



PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROBUS Club of Ajax, Club #82 Ajax, Ontario

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August 3rd, 2022

The August 3rd meeting will be in person at the Ajax Community Centre

The \$2 meeting fee has been re-instated. We have also brought back the “Share the Wealth” draw. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Please try to have the exact amount in change.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer weather. For some reason, the winter months go by much slower than the summer months. We are almost at the end of July. Back to school ads have started already.

It was wonderful to see so many people out to our July meeting. I enjoyed Mike Daley’s talk on Elvis. It was a lucky coincidence that we had this speaker so soon after the Elvis movie opening. I have not seen it yet, but everyone I have spoken to has enjoyed it.

On July 14 we had a wonderful trip to the Westben theatre to hear the music of Abba. Thank you Shirly for arranging the trip and the great picnic lunch. Check the newsletter and our website to see information on upcoming trips. I have also attended some of the Breakfast Club get-togethers, which have been very well attended. I enjoyed the Dinning Out dinner at Fionn MacCool’s (my first time there). Thank you, Julie and Carol, for arranging these activities. The RODEO Lunches will resume in September. Dawn has been kind enough to organize these lunches.

The PROBUS Club of Uxbridge invited members of other PROBUS Clubs to join them on July 5 for their Canada Day Trivia contest on Zoom (no prizes, just bragging rights). You could play by yourself or form a team. It was very enlightening and a lot of fun. They are planning another one in the fall and will be inviting other clubs again. It was a well-organized and entertaining event. If you like trivia, please sign up for it. We will send out an eblast when we get the information.

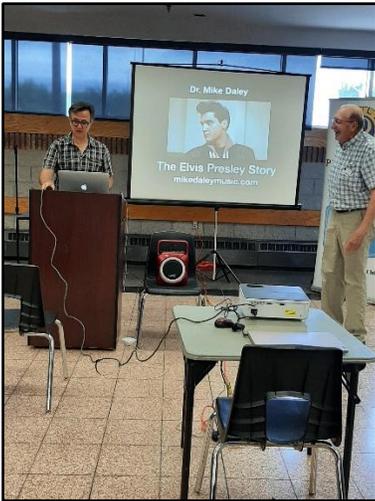
We still have unfilled positions on the management team. It is a good way to get to know more people in the club and to get involved. **Without volunteers, the club is not able to function.** Please speak to me at the meeting or email me at ajaxprobusspresident@gmail.com, if you would like more information about the positions.

I am happy to try to arrange transportation for anyone who needs a ride to a meeting. You can email me at ajaxprobusspresident@gmail.com or call me at 905-619-6674.

