



PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX NEWSLETTER

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President's Message...

I don't feel quite ready for June yet, because doesn't it seem like May just got started. As you will remember from the May meeting, we reversed the room for a wonderful photo presentation from John Harquail, featuring captivating scenes from his career as a commercial photographer. We liked the new room orientation so much we decided to keep it that way for future meetings. Who says we aren't flexible?

Summertime means time at the beach or at the pool, and it also brings the end of the Probust year. Please make sure to renew your membership by August 1. We will also be preparing for our Annual General Meeting in September, and you will be receiving news about our slate of nominees for the 2026-27 Management Team.

Exciting events in June start with the June 5 Seven Hills Fiddle band, a collaboration between Durham West Probust and neighbouring clubs like ours! This is the first of a series of live music sure to get our toes tapping. And are you ready for a Murder Mystery with a Beach Party? It's happening at the Falcon Brewery on June 17 with dinner and dancing! The following week, on June 22 our adventuresome members will be experiencing the African Savannah "nightlife" at Toronto Zoo with the overnight Serengeti Bush Camp. What an incredible opportunity! On June 23, the Garden Club will be touring the well-known Native Plants in Claremont site, followed by lunch. Check out the newsletter for details of all these events or ask at the monthly meeting. Don't miss out! Unless of course, you are off touring Canada's East Coast with Shirly.

Don't miss our June 3rd monthly meeting, featuring speaker Mark Hebscher, whom some of you might recognize as co-anchor of the show Sportsline and Global TV. He'll be talking about "The Rise and Ruin of Sports Media". Thanks Marz, our Speaker Coordinator, for arranging all the exciting speakers that are coming up! Also many thanks to Erika, our hard-working Secretary and House Committee manager who organizes the wonderful volunteers you see at every meeting, and makes sure the coffee is hot and the treats are yummy!

One of the perks of being President is the positive comments I constantly receive about how much people enjoy belonging to PROBUS Club of Ajax. Most often I hear about how friendly and welcoming we are and that is a reputation we have held for a long time. Thanks to each and every member for making our Club truly special and a place to feel right at home.

Wishing a Happy Father's Day to all the dads and father figures in our lives and in our hearts. We cherish the memories forever.

Kathy

Kathy L



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Probus Club of Ajax would like to acknowledge and thank the Town of Ajax and the Ajax Partnership Fund for their support of our Club's events and activities. We work together to make a meaningful impact for Ajax residents and the broader community.

PROBUS AJAX JUNE 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
30	1 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 GAMES/PLAY 9 @2-4	2 CRIBBAGE @ 2	3 PROBUS MEETING @10	4 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30	5 MAHJONG @ 2 ZOOM CHAT @ 1 MINI CONCERT @2:30	6 GARDEN CLUB @10
7 GARDEN CLUB @10	8 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 GOMELO LUNCH @ 12 RODEO LUNCH @ 12 BRIDGE @2	9 COFFEE & CONV. @10 (FOR NEW MEMBERS) CRIBBAGE @ 2	10 EUCHRE @ 2	11 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30	12 POOL @ 11 ZOOM CHAT @ 1	13
14	15 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 BOWLING @ 1 HAPPY HOUR @ 2:30	16 COFFEE TIME @10 CRIBBAGE @ 2	17 MURDER MYSTERY @4	18 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30 DINING OUT @ 5:30	19 ZOOM CHAT @ 1 MAHJONG @ 2	20 GARDEN CLUB
21 FATHER'S DAY	22 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30 ZOO CAMP SIP & CHAT @1 BRIDGE @2	23 BREAKFAST @9 GARDEN TOUR @10 CRIBBAGE @ 2	24 EUCHRE @ 2 PARKWOOD PICNIC @6	25 WALKING GRP 1 @ 9:30	26 POOL @ 11 ZOOM CHAT @ 1	27
28	29 WALKING GRP 2 @ 9:30	30 CRIBBAGE @ 2				



Take advantage of the FACEBOOK page for your PROBUS Club of Ajax. It is visible to our members only.

By joining, you will see what goes on at some of the interest group events. Don't forget to post your pictures too!





Speakers Corner



June 3rd Speaker
Mark "Hebsy" Hebscher
The Rise and Ruin of Sports Media

As Co-anchor of the show Sportsline and Global TV, Mark helped revolutionize the way sports is presented on TV. Mark is a true sports historian and a foremost expert on on everything sports.

