

# PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March – 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

### ATTENTION “ HELP WANTED “



Our management committee have been working hard to add new activities to improve our club and increase our fun and enjoyment .

This week our breakfast group will be enjoying their second breakfast outing at the Blue Rooster Restaurant and the third is planned for Scrambles in March. The group plans to visit a different spot each month. Think about joining us next month.

We will be starting a new Tech activity group to help us get better use of our cell phones, our computer tablets and our laptops. We have a great meeting location. Stay tuned for more information at the March club meeting.

Plans are underway to hold a photography contest in the spring. It will feature the best photographs of spring. Get your camera charged up and ready for action.

We are also looking for other activities to offer and we would appreciate your feedback and suggestions. Perhaps a Wine and Cheese or a Court Whist social evening would be of interest.

There may some that would like to have a garden group or others would like to have a Camera club. All of these things are possible for our members to enjoy. We do need you to step forward and let your management committee know what you would enjoy.

Our club is run by volunteers. We need your help to make these programs happen! Please consider volunteering. It will increase your enjoyment of PROBUS.

Reg

## MEMBERSHIP

We often hear speakers talk about safety for seniors. We get great advice regarding how to stay unharmed. One way to be protected is to make absolutely sure that everyone in the HMS room with us has a right to be there, either as a member, a guest, a speaker or a town employee.

Please remember to wear your name badge!!!! And, remember, it's not enough to wear the name badge if the rest of us can't see it! Let's be careful not to hide our name badges under cardigans, jackets, scarves and so on. They must be visible. How else are we to know that it's ok for any given person to be present?



See you at the March 6 meeting.



Edna Martiniello, Membership Coordinator  
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Here is a short bio from one of our recent new members:

My name is Maureen Fitzgerald and I was recently introduced to Ajax Probus by a friend. I came to Canada in 1968 from Ireland as a newly qualified R.N and have never looked back! It was exciting to come to a new country and be amazed by everything——especially the impressive cars at that time!

I met my husband Brendan who was also a recent immigrant, and we hope to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020.

We are very proud of our three sons who have been fortunate to have careers that they really enjoy. Our oldest is a Forensic Detective, our middle son is a Captain in the Fire Dept and our youngest is a Strength and Conditioning Coach with an NHL team. We have 6 wonderful little grandsons and one special little granddaughter.

I am really looking forward to being part of the Ajax PROBUS Club and especially meeting the group my husband and I will be joining on the trip to Portugal.

***We would love to see some short bios from our PROBUS members (old and new) so we can get to know you better. If you would like to have one published in our newsletter, please forward it to Barb Squires at [ajaxprobus.com](http://ajaxprobus.com).***



## PROBUS SPEAKERS

In March, Dr. Amy Barron, the archaeologist, will return. She will speak this time about her travels in the Middle East.



## SOCIAL REPORT

### Reminder

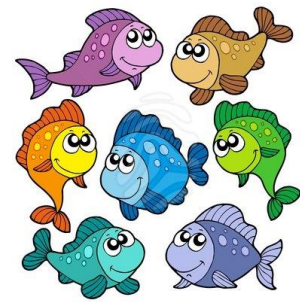
Please bring your cheque book to the meeting to sign up for events

### **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Ripley Aquarium & Tour of Steam Whistle – Cost \$119**

Traveling on moving glide paths, visitors enter the ocean realm and come face to face with thousands of fascinating fishes and menacing sea creatures, everything from barracudas, to rays, to jellyfish, octopi, moray eels and giant sharks!

Includes:

- Return transportation to downtown Toronto
- Entrance to Ripley's Aquarium
- Tour & Tasting at Steam Whistle Brewery
- Lunch at the House Café
- Driver's Tip



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### **Famous People Players – April 26<sup>th</sup> – Cost \$119**

A beautiful Maple Leaf voiced by Dan Aykroyd comes to life and takes you on a musical journey from province to province. You will be WOWED with the animation of the stunning props and the musical that will capture your imagination.

Includes:

- Return transportation by motor coach
- Lunch and show
- Driver's Tip



**May 5th – 7th - Windsor & Point Pelee – Cost \$597 + hst  
THREE ROOMS LEFT!!**

Your tour includes:

- Two-night stay at the beautiful Caesars Hotel & Casino on the waterfront in Windsor: [www.caesars.com/caesars-windsor](http://www.caesars.com/caesars-windsor)
- Casino gives bonus of \$30 each in food vouchers and \$20 each in slot play
- Black History–The John Freeman Walls Historical site and Underground Railway Museum.
- Rum Runners Tour – If you think you know the story of Prohibition – THINK AGAIN!! Tour includes lunch at a “speakeasy” and a tour of Windsor’s waterfront to learn about the “bootlegging”.
- Visit to Point Pelee Park - Point Pelee National Park is a national park in Essex County in southwestern Ontario, where it extends into Lake Erie. The word pelée is French for 'bald'. Point Pelee consists of a peninsula of land, mainly of marsh and woodland habitats, that tapers to a sharp point as it extends into Lake Erie.
- Windsor River Cruise -A Dining Cruise aboard the Macassa Bay

