

PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH,
Tuesday, December 10 – 12:00
DEERCREEK GOLF & BANQUET FACILITY
NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY 8th January – 10:00
HMS AJAX ROOM – SOUTH ENTRANCE AJAX COMMUNITY CENTRE
MEETING FEE \$2.00 PER PERSON

President's Message



As I write this President's Message, I'm looking out at the snow on my lawn and patio. Honestly, this is a little early for snow; it's still Autumn! None the less, my yard is full of activity. There are chipmunks, rabbits and squirrels scurrying about. I guess they're looking for food.

There are lots of birds coming and going in my garden as well; not to mention the squadrons of Canada Geese passing overhead. Many different species of birds winter in Southern Ontario; they include the Black-Capped Chickadee, Mourning Dove, Blue Jay, Northern Cardinal, Cedar Waxwing and the House Sparrow. Brave little souls, with just their feathers to keep them warm. Even my dog wears a parka and boots.

We're nearing the end of November. The Christmas holidays are not long away now. Our PROBUS Christmas Luncheon is being held on Tuesday, December 10th at Deer Creek Golf Club. I hope to see many of you there.

The New Year, with its resolutions we faithfully keep, will be upon us soon too. Every year I resolve to get more exercise. In 2019, I even joined the gym at the ACC. This year I have to make two resolutions; to get more exercise and to develop the discipline to do so.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our PROBUS Management Committee for their hard work and dedication to our Club this year. It is because of their efforts that our Club continues to provide, to our members, opportunities to participate in a wide variety of social activities.

I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Joyce



MEMBERSHIP

A reminder, please keep in mind that it is essential that I be told when you move, change your phone number or email 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 is aware of serious issues troubling our members.



Tom Rosebush, Membership Coordinator
905-426-1598 tom.rosebush@gmail.com

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Each month our membership continues to grow. The Ajax PROBUS Management Team would like to thank you for joining our club.

Please welcome your new fellow members: Marie Dinelle & Karen Watson

PROBUS SPEAKERS

In January, our speaker will be Master Corporal Debbie Kent. Debbie spent 32 years serving in the Armed Forces. She successfully completed a tour in Bosnia.

The Last ten years of her service were spent with Special Forces. Debbie will speak about women in the Military.



Our February speaker will be Jerry Amernic. Jerry will talk about Babe Ruth, the man, the icon, and how he influenced so many areas of sport and other endeavours. A fascinating look at the world in the 1920's through the 1940's

For March our speaker will be Martin Franssen, a Detective with the Fraud Division of the Major Crimes Unit, Durham Regional Police. Martin will speak about the various types of fraud perpetrated on the public and how to prevent becoming a victim of fraud. He will also speak about safeguards when preparing a Power of Attorney.



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Our April speaker will be Dr. Doug Tozer from Long Point, Ontario. Doug is an Ontario Program Scientist with Bird Studies Canada. He will speak about birds and wildlife of the Great Lakes.

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Barbara Provis, Speaker Coordinator - 905-240-4545 or leedle@rogers.com
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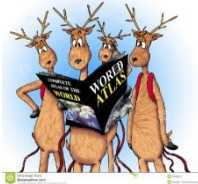
SOCIAL REPORT

Reminder

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

Monday, December 2nd – Canada Eh Theatre in Niagara Falls – Cost \$127

It's Christmas Eve and Santa's sleigh has traveled WAY off course! This two-hour musical comedy features original holiday songs and classic carols paired with a delicious festive meal. Our festive holiday menu includes soup, salad, fried haddock, maple glazed ham, oven roasted turkey, potatoes, vegetables, cake, hot tea & coffee. Just like your family's holiday dinner, our meal is served family-style, so be sure to help yourself to seconds!



Includes:

- Return Transportation by Motor Coach
- Wine Tasting at Local Winery / Dinner and Show Ticket at Canada Eh Theatre
- 407 transportation & Driver's Tip



Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday, December 10th – Cost \$36

Come and celebrate the season with your fellow PROBUS members. Your lunch includes punch; salad; main entrée; and desert. A bar will be available. You will need to choose between Salmon or Turkey. Please fill out the form! We will have prizes and perhaps **surprizes!** Cost is \$46 for non-members.

Includes:

- Punch
- Salad
- Main Entrée
- Dessert



Thursday, January 23rd – ROM - Royal Ontario Museum – Cost \$121

The ROM invites visitors to explore and enjoy extraordinary experiences of science and civilization. Embark on a gallery adventure with a guided tour.

