

PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5th June – 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

JUNE -- MY FAVOURITE MONTH



June is my favourite month of the year. The grass is a beautiful green. The trees and shrubs are full with fragrant blossoms.

The days are warm, sunny, long and pleasant and we have the summer to enjoy ahead of us.

June is named after Juno, the Greek god of marriage, and truly more couples are married in June than any other month of the year. Father's Day is celebrated in June and summer begins on June 21, which is the longest day of the year.

Doreen and I chose June 21 to be married 61 years ago. What is there not to love about June!

Our PROBUS club will celebrate June with our Annual Barbeque on June 24 at Carruthers Marsh Pavilion on Ashbury Boulevard. The pavilion provides a great view of Carruthers Marsh and beautiful Lake Ontario. There is plenty of seating both inside and out and we will be treated with delicious hot food. Make sure you get your ticket, before they are sold out.

Please take time to smell the roses and enjoy this wonderful, month of the year!

Reg



June 21, 1958

MEMBERSHIP

A friendly reminder to please wear your name badge!!!! And, remember, it's not enough to wear the name badge if the rest of us can't see it! Let's be careful not to hide our name badges under cardigans, jackets, scarves and so on. They must be visible. How else are we to know that it's ok for any given person to be present?



Edna Martiniello, Membership Coordinator

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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 member: Peter Scheffel

We are pleased to present a short bio from one of our new members Ken Lehan-Port:

Born in Whitechapel East London.

Like most teenagers I started work at 15

I came to Toronto in 1977, working at Yamaha Motor Canada.

Got into XC skiing in a big way.

Played and referred soccer

Married Laurie in 1990.

Moved into our 1st (and only) house in Ajax in 1991

Had our daughter, Diana in 1993

I retired in 2011.

Diana graduated from Fanshawe college in 2015, Interior Designer.

PROBUS SPEAKERS

Richard Pyves is our **June** speaker. Richard is an acclaimed author and has written the book "Courage, Sacrifice and Betrayal". This is the story of the Victoria Rifles of Canada 60th Battalion in WW1. One of the soldiers in this battalion was A.Y. Jackson, of the Group of Seven. I saw this presentation at the Pickering PROBUS and, despite some troubles with the sound system there, the presentation was riveting. A revealing look at life in the trenches in WW1.

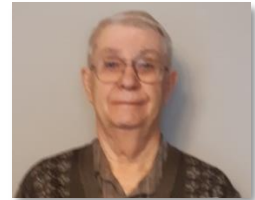


Richard's book "Night Madness" is the story of life in Bomber Command in WW2 and what it was like to be a tail gunner during the bombing raids on Nazi Germany. I have read this book and it makes you realize the courage of these young men who were flying night after night, never knowing if they were coming back alive. This was long before the days of PTSD as a diagnosis and these brave young men just had to get on with the job until they completed their operational tour.

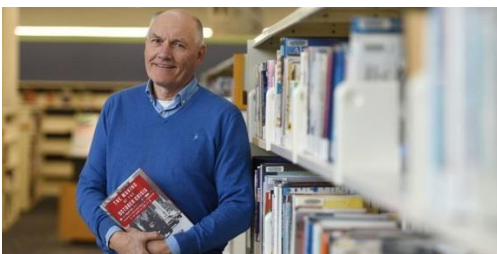
I asked Richard to do his presentation on "Night Madness" as I had already seen "Courage, Sacrifice and Betrayal". He can always come back later on in the year to do that one.

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For **July** our speaker is our own Tom Rosebush, having been a member of Ajax PROBUS for several years. Tom has a remarkable story to tell us about how he lost and then found his family after many years. Tom's presentation is "DNA and me". Tom will be speaking to us on July 3rd.



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For **August** our speaker is D'Arcy Jenish. Mr. Jenish has written a book titled "The Making of the October Crisis. Canada's long nightmare of terrorism at the hands of the FLQ". This book has been critically acclaimed and Mr. Jenish is on the short list for the J.W. Dafoe Prize in Canadian History, a very prestigious award. I'm sure most of us will remember the October Crisis and Pierre Trudeau's handling of it so this should be a very interesting presentation. Mr. Jenish will be speaking to us on August 7th.

