

PROBUS Club of Ajax Newsletter



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Presidents Message...

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As we all know, life is constantly changing. We can either embrace this change or push back. Being able to cope, or adapt to change is an important part of life. When we see change as an opportunity, we become more resilient.

Our Club has had many changes already this year but our resilience allows us to continue to succeed.

Our volunteers engage with a positive attitude and our members are eager to meet new people and try new things. We will be testing out some ways to improve so your feedback is welcomed. We are excited to have our coffee services at meetings catered, our revised layout will give more space and greeters will be happy to help guests navigate and feel more comfortable.

Our newsletter will be easier to replicate. We will also be leveraging our Facebook page for members only, to keep members connected, provide last minute information, and share pictures of our get-togethers and events.

Not all of these changes are going to be successful but I know by working together, it will all get sorted. I am happy to be spending some of my retirement with you all!

April Gilkinson

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



Your Name

PROBUS Club of Ajax

MARCH		WALKING GROUP 2 IS EVERY MONDAY AT 10AM		WALKING GROUP 1 IS EVERY THURSDAY AT 10AM			2025
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		CRIBBAGE 2-4PM	GENERAL MEETING 10AM	SOCIAL BRIDGE 2:00-4:30PM	ZOOM CHAT - 1 PM		
	RODEO - 12 PM GOME0 - 12 PM	CRIBBAGE - 2-4PM COFFE + CONVERSATION 10AM	EUCHRE 2-4PM	BRIDGE LESSON 2:00-4:30PM	ZOOM CHAT - 1 PM		
	BOWLING 1PM HAPPY HOUR 3PM	CRIBBAGE 2-4PM	NOT ANOTHER BOOK CLUB 10AM	SOCIAL BRIDGE 2:00-4:30PM DINING OUT 5:30PM	ZOOM CHAT - 1 PM		
	GOME0 - 12 PM RODEO - 12 PM	BREAKFAST CLUB 9AM CRIBBAGE 2-4PM	IMPROV 1:30-3:00PM EUCHRE 2-4PM	BRIDGE LESSON 2:00-4:30PM TRIVIA EVENT	ZOOM CHAT - 1 PM		

REMINDER

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS ON WINTRY DAYS.
YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY 9:00 AM IF A MEETING IS
CANCELLED OR IS MOVED TO A ZOOM CALL DUE TO WEATHER

Notes:

General Meetings

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



THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Performed by **Mike Daley**, musician and musicologist

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 - 10:00 am

Mike Daley is a guitarist and singer based in Toronto. A professional musician for over 30 years, he has toured Canada, the United States and England with Jeff Healey, Classic Albums Live and many more. Mike has recorded extensively in a variety of musical styles. His lecture concerts, under the name "Dr. Mike Daley Presents", regularly attract sell-out audiences.

Mike holds a Ph.D in musicology and has published widely on a variety of musical subjects. He is a longtime member of Fraser/Daley and he holds the position of Assistant Music Director at Church of the Redeemer in Toronto. For more information: mikedaleymusic.com

NOURISHING THE DURHAM COMMUNITY

Guest Speaker: **Ben Earle, CEO, Feed the Need in Durham (FTND)**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND - 10:00 am

Since its inception over 15 years ago, FTND has been the major food provider in Durham for those experiencing hunger. With a network of 65 hunger relief programs, including food banks and shelters, hundreds of volunteers, and thousands of community supporters, FTND supplies two million pounds of food each year. By distributing more than 2.5 million nutritious meals annually, FTND serves as a beacon of hope for those in need. Ben will illustrate how FTND, based on their core principles of Dignity, Access and Equity, has set out on a mission to redefine and revolutionize the face of food banking across the Durham Region.



Join us for lunch at the Portly Piper after the meetings!

Tuesday, March 18th – OPG Nuclear Power Station - FREE!

You are invited to the Visitor Centre in the Pickering Nuclear Plant for an information session on the Operation of the Nuclear Plant. OPG's Pickering Nuclear Station is one of the largest nuclear stations in the world and has been safely and reliably providing Ontario with power for decades. Learn more about this world-class facility which features four operating CANDU reactors.

1675 Montgomery Park Rd. Pickering - Parking is limited! Please Carpool!

Saturday, March 22nd - Scarborough Theatre

“The Birds & the Bees”– \$25

Gail, a beekeeper, concerned with her decreasing bee population, has little time for the woes of her daughter, Sarah, a turkey farmer who has just left her cheating husband, and even less time for her tenant farmer, Earl, who has a free-wheeling attitude toward sex and relationships. Add to this fractious mix Ben, a young, athletic university student also keen on understanding bee populations, and everyone is about to get a big lesson in pollination...if you know what we mean!

3600 Kingston Rd, Scarborough

Friday, April 25th – Whitby Courthouse “The Play that goes Wrong” - \$26

Welcome to the opening night of the Cornley University Drama Society's newest production, The Murder at Haversham Manor, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show—an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences!