He lives in Toronto where he enjoys golf, music and gardening.



Lianne Harris

July Speaker
Lianne Harris
Canada's Growing Pains: 1885-1998

In 2003 Lianne was selected by W.O.M.A.D as one of Toronto's Women of Influence.

in 2009 She was invited to contribute to the book "The Power of Women United"

Most of us have been fortunate enough to have experienced her various renditions of past times.

This month she will be sharing "Life in Canada between 1885-1998."

Lianne will share a snapshot of life typical of the times and personalities to us.

It was a time of intense social and economic pressure that created new conditions for change.



Socials and Tours



October 3rd-13th

- Exploring the UK - October 3rd to 13th

**Explore Stonehenge, Torquay, Greenway, Bath,
The Cotswolds, and London to name a few.**

Pick up flyer for more details!



SUN AND FUN!

January 15th-26th 2027

**Emotions by Hodelpa Puerto
Plata in the Dominican
Replublic**

**This 5 star all inclusive hotel
has amazing pool, 7
restaurants, 4 bars etc.**

Adult Only Section Single \$3,150

Adults Only Junior Suite Double \$2,799

Pick up flyer for more details

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Payments for events and membership may be made via e-transfer through your bank to:

probusajxtreasurer@gmail.com

Include your name and what the payment is for.



**For more information unless otherwise stated, contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583
or shirlievanputten@rogers.com OR visit the Website**



Upcoming Events



Volunteers are needed now to help organize this year's scavenger hunt. This has been one of the most popular fall events but we can't do it without you!

Contact Julie jmathewson@rogers.com



New PROBUS Mini-Concert Series for the clubs in Pickering and Ajax

Concert #1: Seven Hills Fiddle Band
Friday June 5 from 2:30-3:30 Cost: \$10.59
Harwood Chartwell, 240 Old Harwood Ave, Ajax

Meet members from neighbouring clubs, enjoy live music in a friendly intimate setting. Enjoy complimentary fresh bake goods and coffee prepared by the Harwood Chartwell Chef.

All Proceeds go directly to the musicians.

To secure pay on-line go to Durham West Probus' Event Registration or paste the following URL into your browser:

<https://durhamwestprobus.wildapricot.org/event-6658163>

Please note: there are no cancellations or refunds.



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Upcoming Events

Murder Mystery June 17th, 2026 cost \$40

This Murder Mystery theme is Beach Party!

Wear your best Beach wear! NO SPEEDOS... please!

All parts will be played by Club members. Which one will be the Killer??

Includes

- Snacks at the table
- Buffet Dinner
- Murder Mystery Event
- Dancing with a DJ

Venue: Falcon Brewery - 30 Barr Rd in Ajax - STARTS AT 4, DINNER AT 6 AND DANCING UNTIL???

Contact **Shirlie** at **905-619-8583** or **shirlievanputten@rogers.com** with any questions or concerns

FINAL DAY FOR SIGN UP AND PAYMENT IS JUNE 3rd



Toronto Zoo overnight Bush Camp Monday June 22nd Cost \$165.

Sleep in Authentic African tents and enjoy the behind the scenes experience. In Brief you have overnight accommodations in tents with cots (sleeping bags required)

Two Fully guided walking tours

Buffet Dinner and Breakfast

Evening Campfire (weather permitting)

Private Zoomobile tour to and from the campsite and much more!

Contact **Shirley** at **905.619.8583** or **shirlievanputten@rogers.com**





Upcoming Events



Picnic at Parkwood National Historic Site
Wednesday June 24, 2026
6-8 pm

Please meet us at:
20 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa

We have 10 free tickets for the upcoming Exclusive Picnic at Parkwood. Pack a nice blanket and your favourite picnic foods and go and explore all of the Parkwood grounds.

No BBQ's or alcohol are permitted on the grounds

Contact Annette George for tickets and details annettegeorge14@yahoo.com



Upcoming Events

Westben Presents - Love Changes Everything Tuesday, July 28th Cost \$142

Experience the transformative power of love on Broadway in the sparkling musical revue. Enjoy songs such as Aspects of Love, The sound of Music, My Fair Lady, Hamilton, West Side Story and many more

Includes:

- Pick up Walmart Ajax 10:00 am - Motor Coach
- Picnic Lunch
- Ticket for Show
- Driver's Tip

For more information **contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com**

FINAL DAY FOR SIGN UP AND PAYMENT IS JUNE 15TH OR WHEN SOLD OUT!

