

THE AJAX PROBUS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PROBUS Club of Ajax, Club # 82 Ajax, Ontario

Vol.21 Issue 11

November 7, 2018

President:
Reg Lawrance
905-428-2663
reg.lawrance@gmail.com

Vice-President:
Joyce Starkman
905-683-7905
joyce_david_starkman@sympatico.ca

Past-President
Julie Mathewson
905-686-0803
Jmathewson@rogers.com

Treasurer:
John Clark
289-388-7447
jaclark17@yahoo.ca

Secretary:
Wendy Smith
905-686-1490
wendysmith1@live.com

Social:
Shirley Van Putten
905-427-6297
shirliavanputten@rogers.com

Membership:
Edna Martiniello
905-239-5644
martinielloedna@gmail.com

Speakers:
Barbara Provis
905-240-5527
leedle@rogers.com

House:
Jane Wilson
905-619-6674
jw.003@sympatico.ca

Interest Groups:
Carol Breen
905-839-7762
cbreen840@bell.net

Website
Tom Rosebush
905-426-1598
tom.rosebush@gmail.com

Newsletter:
Barbara Squires
905-706-4626
stunikki@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7th November – 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

When one grows up with four sisters, it does not give one much chance to pick up cooking skills even if one tries. When I was looking for a potential wife, it helped if she came from a family of good cooks. Doreen my wife, proved to be an excellent cook. She even made delicious roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, which was my weakness.

With this great food served to me I continued to have little motivation to pick up cooking skills. Oh I did learn to peel vegetables for dinner, or I could barbeque a good burger or steak and make a decent cup of coffee.

One day Doreen announced that after 60 years of married life she was tired of cooking but I responded unfortunately I was not tired of eating!

After Thanksgiving this year we had a surplus of turkey. I mentioned to Doreen it sure would be nice to have some of that delicious turkey vegetable soup that she used to make. I guess my timing was not great since she had just spent a day toiling over a turkey dinner. She responded, why don't you make it yourself. In desperation I said I would if she would give me a little guidance.

I am pleased to report over the next two days I made a big pot turkey vegetable soup and the following day made a pot of potato leek soup. When Doreen tasted the soups she responded that they were delicious, and in fact were as good as she could make.

Well there you have it, it appears some great chefs are just very late bloomers!



Please note that there will not be a PROBUS meeting in December and that our January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 NOT the 2nd.

We are pleased to introduce some new members of our Management Committee:



Joyce Starkman

I was born in the Beaches area of Toronto. I attended the University of Toronto, graduating as a Physical and Occupational Therapist. I worked in both health disciplines in facilities such as the Workman's Compensation Board Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre, the Toronto Rehabilitation Centre, Ajax Pickering General Hospital and Whitby Psychiatric Hospital, where I was Director of Occupational Therapy. I taught part time at Queen's University in the Faculty of Medicine for three years before being transferred to Queen's Park for eight years as a Senior Policy Consultant, where I set Health Policy and developed Procedures for the delivery of health programs.

I met my husband David in 1983 and we were married thereafter. He died in October of 2017. He was a lawyer who had a joy for life, and an amusing story for every occasion.

I have lived in Ajax for 51 years and seen it grow from a population of 6,000 to where it is today. I've been a member of Probus since 2011. I look forward to my next three years as Vice President, President and Past President of Ajax Probus.



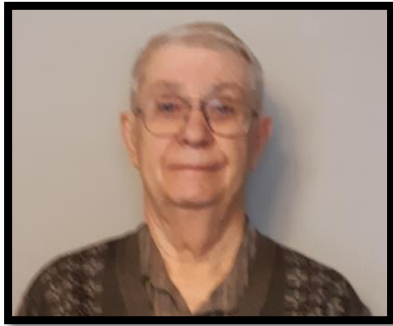
Wendy Smith

I joined Probus in December, 2017 and am enjoying many of the various social activities. I have lived in South Ajax since 1979. I was employed in the Financial Institution industry for 34 years, having retired in 2015.



Jane Wilson

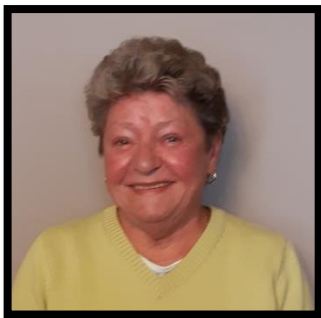
I was raised in East York. Married my husband Bob in 1969 and we moved to Scarborough in 1972 where we raised our daughter and son. In 1999 we moved to Ajax. We are very fortunate to have three wonderful grandchildren, two boys and one girl. I worked as an elementary school office administrator in Scarborough for almost 30 years. I retired six years ago but continued to do supply assignments until recently. Joining PROBUS has proven to be a great decision. I have met many great people. I participate in the Family History group, the Euchre group and help on the Social Committee with trip sign ups.



