

## PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX NEWSLETTER

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#### MANAGEMENT TEAM

President: April Gilkinson Vice President: JulienLeBourdais Past President: Jane Wilson Treasurer: Murray Biel Secretary: Erika Winfrow Membership: Debbie Casquenette Speakers: Julien LeBourdais Newsletter: Hetty Shapiro Socials: Shirlie van Putten Interest Groups: Julie Mathewson Communications: Tina Gee House: Tina Kvrgic Technical: Stewart Beatty WebMaster: Oankar Kundan

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meeting. Jane Wilson, our Past President, has been a wonderful host in recent months when I was unavailable. Jane is one of the key pillars of our Club, and one of our many incredible volunteers who are crucial to our success.

October is the month we look forward to feasting and giving thanks with friends and family. If you're

looking for something to make with leftover turkey after Thanksgiving, check out the **favourite recipes on page 18**.

October is also Probus month and the theme for 2024 is "**Celebrating Community and Companionship**". Our focus is to create awareness of Probus within our community. The Probus Club of Ajax has chosen to support this initiative by making October's meeting, **"Be A Friend, Bring A Friend".** All sponsoring members and guests will be entered into a raffle to win a fabulous prize. If you enjoy our speakers, events, outings, and interest groups and feel inspired and invigorated by being part of Probus, remember that the greatest compliment you can give our Club is to recommend it to another.

If you have recently joined our club, consider attending the **Coffee and Conversation** group for New Members. It is a welcoming space where you can learn more about what our club has to offer and meet new people.

If you are willing to challenge yourself by thinking on your feet, consider attending the **Improv** launch. If you enjoy adventure, sign up for our **Scavenger Hunt / Car Rally**. For those that are fun loving and free spirited, register for the **Halloween Boo Bash**. Although costumes are optional, dressing up will make the event more fun. There are lots of opportunities to try new things.Thank you for being part of our Club.

Wishing you well,

April Gilkinson april-ann@hotmail.com



Payments for events and membership may be made via e-transfer through your bank to: <u>probusajaxtreasurer@gmail.com</u> Include your name and what the payment is for.

## **OCTOBER CALENDAR**



## **GENERAL MEETINGS**



PROBUS MONTH CELEBRATING COMMUNITY & COMPANIONSHIP "BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND" ATTEND OUR OCTOBER MEETING AND BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A PRIZE

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 - 10:00 am

Ajax Community Centre, HMS Ajax Room (entrance at south side of building) Meeting fee: \$2 Optional "Share the Wealth" draw: Tickets \$1 each or 3 for \$2 (exact change appreciated)



#### THE BILLIONAIRE MURDERS & OTHER MYSTERIES Guest Speaker: Kevin Donovan

On Dec. 15, 2017, the bodies of Barry and Honey Sherman were discovered in the basement of their Toronto home. Shortly after the news broke, the Toronto Star's Chief Investigative Reporter, Kevin Donovan, was tasked to find out whether the deaths were a murder-suicide or a double homicide, and to find out "whodunit."

Kevin Donovan has won three National Newspaper Awards,

two Governor General's Michener Awards, the Canadian Journalism Foundation Award and three Canadian Association of Journalists Awards. He is the author of several books, including the national best seller, *The Billionaire Murders*, detailing the Sherman's case; *Secret Life: The Jian Ghomeshi Investigation*; and a mystery novel, *The Dead Times*. **These books will be available for \$20 each (no tax) and Kevin will autograph them if requested.** 

#### JOIN US FOR LUNCH AT THE PORTLY PIPER PUB AFTER THE MEETINGS

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - 10:00 am

Ajax Community Centre, HMS Ajax Room (entrance at south side of building)





#### WOMEN IN AIR FORCE BLUE Guest Speaker: Malcolm Kelly

Journalist and writer, Malcolm Kelly, presents the war from the perspective of the women who fought with the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (RAF) and the Royal Canadian Air Force Women's Division (RCAF). Through storytelling, photos and videos, he traces the influence that two super stars of 1930s aviation had on the women who enlisted.

During his 40-year career, Malcolm has worked for CBCSports.ca, the National Post, Canadian Press, Ottawa Citizen, and Southam News. He is the author of *SPROG: A novel of Bomber Command*, that tells of kids training in Canada during 1941-1942 for the RCAF. He is a recipient of the Governor General's Award for community service; the founder, coordinator, and a Professor in the Graduate Sports Journalism program at Centennial College in Toronto. The son of two Second World War veterans, Malcolm Kelly's main interest lies in the human stories of those in combat.