Barbara Provis, Speaker Coordinator - 905-240-5527 or leedle@rogers.com

SOCIAL REPORT

Reminder

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

Annual Barbecue – June 24th at Carruthers Marsh – Cost \$20

Come and join your fellow PROBUS Members at beautiful Carruthers Marsh Pavilion on Ashbury Boulevard in Ajax for our Annual Barbecue. This year we have decided to add some **FUN!** Bring along your fun side and enjoy the afternoon by the water!! Lunch will be cooked up by our Barbecue Specialists. We have inside and outside seating.



Tuesday, July 23rd – Westben – Cost \$99

You can dance! You can jive! But even if you can't, you can still have the time of your life when you join Westben and a barn full of fabulous singers and musicians for a rollicking musical review of all your favorite ABBA hits from Mamma Mia to Here We Go Again!

Singing & Dancing optional!!!

Includes:

- Return transportation by deluxe Motor Coach
- Ticket to hear all your favorite Abba hits
- Picnic Lunch
- Drivers Tip

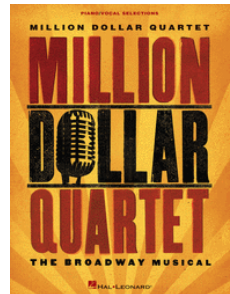


August 29th – Million Dollar Quartet – Cost \$35

“A Tuesday night, shortly before Christmas 1956, four legends, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley gathered at the Sun Record recording studio in Memphis, Tennessee, where they'd launched their careers. Word soon leaked out of an impromptu jam session. A newspaperman who was there wrote, 'This quartet could sell a million.' Soon, they were dubbed the Million Dollar Quartet.

Includes:

- Orchestra Level seats at the Capitol Theatre



Saturday, September 14th – Blue Jays Game – Cost \$85

Blue Jays vs New York Yankees; Game Time: 3:07pm; 200 Level Seats
“Section 229”

Includes:

- Ticket to Baseball Game
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Monday, September 30th – Muskoka Steamships – Cost \$135

Discovery Centre: Our interactive exhibit will have some of Canada's oldest maps of Muskoka on display. Steamship: Muskoka's steamship heritage is older than Canada. The first ship steamed Lake Muskoka in 1866. After visiting the Discovery Centre and having lunch on the Muskoka Steamship, we will head off to Johnston Cranberry Farm.

Includes:

- Return transportation by Motor Coach
- Cruise & Lunch on the steamship
- Tour & Tasting at Johnston's Cranberry Farm
- Driver's Tip & 407



Cape Cod / Boston / Rhode Island – September 9th – 14th –

Cost \$1,299 per person / double occupancy. Single \$1,649

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 – Overnight in Providence/Warwick, RI

Day 2 – morning drive tour of Newport – guided tour of the Vanderbilt “The Breakers” mansion. Continue-on to Hyannis, Cape Cod - staying three nights at the **OCEANFRONT** Riviera Beach Resort -welcome dinner included

Day 3 – tour Cape Cod – including Provincetown and Chatham

Day 4 – ferry ride to Martha's Vineyard – tour included

Day 5 – travel to Plymouth to view the Mayflower, on our way to Boston – after our city tour, we then overnight in Springfield, Mass.

Day 6 – we depart for home – stopping for lunch in Cooperstown –includes an optional visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame – arrive in the GTA in the early evening.

Your holiday package includes:

- Return motor coach transportation
- Three nights at the Riviera Beach Resort; One night at the Hampton Inn, Springfield; One night at La Quinta Inn, Providence, RI
- Tour of “The Breakers” Mansion, Newport; Tour of Cape Cod – including Provincetown with local guide; Tour of Martha's Vineyard - ferry ride and guided tour; Tour of Boston
- Visit to Cooperstown, NY – Baseball Hall of Fame
- Meals: 5 breakfasts; 3 dinners

For more information on any of the excursions
Contact Shirly at shirlievanputten@rogers.com or 905-619-8583



The success of the PROBUS Club of Ajax is attributable, to a large extent, to our wonderful volunteers. Their work provides us with a great program of speakers, social and interest group activities. We need to increase our volunteer pool – more people, less work for the existing volunteers. Several positions will be opening up on the management committee at the end of the summer; as well, we need volunteers to support the management team, lead interest groups and look after coffee break at meetings. If you are interested in helping to keep our club as great as it is, or if you'd like to nominate someone else, fill in one of the nomination forms and hand it in to any member of the management team. Without you it won't happen.

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HOUSE

We need **3 volunteers** to work the door and **2 people** to set out the coffee, tea and cookies for next year. If you are able to help, please email me or speak to me at the meeting. I will be at the back of the room at the trip sign up table.