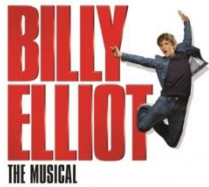


**May 15th & 16th – Stratford – Cost \$399 + hst**

Your adventure includes:

- Return transportation by deluxe Motor Coach
- Breakfast; 2 Lunches; 1 Dinner
- Two plays; “Billy Elliott” (Musical) at the Festival Theatre; “Private Lives” (Comedy) at the Avon Theatre
- 1 Night at the Marriott in St. Jacob’s
- Visit to St. Jacob’s; Visit to Stratford

**Call Shirlie direct to book!**



**August 13th – 23rd – Grand Tour of Newfoundland email**

**Shirlie for details!**

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Toronto to Newfoundland with airport transfers
- 10 nights’ hotel in Newfoundland with Breakfast daily; 2 dinners; 4 lunches
- Sightseeing in Gros Morne Park; Boat cruise of Bonne Bay; Visit to Twillingate
- Tour of Port au Choix National Historic Site; Tour of L’Anse aux Meadows
- Tour of Sir Wilfred Grenfell Mission; Excursions to Trinity and Bonavista
- City tour of St. John’s; Visit to Bay Bulls with boat cruise
- Tour of Cape Spear National Historic Park



**For more information on any of the excursions**  
**Contact Shirlie at [shirlievanputten@rogers.com](mailto:shirlievanputten@rogers.com) or 905-619-8583**

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### HOUSE

In an effort to speed up the process of registering for the meeting, we will have two lists to check off names this month (A to M and N to Z). Please bring the exact change of \$2 for the meeting fee and for tickets for the share the wealth draw.

Jane Wilson, House Coordinator



### **AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS**

Interest Groups Coordinator: Carol Breen – 905-839-7762					
<b>RODEO (Ladies Lunch)</b>	<i>Position Vacant</i>		<b>ROMEO (Men's Lunch)</b>	<i>Position Vacant</i>	
Bridge	Harvey Brodhecker	905-683-5778	Cribbage	Reg Lawrance	905-428-2663
Golf	Marcia Everitt	416-724-6355			
Family History	Michael & Anne Reed	905-239-2908	Walking Club	Marjorie Middleton & Ron Mitchell	905-427-3004 905-683-5539
Euchre/Scrabble	Julie Mathewson	905-686-0803	Book Club	Bernie Rosebush	905-426-1598

### **PROBUS RODEO GROUP**

The next luncheon will be held on March 20th at noon. We will be going to Bistro 67 at Thickson and Consumers Rd.  
Please let me know if you are planning on being there.  
Thanks

Carol Breen 905-839-7762 [cbreen840@bell.net](mailto:cbreen840@bell.net)



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## PROBUS ROMEO GROUP



I have the names of five people that would like to go for lunch. If you are interested in getting together please let me know. I will even book a place for you if you would like me to.

Carol Breen **905-839-7762** [cbreen840@bell.net](mailto:cbreen840@bell.net)

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## RETIRED OLD PEOPLE WHO EAT BREAKFAST

Come join us for breakfast on Friday, March 29 at 8:30 a.m. This month we are going to Scrambles at 527 Westney Road South. Call Julie Mathewson at 905-686-0803 or email [jmathewson@rogers.com](mailto:jmathewson@rogers.com) to reserve your place.



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## EUCHRE AND SCRABBLE



Pick your favourite game to play on the second and fourth Tuesday every month. Our next games afternoons will be on March 12 and 26, from 2:00 to 4:00. 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](mailto:jmathewson@rogers.com)

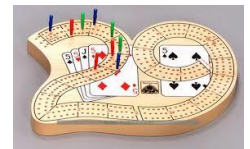
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## PROBUS CRIBBAGE

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.

Reg Lawrance, Cribbage Co-ordinator

For more information contact Reg Lawrance at **905-428-2663**, or email [reglawrance@rogers.com](mailto: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 March 27, 2019 is:

**"The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn.**

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](mailto:bernie.rosebush@gmail.com)

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## FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

"The next meeting of the Ajax Probus Family History Group will be from 10:00 to noon, on Wednesday, 20th March, at the Ajax Main Library. Reg Lawrance will chair the March meeting.

All Probus members, interested in learning their family history, will be most welcome.



Michael and Anne Reed, [mandareed@bell.net](mailto:mandareed@bell.net), 905-239-2908."

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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 Marjorie Middleton to get on the mailing list, [905-427-3004](tel:905-427-3004) [mari@xxvii.net](mailto:mari@xxvii.net)



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## DO YOU PLAY POOL?

Pickering PROBUS is welcoming more members to their Pool Club. They meet every second Friday starting August 3rd. They start at 11:00am at Petrina's Billiards. Address is 24 Harwood Ave South. Cost is \$4.00 for Seniors. (Please park on east side of building). ALL WELCOME!!