ST. JACOBS FARMERS' MARKET - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7 - \$89

Kick off your holiday shopping season with a visit to St. Jacobs Farmers' Market. Explore 250+ vendors with fresh produce, international cuisine, artisans & more! The tour also includes the Outlet Mall, Picard's Peanuts, St. Jacobs village

Return transportation by coach, 407 toll and driver's tip.

RSVP Shirlie: <a href="mailto:shirlievanputten@rogers.com">shirlievanputten@rogers.com</a> 905.619.8583







Winner of six Tony Awards<sup>®</sup>, including Best Musical, this landmark production brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. The story, filled with hope and adventure, is set against an amazing backdrop of stunning visuals. THE LION KING features some of Broadway's most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award<sup>®</sup>-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice.

\$194 per person includes orchestra level ticket, return transportation by coach and driver's tip.

RSVP: Shirlie <a href="mailto:shirlievanputten@rogers.com">shirlievanputten@rogers.com</a> 905.619.8583



#### SUN AND FUN 2025 - JANUARY 13 - 22 (10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS) Dreams Jade Resort & Spa, Riviera Maya, Mexico (All-inclusive AAA Four Diamond Resort)

Located along 2,600 feet of white sand and azure waters, just 12 miles from the Cancun airport, Dreams<sup>®</sup> Jade Resort & Spa features luxurious suites, a world-class spa, high-end gym, gourmet dining options and a mini-golf course. Enjoy a show at the newly enhanced theatre, the heated pools or the many beach resort activities. Prices includes all taxes, airfare, all meals and drinks, activities and entertainment **plus the services of Tour Directors, Shirlie and Paul**.

Junior Suite: Tropical View King bed:

Junior Suite: Ocean Front King bed: Junior Suite: Two Double beds: Double occupancy \$2,849 per person Single occupancy \$3,899 (only 5 available) Double occupancy \$3,199 pp (only 1 available) Double occupancy \$2,999 per person

Book early! Rooms & prices guaranteed until September 20. \$300 Non-refundable deposit due on booking. Balance due November 1, 2024. Shirlie: <u>shirlie@hnatravels.com</u> 905-619-8583



### PORTUGAL

#### **FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 19, 2025**

HNA Travels presents a 21-night vacation in Portugal's Algarve Province which includes:

- Round trip direct flights Toronto/Faro, Portugal
- Coach transfer airport/hotel
- 21 nights at the 4-star Paladim & Alagoamar Resort
- Welcome dinner in Albufeira
- Service of HNA Tour Director

Optional tours may be purchased from the Tour representative in Portugal. \$3,699 double occupancy - one bedroom apartment with pool view \$4,999 single occupancy - studio apartment \$800 Non-refundable deposit due on booking. Balance due Dec 1, 2024 For more information <u>shirlie@hnatravels.com</u> 905-619-8583

## NOT ANOTHER BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 - 10:00 am

#### EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY VIA ZOOM

we discuss books members have recently read and recommend as opposed to all of us reading the same book.

RSVP: Lynne <u>912lynne@gmail.com</u> 905-839-8147

# Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.



### BOWLING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 - 1:00 PM

#### EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH

AJAX BOWLING CENTRE (5-PIN) 172 Harwood Ave. S. (by Almost Perfect) Lower Floor not accessible 905 683 0680

#### \$12 for two games plus \$2 for shoe rental

RSVP: Kevin kportener@gmail.com



## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 - 9:00 AM

WE MEET ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Next get-together MICHAEL'S EATERY, 44 COMMERCIAL AVENUE THEY HAVE A BREAKFAST SPECIAL!

RSVP: Lynne <u>912lynne@gmail.com</u> 905.839.8147



## BRIDGE

EVERY THURSDAY FROM 2:30 - 4:30 PM

#### AJAX LIBRARY - ROTARY ROOM 55 Harwood Ave. South

October 3 - Social Bridge October 10 - Bridge Lesson October 17 - Social Bridge October 24 - Bridge Lesson October 31 - Social Bridge

RSVP: Harvey hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca

It's called 'bridge' because it makes you want to throw your partner off one!



### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 - 10:00 AM**

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY - FOR NEW MEMBERS Learn more about the Club and make new friends.

Members who joined our club in the last 12 months are invited to an informal get-together at the home of Jane and Bob Wilson.

RSVP: Hetty ajaxprobuseditor@gmail.com



### CRIBBAGE

EVERY TUESDAY 1:30 - 4:00 PM

#### PICKERING VILLAGE SENIOR CENTRE

29 Linton Avenue (one block north of Kingston Road & one block west of Church Street) (next door to the Ajax Creative Arts Club)

Feel free to join us even if you've never played before.