Includes:

- Return transportation by Motor Coach & Driver's tip
- Lunch at a local Restaurant

Guided Tour of ROM · Visit to Bata Shoe Museum



Sunday, February 9th – Herongate Theatre presents “The Love List” – Cost \$64

It's funny, sophisticated and sexy with just enough edge to keep you nailed to your seat! For his 50th birthday, Bill, a lonely Statistician is given a free session at a mate finding service. After drawing up a list of 'qualities' for the perfect woman he soon discovers 'Be careful what you wish for'...the old adage leads to hilarious results!

Includes:

- Delicious hot buffet lunch
- Ticket for the Show



Monday, March 30th - Niagara Wine Tour – More information in January!



To sign up for any excursions contact Shirlie at shirlievanputten@rogers.com or 905-619-8583

HOUSE

We need people to occasionally help with coffee and tea at our monthly meetings. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering either by email (jw.003@sympatico.ca) or at the meeting. I am usually at a table at the back of the room helping with trip sign up. Please try to have exact change (\$2) for the meeting fee.

Jane Wilson, House Coordinator jw.003@sympatico.ca



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AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups Coordinator: Carol Breen – 905-839-7762						
RODEO (Ladies Lunch)	Dawn Thornton	905-683-6975		Dining Out	Carol Breen	905-839-7762
Bridge	Harvey Brodhecker	905-683-5778		Cribbage	Reg Lawrance	905-428-2663
Golf	Marcia Everitt Durham West	416-724-6355		Breakfast Club	Julie Mathewson	905-686-0803
Family History	Michael & Ann Reed	905-239-2909		Walking Club	Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish	905-683-5539 905-432-5469
Euchre/Scrabble	Julie Mathewson	905-686-0803		Book Club	Bernie Rosebush	905-426-1598
Billiards	Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS	905-427-9653		Movie Day	Nancy Hobart	905-427-3746

PROBUS RODEO GROUP

Holiday greetings ladies. By the time we eat and drink our way through the next month perhaps we should devote our Rodeo Club activities to salad bars only!

I give good advice but usually don't follow it so the plan for **December 18th** is to meet at The Keg in Ajax. Usual starting time 12:00 p.m.

Because we will not be printing a newsletter in *January* please note that on **January 15th** we will go to Michaels in Ajax. In the New Year I will send a reminder and instructions for driving for those who are not familiar with Michaels. Enjoy the holidays, keep safe.



Dawn Thornton dthorn000@sympatico.ca 905-683-6975

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BREAKFAST CLUB

There will be no meeting of the Breakfast Club in December.



Join us on **January 28, 2020** at 9:00. To start the New Year, we'll go back to a favourite at Sunset Grill, 235 Bayly Street West in Ajax. Call Julie Mathewson at 905-686-0803 or email jmathewson@rogers.com to reserve your place.

Suggestions for other restaurants to try are welcomed.

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EUCHRE AND SCRABBLE

Join us on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month to play Euchre and Scrabble. We have decided to play our regular days in December, on the 10th and 24th. January games will be on the 14th and 28th. We play at Chartwell Harwood Retirement Residence, 240 Old Harwood Avenue in Ajax, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you park in the lot behind the building, please make sure you aren't in a reserved spot. For more information, call Julie Mathewson at 905-686-0803 or email 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.



For more information contact *Reg Lawrance* at [905-428-2663](tel: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.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Our selection for **January 22, 2020** is:

"Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult

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 Ajax Family History Group **will not be meeting in December**. However, we shall meet again at 10:00 on Wednesday, **15th January, 2020**, at the Ajax Main Library. We look forward to welcoming any PROBUS members who are interested in exploring their roots. A Happy, Healthful New Year to All. Michael and Anne Reed, 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 Ron Mitchell at 905-683-5539 or mitchellmis@rogers.com to get on the mailing list

DO YOU PLAY POOL?

PROBUS billiard clubs meet. December 6 and 20; January 3, 17 and 31 at Petrina's Taps and Billiards, 21 Harwood Ave S. Meet time is 11:00 am. All are welcome. Seniors pay only \$4.00.

Parking is free East side parking lot. North entrance upstairs to second floor.

All PROBUS members are welcome.

Don Voorhees, Pickering PROBUS Billiards Coordinator
Holdus1399@gmail.com or 905-427-9653

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USING TECHNOLOGIES



Unfortunately I find myself unable to continue to head up the Technologies Group. However, I am willing to continue to assist anyone who wishes help on a one-on-one basis. This can happen at your home, my home or via the telephone. This way any help I can provide will be applied to your particular need.