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	ROMEO (Men's Lunch)	Position Vacant	
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	Marjorie Middleton & Ron Mitchell	905-427-3004 905-683-5539
Euchre/Scrabble	Julie Mathewson	905-686-0803	Book Club	Bernie Rosebush	905-426-1598
Billiards	Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS	905-427-9653	Using Technologies	Tom Rosebush	905-426-1598
Dining Out	Carol Breen	905-839-7762			

PROBUS RODEO GROUP

Hi everyone. It is amazing how quickly one month becomes the next one. I wasn't in attendance but I think all enjoyed the May lunch at Symposium. I have had to change the location of our June Meeting Place. Several people have mentioned it in the past so we will meet at Baton Rouge, 25 Consumers Drive, Unit 2, Whitby. Per usual plan to be there for a 12:00 start. The date is June 19th. A reminder will be sent out later in June. Hope this change is O.K. with everyone. See you at PROBUS.



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

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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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BREAKFAST CLUB

Come join us for breakfast on Thursday, June 27 at 9:00. This month we'll go to Westney's at 570 Westney Road South in Ajax. Call Julie Mathewson 905-686-0803 or email jmathewson@rogers.com to reserve your place. Suggestions for other restaurants to try are welcomed.



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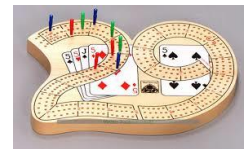


Pick your favourite game to play on the second and fourth Tuesday every month. Our next games afternoons will be on June 11 and 25 from 2:00 to 4:00. We play at Chartwell Harwood Retirement Residence, 240 Old Harwood Avenue in Ajax. Limited parking is available behind the residence as long as you don't 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.



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 selection for June 26, 2019 is: **"Before I Let You Go" by Kelly Rimmer.**

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 PROBUS Family History Group will not meet until Wednesday, 18th September. Any PROBUS members, interested in probing their family roots, are welcome to join us at the Ajax Main Public Library, at 10:00 am on the 8th.

Contacts: Michael and Anne Reed, 905-2392908, 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* at 905-427-3004 to get on the mailing list, marj@xxvii.net



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DO YOU PLAY POOL?

The Pickering PROBUS Billiards clubs meet at Petrina's Taps and Billiards. 905-686-7474
21 Harwood Ave. South East corner of Harwood and Mandrake St.
June 10 and 24 at 11:00 am.

All PROBUS members are welcome. PROBUS seniors pay \$4.00.

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

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USING TECHNOLOGIES



The Using Technologies Group is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the Fall. More information to come in a later newsletter.

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

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PROBUS GOLF

Golf on Tuesday mornings started the first Tuesday in May. As usual we tee off starting at 10 a.m. at Hawthorne Valley.

The rate is the same: \$19. Call the course at 905-686-2028 to make your first tee time.

If anyone wants to be added to the golf list e-mail me at marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca. See you out there soon.

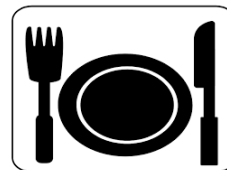


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DINING OUT CLUB

Our next dinner will be held on June 13th at 6 pm at LaProvencal restaurant on Church St. S in Pickering Village. Please let me know if you are planning on being there so I can make our reservation. Hope to see you there.

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



Hello Everyone .

As you are aware, we now have three opportunities for those who like to socialize and eat out. We have the ladies **Rodeo group, the Breakfast Club and Dining Out club.**

We all hope you will participate in one or more of them. Look forward to seeing you there.

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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

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 appreciated including photos of Club events. Please send to *Barbara Squires*, Editor stunikki@gmail.com or to ajaxprobus@gmail.com

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SOCIAL BRIDGE



Marathon Bridge

It is time to register your team for next year's marathon bridge. See Harvey at coffee break. If you do not know what marathon bridge is, see Harvey at the coffee break.

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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 continue every Thursday through the summer.

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Bridging the Gap – Opener's Rebid – Part 1 Spade Responses

Over the next set of columns I will be addressing the topic of the Opener's rebid. What would you bid in the following situations?

Opener	Responder
1 Club	1 Spade
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Clubs Q10642	Diamonds A7	Hearts K5	Spades KJ54
Clubs K972	Diamonds 7	Hearts KJ35	Spades KQ54
Clubs J8642	Diamonds AK73	Hearts 5	Spades KQ9

A bid of 2 Spades shows a minimum hand (13 to 15 points) and 4 card spade support. Occasionally, because of your distribution, you are forced to raise with a 3 card spade support (third example above) but in this case you should have 2 of the top three honours. In this situation a bid of 2 diamonds promises 16 or more points; a bid of 1NT is dangerous with a singleton heart.