Tom Rosebush

I retired from the CP Railway Marketing and Sales in 1999 and have since been involved with Travel, Ham Radio, and Computer upkeep.

Getting involved with Web-Site Design and Maintenance will be a new challenge for me.



Barbara Provis

My parents emigrated to Canada from England in 1957 and I went to R.H. King Collegiate in Scarborough for a year. Prior to that I spent an idyllic childhood in England living in a small town beside the North Sea in Essex. After I finished school I worked for the CIBC and then, after I met my husband, we both worked in the Marine industry for 35 years as my husband was a Marine Surveyor and Marine Claims adjuster and we both worked for the same company. I have two grown sons and four grandchildren

My husband passed away almost one year ago but on the recommendation of a friend who was a member, I joined PROBUS in the spring of 2017 when he first became sick. PROBUS has been a life line for me following his death. I have met many people and have formed many new friendships. The excursions and various social activities are so much fun and I would highly recommend membership in PROBUS for anyone who is looking to make new friends and enjoy a good social camaraderie.

I lived in Pickering for 38 years (1973 – 2011) and moved to Whitby in 2011. I am a passionate gardener and also love to play golf (not well but enthusiastically!). I am also a member of the Red Hat Society and the R.C.A.F. wing association. (Oshawa branch)

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you most sincerely to Bev Gignac, Donna Andrechuk, Carmen Dixon, Peggy Vokins, Wendy Smith, Mary Ann Bonney, Kathy McCullough, Paula MacDonald, Rae Coulter, Betty Turner, Jane Armstrong, Jean Kentish, Judy Mitchell, Jan Genge and Margaret Wells, All these amazing ladies offered to help me during the busy months of collecting payments from our members who wished to renew their membership. Since I only needed six volunteers, not all of them got to help but their willingness to volunteer is very much appreciated.

To those who did help, a big thank you for arriving at 9:15 and for sacrificing the coffee break in order to sit with me at the Membership table.

Please remember to wear your name badge. We ask that you do so for security reasons.



Edna Martiniello, Membership Coordinator
905-239-5644
martinielloedna@gmail.com

+++++

PROBUS SPEAKERS

Our speaker for this month is Dr. Amy Barron. Dr. Barron is on the faculty of Museum Management and Curatorship, Fleming College Program coordinator, Clarington Museums and Archives. She will be giving a talk on archaeology and Agatha Christie. Many of Agatha Christie's books feature an archaeological background. e.g. Murder in Mesopotamia, Death on the Nile, They Came to Baghdad, Appointment with Death etc.. Ms. Christie was married to renowned archaeologist, Max Mallowan and she accompanied him on his many archaeological expeditions. This should be an interesting program.

There is no PROBUS Meeting in December due to Christmas activities etc.

Barbara Provis
905-240-5527
leedle@rogers.com



SOCIAL REPORT

Reminder

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

Thursday, November 8th – Rocky Horror Picture Show - Cost \$169

It's the most fun you can have in fishnets! Come see this smash-hit musical extravaganza. Invite your friends and party to the irresistible rock-and-roll score. **SOLD OUT**

Your Tour includes:

- Return transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Lunch at The Parlour Inn
- Ticket to Rocky Horror Picture Show
- Driver Tip



Friday, December 7th – Christmas in Toronto – Cost \$72

Enjoy the stunning poinsettia display at the Allan Gardens; enjoy entertainment, music, restaurants, food - and shop at the Distillery District's Christmas Market.

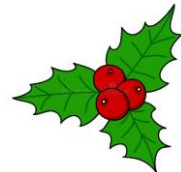
Includes:

- Guided Tour of Allan Gardens
- Includes admission to Distillery District to enjoy the Friday evening Jazz, have dinner (on your own) and walk around
- Driver's Tip

Tuesday, December 4th PROBUS Christmas Luncheon – Cost \$34 (member) \$46 (non-member)

Join your fellow PROBUS Members and enjoy your Christmas Lunch at Deer Creek on Audley Rd in Ajax. This years' luncheon will feature entertainment and maybe some surprises. (Can't tell)

This is the last time to SIGN UP!!



For more information on Day Trips or Multi-Day Trips contact Shirlie at 905-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com

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!!**



AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups Coordinator: Carol Breen – 905-839-7762					
RODEO (Ladies Lunch)	<i>Position Vacant</i>			ROMEO (Men's Lunch)	<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

Our next luncheon will be on Nov. 21st at noon at the Ajax Casino. Please let me know if you are planning to attend by Nov. 14th so reservations can be made and we may get 10.00 in free play.