Jane Wilson



JULY 6TH MEETING



Mike Daley & Stewart Setting up



Peggy, Sandra & Bill on the Door



Jane Opening the Meeting



Shirley Telling us about future Excursions



Brenda Andrews, President of PROBUS Canada



**Some of our Charter Members:
Ruth, John, Wilma, Fred, Clarence,
Joanne**



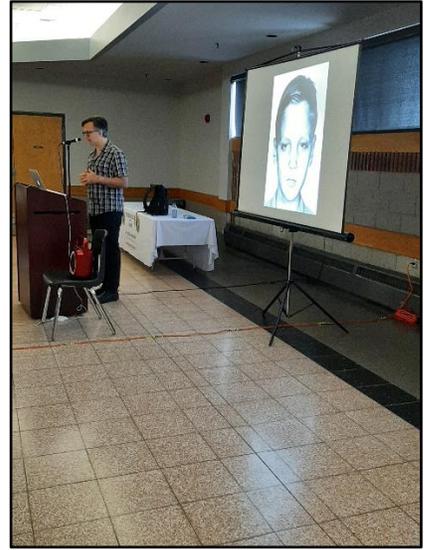
Paying Membership Dues



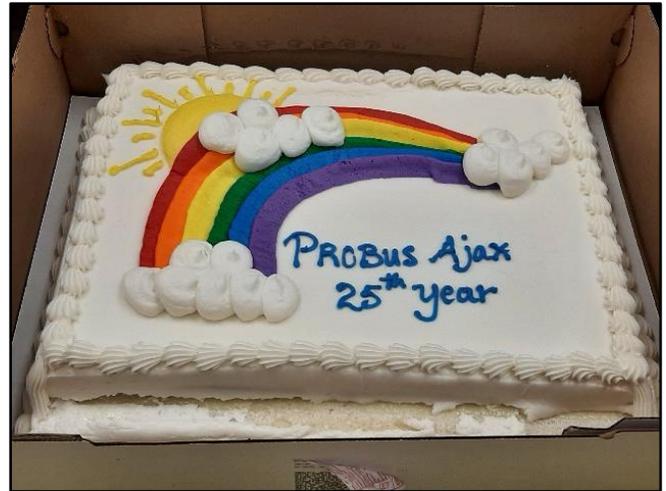
**Margaret & Judy Getting the
Coffee Ready**



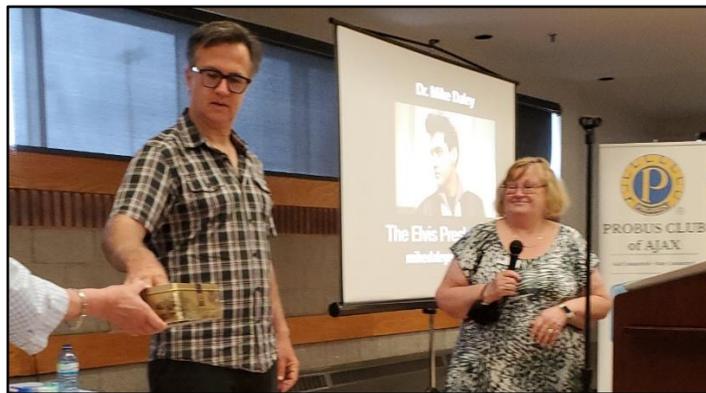
HMS Ajax Room



Our Speaker, Mike Daley



Congratulations PROBUS Club of Ajax



Share The Wealth Draw

COVID-19 PROTOCOL (Revised June 17, 2022)

PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX

It was decided at the June 2022 Management Team Meeting that we will continue to require Proof of Vaccination for in-person activities. Once you show your proof of vaccination at the first in-person meeting you attend, you will not have to show it again. **It will be up to each member if they choose to wear a mask or not.** A detailed Protocol is on our website at www.ajaxprobus.com.

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MEMBERSHIP

We welcome two new members this month. Mary Ann Hall and Susie Navarro. Also, we welcome back a former member, Betty Grant.

Just a quick reminder that our membership fees have increased for the 2022/2023 year to \$35.00 and are now due. The new member initiation fee remains at \$30.00.

Our preferred method of payment is by cheque, but cash is always acceptable and if you wish payment can be made via an e-Transfer. If making a renewal via e-Transfer make sure to indicate that the deposit is for "Membership Renewal".

If your personal information has changed in any way over the past year, now is a great time to let us know as you renew your membership.

Tom Rosebush, Membership Coordinator 437 981-6719 or tom.rosebush@gmail.com.



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VOLUNTEERS FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE NEEDED

Do you enjoy your coffee at break time? Maybe you would like to help with providing the refreshments for the monthly meetings?

We need a few volunteers to help with set up and cleanup of the refreshments at the meetings. It is not a difficult job and a chance for you to become involved in the club. The coffee is purchased and ready to go so there is very little work involved.

If you feel that you are able to help, please contact Margaret Wells dmpwells@gmail.com or 905-839-6499

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Help is also needed to check in people at the door for each meeting and sell share the wealth tickets. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the club this is a great way to meet people. Volunteers are needed to check people in, collect their dues and also to sell tickets. There are usually 3 people at the table and if we have a few volunteers then we can rotate the jobs so that you would not have to be available every month.

If you think you would be interested in helping, please contact Margaret Wells dmpwells@gmail.com or 905-839-6499

FROM THE PROBUS TREASURER

How to Make an e-Transfer to Ajax PROBUS

You may now pay for memberships and social events by e-Transfer. Please follow the procedure exactly. Each bank has a slightly different system; however, the steps are the same, but may be in a different order.

