



PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025 CLUB 82 VOLUME 36



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President's Message...

As you embrace the crisp air and the pumpkin-spiced treats, take a moment to appreciate the magic that is fall. The explosion of color creates the perfect backdrop for outdoor adventures and scenic drives. This time of year evokes nostalgia for many as they celebrate Halloween and prepare comfort foods that have been passed down through generations. For me, it is a chili sauce recipe from my great-grandmother's handwritten cookbook.

Being able to enjoy the uniqueness of our four distinct seasons in Canada is one of the things I enjoy most about living in Canada. Each season requires us to shift as new opportunities present themselves as we experience different landscapes, traditions and activities. Change can be good when you embrace the positives.

I am grateful that Canada values freedom, diversity, and celebrates community. We are known for being polite and welcoming. Now, we are also known for being home to the Blue Jays, winners of the American League East division title.

Let's continue to cheer as one. We have so much to be thankful for.

April Gilkinson



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

PROBUS AJAX NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	WALKING GRP 2 @ 10 MOVE TO MUSIC (1) AT 11	9 HOLE GOLF AT 10 CRIBBAGE AT 2	MONTHLY MEETING 10:00 AM	WALKING GRP 1 @ 10 ST. JACOBS	ZOOM CHAT AT 1 MAHJONG AT 2	VANDERMEER GARDEN CLUB AT NOON
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	WALKING GRP 2 @ 10 MOVE TO MUSIC (1) AT 11 BOWLING AT 1 HAPPY HOUR AT 2:30	9 HOLE GOLF AT 10 COFFEE TIME AT 10 CRIBBAGE AT 2	BOOK CLUB AT 10 MOVE TO MUSIC (2) AT 11 PLAY NINE AT 1:30	WALKING GRP 1 @ 10 DINING OUT AT 5:30	ZOOM CHAT AT1 MAHJONG AT 2	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	WALKING GRP 2 @ 10 MOVE TO MUSIC (1) @ 11	BREAKFAST AT 9 9 HOLE GOLF AT 10 CRIBBAGE AT 2	MOVE TO MUSIC (2) AT 11 IMPROV AT 1:30 EUCHRE AT 2	WALKING GRP 1 @ 10	POOL AT 11 ZOOM CHAT AT 1	MUSIC FOR LIFE
30	NOTE:MOVE TO THE MUSIC ON MONDAYS AT 11 WILL BE AN ADVANCED CLASS MOVE TO THE MUSIC ON WEDNESDAYS AT 11 WILL BE A BEGINNER'S CLASS					



Please join us on FACEBOOK



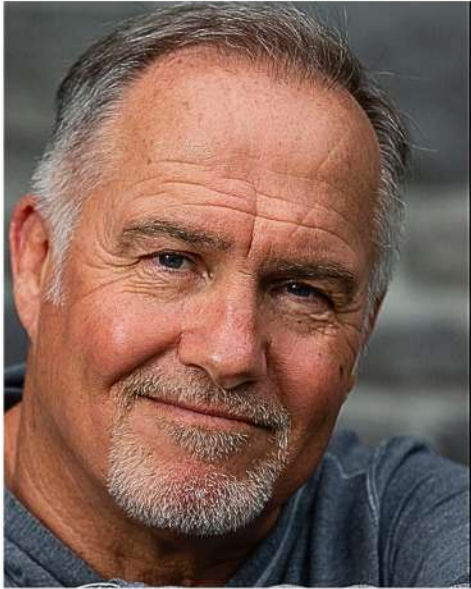
Take advantage of the FACEBOOK page for your PROBUS Club of Ajax. It is visible to members only. By joining, you will see what goes on at some of the interest group events.

Walking can be lonely unless you are in this group! See more in Facebook!

General Meetings

The first Wednesday of the month
Ajax Community Centre, HMS Ajax Room (south side of building)

Meeting Fee \$2
Optional Share the Wealth
\$1 each or 3 for \$2



November Speaker

Neil Crone - Actor/Improvisor/Writer, all round good guy

Wednesday November 5th at 10 a.m.

**Topic: Rectum? Darn near Killed em!
The power of healing through laughter.**

Neil has performed in TV and in radio commercials. He has written numerous books and contributed to various magazines including ACTRA magazine. Neil is a cancer survivor and is a National Spokesperson for both the Colo-rectal Cancer Association of Canada and Colon Cancer Canada.

When Neil grows up he wants to be an Astronaut.



January Speaker

Paul Oliver, lifelong bird enthusiast

January 7 2026, 10 am

Topic: How to Attract and Enjoy Your Local Backyard Birds

With over 20 years of experience in the lawn and garden industry, Paul is the founder of Urban Nature and managing partner of TreeHelp.com. His love for birding began at an early age, inspired by his mother, and it's a passion he still nurtures today, both personally and professionally, as he leads the operations at Urban Nature Store.