Carol Breen
905-839-7762
cbreen840@bell.net



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

+++++



EUCHRE AND SCRABBLE



Pick your favourite game to play on the second and fourth Tuesday every month. Our next games afternoons will be on November 13th and November 27th, 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.

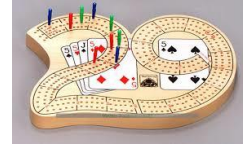
+++++

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](tel:905-428-2663), or email reglawrance@rogers.com.

+++++

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 November is:

Educated (a memoir) by Tara Westover

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



+++++

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Family History group will meet at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, 21st November, at the usual Main Library location,

Michael or Anne Reed 905-239-2908 mandareed@bell.net



+++++

PROBUS GOLF

Probus Golf: Golfing at Hawthorn Valley started Tuesday May 1. Call the course at 905-686-2028 for a tee time. If you would like to be added or deleted from the golf list e-mail me at marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca Marcia Everitt



+++++

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.

The Probus Walkers have continued to walk all summer with the help of many members . Everyone is now looking forward to the fall colours and a little cooler weather. We would love for you to come with us.



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 mari@xxvii.net

To help speed up the line when we arrive at meetings, please bring correct change.

\$2 meeting fee plus an optional loonie or toonie for the share-the-wealth draw.



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.

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

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 **November 8 and 22**. 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 2:30pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.) . Bridge lessons will be held on **November 1, 15 and 29**. The topics will be Responding to an opening Suit Bid with an Unbid Major, Responder's Bid with No Major Suit Fit, and No Trump Bidding Sequences. The first two topics are the last two topics of the series we have been covering on Suit Bidding Sequences

+++++

Bridging the Gap – Rebids by Opener

You opened 1 Heart and partner responded 1 NT. What would you bid with the following hand?

Spades 4 Hearts AK8652 Diamonds AJ102 Clubs K7

You have 18 points. If partner is at the top of the range you have 27 or 28 points and game. If they are at the bottom of the range you have 24 or 25 points and cannot make game. A bid of 3 Hearts invites partner to bid game if they are at the top of the range.

Harvey Brodhecker

+++++



Don't forget to help reduce the number of paper cups going into the garbage and lug your mug!

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 or call any of our branches.**

Doors open at 1 p.m. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis

+++++

Leave No Trace (Rated PG)

A father and his thirteen year-old daughter are living an ideal existence in a vast urban park in Portland, Oregon, when a small mistake derails their lives forever.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

+++++

Won't You Be My Neighbor? (Rated PG)

An exploration of the life, lessons, and legacy of iconic children's television host, Fred Rogers.

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

+++++

For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada go to 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
stunikki@gmail.com or to ajaxprobust@gmail.com





September 26th Regional Extravaganza



October 3, Meeting



Reg welcoming new members



October speakers, Kristy-Lynn Pankhurst & Kyle Chamberlain from the Ajax Fire Dept



PROBUS Walkers



Euchre at Chartwell, Oct 23, 2018

Our Probud Club with the kind support of the management of Harwood Chartwell Seniors Residence Hosted a very successful Durham Regional Probud meeting at Chartwell on Old Harwood Road.

Our Management team worked hard to make the meeting a huge success. Our guests from the 8 other clubs in our region were very appreciative of our efforts.

Reg Lawrance

DURHAM PROBUS REGIONAL MEETING, OCTOBER 30, 2018
BREAK-OUT GROUPS



Presidents & Vice Presidents – Group 1



Presidents & Vice Presidents – Group 2



Newsletter-Website Group



Speakers Group



Interests Group



Social Group



Financial & Membership Group



Secretaries Group

AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR NOVEMBER, 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 2:30 Bridge Lessons, Library	2	3
4 1:30 - 3:30 Library Movie Leave No Trace Daylight Saving Time Ends	5	6	7 10 - 12 PROBUS Meeting 2 – 4 Cribbage	8 2:30 Social Bridge, Library Rocky Horror Picture Show	9	10
11 Remembrance Day	12	13 2 - 4 Euchre & Scrabble	14 10-12 Walking Group 2 – 4 Cribbage	15 2:30 Bridge Lessons, Library	16	17
18 1:30 – 3:30 Library Movie Won't You Be My Neighbor?	19	20	21 10 - 12 Walking Group 10 – 12 Family History 12:00 RODEO Lunch Casino 2 – 4 Cribbage	22 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	23	24
25	26	27 2 - 4 Euchre & Scrabble	28 10 - 12 Walking Group 1:30 Book Club 2 – 4 Cribbage	29 2:30 Bridge Lessons, Library	30	