- 1) Sign into online banking
 - 2) Select Interact e-Transfer
 - 3) Select "Send Money" or whatever name your bank calls it
 - 4) Select the bank account from which you are sending money
 - 5) In the Amount field, enter the amount you are sending
 - 6) Enter the recipient: (each bank is slightly different in the way this works)
 - Select: Enter New Recipient
 - add the name PROBUS Club of Ajax
 - enter the email address: probusajaxtreasurer@gmail.com
 - *double check to make sure the email address is exactly as above!!!*
 - 7) **In the Comments box you MUST enter**
 - *Your name (and other names if it is for more than one person)
 - * What the money is for
- If you do not put anything in the comments, we will have no idea why you are sending the money!***
- 8) Double check everything is correct, especially the email address!
 - 9) Go to next step – Review and Finish Transaction.
 - 10) Ajax Probus is using the safest method of e-Transfer which is Autodeposit. Once you hit send, the money will go directly to our account, and cannot be intercepted. (Passwords are not used in this method)

Last but not least: Notify the Membership Coordinator, or Social Coordinator that you have paid by e-Transfer.

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MEMBERS CORNER

We have decided that even after we return to normal activities, that we would like to continue with the Members Corner. It's a great way for us to get to know our fellow Ajax PROBUS members. Keep those articles coming. If they're not used immediately, they will be filed for future newsletters.

Thanks to everyone who have sent contributions so far. We've really enjoyed reading them.



PROBUS SPEAKERS



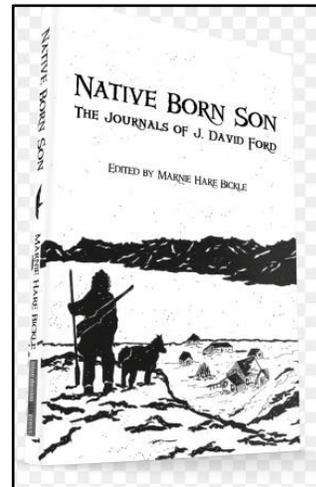
August 3rd - Marnie Bickle

Speaker Introduction:

Author/editor of a book, "Native Born Son" which is available from Amazon. "Native Born Son" is J. David Ford's first-hand telling of his suspenseful exploits while growing up in the eastern Arctic during the 1920's and 1930's. He was born into a multi-generational line of traders, trappers and Hudson's Bay Company employees who, since the late 1700's, lived alongside and sometimes intermarried with indigenous people. This social history depicts life at the end of an era-before radio communication, snowmobiles or power boats - a nomadic life on the verge of extinction. An account of early colonialism in the Arctic, working for Hudson's Bay, and how their son grew and became integrated into the Arctic life.

Speaker Bio:

Marnie Bickle worked most of her career in music academia and lives in Port Hope with her husband and two cats. Marnie found journals in her attic, and now, 100 years after the eight-year-old David Ford first set foot on Coats Island at the top of the Hudson Bay, those journals have been given new life in her edited book, "Native Born Son." Always a writer at heart, she also combined her interest in music and history to write, "Opera and the University of Toronto 1972-1996" and other articles to promote and showcase classical musicians. She looks forward to finding new stories that need to be told.



PROBUS SPEAKERS (Continued)



September 7th – Barbara Dickson

Historian & Author- "Bomb Girls: From Aprons to Ammo."

Speaker Introduction:

"Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo" is a comprehensive, historical record of Canada's biggest WWII munitions plant ("GECO") employing over 21,000 citizens, predominantly women, who courageously worked with high explosives around the clock over its four-year history.

Her book offers a unique, intimate, and extraordinary glimpse into the lives and hearts of these dedicated Canadians. In-person interviews with the women who risked their lives every time they stepped onto the "clean side" of the plant lend a personal, distinctive perspective to the book.

Their stories reveal tenacity, dedication, patriotism, and resolve in a time when the concept of women working outside the home was a cultural anomaly. Bomb Girls captures, in a dramatic way, the dangerous work these brave young women performed. It's imperative to pass along their enduring legacy to the generations to come

Barbara will also highlight the important role of D.I.L. (Defense Industries Limited) in Ajax.

