurpose Room
Ajax Library
1955 Audley Road**

RSVP: Harvey Brodhecker
hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca
416.894.5778

INTEREST GROUPS continued



DINING OUT CLUB
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
5:30 pm
BELLA NOTTE RESTAURANT
3570 Brock St. N.
Whitby

RSVP: Carol Breen
by November 14

cbreen840@bell.net
905.839.7762

Looking forward to seeing you.



EUCHRE
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 8 & 22
2:00 pm
We are still playing on
Trickstercards

We meet every 2nd and
4th Tuesday of the month

RSVP: to Julie Mathewson
by noon the day before

jmathewson@rogers.com
905-686-0803



9-HOLE GOLF (walking only)
EVERY TUESDAY @ 10 am
Try to arrive 30 minutes before
HAWTHORNE VALLEY
3470 Salem Road
Pickering

Reservations to Hawthorne Valley
up to a week ahead
905-686.2028

RSVP: Marcia Everitt
(Durham West)
marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca

RODEO LUNCH CLUB (Retired Old Dames Eating Out)



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
12 noon
BROTHERS RESTAURANT
110 Lupin Drive, Whitby
<https://brothers-restaurant.ca/>

Recently renovated and now open for lunch. Lucky us!
See you soon.

Members decided to now meet every second Wednesday at noon.

RSVP: Dawn Thornton
by November 4th
(reminders will not be sent)

dthorn000@gmail.com
289.989.0641

New members are always welcome.

WALKING CLUB



Come join us and discover some of the many walking trails Ajax and surrounding areas have to offer.

For more information contact:

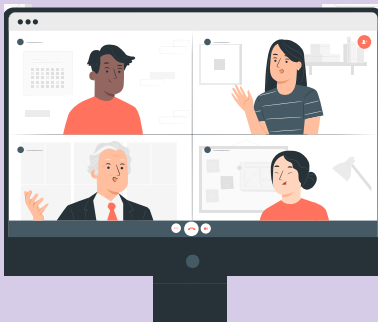
Ron Mitchell
mitchellmis@rogers.com
905.683.5539

or

Maureen McVarish
maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca

ZOOM CHAT ROOM

EVERY MONDAY
@ 11:00 am



Discussing general topics of interest.

To join the meeting contact:

Stewart Beatty
ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com

or

Barb Squires
ajaxprobus@gmail.com

MEMBERS' CORNER

MAUREEN'S CAMERA RAMBLES

HIKING TRCA PLEASURE VALLEY

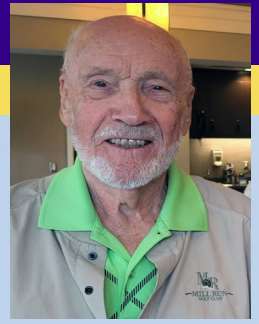
If you have lived in the Durham Region during the 80's and 90's, chances are you might remember, or maybe have visited Pleasure Valley when it was Durham's own 600 acre nature theme park. Anybody remember? Did you, or your kids slide down the 400 foot water slide? Roller skate through the trees? Zip line in the forest? Or visit the animals in the petting zoo? Hay wagon rides? Sleigh rides? Or ski the hills in winter? Now it is mostly a memory except for the riding stables at the corner of the property donning the Pleasure Valley name. The Toronto Region Conservation Authority have acquired the trails and share the parking lot with the stables.

Our Probus hiking group has walked these beautiful trails several times over the years. The first part of the trail from the parking lot to the woods and hills is a path flanked by a cow pasture and the riding stable property. You might find a few relics of the past on your journey including an old wooden piano, the springy duckling ride, disc golf targets and the ski hills.



Maureen McVarish





Carl G. Mabee

SCARECROW

There's a corn field not too far from home
where a scarecrow sits upon his throne.
He guards the field of golden grain
and watches all of his domain.

All dressed in rags and hand-me-downs,
he smiles a bit but mostly frowns.
And you might too if day and night
you waved your arms –it's quite a fright.

But sad to think he's all alone
sitting somewhere close to home.
Sometimes the stuffing blows away
and makes him less than yesterday.

He'll thicken up and has to stay
when someone comes with lots of hay.
And then once more he'll be alone
sitting on his narrow throne.

But maybe not, you'll never know,
he has a friend, an old black crow
who sits a while and talks to him
and walks along his old straw brim.

So perhaps he's not quite alone
sitting on his narrow throne.
But still, sitting high upon a pole
that's inserted in a lower hole
might just turn his smile upside down
and leave him with a painful frown.
(Just a thought. LOL)

By: Carl G. Mabee





Easy & Delicious No-Bake Chocolate Biscuit Cake



According to Royal Chef, and former personal chef to Queen Elizabeth, Darren McGrady, this chocolate biscuit cake was the Queen's favourite to have with her afternoon cuppa.

