

PROBUS CLUB OF AJAX MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PROBUS Club of Ajax, Club #82 Ajax, Ontario

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**All PROBUS Club of Ajax In Person General Meetings
are CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I read an article recently in the New York Times entitled "There's a Name for the Blah You're Feeling: It's called Languishing". The author, Adam Grant, maintains that it isn't burnout or depression that we're feeling during this prolonged period of isolation and restrictions with Covid-19. He believes that the joyless and aimless feelings we have are called "Languishing". He defines Languishing as a sense of stagnation and emptiness. Light at the end of the tunnel is hard to see at this moment, in the midst of the third wave. However, summer is coming and with it an opportunity to spend more time outdoors, get some exercise and enjoy the warm days.



The last PROBUS membership meeting on April 7th was well attended. Our speaker Kevin Donovan presented an in-depth look at the murders of Barry and Honey Sherman. The draw, of three of Kevin's books, was won by Joan Westwood, Margaret Wells and Sylvia Clark.

Our next PROBUS membership meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 10:00 am. Stewart Beatty, the Club's Technical Co-Ordinator, will send out a link prior to the meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Bruce McKay, Chair of the Department of Psychology at Wilfred Laurier University. His topic will be "The Brain on Cannabis". Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Your Club continues to offer social activities, virtually, to our members. On Monday morning and Friday afternoon of each week Nancy Hobart and Stewart Beatty host a Chat Room via Zoom. Euchre is provided twice a month on Tuesday afternoons, using Trickster. For more information about euchre games, contact Julie Matheson. In May, bridge games using Trickster will be provided on Tuesday afternoons, alternating with euchre. Harvey Brodhecker can provide you with information about bridge games. Join us at one or more of our virtual activities, to socialize with your friends.

Take care and stay well. Wishing you all an enjoyable Mother's Day and Victoria Day.

Joyce

Your Management Committee is currently recruiting for two positions on the 2021/22 Committee. The positions are Secretary and Vice President. If you are interested in joining our Management Team for the upcoming term, please contact Reg Lawrance or one of our current Committee members.



ZOOM INFORMATION

You do not need to download the ZOOM software to use the service. If you go to your internet browser (like Google) and go to website www.zoom.us look at the top right corner of the screen that opens up and you will see a button to click that says JOIN A MEETING.

(Use Control Click for Links)

The diagram below appears



You can then enter the meeting ID number sent to you by PROBUS Club of Ajax in an email, and click JOIN. If there was a password also sent to you, enter it on the next page that opens up.

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April 21st Meeting with Mayor Shaun Collier via Zoom

On Wednesday, April 21st, the Mayor of Ajax met with members of our PROBUS Club via Zoom. Also present at the meeting were three Town Councillors, one Regional Councillor and three Town staff. Mayor Collier provided information about the present number of Covid infections in Ajax and the clinics that will be available for vaccinations, including mobile clinics for housebound seniors. In addition, Mayor Collier spoke with Club members about the plans for a municipally-operated Senior Centre and the timeline and location of same. He stated that this project is a high priority with Ajax Town Council. Other topics discussed were the "Parks and Recreation Master Plan", soon to be released, and an update on the future of the Ajax downtown core. Mayor Collier answered many questions posed by Club members, providing an abundance of information on each topic. We thank the Mayor for meeting with members of our PROBUS Club. We look forward to future opportunities to speak with him again.

MEMBERSHIP

Now that the Vaccines are here, I'm sure we all are looking forward to getting "out-and-about" as soon as we safely can. Your Ajax PROBUS Management team are aware that several changes have been made in the "Status Quo" of coordinating meetings and activities. Costs have increased over the last year including Hall Rental and name badges to name only two.

Thus, at the January, 2021, Management meeting, a motion was passed to "increase the annual fee to \$30.00 a year with the new members initiation fee also being increased to \$30.00". The old fee structure was \$20.00 a year for renewals and \$20.00 for initiation fee which did not cover the cost of the name badge.

Our current membership count is 207. To keep our records up to date we ask that if you have any changes in your "email, phone number or residence address", you inform us via email to ajaxprobusmembership@gmail.com or by phone to 437 981-6719.



Tom, Membership Coordinator

Below is a recipe from one of the Management Team

Everybody's Favourite Broccoli Salad

(Julie Mathewson)

salad:

- 5 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup raisins (or craisins if you prefer, but I like craisins better)
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
- 1/2 cup cooked, crumbled bacon (5 slices)
- 1/4 cup red onion, chopped finely

dressing:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar

Combine salad ingredients in a large serving bowl. Whisk dressing ingredients together in a separate bowl; add to the salad and toss to mix well. Chill thoroughly before serving.