Speaker Bio:

Barbara Dickson is a sought-after professionally trained public speaker, local historian, and author in both fiction and non-fiction. She has been entertaining and educating audiences for over twenty years. She lives in Scarborough, Ontario.

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1992, Barbara re-discovered her love of writing and history when she retired from her career as an IT software analyst. Barb spent many years researching local and Canadian history focusing her efforts on:

- Canadian history in the nineteenth century.
- Ireland's Great Hunger.
- The invaluable contribution made by Canadian men and women engaged in war work during the Second World War.

Now an award-winning, best-selling, multi-published author and public speaker, Barb has been invited to appear before myriad organizations including remembrance celebrations, church groups, military gatherings, women's organizations, business and local service clubs, and historical societies.

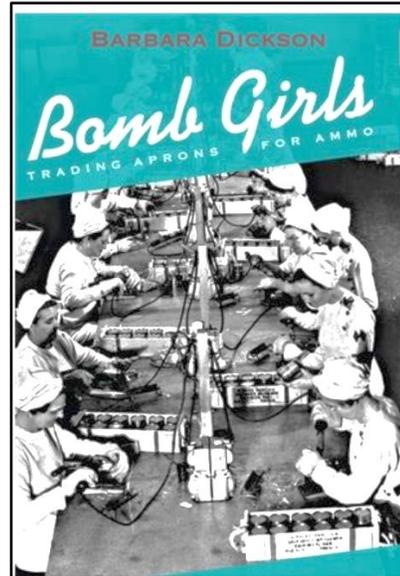
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Barbara Dickson



- "Bomb Girls: From Aprons to Ammo."

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AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

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	Julie Mathewson	Book Club	
Billiards	Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS	Movie Club	
Walking Club	Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish		

In-Person Activity Guideline

As we begin to resume in-person activities, we would like to remind our members that there is always a possible risk involved when socializing. Your personal decision to participate in any PROBUS in-person activity should be made knowing you are taking full responsibility for that decision. The PROBUS Club of Ajax cannot be deemed responsible for the decision of individual members. Your own personal health and safety should be your first concern. For everyone's safety, participating in a PROBUS Club of Ajax in-person activity will require you to be fully vaccinated and follow all Health Department and Provincial guidelines.

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PROBUS BRIDGE



LAST CHANCE, DON'T MISS OUT!

Bridge players, Harvey needs to know whether you are playing Marathon Bridge during the 2022/2023 season. He is making up the schedule during August with a commencement of the games in September. Please email or phone him. Cost is \$30 per person which includes a lunch at the end of the year at which everyone gets a prize.

Cheers!

Harvey Brodhecker 905-683-5778 or hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca

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PROBUS RODEO GROUP



Eggplant Bruschetta

Ingredients:

Eggplant

- 2 medium eggplants sliced into 1" (2.5 cm) rounds
- 1 tbsp/15 mL Olive oil
- Salt & Pepper to taste

Bruschetta

- 5 Roma tomatoes diced
- 1 tbsp/15mL balsamic vinegar
- 4 tbsp/60 mL olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 finely chopped green onions
- 3 tbsp/12 g finely chopped fresh parsley
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 4 tbsp/38 g feta cheese (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C). Coat parchment-lined baking sheet with olive oil
2. Arrange eggplant on sheet and flip to evenly coat with olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and roast for 15 – 20 minutes.
3. Once time has elapsed, flip and season, return to oven for an additional 10 minutes
4. While the eggplant is cooking, make the bruschetta. Combine diced tomatoes garlic, parsley, balsamic, olive oil, salt and pepper.
5. Top eggplant with mixture and a bit of crumbled feta for garnish and serve immediately. Eggplant can get soggy so make sure you don't let it sit for too long!