RSVP: Wendy <u>wendysmith1@live.com</u> 905.686.1490



## DANCING & KARAOKE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 6:00 PM

We invite you to join us for a fun night of Karaoke and dancing at the AJAX LEGION, 111 Hunt Street.

FREESTYLE AND LINE DANCING SINGING IS NOT MANDATORY

No cover charge. Membership is not required. Arrive at 6:00 pm if having a meal (cash only) Friday is Fish Fry night (\$12) + other menu options Fun starts @ 7:00 pm

RSVP: Hetty <u>ajaxprobuseditor@gmail.com</u>



### **DINING OUT**

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 - 5:30 PM

EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY

As I can't reserve space at a restaurant until I know how many people are attending, it's very important that you contact me as soon as possible to ensure there is a seat for you.

RSVP: Carol <a href="mailto:cbreen840@bell.net">cbreen840@bell.net</a>



"Each serving contains 10 grams of 'OK in moderation', 5 grams of 'Not the worst thing you could eat', and 15 grams of 'It probably won't kill you."

### **EUCHRE**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 & 23: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

WE MEET EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY

PICKERING VILLAGE SENIOR CENTRE 29 Linton Avenue

RSVP: Jane jw.003@sympatico.ca 905.619.6674



### GAMES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 & 23: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

WE MEET EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY

PICKERING VILLAGE SENIOR CENTRE 29 Linton Avenue

There will be Scrabble and Aggravation board games. You can also bring any game you would like to play.

RSVP: Jane jw.003@sympatico.ca 905.619.6674





GOLF CONTINUES UNTIL THE COURSE CLOSES FOR THE WINTER WHICH IS DEPENDENT ON THE WEATHER

TUESDAYS - 10:00 AM, HAWTHORNE VALLEY 905.686.2028

Marcia (Durham West) <u>marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca</u>



### **IMPROV FOR BEGINNERS**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23: 1:30 - 3:00 PM

#### EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY

This will be a fun and engaging experience guaranteed to make you laugh and bring you joy. It's a great way to "test drive" if Improv is for you. Come check it out!

> We will meet in the CHARTWELL theatre 240 Old Harwood Ave. Ajax

For more information or to sign-up, contact April <u>april-ann@hotmail.com</u>

### **IMPROVISATION DEFINITION**

AN IMPROMPTU SCENE WHERE ACTORS MAKE UP THE DIALOGUE AND ACTION ON THE SPOT.

> NO SCRIPT NO REHEARSAL NO JUDGEMENT

AND ... LOTS OF FUN!



THE FIRST MAHJONG CLASS IS FULL Once our initial group has learned to play, we hope to start a second class.

For more information, contact Julie jmathewson@rogers.com



#### SALSA LESSONS HAVE NOW ENDED

Thank you to Maureen Adams, our wonderful dance instructor, and the members who participated in the classes.

## **"RODEO" LUNCH GROUP**

NOTE NEW DAY FOR OCTOBER

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 - NOON

(Retired Old Dames Eating Out)

Next get-together at CLOUD NINE BAR & GRILL

368 Bayly Street West (just east of Westney)

RSVP: Anne mandareed02@gmail.com



### NEW TIME

EVERY THURSDAY - 10:00 AM

WALKING GROUP (1)

Come join us and discover some of the many walking trails in Ajax and surrounding areas.

For more information contact: Ron <u>mitchellmis@rogers.com</u> or Maureen <u>maureenmcvarish@yahoo.ca</u>





a shorter, slower-paced walk.

MEET AT THE ROTARY PARK PAVILION ON LAKE DRIVEWAY.

Contact Julie for more information jmathewson@rogers.com



## ZOOM CHAT ROOM

**EVERY FRIDAY - 1:00 PM** 

All members are welcome to join us for a chat on general topics of interest.

To join the Zoom Chat contact: Stewart <u>ajaxprobuszoom@gmail.com</u> or Barb <u>ajaxprobus@gmail.com</u>



## **MEMBERS' CORNER**



Past President, Jane Wilson with new members, Kathy Lennox and Don Murray



MEET YOUR 2024/25 MANAGEMENT TEAM Back I-r: Julien LeBourdais, Tina Kvrgic, Stewart Beatty, Kevin Portener, Oankar Kundan, Murray Biel, Erika Winfrow, Tina Gee, Shirlie van Putten & Julie Mathewson. Front I-r: Debbie Casquenette, Hetty Shapiro & Jane Wilson. Absent: April Gilkinson

#### JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!



Looking for more fun and interesting tidbits? Join our exclusive member-only Ajax PROBUS Facebook page! Connect with fellow members, enjoy exclusive content, and stay updated on all the latest happenings. Don't miss out on the fun – join us today! To join, simply answer a few entry questions. Join by <u>CLICKING HERE</u> or on the Facebook logo.