Lakeridge Dixie Stompers **Sunday November 2nd, 4-6 pm** **Free Admission**

Traditional jazz in a hot New Orleans style for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Cloud Nine Bar and Grill

368 Bayly St. W., Ajax

Happy music featuring a gumbo of Blues, Marches, Rags, Hymns, Gospel, Pop
Tunes, C & W and Dixieland favourites.

Thursday, November 6th - St. Jacob's - Cost \$99

What better way to start off the Shopping Season then a visit to St. Jacob's.
We will start our day with a visit to the Farmer's Market and then into town.

Included:

- return transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Visit to Farmer's Market; Outlet Mall; Pickard's Peanuts and the Town of St. Jacobs
- 407 Toll and drivers tip



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.

Powerball of Wine

To participate, bring a bottle of wine to the next probus meeting on November 5th or get the bottle to Shirlie before December 3rd Christmas Party (members only).

For every member who brings a bottle of Wine, their name will go in the "hat". Names will be drawn on December 3rd at the Christmas Party and they will go home with ??? bottles of wine.

1st Prize- 30% of the bottles collected

2nd Prize - 25% of bottles collected

3rd Prize - 20% of bottles collected

4th Prize - 15% of bottles collected

5th Prize - 10% of bottles collected



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



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Socials and Tours

Upcoming Events



Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday December 3rd at 11:30

at the Ajax Convention Centre

**We are going to have a D.J, Prizes,
and the wine Draw. (and lunch of
course!)**

Tickets are \$60.



Capital Theatre Presents

“Hansel & Gretel” a Panto

Tuesday December 4th

Evening Performance

Dinner included will be at Railside Restaurant

Includes Transportation

Cost \$159

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



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Fun and Sun in the Republic - January 13-23 - Pick up flyer

Emotions by Hodelpa Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic is a 5 star all Inclusive Hotel right on the beach. It has 5 pools, 7 restaurants, 4 bars, WiFi, Fitness Centre, 24 hour drinks/snacks and an in-room safe.

- Adult only section: Room (only 10 singles available) Single \$2,799.
 - Adults only Jr. Suite (17 available) - double occupancy \$2,599. each
 - This tour price includes all meals, drinks, airfare, daily activities & nightly entertainment.
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February 24 - March 18, 2026 - Portugal - pick up flyer

Portugal's Algarve Province, with its magnetic Moorish appeal has become a Mecca for Snowbirds. It is one of Europe's most picturesque destinations. Cobblestone streets are lined with outdoor cafes, bistros, wine bars and markets full of fresh fruits and vegetables. The weather is wonderfully spring-like and invigorating.

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



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Local Outings

November 11, 2025 Remembrance Day

"On behalf of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322, Ajax, this **Veteran's Crosswalk at Veterans' Point Garden** stands as a lasting tribute to those who served our nation." Bruce Sharpe, President, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322

The white and red striped background represents Canada's national colours, The ship (HMS Ajax) plane and helmet represent the veterans who served in the army, navy and air force.



Music for Life - Saturday November 29th, 2025 Tickets \$20 for Seniors



NOTE: Please make sure you add your name and contact information for any of the social or interest groups on the sign up sheets provided at the meetings.
This will allow us to calculate how many spots are available.

Interest Groups

Book Club - Your Choice - (formerly Not a Book Club)



Every 3rd Wednesday Via Zoom

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, Nov 19th 10:00 a.m.**

Do you have a favourite book? Did you read a couple of books that you enjoyed and would like to share with others? Join our Book Club-Your Choice where we will discuss books you wanted to read!

Contact Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com or 905.839.8147

NEW Book Club - Sip and Chat

October/November book: ***The Bittlemores*** by Jann Arden

Meeting at the home of Pete and Kathy

Monday, Nov. 10, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

We will be choosing the Dec. /Jan book at the end of the meeting.

For more info **contact Kathy** at kathylennox@rogers.com

Bowling + Happy Hour



This month bowling will be Monday Nov 17th @ 1 pm
AJAX BOWLING CENTRE - 172 Harwood Ave. S. Lower floor

RSVP: Kevin keportener@gmail.com
call or text 905.626.6303

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

HAPPY HOUR

After bowling, at 2:30 pm, we go to the **MACKENZIE PUB.**

Non-bowlers are welcome to join us.

Breakfast Club



Next get together: **Tuesday, Nov 25th at 9:00 am**

Sunset Grill, 235 Bayly St. W., Ajax

RSVP Lynne: 912lynne@gmail.com 905.839.8147

Interest Groups



Coffee and Conversation

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY 10:00 - NOON

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

RSVP: Marlene: marzrae18@gmail.com

This is for anyone who has joined our club in the last 12 months.