Thanks to Nancy Hobart for this recipe

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PROBUS GOLF



PROBUS Club of Durham West
9 and Dine Golf Tournament
Thursday, August 25, 2022
Shot-Gun Start 3:30

Royal Ashburn Golf Club, 9995 Myrtle Road West, Ashburn, 905-686-1121

PROBUS Club of Durham West is organizing a 9 and Dine Golf Tournament. It looks like we will not be able to fill all 72 golf slots so we are opening the tournament up to other PROBUS Clubs. As in previous years, you will have the option of golf, cart and dinner, ride only and dinner or dinner only. We hope to fill all 72 golf slots. If you have a foursome, please indicate all names for the foursome. **Please make cheques payable to PROBUS Club of Durham West. Cheques must be currently dated.**

Please plan to arrive by 3:00pm to be ready for the 3:30 shot-gun start

Golf (9 holes), Cart & Dinner	
Golf, Cart & Roast Beef Dinner	\$125.43 *
Golf, Cart & Pasta with Shrimp or Pasta Vegetation	\$114.13
Ride Only & Dinner	
Ride Only & Roast Beef Dinner **	\$ 68.93
Ride Only & Pasta with Shrimp or Vegetarian Pasta ***	\$ 57.63
Dinner Only	
Roast Beef Dinner	\$51.98
Pasta with Shrimp or Vegetarian Pasta	\$ 40.68

*All prices include HST and Gratuities

** Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef - Hand carved and served with in house made Yorkshire pudding, daily potatoes, market vegetables, horseradish and red wine demi.

*** Orrecchiette Pasta with Shrimp - **(Vegetarian without shrimp)** Orrecchiette pasta with fried pancetta, fresh garden peas, sun-dried tomatoes and chiffonade of baby spinach tossed in a garlic cream sauce and topped with Cajun seared jumbo shrimp

Lorna Smith
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Lsmith1@bell.net

Juanita Hogg-Devine
416-444-2257
aj.devine@sympatico.ca

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PROBUS GOLF



Do you like to get out for a little exercise and swing the clubs? Please join us! This is a fun league, and new members are always welcome.

We play 9 holes (walking only) at Hawthorne Valley golf course on Tuesday mornings.

Our tee times start at 10AM and may be reserved a week ahead and resume on Tuesday April 19th.

Bookings are made directly with the golf course. Members can call Hawthorne Valley at 905 686 2028

When you call let them know it's your first time out and they will fit you in with a foursome. Times are 10 minutes apart so you may get a time for 10:20 but try to get there 30 minutes before. Sometimes we are ahead of schedule or there might be an opportunity to fill in for a cancellation. We are a friendly group so don't worry. We won't judge.

(Thanks to Lorna Smith, Durham West PROBUS who took this from their website)

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DINING OUT CLUB

Thanks to all of you that came out for dinner last week. It was a fun get together and I think everyone enjoyed their meal.

Next month we will be going for Greek food at MILO'S GREEK RESTAURANT on Kingston Road in Pickering.

The date is AUGUST 11TH @ 5.30 pm.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING BY MONDAY, AUGUST 9th.

Hope more of you will join us.

BE SURE TO REPLY TO ME DIRECTLY BY PHONE OR EMAIL

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





BREAKFAST CLUB
and
EUCHRE
(Julie)



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast this month is on **Tuesday, August 30 at 9:00** at Michael's Eatery, 44 Commercial Avenue in Ajax. Call Julie at 905-686-0803 or email jmathewson@rogers.com to reserve your place.

BREAKFAST CLUB AT SCRAMBLES JUNE 28, 2022



EUCHRE

We are continuing to play on Trickstercards for the summer, but will hopefully be able to start playing in person this fall. Our games this month will be on **Tuesday, August 9 and Tuesday, August 23 starting at 2:00**. Since tables have to be assigned in advance, email Julie at jmathewson@rogers.com by noon the day before if you plan to play.

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SAVE THE DATE

Mark **Friday, October 14** on your calendar and join in our car rally. Details to follow next month.



SOCIAL

August 15th – Cruise the Toronto Harbour on the Obsessions III – Cost \$140

The OBSESSION III is a 78' beautiful motor yacht. Her main salon is large and spacious, featuring a raised area for live music. She can comfortably hold up to 190 guests. The real treat here however is the upper deck -- Obsession III has a fully retractable roof! Your guests can enjoy the largest dance deck in any weather. Our two-deck ship boasts an elegant dining room with scenic windows.