### **CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING WITH TINA**

Tentative date: Thursday, November 14 Cost: \$28 covers supplies for 8 cards More details to follow or contact Tina Krvgic <u>tinakvrgic@gmail.com</u>





Our **House Committee** needs some help at the monthly meetings to add to our rotation of volunteers for set-up, serving coffee, and tidying up.

To contribute to our welcoming and social atmosphere, please contact **Tina Kvrgic** <u>ajaxprobushouse@gmail.com</u> Your support is greatly appreciated!



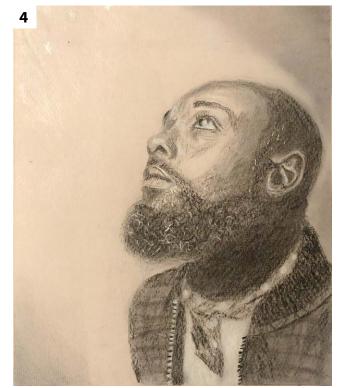
## MEMBERS' CORNER ART BY ROWENA





- 1. "Approach of Dawn" 8x11" Soft Pastel
- 2. "African Bee Eater" 6x8" Pen & ink & watercolour
- 3. "Reflections" 9.5x8" Graphite
- 4. "Gazing at the Cosmos" 11x8.5" Graphite





## MEMBERS' CORNER POETRY BY CARL



#### HARVEST

This old farm house was built with lime stone and roofed with local slate Sitting square with lots of rooms, just down the lane behind the cattle gate. It has seen the birth of generations and watched them come and go. They worked the land in summers and snuggled warm from the winter snow.

The pioneers who built this house, after the log cabin had had its day Put down solid roots and cleared the fields; they were here and plan to stay. They laid a barn foundation with stones from the fields out on the farm To house the horse and cattle that would keep them away from harm.

They framed the barn with timbers cut from the fields that now grow crops So the neighbours came for a barn rising and pulled out all the stops. Harvest times kept changing as the years went swiftly by. And the field hands now use equipment and no longer need the scythe.

The binding machine cuts the grain into bundles that are stood on end to dry. The sheafs sit out there for a week or two under the open sky. The annual harvest is called a thrashing and neighbours come to farm; They load the grain on hay wagons and take it to the barn.

A mighty steam engine sits connected to a thrasher, by a composite driving belt. The sheafs of grain are thrown into the thrashers chute and move at quite the pelt. The sound is quite deafening as the wheat is getting bashed And the whole thing is mind blowing, as the crops are being thrashed.

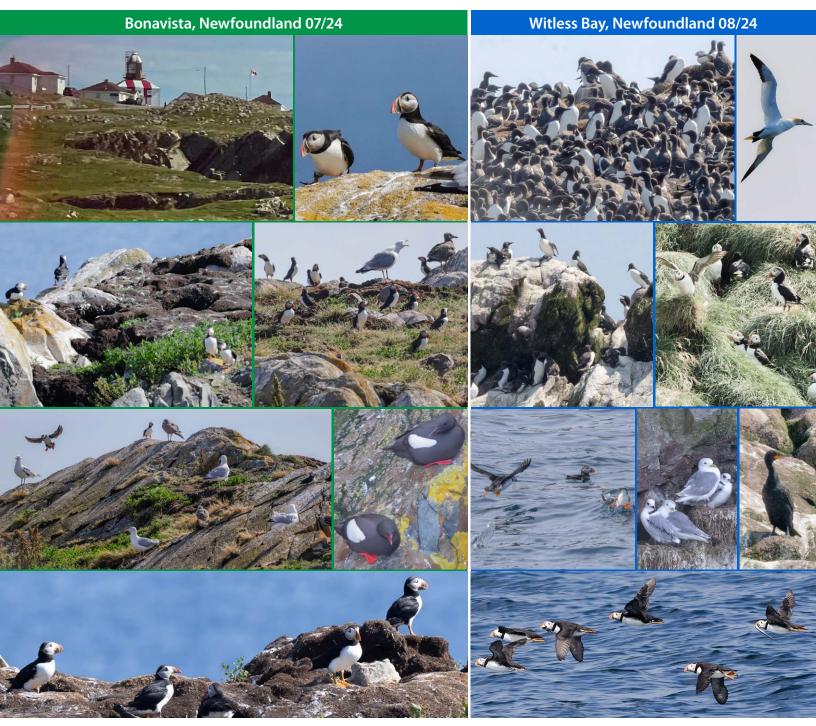
The grain is sent to a bagging area for storage in the barn, While the straw gets blown in one big pile, for use later on the farm. While all this is going on the ladies get ready to feed those working hands And when all of this is over, there is a hush and it's quiet across the lands.

