

PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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All PROBUS Club of Ajax In Person General Meetings are CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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President's Message

January 2021



This is my "Winter of Discontent". I can't take ownership of this phrase. It refers to a period of labour unrest in Britain in the 1970s. It can also be found in William Shakespeare's play Richard III. The phrase, however, seems decidedly appropriate to life at this moment. I've been hanging around my house for months now because of the pandemic. I go walking with my dog, but miss outings with family and friends; the freedom to engage in life on my own terms. If you're struggling with 'A Winter of Discontent', know that you're not alone.

On a brighter note, your Management Committee continues to work towards increasing the range of social opportunities available to our Club's members via Zoom. To this end, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Stewart Beatty as our Club's Zoom Master.

The Management Committee thanks Tom Rosebush, our Club's Membership Co-Ordinator, for developing and operating our Zoom system to date. Tom recognized the need to engage our members via Zoom, and volunteered to set up Zoom meetings, thus taking on two portfolios at the same time.

Stewart will begin by assisting Tom with our current Zoom program, then gradually take over Zoom responsibilities from Tom, thus freeing Tom to attend to the membership portfolio, as we near membership renewal season. Stewart and Nancy Hobart, our Club's Interest Group Co-Ordinator, have already begun discussing social activities that might be suitable for Zoom.

Our next membership meeting is on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd at 10:00am. Join us for our guest speaker Chris Vollum. Our Speaker Co-Ordinator, Gail Tays, has included information about Chris and his speaker's topic in this Newsletter.



Take care and stay safe. There are only 7 more Mondays until Spring arrives!

Cheers,
Joyce



ZOOM INFORMATION

You do not need to download the ZOOM software to use the service. If you go to your internet browser (like Google) and go to website www.zoom.us look at the top right corner of the screen that opens up and you will see a button to click that says JOIN A MEETING. **(Use Control Click for Links)**

The diagram below appears



You can then enter the meeting ID number sent to you by PROBUS Club of Ajax in an email, and click JOIN. If there was a password also sent to you, enter it on the next page that opens up.

There are several videos on YouTube showing how to use Zoom. Here are two recommended by PROBUS Canada:

Joining a Zoom call for the first time, fun and easy online connection

Using Zoom on your iPhone or iPad

Enter YouTube.com in your browser (Safari, Google Chrome, Fire Fox - whatever you use). Click on the search tool on YouTube (magnifying glass). Enter the name of the video you want or type in Instructions for using Zoom to get all videos.

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Having trouble receiving mail from Ajax PROBUS?

Depending on your email provider and operating system, email sent in bulk may not end up in your inbox but in some other folder such as "Junk Mail", "Spam", "Bulk Mail ", etc. Sometimes even email from a regular sender will end up being considered spam or junk by your program. So check these folders regularly.

To fix it, you may try to make sure the sender is in your contacts, but the best way is to consistently move these emails into your inbox each time you see them in the wrong folder. Your program should have a way of selecting them and moving them. Never miss another newsletter from Ajax PROBUS.

(Maureen McVarish)

MEMBERSHIP

Normally, the PROBUS Club of Ajax would be collecting the 2020/2021 Membership Fee during the months of July and August. However, this year is far from normal, so at our Management meeting held on June 26, 2020 via ZOOM, a motion to suspend membership fees until July, 2021 was passed. Therefore, all 2019/2020 members are automatically members until July, 2021, when once again we will be asking you to renew your membership.

Our current membership count is 212. Once again we ask if you have changed your "email, phone number or residence address" you inform us via email to tom.rosebush@gmail.com or by phone to 437 981-6719.

Stay safe until we can meet safely once again.



Tom, Membership Coordinator

APPOINTMENT OF STEWART BEATTY AS THE ZOOM MASTER

I moved to Ajax in 1987 with my wife, Karen and our three sons. I am an engineer from the University of Waterloo and have worked in the telecommunications industry for over 40 years. My wife was a teacher and taught in 3 schools in Ajax. I was involved in soccer, hockey, baseball, Beavers, Cubs and Group Committee over the years as the boys grew up. We have been lucky enough to get many opportunities to travel. We lived in Saudi Arabia when I worked for Bell Canada. I travelled to India a number of times when I worked as a consultant for an American company. Karen and I joined PROBUS a couple of years ago and I look forward to helping as we adapt to this new situation and technology to meet and socialize.