Includes:

- Return transportation by motor coach
- Dance and Dinner aboard the Obsession III
- Cruise in Toronto Harbor
- Driver's tip



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September 12th - Ajax PROBUS Picnic – Cost \$15

Come and join your fellow PROBUS Members to celebrate getting together again and enjoy a Summer Picnic

Where: Carruthers Marsh Pavilion

Address: 55 Ashbury Blvd West

Time: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch: Picnic lunch will be supplied

Entertainment provided by Mitch Daniels performing "Songs of the Rat Pack"



September 13th – 16th – Detroit – Mackinac Island - Frankenmuth - COST: \$999. Per person/double occupancy; single \$1,299. (No HST) - \$250 non-refundable deposit due upon booking. Balance due July 1st .

The state of Michigan is ablaze with colour during autumn! We travel through western Ontario and our first stop is at the famous “MOTOWN” museum in downtown Detroit. For the car enthusiasts, we are headed over to tour the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. We then head to Mackinaw City, Michigan and take the ferry to Mackinac Island, where we step back in time before cars – exploring the island via horse drawn carriage. We then travel to Frankenmuth – Michigan’s “Little Bavaria” for the opening night of OKTOBERFEST!!!! This includes their famous Oktoberfest buffet.

Included in your tour:

Return motor coach transportation

- 3 night’s hotel accommodation
- Tour of the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn
- Tour of Motown Museum, Detroit
- Ferry to Mackinac Island and tour of the Island
- Tour of Frankenmuth including an evening of OKTOBERFEST!!!!
- Three breakfasts – 1 dinner



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Coming this Fall:

- 1000 Island Cruise with Kingston Penitentiary Tour (September)
- Micro-brewery Tour (October)
- Nashville / Memphis Tour (November)
- St. Jacobs with play and Market (November 30th)
- Famous People Players (December 13th)

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Please contact Shirlie at shirlievanputten@rogers.com or 905-619-8583

For more information!

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JULY 14TH WESTBEN TRIP



Photos courtesy of Jane Wilson

CARL'S CORNER



**Carl Mabee
President (2013-2014)**



The Summer Kitchen

Light comes through a dirty window pane
where an old side board sits sagging
covered now in stain.

The dust of recent history and the webs from
distant pasts are all shrouded in a mystery
who knows what happened last?

A duck decoy sits resting on an unused pickle crock
and the old side board's leg is missing
held up with a wooden block.

The doors no longer close now that once
housed many things
like jars of fruit and vats of milk
and herbs made into rings.

The walls are showing cracks that
run down to the floor
and the roof is leaking water
each year a little more.

This was once a summer kitchen that was
central to it all
and served generations, now
no one comes to call.

The folks have left the farm
and the house turns into dust
but memories can last forever It's our
promise and our trust.

By: Carl G, Mabee

AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, AUGUST, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  <i>Civic Holiday</i>	2 10am Golf	3 10am PROBUS General Meeting	4 2:30 pm Bridge	5	6
7	8 11 am Zoom Chat	9 10am Golf 2pm Euchre Trickster	10	11 2:30 pm Bridge 5:30 pm Dining Out	12	13
14	15 Toronto Harbour Cruise 11 am Zoom Chat	16 10am Golf	17	18 2:30 pm Bridge	19	20
21	22 11 am Zoom Chat	23 10am Golf 2pm Euchre Trickster	24	25 2:30 pm Bridge 3:30 pm 9 & Dine (Golf)	26	27
28	29 11 am Zoom Chat	30 9am Breakfast Club 10am Golf	31			



LIBRARY NEWS

“WHAT’S ON FOR AUGUST, 2022

The link for What’s On is: www.ajaxlibrary.ca and click on ‘Programs’

(ctrl click for link)

AJAX PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM, 2021/2022

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If you have a problem reaching a Management Team member at any of the above email addresses, send your email to ajaxprobus@gmail.com and it will get forwarded to the correct person

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For information on other PROBUS Clubs in Canada to: www.probus.org . Our Ajax PROBUS website: www.ajaxprobus.com.

Many thanks to those who sent in items for this issue

Comments and items are appreciated including photos of club events. Please send to: ajaxprobusnewsletter@gmail.com

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