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MEMBERS CORNER

Zoomer Radio

(Joan Westwood)

It's all music of the 50s and up. They even play some 30's & 40's
From 12-1 every day is a talk show called Fight Back. It's very informative with interesting guests.

- At 1pm is top #1 hits of years gone by
- the afternoon has some great music with fun hosts
- Robbie Lane hosts at 6pm with music of the 60's, 7pm the 70's, 8pm 80's
- Saturday 8am is a Women's show.
- Saturday 10am is a car talk show with three guys who are funny and informative.

Just thought I'd mention it because the station is good company. My mom puts it on every morning and leaves it on all day until she goes to bed.

It's on 740am or 96.7 fm



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SOCIAL

List of Theatres offering online Performances & Events:

Lots of Theatres are doing virtual performances. Here are a few for you to check out!

1. Westben Theatre - <https://www.westben.ca/digital-concerts-at-the-barn>
2. Stratford Theatre - <https://www.stratfordfestival.ca/>
3. Mirvish Theatre - <https://www.mirvish.com/>
4. Flato Markham Theatre - <https://flatomarkhamtheatre.ca/Online/default.asp>

The Social Committee misses everyone as much as you miss us!
Thank you for all the phone calls and emails asking about the future, we have not forgotten you! Once it is safe, we will be back together.

**Ajax Probus Club
Social Committee**

SPEAKERS



May 5th Speaker

Dr. Bruce McKay is the Chair of the Department of Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University. His research focuses on recreational alcohol and drug use in university students and mechanisms by which psychoactive drugs affect brain functions. He teaches neuroscience and pharmacology courses. Dr. McKay grew up near Woodstock, Ontario, and completed his post-secondary education at Laurentian University, the University of Calgary and the Baylor College of Medicine (Houston Texas). He has been a professor at Laurier since 2008

Brief Description of Presentation

Dr. McKay's lecture "The Brain on Cannabis" will overview the effects that cannabis has on brain structures and functions and the resulting effects on the complexities of human behaviour. He will briefly discuss the neuroscience of short-term effects of cannabis (from the munchies to driving impairments to treatment of pain and other ailments), why it isn't possible to lethally overdose on cannabis, long-term effects of cannabis with a focus on addiction and the differential effects of cannabis on teenagers vs adults), and review new cannabis laws in Canada and how those laws may intersect with an improved understanding of the neuroscience of cannabis.

June 2nd Speaker

Adam Shoalts has been described by the CBC as "one of the greatest living explorers" and even named "Canada's Indiana Jones" by the Toronto Star. His day job is a professional explorer; he holds the position of Westaway Explorer-in-Residence at the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Shoalts is also the author of three national best-selling books, including the acclaimed 'Beyond the Trees', the story of his almost 4,000 km canoe journey across Canada's arctic alone. Shoalts has a Ph.D from McMaster in History, and is also the author of 'A History of Canada in 10 Maps', another national best-seller. Shoalts will share photos from his adventures and discuss his journey alone across Canada's North.



[Books - Adam Shoalts](#)

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Some Interest Group gatherings are cancelled until further notice.
Operating interest groups are Chat Rooms (Zoom), Euchre (Trickster)
& Bridge (Trickster May 4th)

AJAX PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

| Interest Groups Coordinator: Nancy Hobart | | | |
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| 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/Scrabble | Julie Mathewson | Book Club | Bernie Rosebush |
| Billiards | Don Vorhees Pickering PROBUS | Movie Club | Nancy Hobart |
| Walking Club | Ron Mitchell & Maureen McVarish | | |

PROBUS BRIDGE



JOIN US AND PLAY BRIDGE WITH TRICKSTER

We will be playing bridge this month on Trickster. The days will be Tuesday, May 4 and Tuesday, May 18 starting at 2:00 pm. If you have not yet contacted me either by email (hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca) or phone (416-894-5778), please do so before May 4th. I will forward you information about Trickster and playing bridge on Trickster. We will play with partners. If you have a current partner please let me know. If you need a partner, let me know and I will attempt to get you a partner. As with Marathon Bridge, these Trickster games are for fun and socialization.

Harvey Brodhecker

COVID and BRIDGE

Last month we started to talk about some difficult hands to bid. These hands look straight forward but can trap you. We learned about a reverse and learned a method to avoid making a reverse by the following rule. If you have two five card suits or a five card and six card suit always open the higher ranking unless you have 17 or more points. This month we have another problem hand. Look at this innocuous hand. (Spades) AQ, (Hearts) Q743, (Diamonds) AJ1052, (Clubs) K4. What do you bid? You have a 5 card diamond suit and a 4 card heart suit. You have a good opening bid (16 High card points). Let's say you fall into the trap and open 1 diamond. Partner bids 1 spade. What do you rebid now? You can't bid 2 spades. (Partner may have a 4 card suit and you would have 6 trump verses opponents 7 trump.) An opener's rebid of 1NT shows only 13 to 15 points and is an underbid. (You may have game.) An opener's rebid of 2NT shows 18 or 19 points and is an overbid. (You may go down.) A bid of 2 hearts is a reverse and promises 17 or more points. (But look at the lousy 4 card heart suit.) The problem was with the first bid. You should have opened 1NT. I know you were told never to open 1NT with two doubletons. Here is a better rule. If you have two doubletons and you have honours in these doubletons and 15 to 17 high card points consider opening the hand in 1NT. Alvin Roth gave good advice when he said: Don't make your first bid until you know what your second bid will be. Good advice!