(Stewart Beatty)



Below is a recipe from one of the management team

SAUCY CHICKEN (Joyce)

6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
6 thin slices Swiss Cheese
1 – 10oz can Cream of Chicken Soup
1 box Stove Top Stuffing mix



Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 8" x 12" casserole with cooking spray. Arrange chicken breasts in pan crosswise.

Place one slice of Swiss Cheese on each chicken breast. Spread undiluted Cream of Chicken soup over cheese and chicken.

Prepare Stove Top Stuffing according to package. You may need to add an extra ¼ cup of water to ensure that the stuffing is quite moist. Top the casserole with the stuffing mix.

Bake, uncovered, for one hour. Chicken should be white without any trace of pink when pierced with a fork.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

February Speaker - Chris Vollum

Social Media has created a global shift in communication, engagement and access to information. Educating and inspiring more than 700,000 participants of all ages to think differently about the online content they post, Chris Vollum illustrates the power, reach and influence that Social Media plays in their lives, and in the world today. Through the lens of adding value to others first, expressing gratitude and cultivating empathy, Chris demonstrates that social media can be used as a force for good, and a viable tool for all.



March Speaker - Lianne Harris Racioppo

Lianne currently works as the Social Studies Resource Specialist Consultant with the Toronto Board of Education and curriculum adviser for Upper Canada College, having taught over 80,000 teachers and students (usually in authentic period clothing). She holds individual degrees in History, English and Fine Arts and using these disciplines, assists with entrepreneurial artists and business start-ups in leper colonies in India. In 2003, she was selected by W.O.M.A.D. as one of Toronto's Women of Influence and in 2009 was invited to be a contributing author of the Canadian best-seller business/self-help book, 'The Power of Women United'. Her artwork has been exhibited at the Royal Ontario Museum, Roy Thomson Hall, The I.D.A Gallery, and The Shaw Festival. Appearing on TV and interviewed many times on the radio, she always loves a live--and virtual!--audience.

January 6, 2021 Zoom Meeting

75 people attended our January 6th general Zoom meeting. We had a short business briefing and then had a 10 minute break during which, breakout rooms were created with 6 to 10 members in each. This was a great way to be able to visit with other club members.

Martin Franssen, (*a Detective with the Fraud Squad, Major Crimes Unit of Durham Regional Police Services*) gave a very informative and interesting presentation on Fraud Awareness and Prevention.

At the end of the meeting there was a draw for a \$25 Tim Horton's Gift Card. Pauline Hillman's name was drawn by Shirlie.

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All Interest Group gatherings are cancelled until further notice.

AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups Coordinator: Nancy Hobart			
RODEO (Ladies Lunch)	Dawn Thornton	Dining Out	Carol Breen
Bridge	Harvey Brodhecker	Cribbage	Reg Lawrance
Golf	Marcia Everitt Durham West	Breakfast Club	Julie Mathewson
Euchre/Scrabble	Julie Mathewson	Book Club	Bernie Rosebush
Billiards	Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS	Movie Club	Nancy Hobart
Walking Club	Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish		

MOVIE CLUB

I hope that everyone is doing well and keeping safe. I hope the following trivia will help pass sometime till we can get together again. All movies are on hold till further notice.

Thanks Nancy



OSCAR TRIVIA

1. WHO IS THE FIRST FEMALE TO WIN THE BEST DIRECTOR AWARD?
2. WHAT WAS THE FIRST ANIMATED FEATURE TO BE NOMINATED FOR BEST PICTURE?
3. WHO WAS THE ONLY ACTOR TO EARN 2 NOMINATIONS IN THE SAME CATEGORY?
4. IN 2017, WHICH FILM WAS ACCIDENTALLY CALLED FOR BEST PICTURE INSTEAD OF THE ACTUAL WINNER – MOONLIGHT?
5. WHICH AWARD HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED LAST SINCE 1973?

