

PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6th February – 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



Groundhog Day

We are nearing the end of January which has had many windy cold days with blowing snow. This led to icy walking conditions and very cold mornings when our cars were difficult to start. We are ready to say goodbye to January with all its miseries and the much dreaded polar vortex.

This week we welcome February with its promise of warmer days. In fact this Saturday February 2 we celebrate Groundhog Day when we hope that Wiarton Willy does not see his shadow or we are in for at least 6 more weeks of cold weather. I am pleased to tell you that my weather forecaster reports that this Saturday is going to be a cloudy day. Keep your fingers crossed that Willy gets his forecast to our liking.

This practice of a small rodent helping people to forecast how long we have to wait for spring goes back centuries in German speaking parts of Europe where people depended on a small badger to forecast for them in a similar way. These people emigrated to North America and brought this quaint custom with them. They settled in parts of Pennsylvania and were known as Pennsylvania Dutch.

Reg



MEMBERSHIP

A reminder: please keep in mind that it is essential that either Barb Squires or I be told when you move, change your phone number or your e-mail address.

Also, we count on your cooperation to let me know when one of our members is in the hospital or when our members and their families are bereaved.

The Club wants to give our distressed members and their families our support but it can only happen if the Membership Coordinator (at this time that is me), is aware of serious issues troubling our members.



Edna Martiniello, Membership Coordinator
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Each month our membership continues to grow. The Ajax PROBUS Management Team would like to thank each of you for joining our club.

Please welcome your new fellow members: Joan Ash & Chris Bolduc

PROBUS SPEAKERS



February - Cathy McWatters, an astronomer and member of the Royal Astronomical Society, who will take us on a journey into the night sky.

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

Monday, February 11th – Escape Room – Cost \$31.25 includes hst

You are a group of detectives who have gone to the home of a crazed magician to arrest him when you have been caught in a labyrinth of magical mayhem and you need to escape or be trapped forever. Sim Sala Bim...Can't Catch Him!!

Price includes entrance to the Escape Room. This will be played as a Group (anywhere from 6-8 people) There are 8 rooms so we will be divided up and given a time of 45 minutes – 1 hour to get “out”. Once the time is up and you have not solved the escape you will be let out. This is a game for Team Work!! LOTS OF FUN!!!



Wednesday, February 27th – Murder Mystery at the Old Mill Inn – Cost \$125

While attending the Chelsea Scientific Symposium on Time Travel, Sherlock Holmes and his trusty partner Dr. Watson are counting down the seconds, in anticipation of the arrival of Professor Chronos, for the unveiling of his much-heralded time machine. But, when the Professor is discovered dead and the time machine missing, there's no time to lose! Together they must unravel the mystery before it's too late! **SOLD OUT!!**

Includes:

- Return transportation to the Old Mill
- Ticket to see “No Time to Kill”
- Buffet Lunch
- Driver's Tip

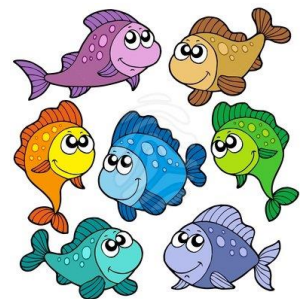


Thursday, March 21st – Ripley Aquarium & Tour of Steam Whistle – Cost \$119

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



Famous People Players – April 26th – 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

Your tour includes:

- Two-night stay at the beautiful Caesars Hotel & Casino on the waterfront in Windsor: 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



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 or 905-619-8583

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					
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

We will meet for our next luncheon out on Feb. 20th at the Mandarin at noon.

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can make our reservation.

See you there.

Carol Breen **905-839-7762** 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

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RETIRED OLD PEOPLE WHO EAT BREAKFAST

Come join us for breakfast on Thursday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m. This time we'll try the Blue Rooster, located at 675 Monarch Avenue, where breakfast specials start as low as \$5.99. Call Julie Mathewson at 905-686-0803 or email jmathewson@rogers.com to reserve your space.



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EUCHRE AND SCRABBLE



Pick your favourite game to play on the second and fourth Tuesday every month. Our next games are on February 12 and 26 (note that there are three weeks between the last January date and the first February one since January had five Tuesdays). 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

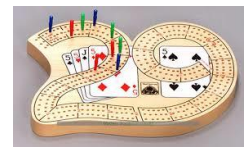
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PROBUS CRIBBAGE

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



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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 next meeting date is February 27, 2019.

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

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FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting of the Family History group will be on Wednesday, 20th February 2019, at 10.00 til noon, at the Ajax Main Library.

The chair for this meeting will be Anne Reed.

PROBUS members are always more than welcome.

Michael and Anne

905-239-2908 mandareed@bell.net



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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



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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!!

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 **February 14, 21, 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 **February 7**.

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Bridging the Gap – New Suit Invitations

When you are Opener and responder has supported your major suit and you have an invitational hand, you may wish to invite game in the original suit by bidding a different suit. For example, opener 1 spade, responder 2 spades, opener 3 clubs. What does this mean? Opener has 16 to 18 points. With 13 to 16 points opener would pass – $16+9=25$. With 19 or more points they would bid 4 spades for game or 4 NT for slam. So what does this new suit bid mean? It means that opener has 2 suits (spades and clubs). This allows responder to decide whether to bid 3 spades or 4 spades basing their decision not only on point count but also on fit.

Harvey Brodhecker

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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.**

First come first serve; limited to 125 spots; doors open 30 minutes prior to show start.

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The Wife (Rated 14A)

A wife questions her life choices as she travels to Stockholm with her husband, where he is slated to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Sunday, February 3, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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A Star is Born (Rated 14A)

Special Academy Award Screening: A Star is Born. A musician helps a young singer find fame, even as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral.

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

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Let's celebrate Valentine's Day by wearing something RED



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



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.

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
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JANUARY, 2019 MEETING



January Speaker, Renae Jarrett



Reg welcoming a new member

PROBUS WALKERS, JANUARY, 2019



Probus Walkers enjoying the outdoors!

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bridge across across Duffins Bay

Bridge across Duffins Bay



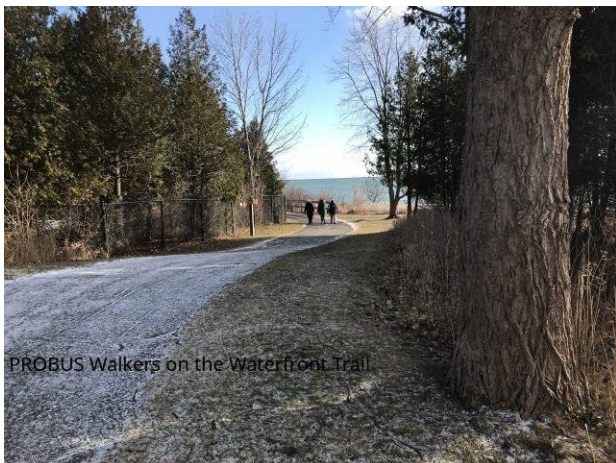
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PROBUS Walkers on the Waterfront Trail

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PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX CALENDAR, FEBRUARY, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 1:30 - 3:30 Library Movie: The Wife	4	5	6 10 – 12 PROBUS Meeting 2 – 4 Cribbage	7 2:15 Bridge Lessons	8	9
10	11 Escape Room	12 2 - 4 Euchre	13 10-12 Walking Group 2 – 4 Cribbage	14  2:15 Social Bridge, Library	15	16
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