Harvey Brodhecker

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AJAX PROBUS CALENDAR, JUNE, 2019

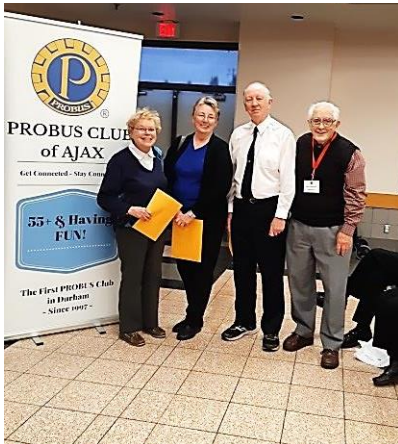
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 10 a.m. Golf	5 10-12 PROBUS Meeting 2-4 Cribbage	6 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	7	8
9 1:30 - 3:30 Library Movie: Stan & Ollie	10 11 a.m. Billiards	11 10 a.m. Golf 2-4 Euchre	12 Stratford 10-12 Walking Group 2 - 4 Cribbage	13 Stratford 2:30 Social Bridge, Library 6 p.m Dining Out	14	15
16  <small>© Can Stock Photo - 149271247</small>	17	18 10 a.m. Golf	19 10-12 Walking Group 12:00 RODEO Lunch 2 - 4 Cribbage	20 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	21  First Day of Summer	22
23 1:30 - 3:30 Library Movie: Mary Poppins Returns <hr/> 30	24 11 a.m. Billiards Annual Barbecue 	25 10 a.m. Golf 2-4 Euchre	26 10-12 Walking Group 1:30 Book Club 2 - 4 Cribbage	27 9:00 Breakfast Club 2:30 Social Bridge, Library	28	29



PROBUS Members at the Ajax Spring Fling, April 25, 2019



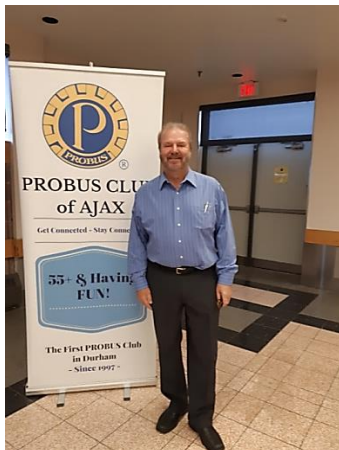
May 1, 2019 Meeting



Reg with our new members



Gwen & Bill Watson on coffee duty



May speaker, Keith Pitts



Photo Contest



Julie holding up one of the winning pictures



Photo Contest winners, Reg, Sylvia & Ken
(Ken is holding his wife Laurie's photo)

May 5 – 7 Windsor Trip



Uncle Tom's Cabin



Rum Runners Tour



Point Pelee



River Dinner Cruise



To see more pictures of the Windsor trip, go to our website: ajaxprobus.com

May 9, Dining Out



Dining Out Club at the Brock House, May 9, 2019
(Our first get together)

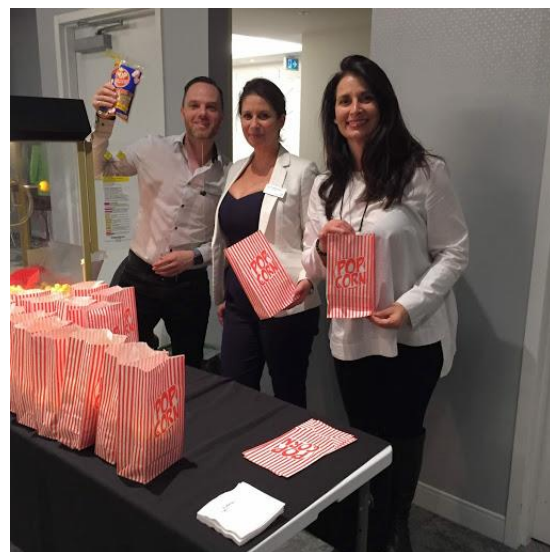


Happy Birthday Michael

May 14, Maudie Movie at Westney Gardens



Waiting for the movie to start



Westney Gardens' Staff

NON-PROBUS EVENTS

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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Stan & Ollie (Rated PG)

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a grueling theatre tour of post-war Britain.