(answers on last page)

PROBUS RODEO GROUP

Hello Everyone, Just a reminder that for now RODEO Club is on hold. Hopefully in the not so distant future we will meet again on the third Wednesday of the month to enjoy a luncheon get-together.

Take care, Dawn



Cottage Roll (Sandra McNamara)

Cottage roll (pickled ham).
Large pot of water to cover.
Onion, carrots, celery, 2 bay leaves.
Simmer couple hours.
Add sliced cabbage last half hour.
Boil potatoes **DIFFERENT** pot.



Leftovers:

SAVE broth from cottage roll for French onion soup, pea soup
Diced cottage roll, pineapple, mayo and mustard. Toss and roll in wrap.
Standard leftover of cold sliced cottage roll, heated veggies and potatoes.
Extra veggies with some broth to make cabbage soup. Dot with sour cream.
Freeze unused portions, including broth.
Cottage roll can be cooked in crock pot on low about six hours. Add cabbage last half hour. Potatoes ALWAYS separate pot.

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BRIDGE AND COVID-19



In suit contracts it is usually unwise to lead an Ace (The odds are against you.). It is also unwise to under lead an Ace. The exception is if you have a singleton or doubleton with an Ace (A, Ax). With a holding of Axx it is best to find another suit to lead in a suit contract unless partner has bid this suit.

Harvey Brodhecker

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Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called passing the buck'?

BECAUSE

In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

BREAKFAST CLUB

(Julie)



Congratulations to Marilyn Mason, our winner of the Name That Christmas Carol quiz. Marilyn, along with a few others, got a perfect score! She won an Ultimate Dining gift card.

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PROBUS BOOK CLUB



The Book Club **usually** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at St. Paul's United Church, 65 King's Crescent, at 1:30 p.m.

During Covid19, of course, we are **not** meeting!!! However, when normalcy returns we shall continue our very interesting discussions on chosen book titles.

Interested in reading, discussion, fun and fellowship, we welcome you to join our group. In the meantime, book suggestions you may wish to enjoy:

Book Suggestions:

"Field Notes from an Unintentional Birder" - (a *Memoir*) by Julia Zarankin

The book follows the peregrinations of a narrator who learns more from birds than she ever anticipated, as she begins to realize that she herself is a migratory species: born in the former Soviet Union, growing up in Vancouver and Toronto, studying in the United States and living in Paris. (Published - September, 2020.)

"The Murder of Harriet Monkton" – by Elizabeth Haynes (a *Victorian crime novel based on a true story.*)

Friendship Thoughts For February

*A friend is a gift you give yourself.

(Robert Louis Stevenson)

*A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature.

(Ralph Waldo Anderson)

*Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.

Just walk beside me and be my friend.

(Albert Camus)

*Most people walk in and out of your life...
but FRIENDS leave footprints in your heart.

*To the world you might be one person;
but to one person you might be the world.

*People become friends by a community of pleasures.

(Samuel Johnson)

Opportunity: FIND A FRIEND AT PROBUS!

Rambles with my Camera - Day one of 2021

(Maureen McVarish)