416 Centre St. S, Whitby

Wednesday, May 7th – Dirty Rotten Scandals – Cost \$155

Lawrence Jameson is no stranger to the high life—he's lived it for years by separating lonely rich ladies from their fortunes in a swanky Riviera town. When he and his chief competitor in the con business, Freddy Benson, make a bet to swindle an heiress out of \$50,000, the professional scoundrels soon discover they may not always be the smartest people in the room. **Bring along your lunch and I will provide drinks & dessert!**

Included:

- Return transportation by Deluxe Motor Coach
- Orchestra Level Ticket
- Driver's Tip
- 407 Toll

Ireland – October 4th – 17th – Pick up Flyer!!

Shamrock Adventure: The North and South of Ireland – 14 Day Tour

Ireland is a country known for its stunning landscapes, vibrant colorful villages, ancient Celtic relics, lush green valleys and abandoned castles.

This tour is the perfect introduction to the Best of the Emerald Isle. HNA Travels' 14- day tour offers you Ireland's best-loved attractions and its best-kept secrets including Dublin City, the Wild Atlantic Way and Northern Ireland.

- The rich and rugged scenery.
- The friendly, welcoming people.
- The storied, unforgettable history.

This comfortably paced tour introduces you to Ireland's iconic locations and its vibrant culture.

**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.

Local Outings



Trivia Quiz

Test your knowledge at our trivia event on

March 27th at 2:00 pm!

At the Carruthers Marsh Pavillon. If you have not registered yet there is still room to join us.

Dan - danrt@icloud.com

Julie - jmathewson@rogers.com

Piano Heist

Sat April 19th 7:00 pm located at the St Francis Centre

\$35 Per person

Friends Nico Rhodes and Patrick Courtin were shocked to discover that the piano is no longer considered cool. Determined to change that, they embark on a quest to redeem the keyboard and reinstate its reputation as the greatest instrument of all time. Piano Heist is a mishmash of theatrical wonder, comedy, audience participation, heartfelt stories, a pinch of history, and a world of musical madness.

RSVP: Julie jmathewson@rogers.com

Fleetwood Mac Mania

Sat May 24th 7:00 pm at the St. Francis Centre

\$38 Per person (We might get a discount if more than 10 people sign up)

A stunning visual and musical tribute to Fleetwood Mac, this show has been touring since 2007 and has gained a reputation as one of North America's most authentic-sounding Fleetwood Mac tribute band.



Interest Groups



Book Club

Every 3rd Wednesday Via Zoom

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m.**

Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com

905.839.8147

This is not another book club. We discuss books that members have read and recommend as opposed to all of us reading the same book.



Bowling + Happy Hour

Every 3rd Monday @ 1PM

AJAX BOWLING CENTRE

172 Harwood Ave. S. Lower floor

Next get-together: **Monday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m.**

RSVP: Kevin keportener@gmail.com

call or text 905.626.6303

\$10 for two games plus \$2 for shoes

HAPPY HOUR

After bowling, at 3:00 pm, we go to the **MACKENZIE PUB**. Non-bowlers are welcome to join us.



Breakfast Club

Last Tuesday of the Month

Next get together: **9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25 at 9:00 am**

RSVP Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com 905.839.8147

Next Breakfast Club will be held at **SCRAMBLES** at 527 Westney Rd



Bridge

Every Thursday 2:00PM - 4:30PM AT THE AJAX LIBRARY

Rotary Room 55 Harwood Avenue South

Harvey: hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca

Thursday March 6, 2025 - Social Bridge

Thursday March 13, 2025 - Bridge Lesson

Thursday March 20, 2025 - Social Bridge

Thursday March 27, 2025 - Bridge Lesson



Coffee and Conversation

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY 10:00 - NOON

Next get-together: Tuesday, March 11 at 10:00a.m.

RSVP: Marlene marzrae18@gmail.com

For new members who joined our Club in the last 12 months. A great way to meet new people and learn more about how to enjoy PROBUS.



Cribbage

EVERY TUESDAY 2:00 - 4:00 PM

AT THE PICKERING VILLAGE SENIOR CENTRE

29 Linton Avenue One block north of Kingston Road,

one block west of Church St.

Feel free to join us even if you've never played before.

Contact Wendy: wendysmith1@live.com



Dining Out

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY - 5:30 PM

Next get-together: Thursday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m.

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.



Club FRANÇAIS

NO MEETING IN MARCH

Contact me if you are interested. We will meet at my home to watch a short French movie followed by discussion in French, over light refreshments.

RSVP: Heiderose Heiderose.butscher@gmail.com



Creative Explorers NEW

sign up in MARCH

Each month, we'll gather to try something new—be it card making, cooking, or a hobby you haven't explored yet. For seasoned crafter or a curious beginner, this is the perfect opportunity to unleash your creativity and have fun..

RSVP: Tina tinakvrgic@gmail.com



"GOMEO" Lunch Group

"Great Old Men Eating Out" **EVERY 2ND MONDAY at NOON**

RSVP: Kevin keportener@gmail.com 905.626.6303

We meet at the **MACKENZIE PUB & RESTAURANT**

250 Bayly St. West Ajax



Happy Hour

EVERY 3RD MONDAY - 3:00 PM

Next get-together: Monday, March 17 at 3:00.