## USING TECHNOLOGIES



Most of us use technology on a daily basis, whether it's a computer, tablet or phone and have questions on how to use it fully. A new interest group is being formed to explore and possibly answer many such questions. We have been offered a venue at Westney Gardens, 1010 Westney Road North to facilitate this adventure.

If you are interested in this type of interest group please see me at the March meeting.

I will need to know your choice of day of the week, AM or PM for time of day and frequency of meeting. Also, are you willing to supply some of your knowledge?

Tom Rosebush 905-426-1598 [tom.rosebush@gmail.com](mailto:tom.rosebush@gmail.com)

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## PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all professional, amateur and cell phone photographers.

Bring your best **spring-themed** photographs to our meeting on May 1st (minimum size 5 x 7) and enter them in our photo contest. There is no limit to how many photos each person can submit, as long as you've taken all entries yourself. A prize will be awarded for the members' choice winner.

Julie Mathewson 905-686-0803 or [jmathewson@rogers.com](mailto:jmathewson@rogers.com)



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## Coming this month... our new Membershare board.



Can you offer someone a ride to meetings? Do you need a ride? Do you need a gas fitter but don't know who to call? Are you looking for someone to water your plants while you're away?

Post your notes on our Membershare board to request or share information. **No advertising allowed.**

## SOCIAL BRIDGE AND BRIDGE LESSONS



- 1)  
SOCIAL BRIDGE on Thursdays at the Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at ~2:15pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.) Social bridge will be held on Thursday **March 7, 14, 28**. This is social bridge so HAVE FUN.
- 2)  
FREE BRIDGE LESSONS on Thursdays at the Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at ~2:15pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.) Lessons will be held on Thursday **March 21**.

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### Bridging the Gap – Minor Suit Raises

When you open one club and responder bids two clubs, they are showing NO four card or longer major suit, 6 to 9 points and five clubs. If you open one club and responder bids three clubs, they are showing NO four card or longer major suit, 10 to 12 points and five clubs.

*Harvey Brodhecker*

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Don't forget to check your email if the weather is bad on a meeting day just in case we've sent a cancellation message. For those without email, someone will phone you. Emails will be sent and calls made before 9:00 a.m.

## 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](http://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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### **First Man (Rated PG)**

A look at the life of the astronaut, Neil Armstrong, and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969.

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

Sunday, March 10, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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### **Bohemian Rhapsody (Rated PG)**

The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid (1985).

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

Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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**OUR POST MEETING LUNCH IS AT THE PORTLY PIPER PUB, 235 BAYLY STREET WEST, AJAX – PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND WHEN ASKED IF PLANNING TO ATTEND**

For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada go to [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)  
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  
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On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the Durham West PROBUS celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Below is a picture of their president Randy Slemin presenting certificates of recognition to people who were charter members of the club.



## Old Farts

I never really liked the terminology "Old Farts" but this makes me feel better about it. And if you aren't one, I'll bet you know one! I got this from an "Old Fart" friend of mine!

## OLD FART PRIDE

It's not a bad thing to be called an Old Fart.

Old Farts are easy to spot at sporting events; during the National Anthem, Old Farts remove their hats and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old Farts remember World War II, Normandy , Spitfires and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Bomb, Vietnam , the Korean War, the Cold War, the Moon Landing and all the Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005.

If you bump into an Old Fart on the pavement, he will apologize. If you pass an Old Fart on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Farts trust strangers and are polite, particularly to women.

Old Farts hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old Farts get embarrassed if someone swears in front of women and children and they don't like any filthy language on TV.

Old Farts have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag except about their children and grandchildren.

It's the Old Farts who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the Air Force, Marines, Army, and Navy.

This country needs Old Farts with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever.

Thank Goodness for All Old Farts!

I was taught to respect my elders. It's just getting harder to find them.

# AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, MARCH, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>10 – 12</b> <b>PROBUS Meeting</b>   2 – 4 Cribbage	<b>7</b>  2:15 Social Bridge, Library	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  <b>Daylight Saving Time</b> <b>starts</b>  1:30 - 3:30 Library Movie: <b>First Man</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  2-4 Euchre	<b>13</b>  10-12 Walking Group   2 – 4 Cribbage	<b>14</b>  2:15 Social Bridge, Library	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>First Day of Spring</b>  10 - 12 Walking Group  10 – 12 Family History  12:00 RODEO Lunch   2 – 4 Cribbage	<b>21</b>  <b>Ripley Aquarium</b>   2:15 Bridge Lessons	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  1:30 – 3:30 Library Movie: <b>Bohemian Rhapsody</b> ***** <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  2-4 Euchre	<b>27</b>  10 - 12 Walking Group  1:30 Book Club   2 – 4 Cribbage	<b>28</b>  2:15 Social Bridge, Library	<b>29</b>  9:00 Breakfast Club	<b>30</b>