Hello everyone

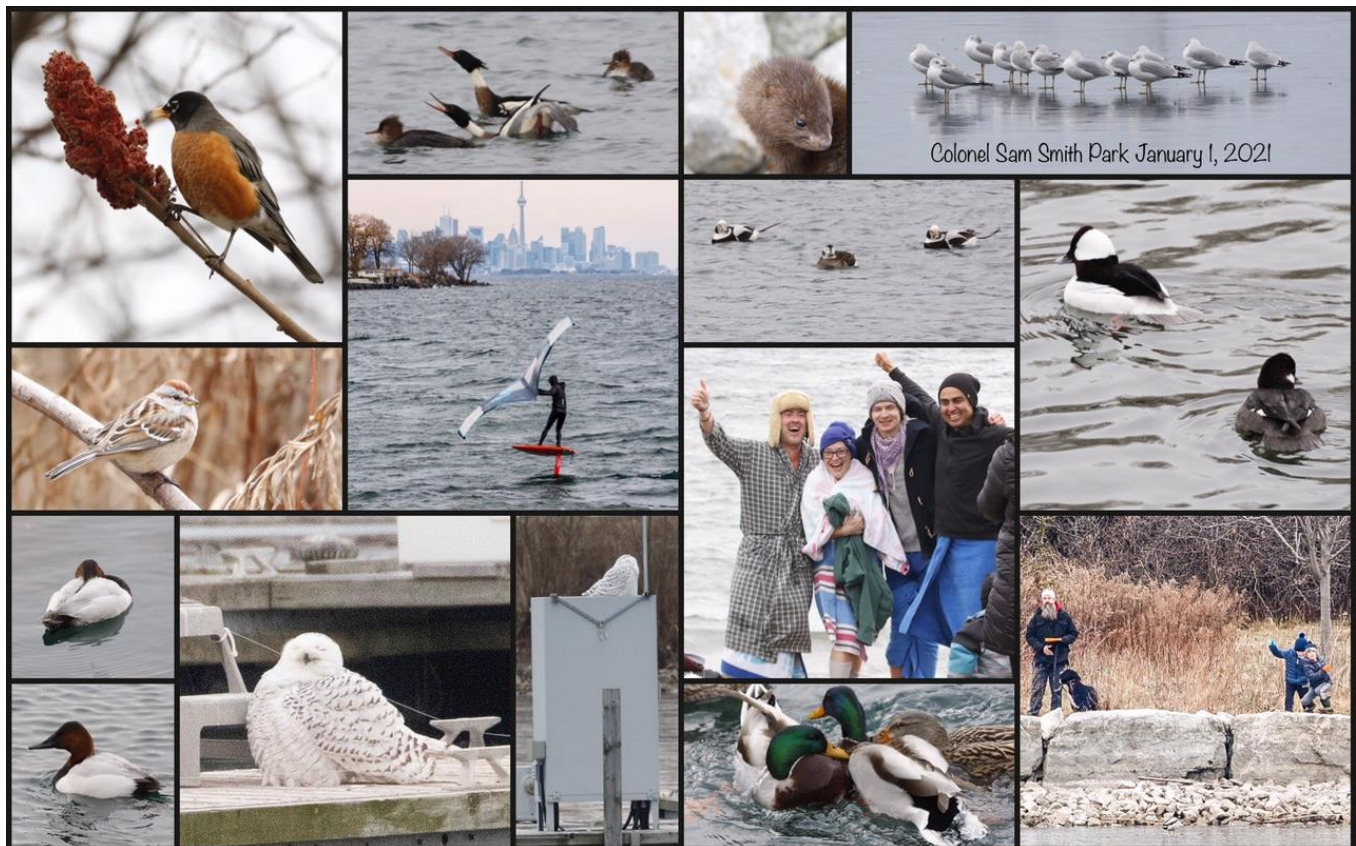
I've been getting out fairly regularly with my camera. Great exercise and I love to work with my photos and make collages. I find it helps me remember the day and allows me to share it too. So here is the first one 2021.

On New Year's Day, I went to Colonel Samuel Smith park in Etobicoke with my camera. This collage is from pictures I took that day.

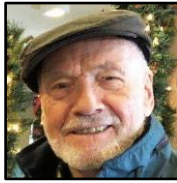
The first thing we noticed was the snowy owl sitting on a tall grey box overlooking the docks, possibly surveying the bay for her next lunch? At one point she flew down to a new position on the dock and just sat there for the rest of our visit. Some of the locals told us that this owl and her mate are regulars here in the winter. We also saw a cute little mink and a variety of ducks there that day, including mergansers, buffleheads, long tails, canvas backs, the ubiquitous mallards already getting frisky and gulls posing on top of the frozen pond.