Famous People Players - Cost \$153 Wednesday September 16th

This Electrifying musical experience will dazzle and inspire you - it is something you can only see in the dark! Our soccer ball will bounce right into your heart and leave you truly Star Struck - Go Games Go!

Included:

- Return transportation by motor coach
- Delicious lunch in dining room
- Performance at the World renowned Black Light Theatre
- Dessert is served in the dining room at intermission
- Driver's Tip

for more info contact Shirlie at: **905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com**

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Interest Groups

Book Club - Sip and Chat

Reading Now: Transcription by Kate Atkinson

About this book: Transcription is a spy novel that focuses on the activities of British orphan Juliet Armstrong throughout World War II and afterwards. She begins a career as a low-level transcriptionist for MI5, before rising through the ranks.



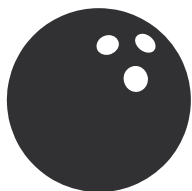
Enjoy a cuppa and chat about this book!

Next Meeting: **Monday Jun 22nd, 2026, 1 - 2:30 pm.**

Books will be available the week of May 25th. Contact Kathy for meeting location details and to arrange book pickup. We will bring copies to the June 3rd meeting.

For more details please contact Kathy at kathylennox@rogers.com

Bowling + Happy Hour



This month bowling will be **Monday, June 15th at 1 pm.**

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

Please contact: [Kevin keportener@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.keportener@gmail.com) call or text **905.626.6303**
\$10 for two games plus \$2 for shoes. Non-bowlers are welcome to join us.

Happy Hour

After bowling, at **2:30 pm**, we go to the **MACKENZIE PUB**
250 Bayly St. Unit 1, Ajax

Breakfast Club



The fourth Tuesday of the Month

The next outing will be **Tuesday June 23rd at 9:00 am**

Michael's Eatery, 44 Commercial Drive, Ajax

Please contact Lynne: 912lynn@gmail.com **905.839.8147**

Bridge

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. 2-4 pm,

at **Chartwell Pickering City Centre Retirement Residence,**
1801 Valley Farm Rd on the lower level.

Bridge for Intermediate to advanced players. \$2 to play.

Must register in advance with Jacqueline, jmollaret@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Coffee and Conversation



Next get-together is **Tuesday June 9th, 10-noon.**

Please Contact April, april-ann@hotmail.com

This is for anyone who has joined our club in the last 6 months.
It is a great way to meet new people and learn more about how to enjoy
PROBUS.

Coffee Time

Tuesday June 16th at 10 am

at Petite Delights 20 Kingston Road, Ajax



This is a delightful place and yes, we were there earlier in the year.
At that time a few of our members were so impressed by their menu
that they suggested going for breakfast too. Why don't we split the
difference and make it a coffee time and or breakfast event? It is up
to you! Just come.

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

Cribbage



Every Tuesday 2:00 - 4:00 PM

at The Pickering Village Senior Centre

Contact Wendy: wendysmith1@live.com

The Pickering Village Senior Centre is at
29 Linton Avenue, one block north of Kingston Road, one block
west of Church Street

Dining Out



Third Thursday of the month

Next outing will be on Thursday,

June 18th at 5:30

Location TBA

The number of members attending is needed before
Carol can book a place.

RSVP Carol: cbreen840@gmail.com

Interest Groups



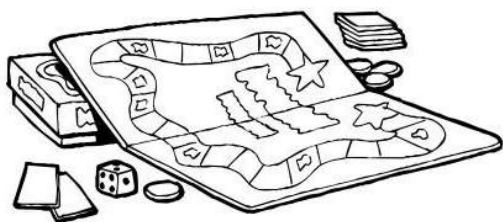
Euchre

Second & Fourth Wednesdays of the month
Wednesday Jun 10th and June 24th from 2-4 pm
at the Pickering Village Senior Center

Contact 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.

Games



First Monday of the month, **Monday June 1st from 2-4 pm**
at the Pickering Village Senior Centre, 29 Linton Avenue, Pickering.