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

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PROBUS GOLF

See you at Hawthorne Valley in the spring. Next year we could add a course that has carts if there is enough interest. Contact me by email if interested.

marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca.



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DINING OUT CLUB

We will not be dining out in December but will start again on **January 8th** at 6 pm. I will let you know where at a later date.



Hope you all have a great holiday and will see you in the new year. Also I look forward to the start of some new things for you to do.

Carol Breen 905-839-7762 cbreen840@gmail.com

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NEW

We will be having a movie day at Chartwell Retirement Residence on Harwood Ave every third Thursday on the month starting in **January** at 2pm and every month after. The movie title will be announced later.

We are in conversation with Westney Gardens for movie day on a Saturday. We are still looking into which Saturday of the month and will let you know when it's confirmed. It will start at 2pm as well.

If you have any questions let me know

Nancy Hobart, 905-427-3746, viny4me@bell.net



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 *Barbara Squires*, Editor stunikki@gmail.com or to ajaxprobus@gmail.com

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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.

SOCIAL BRIDGE



DECEMBER

SOCIAL BRIDGE on Thursdays at the **Audley Community Centre** at 2:30pm (There will be no coffee or cookies. Drop into Tims on the way.) Social bridge will be held on Thursday December 5, December 12, and December 19. This is social bridge so **HAVE FUN**.

FREE BRIDGE LESSONS There are no lessons in December.

JANUARY

SOCIAL BRIDGE 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.) Social bridge will be held on Thursday **January 9, January 23, and January 30**. This is social bridge so **HAVE FUN**.

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.) Lessons will be held on Thursday **January 2 (No Trump Bidding using Stayman) and January 16 (Bidding Sequences When Opener Bids 2 Clubs)**. Please note that lessons build upon each previous lessons.

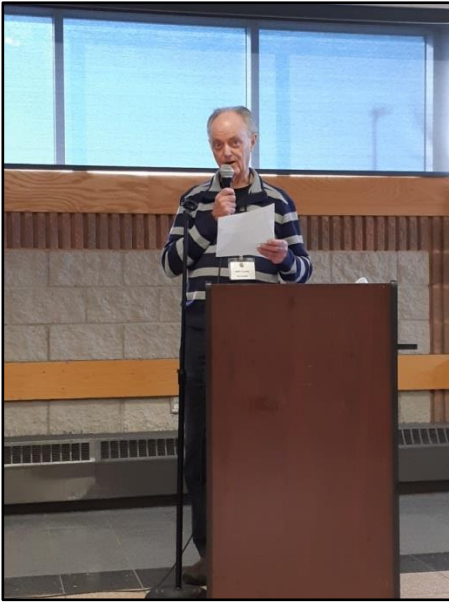
Harvey Brodhecker

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NOVEMBER 6TH MEETING



John Clark giving financial report in Roman Numerals, Nov VI, MMXIX



Joyce welcoming new members



November speaker, Alberto from Circles Enrichment, who spoke about the history of the Tango



AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, DECEMBER, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Canada Eh Theatre	3	4	5 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	6 11 am Billiards	7
8	9	10 Christmas Lunch  2-4 Euchre	11 10-12 Walking Group 2 – 4 Cribbage	12 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	13	14
15	16	17	18 10-12 Walking Group 12:00 RODEO Lunch 2 – 4 Cribbage	19 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	20 11 am Billiards	21 First Day of Winter 
22	23	24 2-4 Euchre Christmas Eve 	25 	26 	27	28
29	30	31 				

Ajax Library Main Branch is closed Dec 1, 2019 – Jan 1, 2020

Go to their website www.ajaxlibrary.ca to see where the movies are playing.

AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, JANUARY, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day 	2 2:30 Bridge Lessons	3 11 am Billiards	4
5	6	7	8 10 – 12 PROBUS Meeting 2-4 Cribbage 6 pm Dining Out	9 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	10	11
12	13	14 2-4 Euchre	15 10 am Family History 10-12 Walking Group 12:00 RODEO Lunch 2 – 4 Cribbage	16 2:00 Movie Day 2:30 Bridge Lessons	17 11 am Billiards	18
19	20	21	22 10-12 Walking Group 1:30 Book Club 2 – 4 Cribbage	23 Royal Ontario Museum 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	24	25
26	27	28 9 am Breakfast Club 2-4 Euchre	29 10-12 Walking Group 2 – 4 Cribbage	30 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	31 11 am Billiards	

The library hadn't published the Sunday January movies as of the issue date of the newsletter.
 Please see their website www.ajaxlibrary.ca