In the bottom right corner you might see two little boys skipping stones across the ice covered water. The skidding stones caused some crazy sci-fi like chirps and it took a while to make the connection!

The sailboarder added to the entertainment and it was a challenge to get a picture of him with the Toronto skyline in the background. Then there is that group posing for a victory photo. We just missed them doing a New Year's Day polar dip! The screams and laughter while they quickly covered themselves brought us rushing. So I only got this shot. But I'm happy with it. What a fun beginning to 2021!!



CARL'S CORNER



Carl Mabee
President (2013-2014)

Can you imagine flying around the world first class on a 747-jet liner? Neither could I. But here I'm sitting upstairs in the first class lounge having a scotch and water while one of the most advance aircraft ever built is thundering across the night time sky on its way to Bahrain. This is one huge aircraft and it can carry over 400 passengers but not in the first class lounge, this is mine all mine. well okay, *and a few others as well!* *When I can't keep my eyes open any longer, I head back down the spiral staircase to my very large and comfortable seat. The next thing I know it's time for a first class breakfast before we land in Bahrain for refuelling.* We have been flying in a southeast direction and after leaving Bahrain we continue in the same direction over the Andaman Sea and set down at Kuala Lumpur's International Airport.

The country is separated into two regions Peninsular Malaysia and Malaysian Borneo-by the South China Sea. Malaysia borders Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Brunei with oceans on both side of this (from what I have read) fascinating country. And so a little history lesson to set the scene so to speak. Malaya gained its independence from Briton in 1957. After Singapore, Sabah, Sarawak and Malaya formed a new federation it became Malaysia. Two years later Singapore seceded from the federation and became an independent republic. I arrived at the start of a three day religious holiday, had I known about this unexpected situation I would have changed my itinerary to accommodate. However with the help of the country manager Rajah Assis it gave me an opportunity to see much of this country. Rajah had arranged to have a driver pick me up at the airport and take me to the Hilton. This is a nice American style hotel and after checking in I met with Raj for a few hours, did a little sight-seeing while being briefed on the local politics, ethnic make-up of the population, things I should be aware of and that the chauffeur would be mine and would take me anywhere I wish to go for the next few days. Raj had to excuse himself because he was required to participate in the three-day religious observance. My first impression was that he was a very nice individual. A Harvard educated soft-spoken, articulate person that would be fun to work with but not for the next few days!

I know that I shouldn't make a blanket statement however "most of the people of this country are attractive especially the women" *(the women comment is just in case you thought I'd switched allegiance)* and have many distinct facial features. The country has seen so many civilisations rise and fall, been conquered by different nationalities and have a wide ethnic and religion background that it is understandable. Even now, *after all these years have passed since independence* an occasional breakout of ethnic unrest has been known to happen. One dark night and a few weeks before I arrived, a mob of Malay attacked a group of ethnic Chinese and massacred over 150 people. Who knows what sparked this assault, maybe it was gang related?

Well, with time on my hands and an opportunity that comes by once in a lifetime I'm off to see as much of the country as I can in the next few days. This is Asia and it's a hot 97 degrees and humid. The countryside is lush and many parts are still (and I guess will always be) jungle. I bought a really nice short sleeve shirt that (if I hadn't seen other people wearing I would think they were for tourists) looks great, and printed with a wild profusion of tropical plants.

"Okay it's pretty wild but someone liked it because it was stolen out of my dirty clothes bag before I left Singapore" but I do have a picture standing in front of "are you ready" a floating gold mining panning factory. Apparently this rig works its way up the pond on one side then and back down the other and repeats the process. The people are very hard workers and to some extent the economy reminds me of Canada. It is heavily based on natural resources and agriculture. As a matter of interest, under the Brits this country has become the world's largest producer of tin, rubber and palm oil. As I drove through the country I noticed that the homes (many looked like a Pan Abode cottage) were two or more feet up on blocks or pylons. Kim my driver said it was designed to keep the houses dry when the rains came and of course to discourage insects and other pests from getting into the house. *More of this story in future issues.* Carl



STOLEN PERHAPS IT WAS JUST AS WELL

THE BOOKWORM

Readers have shared their lack of concentration lately-understandable considering everything going on with the US election, Canadian political drama and Covid-19.