Harvey Brodhecker

PROBUS RODEO GROUP

I do hope that as the vaccination program picks up speed we will get to enjoy some lunches together. As soon as it is possible we will make arrangements and resume our outings.

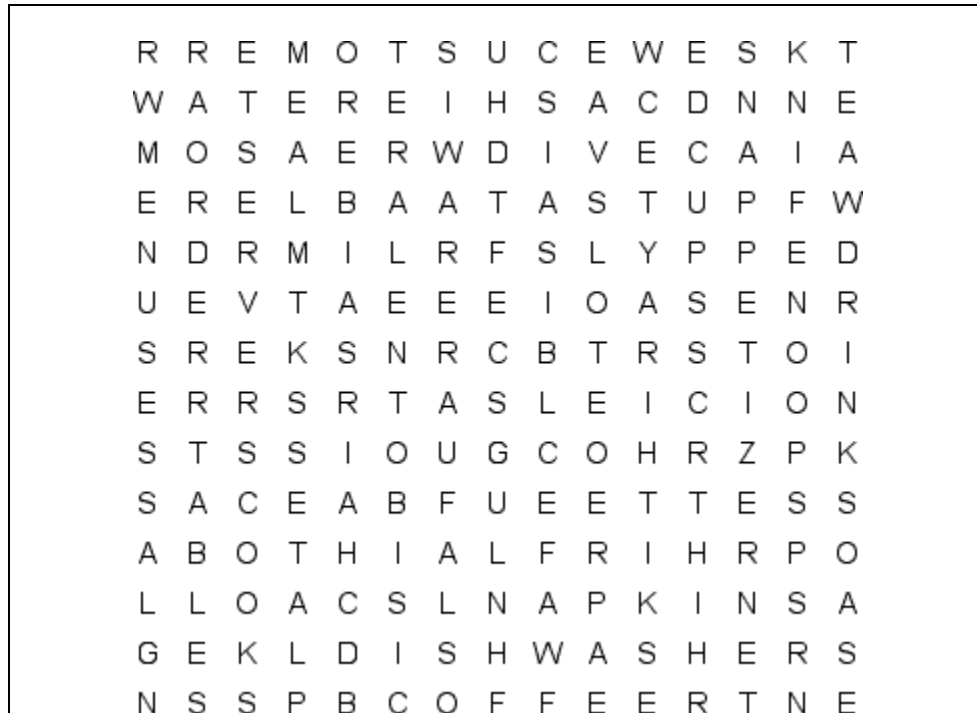
Have patience and take care.

Dawn Thornton (note new phone number) 289-989-0641 Please send your recipes and photos directly to Barb Squires at ajaxprobusnewsletter@gmail.com



Restaurant

Find and circle all of the Restaurant words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional word.



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| APPETIZER | CUSTOMER | MEAL | TABLECLOTH |
| BILL | DESSERT | MENU | TABLES |
| BUSBOY | DISHWASHERS | NAPKINS | TEA |
| CASHIER | DRINKS | ORDER | TIP |
| CHAIRS | ENTREE | PLATES | WAITER |
| CHEF | FORK | SALAD | WAITRESS |
| COFFEE | GLASSES | SAUCERS | WATER |
| COOKS | KNIFE | SERVERS | WINE |

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BREAKFAST CLUB

(Julie)



How many of these kitchen gadgets can you identify? Clue - they might all be used when making breakfast.



(Answers on last page)

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Did you hear about McDonalds?

Answer: They eggspanded the breakfast menu.

What are the two things you can't have for breakfast?

Answer: Lunch and dinner!

What do cows eat for breakfast?

Answer: Moosli

What does Salvador Dali have for breakfast?

Answer: A bowl of surreal!

What's a dog's favorite breakfast food?

Answer: Poached eggs!



EUCHRE AND SCRABBLE



Codewords are crosswords with no clues. Instead, every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number representing the same letter throughout the puzzle. All you have to do is decide which letter is represented by which number.

To start you off, the codes for two or three letters have been revealed.

When these letters have been entered throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing words and discovering other letters. **(Answer on Last Page)**

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

PROBUS BOOK CLUB



The Book Club **usually** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at St. Paul's United Church, 65 King's Crescent, at 1:30 p.m.