Bring your favourite game or play one of ours.

Contact Jacqueline: jmollaret@gmail.com

Garden Club

Visit on your own - **Oshawa Peony Festival** on **June 6 & 7th**, 10-4 pm.
at the **Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens & the Michael & Judi Denny Peony Garden**, 155 Arena Street, Oshawa. This event is free; visit <https://www.oshawa.ca/explore-play/city-events/peony-festival> for more information.



Visit on your own - **The Artists in the Garden Annual Tour** on Saturday, June 20th, Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the garden gates, Cash only. Go to <https://www.artistsinthegarden.com/garden-tour> for more information.

Join us for Tea, Talk and a tour at **Native Plants in Claremont, Inc.** on **Tuesday June 23rd. 10-noon**, followed by retail therapy 12-2:30 and optional lunch at Claremont Country Restaurant, 6 spots are still available. Sign up at the meeting or contact **Marlene: marzrae18@gmail.com**



Golf

Golf is Back!

Email marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca to join

Interest Groups

GOMEO" Lunch Group"



"Great Old Men Eating Out"

Second Monday of the month at noon.
This month it will be **Monday June 8th**
at the MacKenzie Pub

250 Bayly St. West, Unit 1, Ajax

Please let Kevin know if you are attending keportener@gmail.com
905.626.6303

Happy Hour



Next get-together: **June 15th at 2:30.**

Please let Kevin know if you are attending keportener@gmail.com
905.626.6303

We join the Bowling group at **MACKENZIE PUB**
250 Bayly St. West Ajax

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 **June 5th and June 19th.**

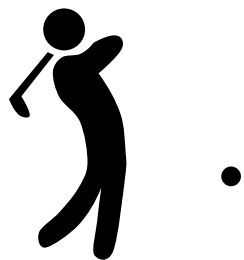
We are playing a simpler Chinese version of the game. New
players are welcome even if you've never played before.

Contact Julie for more information jmathewson@rogers.com



**Move to the Music is on hold until our instructor
is back on her feet!**

Play Nine



**Play Nine will join Games on the first Monday of the month
starting on June 1st.**

There is a limit of six players

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

Contact Diane Sharp dsharp0322@rogers.com, for more details

Interest Groups

Pool



Second and fourth Friday at **Petrina Billiards**, 21 Harwood Ave. S
June 12th and June 26th. Everyone is welcome, no experience required.
Probus members pay \$6.00 to Petrina's. Please remember to wear your
Probus name tag.

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

"RODEO" Lunch Group



"Retired Old Dames Eating Out"
the Second Monday of the month at noon
Next get-together is **Monday June 8th** at Mandarin
1725 Kingston Road, Pickering
Please let Anne know if you are attending
mandareed02@gmail.com

Walking Group 1 Note time change



EVERY THURSDAY - AM 9:30 am

For more information, please contact:

Ron mitchellmis@rogers.com or **Maureen
McVarish maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca**

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

Walking Group 2 Note time change



EVERY MONDAY - 9:30 AM

We meet at the **parking lot at Rotary Park on Lake Driveway**
177 Lake Driveway West, Ajax

Please contact: Julie - jmathewson@rogers.com

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

Interest Groups



Zoom

EVERY FRIDAY - 1 p.m.

To join the Zoom chat contact: Stewart
ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com;
All Members are welcome
Keeps us connected!



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

Contact Julie: jmathewson@rogers.com
or drop a note in the suggestion box at the next meeting.

For activities at the Pickering Village Seniors Centre and St. Andrew's Friendship Club (Cribbage, Euchre, Mahjong and Games). We are 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.

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.

Please contact Jane at **jw003.@sympatico.ca** or **905-619-6674**

Members Corner

WELCOME TO MAY 2026 NEW MEMBERS!

Michael Draycott
Janet Dwight
Karin MacKenzie

Brian MacKenzie
Anna Rebello

Coffee at the Porsche Experience





Photo Gallery

Stratford Trip to see Guys & Dolls



Hmmm... what have we here?





Photo Gallery

Why, it is our members enjoying tea at the Oshawa Museum





Photo Gallery

Oshawa Automotive Museum





Photo Gallery

Apparently Party Pants lost to the Weeners at the Quizzes and Cocktails event at the St. Francis Centre!