So, I'll tell you about one work of literature, but mostly fun escape reading I discovered a while ago.

"How to Pronounce Knife" by Souvankham Thammavongsa is a Canadian short story collection that I read slowly, savoring the nuances and quiet observations of life for a refugee family. I found it reminiscent of Alice Munro's attention to human interactions and everyday moments revealing power, class, racism and privilege. I liked the father's portrayal as tolerant and kind in the face of his wife's idiosyncrasies. It won the 2020 Scotiabank Giller Prize. The author was born in a Lao refugee camp in Thailand in 1978 and raised and educated in Toronto.

There are different reasons to read, and I laughed when the main character in the movie, "Finding Forester" defends his escape into trashy tabloids.

I was surprised to like, "Bitten" by Kelley Armstrong after I heard her at a, "Writers Community of Durham Region" breakfast. I was hooked at the preface when a female werewolf stalks the streets of downtown Toronto from dusk to dawn, sneaking back into her home while her fiancé sleeps unaware.

Four years ago, after teaching and living for a year in Nanjing, China, I discovered paranormal murder mystery thrillers. Driving home from the airport, a promising romance ended when my guy announced he would rather be with "Susan." And I had one free book a month from Samsung.

So, I read Andrew Kaufman's, "While the Savage Sleeps" and went on to "Darkness Shadow," "Twisted," and "The Lion, the Lamb and the Hunted." His books placed in the top 100 on Amazon and surpassed Stephen King for a time.

Even the titles were therapeutic. I found myself enjoying the psychological drama and unexpected twists of the revenge stories.

I moved on to Max Allan Collins with, "No One Will Hear You," "What Doesn't Kill Her," and "You Can't Stop Me." Collins is the author of the graphic version of, "Road to Perdition" and "Batman" comic books, and wrote for Dick Tracey and the CSI TV show. He collaborated with famed mystery writer Mickey Spillane.

For those who enjoy learning about fraud, I recommend, "Quarterback Sneak: Exposing the Game Plan of Art Schlichter" by Anita Barney, heir to the Wendy's fortune at her husband's death. Anita heard a church speaker and a friendship developed. She helped him with a small loan to buy a car for his daughter and was soon paying larger sums for Superbowl football tickets for friends-but there were never any tickets. Finally, she had nothing left and went to the police.

What struck me was the scam was gradual, circumstantial and opportunistic and had very little to do with intelligence.

Probus readers responded with their favorite titles. Harvey recommends the four book series, "War of the Roses" by Conn Iggulden. It covers the reigns of Henry VI, Edward IV and Richard III, focusing mostly on the tumultuous reign of Henry VI.

Harvey said, "This is a fascinating period of English history and this author brings it all to light. You really identify with the characters. Start with Stormchild - followed by Trinity, Bloodline and Ravenspur."

Marion is a real bookworm and we both enjoy good memoir.

Marion said, "I read, "Let's Pretend This Never Happened" a mostly true memoir by Jenny Lawson. She tells happenings in her household in a humorous and fun way. It is light entertainment. I would love to meet her husband, Victor who is often the center of her merriment."

Marion continued, "I just finished, "Infidel" by Ayaan Hirsi Ali and had trouble putting this book down. She writes about her youth in Ethiopia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia and Somalia, war torn countries, in a strict Muslim household. There were beatings, female mutilations, hunger, poverty and arranged marriages. She's had an amazing life, where she eventually escaped to the Netherlands and became a parliamentary member. There is much more, but I don't want to spoil the unfolding events for you."

I'd love to hear from readers of different genres. What are your favorites? What's next on your must-read list? Or a book you just can't put down?

Let's keep the conversation going. victoriaplaskett@sympatico.ca.