**It is a great way to meet new people and learn more about how to enjoy
PROBUS.**

Coffee Time



**Tuesday November 18th at 10 am
at the The Souk**

124 Dundas St. W. Whitby

Plenty of seating

Parking out front or on side street

**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

29 Linton Avenue north of Kingston Road, west of Church St.

Contact Wendy: wendysmith1@live.com



Dining Out

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY - 5:30 PM

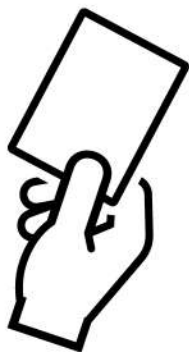
Next get-together: Thursday Nov 20th at 5:30

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."**

Interest Groups



Euchre

EVERY 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday Nov 12th and Wednesday Nov 26th

To take place at the Pickering Village Senior Center

RSVP: 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. Hope you will attend.

Golf will continue until the frost closes the golf course. Usually around early November



9-Hole Golf

EVERY TUESDAY - Tee Time 10 AM

Hawthorne Valley Golf Course, 3470 Salem Rd., Pickering

Tee time can be booked one week ahead by calling 905-686-2028.

Pull carts can be rented. No power carts available.

If interested contact Marcia (Durham West)

marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca



GOMEO" Lunch Group"

"Great Old Men Eating Out"

EVERY 2ND MONDAY at NOON

RSVP: Kevin keportener@gmail.com 905.626.6303

**On Nov 10th at MacKenzie Pub and Restaurant
250 Bayly St. West Ajax**

Interest Groups



Happy Hour

EVERY 3RD MONDAY - 2:30 PM

Next get-together: Monday Nov 17th at 2:30.

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, Nov 26th

CHARTWELL RETIREMENT RESIDENCE (Theatre in lower level)

240 Old Harwood Ave., Ajax

RSVP: April april-ann@hotmail.com



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 on Nov 7th and Nov 21st

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

Contact Julie jmathewson@rogers.com

Interest Groups



Move to the Music

Parkland Retirement Home - 3 Rossland Rd. West

Group 1 - Mondays Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 15 at 11-12

Group 2, Wednesdays Nov 12, 19, 26, Dec. 10, 17 at 11-12

Monday classes will be a level two class. I plan to continue on from where we left off and teach some new dances...

Wednesday classes will be a beginner class. This class is for new people who want to review.

A limited number of openings are still available for both groups

Contact Patsy, patsyhandley55@gmail.com



Play Nine

Note: Time Change - Wednesday Nov 19th at 1:30 p.m.

There is a limit of six players

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

Contact Diane Sharp dsharp0322@rogers.com, for directions



Pool

Second and fourth Friday at **Petrina Billiards**, 21 Harwood Ave. S
November dates are 14th and 28th at 11:00.

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 Out"

Second Monday of the month at noon

Monday, Nov 10th at Mandarin Restaurant

1725 Kingston Rd. in Pickering

RSVP: Anne mandareed02@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Time change to 10 am



Walking Group 1

EVERY THURSDAY - AM 10 am

RSVP: Ron mitchellmis@rogers.com or

Maureen maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca

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

Time change to 10 am



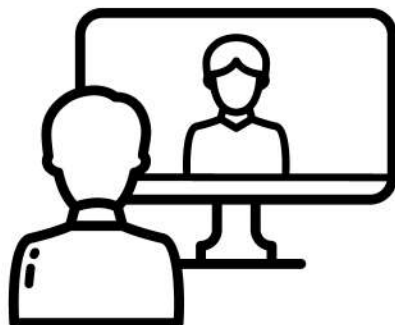
Walking Group 2

EVERY MONDAY - 10 AM

We meet at the parking lot at **Rotary Park on Lake Driveway**

RSVP: Julie jmathewson@rogers.com

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



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 (Currently Cribbage, Euchre, Mahjong) we're 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.

Members Corner



New Member Barry Henderson was presented with his package at the October meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marilyn Crawford
Joyce Ferguson
George Annette
Gloria Knowles
Steve Parish

MEMBERS PACKAGES TO BE PICKED UP AT THE MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Mary Babin
Maurice Babin
Josie Beech
Jim Beech
Julie Jordan
Lindon Lowe
Cheryl Persaud
Rita Rowan
Dave Rowan

Members Corner

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.

Contact Jane at jw003@sympatico.ca or 905-619-6674



DO NOT MISS THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

Volunteer to be our vice-president starting January 1, 2026. You will work with a great management team, help your club and get to know some fantastic people. If you are interested, I can send you the job description and give you more information about the position.

Jane Wilson jw.003@sympatico.ca

905-619-6674



Erica Pazin is this month's winner of Play 9



Breakfast anyone?

Photo Gallery

Gomeo lunch



Dining Out



Murder Mystery lunch



Photo Gallery



How's your game?



Scavenger Hunt



To see more pictures of PROBUS events, visit our website - www.ajaxprobus.com, Facebook - PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX, or send submissions to Oankar@yahoo.com

IRELAND



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