If you can't find Rich Tea biscuits (such as McVities) use any plain sweet cookies, not digestives or graham crackers.

CAKE

8 ozs (225g) Rich Tea biscuits
4 ozs (½ cup) unsalted butter (softened)
½ scant cup of golden or white sugar
4 ozs dark chocolate
2 tbsp warm water

GANACHE TOPPING

4-ozs dark chocolate
½ cup whipping cream

Optional garnish

Chocolate shavings
Whipped cream on the side

1. Line an 8" round or square cake pan (or springform) with greased parchment paper.
2. Break the Rich Tea biscuits into small pieces, about ¾" - 1" in size and set aside.
3. Cream the softened butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
4. Melt the chocolate in the microwave and add it to the butter and sugar mixture, mixing well.
5. Add the water and broken biscuits to the chocolate mixture, and mix until all the biscuits are coated.
6. Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan and refrigerate for at least an hour.
7. When the cake is chilled, break up the chocolate into a bowl.
8. Heat the cream on the stove or in the microwave until warm – do not boil.
9. Pour the warm cream over the chocolate mixture, stirring until the chocolate has melted and the ganache is glossy.
10. Remove the cake from the fridge and turn it out upside down, placing it on a wire rack with a tray underneath to catch the drips.
11. Spoon the ganache over the cake. Allow to set and cool before serving.

For added decadence, garnish with milk or dark chocolate shavings and serve with whipped cream. Enjoy!



We are delighted to welcome new members **Hyacinth Gibson, Ken and Janice Lepper and Bernadine Taylor.**

Just a 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.**

How to Make an e-transfer to Ajax Probus

You may now pay for memberships and social events by e-transfer.

Once you have signed up for a trip or event and confirmed that there is a space reserved for you, you will be ready to do an e-transfer for payment. Please make sure that the Social Chair, Shirlie Van Putten, is aware that you are paying by e-transfer.

You may also pay your annual membership by e-transfer, after you have notified the Membership Chair, Tom Rosebush that you are using this method.

Once you have followed the above instructions, you are ready to proceed:

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 in to 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: probusajxtreasurer@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.

Ajax Probus is using the safest method of e-Transfer which is Autodeposit, recommended by TD Bank. Once you hit send, the money will go directly to our account, and cannot be intercepted. (Passwords are not used in this method).

Tom Rosebush, Membership Coordinator
ajaxprobusmembership@gmail.com
437.981.6719

Rowena Burns, Treasurer
probusajxtreasurer@gmail.com
289.482.1800

PHOTO GALLERY

SEPTEMBER 24 - HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR AT AJAX COMMUNITY CENTRE



Hetty Shapiro, Rowena Burns, Jane Wilson & Barb Squires



Julie Mathewson & her mother, Sybil Tichanovs



Jane chats to Mayor of Ajax, Shaun Collier



One of the presentations held during the day

SEPTEMBER 29 - UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



A group of Ajax Club members joined the Probus Club of Clarington recently for a guided tour of the UOIT campus. Highlights of the tour included: the unique Crime Scene House within the Forensic Science program; the stables (once home to the famous racehorse, *Northern Dancer*), the beehives, and the gardens, which currently provide crops for campus food services and *Feed the Need* in Durham.

PHOTO GALLERY continued

OCTOBER 5 - GENERAL MEETING



Dr. Kenneth Shonk, motivational speaker on Humour and Wellness, entertained us while discussing the importance of humour in coping with life's daily stressors. The author of "Laughter from Womb to Tomb", Dr. Shonk explained how laughter and leading a joyful life is important in maintaining good health and well-being. Thank you to Victoria Plaskett for arranging this interesting and fun presentation.



Ruth Walker & Anne MacInnis



Victoria Plaskett & Julie Mathewson



Nancy Hobart & Margaret Wells



Jane Wilson with new member, Victoria Trusdale



Jan Genge, Betty Hennings & Barb Squires



Bernie Rosebush & new member, Bernadine Taylor



PHOTO GALLERY continued

OCTOBER 14 - CAR RALLY

Julie Mathewson, and her team, spent many hours putting this fun event together. They also provided a buffet lunch and gift bags for all participants. Unfortunately, they had no control over the weather but a great time was had by all – even those of us who got lost after the blue umbrellas! Congratulations to the winners, Joan and Allan Westwood.



Car Rally organizers: Jane Wilson, Julie Mathewson, Barb Squires and Nancy Hobart



Car Rally winners, Joan & Allan Westwood



Elaine Lee



Clarence Prins & Freda Cureton



John Clark, Bob Wilson & Peter Barths



Gail Aziz, Mary Ann & Dean Bonney