Nearly Forgotten Valentines Logic Puzzle

Oh, no! Jorge, Karl and Eric have forgotten about Valentine's Day and it's the 13th of February. Each has had to buy a last-minute gift, wrapped in a different colored paper, for his girlfriend, fiancée, or wife. From this information and the clues provided, determine the name of his girlfriend, fiancée, or wife, the gift he bought her and the color of the wrapping paper.

Clues:

1. No man has the same initial as his girlfriend, fiancée or wife.
2. A delighted wife received a gift wrapped in purple.
3. Neither Ellen nor Joann received perfume.
4. The roses were wrapped in green.
5. Ellen's gift was wrapped in the same colour she chose for her bridesmaids' dresses.
6. Eric's girlfriend adored the perfume he bought for her.

		Woman			Gift			Wrapping Paper		
		Tina	Ellen	Joann	Roses	Chocolates	Perfume	Green	Purple	Pink/White
Man	Jorge (engaged)									
	Karl (married)									
	Eric (dating)									
Wrapping Paper	Green									
	Purple									
	Pink/White									
Gift	Roses									
	Chocolates									
	Perfume									

Send your answers to Julie at jmathewson@rogers.com to win a prize. Deadline is February 15.

Land Girls is a British television period drama series set during World War II. It follows the lives of women in the Women's Land Army (WLA), a British civilian organization which sent women to work in agriculture, replacing the men called up to the military. Anyone who was a fan of **Home Fires** will enjoy this series, available on Netflix. (Julie)

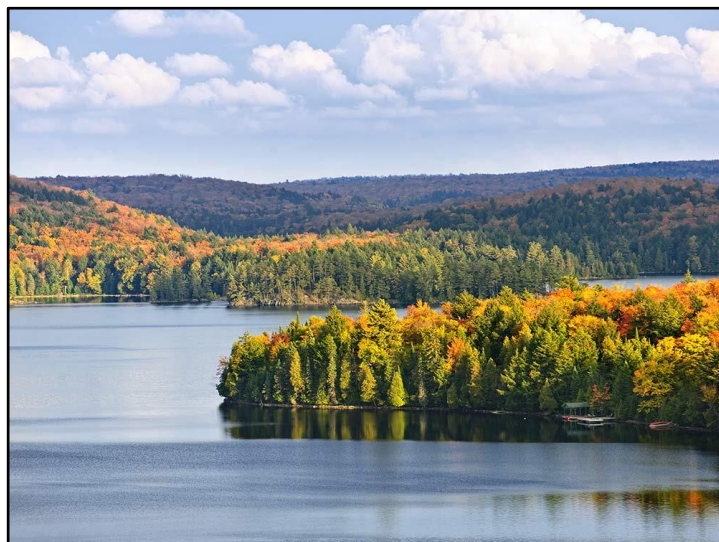


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Did You Know....

Canada is bigger than the European Union

Ever been travelling abroad and had someone ask you if you know Kimberly from Vancouver or Theo from Montreal after you told them you were Canadian? Our country's vast land area is often hard to comprehend for those who haven't experienced it firsthand. Here are some facts about Canada to put its breathtaking scale into perspective: It's bigger than the entire European Union (33 times bigger than Italy and 15 times bigger than France), more than 30 per cent larger than Australia, five times as big as Mexico, three times as big as India and about the same size as 81,975 Walt Disney Worlds put together. So, in other words, no, you don't know Kimberly or Theo!



A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



Car Rally, September 13, 2012



June 20, 2017 PROBUS Barbecue

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How are you spending your time? Please take a moment to answer our short survey.

- 1. What have you read lately?**
- 2. What are you watching on television/Netflix/video?**
- 3. What are you doing to stay busy?**

Send your replies to jmathewson@rogers.com.