For accessibility purposes, closed captioned will be used during this program.

Sunday June 9, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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Mary Poppins Returns (Rated G)

Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.

For accessibility purposes, closed captioned will be used during this program.

Sunday June 23, 2019 - 1:30pm - Running Time: 2 Hours

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DO YOU LIKE JAZZ

Traditional JAZZ in a hot New Orleans style by the your local band the LAKERIDGE DIXIE STOMPERS on Sunday June 2nd 2019 from 1pm to 3pm at a Vendors Bazaar (Market stalls) at REVERA Westney Gardens Retirement Residence, 1010 Westney Rd North, Ajax, ON, L1T 0P3 . Free Admission , everyone is welcome. Website is lakeridgedixiestompers.com

Tony Lees, 905-683-6779 or lakeridgedixiestompers@gmail.com

Tribute Communities Centre a premier sports and entertainment centre facility in Oshawa and the Durham Region which hosts Oshawa Generals Hockey, concerts and family shows. Click on the web site at <http://www.tributecommunitiescentre.com/> to view upcoming concerts and events. From Jerry Seinfeld, Rock the Rink to Australia's Thunder from down under.

NON-PROBUS TRIPS

October 6th – 18th – IRELAND: Shamrock Adventure – the North and South

It is often said that each day in Ireland is like a festival. Ireland is, after all, a country bustling with activity. Activity that ranges from cultural to traditional and from music to theatre and dance. Ireland is also a country of ancient landscapes that are ever changing. In fact, it is a country that boasts “40 shades of green”. Join us on a delightful journey to the Emerald Isle. Your visit will take you to some of Ireland’s most treasured landmarks.



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November 17th – 24th – The King meets Country- MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA TOUR from Blues to Rock ‘n Roll to County!

Includes:

- Round trip airfare from Toronto to Memphis
- Three nights in Memphis / Three nights in Nashville – including breakfast
- City tours of Memphis and Nashville; Tours of: Sun Studio and Graceland; Country Music Hall of Fame + RCA; Grand Ole Opry & The Ryman Auditorium



Contact Shirlie asap for these two trips! I will send complete information!!
5-619-8583 or shirlievanputten@rogers.com



Age-Friendly Ajax Community Plan – we need your input!

The Town of Ajax is developing an Age-Friendly Community Plan. An age-friendly community promotes active ageing by ensuring policies, programs, services and spaces are designed to support and enable older adults to remain safe, enjoy good health, maintain independence, stay connected, and fully participate in all aspects of community life.

Age-Friendly Planning examines ways to improve community features like:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Communication & Information
- Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion
- Community Support & Health Services
- Civic Participation & Employment
- Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

However, in order to be successful, Age-Friendly Planning relies on participation from all sections of the community, including:

- Ajax Residents
- Local and Regional Governments

- Social Services Sector
- Business Sector
- Community Organizations & Clubs

Have Your Say!

There are three easy ways you can get involved in the Age-Friendly Ajax Community Planning Process:

1. Complete an Age-Friendly Ajax Community Survey

Surveys are available online at ajax.ca/agefriendly or hard copies can be picked up at the Ajax and McLean Community Centres, the Audley Recreation Centre, Ajax Town Hall and the Ajax Public Library Main Branch.

2. Attend the Age-Friendly Ajax Community Planning Conference

This will be a day of discussion to help identify shared priorities for creating an age-friendly Ajax.

Thursday, June 20, 2019

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free Admission | Lunch & Refreshments Provided

Registration is required. Visit ajax.ca/agefriendly to RSVP to the conference or contact Laura Rae at laura.rae@ajax.ca or 905-619-2529, ext. 7231

3. Participate in an Online or In-Person Discussion

Visit ajax.ca/agefriendly to participate in weekly online discussions to talk about specific age-friendly community features. You can also visit one of our Age-Friendly Ajax Information Booths at community events to chat with an Age-Friendly Steering Committee Member. Upcoming event dates include:

June 6, 2019 | Aging Well BBQ | Rotary Park, 177 Lake Driveway W. | 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

June 10, 2019 | Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Rd. | 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

June 17, 2019 | McLean Community Centre, 95 Magill Dr. | 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

June 24, 2019 | Audley Recreation Centre, 1955 Audley Rd. N. | 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information about the Age-Friendly Ajax Community Plan, please contact:

Laura Rae

Community Development Coordinator, Town of Ajax

Laura.rae@ajax.ca

905-619-2529, ext. 7231