## MEMBERS' CORNER MAUREEN'S CAMERA RAMBLES

### SEABIRDS OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Being on the coastal edge of the continent, ringed by rocky islands, predator-free and conveniently surrounded by an abundance of fish, the coast of Newfoundland is a sea bird paradise!

The Bonavista Peninsula is one of the few places in North America where you can get up close to a puffin colony without a boat. We just had to walk a few minutes to a cliffside overlooking a large nesting colony of these pigeon-sized birds as well as a few species of gulls and other seabirds. Then a few days later we cruised around the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve. Apparently, the rocky islands in this bay are home to the largest colony of puffins in North America. They were everywhere! In the water, in the air and nesting on the islands. But it was the huge colonies of penguin-like Murres that amazed me! In some spots there was hardly space between one nesting bird and the next. In addition, Black legged Kittiwake nests lined many of the cliffs. On your next trip to Newfoundland, be sure to include a seabird tour!



## MEMBERS' CORNER RECIPES OF THE MONTH

#### **BEST TURKEY SOUP**



2 chicken bouillon cubes such as *Go Bio*2 tablespoons tomato paste
8 cups water, boiled
1 turkey carcass and giblets
1 medium onion, cut in half
4 - 6 celery ribs, diced
3 or 4 carrots, diced
2 parsnips, diced
Carton (946 ml) chicken bone broth such as *Imagine*4 tablespoons dried parsley
3 tablespoons dried dill
1 tablespoon celery seed
Salt & pepper to taste

- 1. Place crumbled bouillon cubes & tomato paste in a stockpot. Stir in boiled water.
- 2. Add turkey carcass, giblets, vegetables and broth.
- 3. Bring to a boil, removing the scum and fat.
- 4. Add herbs and seasonings and simmer for two hours.
- 5. Remove onion (if desired) & carcass. Serve with leftover turkey, noodles, rice or barley. **Note:** For chicken soup, replace turkey carcass with raw chicken, including skin & bones.



#### **LEFTOVER TURKEY/CHICKEN POT PIE**

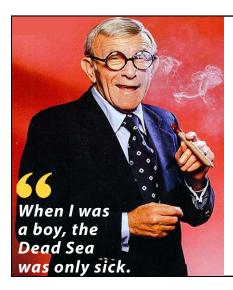
- 2 frozen deep dish pie crusts
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
- 3 carrots, cut into 1-inch slices
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 celery ribs, diced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 4 cups chicken or turkey broth
- 2 4 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken
- 1 cup frozen peas/corn
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup half and half milk or cream
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt or more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon poultry seasoning/thyme

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°.
- 2. In a large pot, sauté potatoes, carrots, onion and celery in butter and oil until tender.
- 3. Stir in flour, gradually adding broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened.
- 4. Add turkey or chicken, frozen peas, milk/cream, parsley and seasonings.
- 5. Place a pie crust in bottom of baking dish and add the turkey mixture.
- 6. Add top crust and cut several slits. Bake until golden brown, about 40-45 minutes.
- Let rest 10 minutes before cutting.
   Note: For "shepherd's pie", instead of pie crusts, top with mashed potatoes.

## MEMBERS' CORNER SMILES & CHUCKLES





#### QUOTES BY GEORGE BURNS (1896 - 1996)

Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair.

I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty.

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, then having the two as close together as possible.

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

I was brought up to respect my elders, so now I don't have to respect anybody.

## **PHOTO GALLERY** ALASKA CRUISE - AUG 26 - SEPT 2 - Photos submitted by Bob Wilson



## **PHOTO GALLERY** ANNUAL PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 18



## **PHOTO GALLERY** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 4



Murray Biel & Rowena Burns



**David Wells & Kevin Portener** 



Sharon Leung & Elaine Lee



Marlene Rae & Bob Wilson



Ken Lepper & Cecilia Kearns



Ann Tyas & Anne MacInnis

## **PHOTO GALLERY** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 4



Anne Reed & Maureen McVarish



Victoria Plaskett & Margaret Wells



Joyce McLean, Ursula Silbermann, Susie Navarro, Brenda Vaughan & Gwenda Moroney



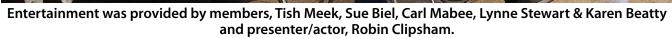
John Clark & Barb Squires



Jane Armstrong, Fred Pleasants & Linda Halsey

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