LIBRARY NEWS

"WHAT'S ON" FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2021

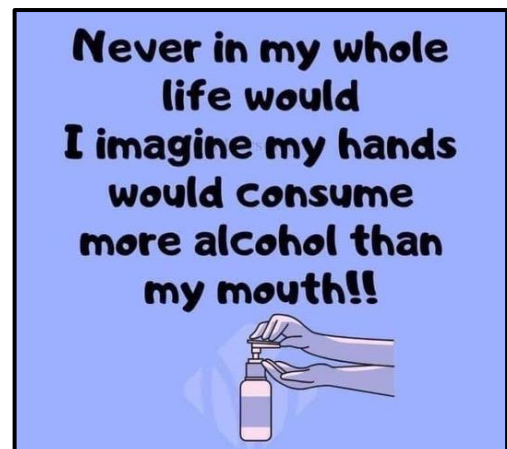
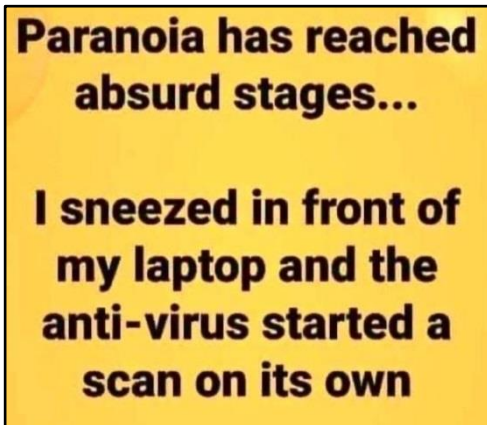
The link for What's On is: ajaxlibrary.ca/?q=node/38

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INCOME TAX CLINICS

Volunteers from the **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**, trained by the Canada Revenue Agency, will be at the Main Branch of the Ajax Public Library on the first Thursday of every month from 10:00am to 2:00pm. They can help you complete your Income Tax Return and Benefit Return. The Program is only available for Ajax residents who have a valid Ajax Public Library card and have a modest income with simple tax situations. You can book an appointment by calling (905) 683-4000 Extension 8813.

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I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented..... *I forgot where I was going with this.*

RECREATION CENTRE NEWS

Seniors Centre Without Walls: February 2021 Program Calendar | Space is limited.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 1:30 p.m. Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel – South America	2 1:30 p.m. Challenge Accepted: Name That Tune	3 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Jeremy Bertrand – Taxes	4 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Recipe Exchange – Chocolate	5 10 a.m. Information Highway: Short Stories by Durham Storytellers
8 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Film Friends – Golden Globe Contenders	9 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Short Stories by Durham Storytellers	10 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Summi Siddiqui	11 1:30 p.m. Fit or Fun: Fun Fact Frenzy – Valentine's Day	12 10 a.m. Fit or Fun: Fit – Exercise
15 No Programming Family Day	16 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Trivia – Mardi Gras	17 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Biographies – Alex Trebek	18 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Local History Talk – Oshawa	19 10 a.m. Information Highway: Short Stories by Durham Storytellers
22 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Biographies – The Honourable Lincoln Alexander	23 1:30 p.m. Fit or Fun: Fun – Would You Rather	24 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Home Remedies	25 1:30 p.m. Challenge Accepted: You Be the Judge	26 10 a.m. Fit or Fun: Fit – Exercise

Let's get connected



**To join using Zoom, use
the following requirements:**

Meeting ID: 936 9272 5495

Passcode: SCWW55+001



**To join by phone, use the
following requirements:**

Dial: 647 558 0588

Meeting ID: 936 9272 5495#

Participant ID #

Passcode: 1409113169#

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February 2nd



February 14th

Q: What did the caveman give his wife on Valentine's Day?

A: Ughs and kisses!

Q: What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?

A: Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?

Q: Why is lettuce the most loving vegetable?

A: Because it's all heart.

Q: Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?

A: Sure, they're very scent-imental!

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Oscar Trivia Answers (From page 5)

1. Kathryn Bigelow
2. Beauty & The Beast
3. Barry Fitzgerald
4. La La Land
5. Best Picture

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For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada go to www.probus.org. Our Ajax PROBUS website: www.ajaxprobus.com
Many thanks for those who sent in items for this issue.
Comments and items are appreciated including photos of Club events. Please send to probusnewseditor@gmail.com