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, March 26

CHARTWELL RETIREMENT RESIDENCE (Theatre in lower level)

240 Old Harwood Ave., Ajax

RSVP: April april-ann@hotmail.com



"RODEO" Lunch Group

"Retired Old Dames Eating Out" **EVERY 2ND MONDAY - NOON**

**next get together Monday, March 10 at noon at Cloud Nine Bar & Grill,
368 Bayly Street West, Ajax**

RSVP: Anne mandareed02@gmail.com



Walking Group 1

EVERY THURSDAY - 10:00 AM

RSVP: Ron mitchellmis@rogers.com

Maureen maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca

Join us and discover many walking trails in Ajax and surrounding areas.



Walking Group 2

EVERY MONDAY - 10:00 AM

We meet at the Rotary Park Pavilion on Lake Driveway

RSVP: Julie jmathewson@rogers.com

This group is for those members who prefer a shorter, slower pace.



Young at Heart NEW

**** needs Co-Coordinator* Monthly activity TBA**

This will be a monthly "drive yourself, pay for yourself" get together to explore fun things to do locally. We started with Tubing, but could do visits to an Art Gallery, iFLY, outdoor concerts, Escape Rooms and of course, Dancing at the Edge.



Zoom

EVERY FRIDAY - 1:00 PM

To join the Zoom chat contact: Stewart ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com

All members are welcome - Keeps us connected !

Members Corner



Volunteers needed!



We require someone to assume the following positions:

Vice President

Newsletter Editor

**Casual Volunteers to help with monthly meetings
and one time events!**

Please contact Jane Wilson:

jw.003@sympatico.ca or 905-619-6674

for more information or to volunteer!

THANK YOU for joining the team!



Diane Sharp - Lynn Cook - Liz O'Neil - Ivy Johnson - Karen Happell - April Gilkinson - Cecile Jones

Welcome New Members!

Joanne Freve
Patricia Pestano
Erica Pazin



The following members may pick up their packages from
the Membership Table during the next General Meeting:

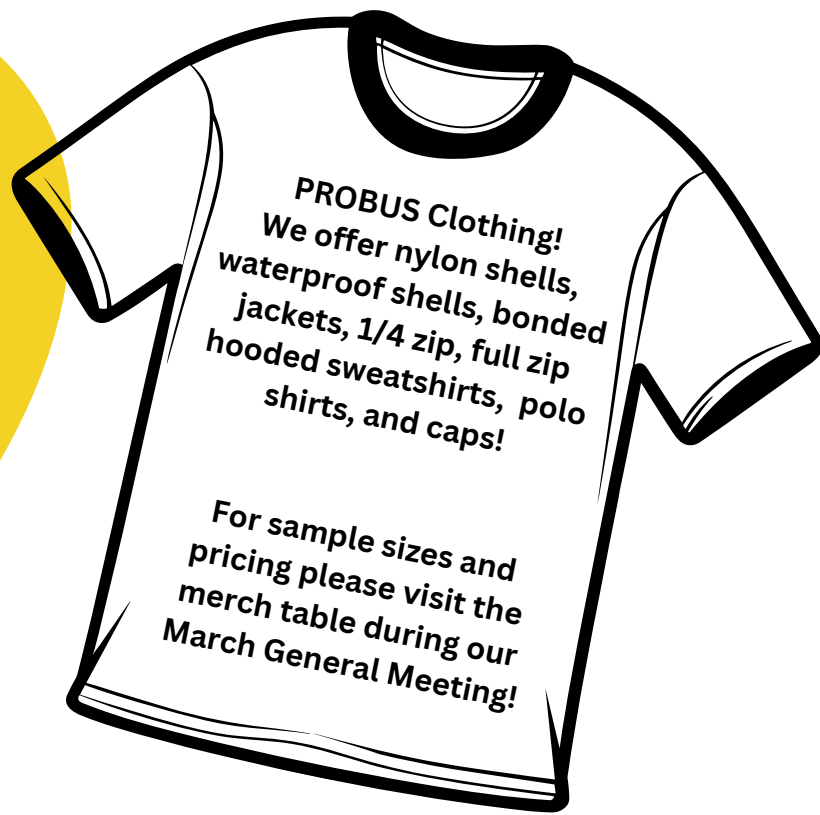
Susan Stocks
Ann London
Frances Lazarte
Carlos Lazarte
Jennifer Webb
Janice Hutton
Leda Gagne
Lynn Tennant
Nan Sukaraj

Random Acts of Kindness

This is the PROBUS Club of Ajax's way of reaching out to members who are celebrating a special event (special birthday, anniversary, contribution to the club) or have had an illness or surgery. In order to send wishes from the club, I am asking members to please let me know of anyone we should be contacting.

Jane Wilson

jw.003@sypatico.ca
905-619-6674



Playing at Cloud 9 in Ajax on March 9th - 3 pm - 6 pm

Lakeridge Dixie Stompers



The small Jazz Combo with a New Orleans Sound!

Photo Gallery

From meeting and
events in February...