During Covid19, of course, we are **not** meeting!!! However, when normalcy returns we shall continue our very interesting discussions on chosen book titles

Interested in reading, discussion, fun and fellowship, we welcome you to join our group. In the meantime, book suggestions you may wish to enjoy:

Book Suggestions:

“Legacy of War” – (★★★★ + rating) by Wilbur Smith; *release date - April 20, 2021*. A nail-biting story of courage, bravery, rebellion and war from the master of *adventure, historical fiction*. The war is over, Hitler is dead – and yet his evil legacy lives on.

“The Women of Chateau Lafayette” - (★★★★+++rating- *Historical Fiction*) by Stephanie Dray; *release date – March 30, 2021*. An epic saga based on the true story of an extraordinary castle in the heart of France and the remarkable women bound by its legacy. Most castles are protected by men; this one by women.

The Pearls of Adversity

(Mary L. Wood from her booklet “One Moment Please”)

Imperfect people in an imperfect world cannot expect everything to work out perfectly. Adversity presents obstacles, but adversity also presents opportunities. “Stops” can often be “Steps” toward fuller realization of the possibilities within us and around us and beyond us.

Let us consider:

- The injured oyster forms a pearl around its intruder.
- The pruned tree bears luscious fruit.
- The crushed fruit yields delicious drink.
- The overhanging clouds bring refreshing rain.
- The dark night breaks into the morning light.
- Gold is melted to be refined.
- A doctor hurts to make us better.
- The butterfly struggles from its cocoon to gain freedom.
- The farmer disturbs the fields to produce a harvest.
- The musician tenses the strings to create a beautiful melody.

Presently “Covid 19” has been and is a very bleak adversity in our lives, but let us know and remember the pearls that have also shone through: love, kindness, sharing, helpfulness, fortitude, patience and knowledge. I'm sure you can add more treasure-pearls to this list.

The pearls of adversity are the hidden treasures to be found.

Bernie Rosebush - 905-426-1598 or bernie.rosebush@gmail.com

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Rambles with my Camera – April
(Maureen McVarish)

They say that birdwatching during the pandemic is the new binge watching. Nature and birdwatching is becoming the thing to do since outdoors is the recommended safe space and travel is out of the question. And during the stay at home orders, the big screen is your picture window or patio doors. So this month's ramble is in my big backyard!

I have always bird-watched in my yard in addition to travelling to local venues but last year during our first lockdown and stay at home, I decided to do bird counts for each of the two big spring migration months of April and May. My very urban yard is fairly big and has a variety of large and small trees, bushes, a long cedar hedge and lots of brush for cover, and, of course, a number of well-stocked feeders and fresh water.

So I created a picture collage for each of these months. The rules which I imposed on myself were: only birds seen in or from my yard, only birds I photographed myself in that month, so not always the best shots since I only had that month in which to photograph them.

In April of 2020, I saw and captured 28 species with my camera. Many were my year-round regulars such as Chickadees, Downy Woodpeckers, Mourning Doves, Cardinals, Finches, etc. Some are returning from their winter grounds and will stay in the area for the summer such as Robins, Flickers, Cowbirds, Song Sparrows, Grackles and Chipping Sparrows. Some are just passing through and are stopping over on their way to more northern or more rural breeding grounds. For April, these are White-throated Sparrows, Kinglets, Brown Creepers, Thrushes and Warblers. Juncos are a bit different in that they are starting to spend their whole winters here and most head further up north to breed. And then there are those who just drop by: Mallards are permanent residents in our lakes but seem to visit my yard every spring. (Maybe I should add a pond...)

So that's last April. Stay tuned for May!



MOVIE CLUB

Just something to do until we get together again.

Thanks

Nancy



80s Movies

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AMADEUS
BATMAN
BIG
BODY HEAT
COCOON
DAS BOOT
DIE HARD
DINER
FRANCES

GANDHI
GLORY
GOONIES
GREMLINS
PLATOON
PREDATOR
RAIN MAN
RAN
REDS
SCARFACE

SILKWOOD
SPLASH
STRIPES
TAPS
TOOTSIE
TOP GUN
TRON
WARGAMES
WITNESS
YENTL

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PROBUS GOLF

Outdoor Golf

If you would like to be added to the list contact Marcia Everitt by email at marciaeveritt@yahoo.ca or call 416-724-6355

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



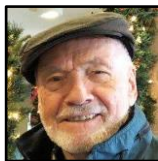
2013 Casa Loma trip



Port Hope 2016

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CARL'S CORNER



*Carl Mabee
President (2013-2014)*

HAWK

We stared across the open gap
her eye golden in the sun.
Fierce in stance and unafraid
head cocked, a challenge to be won.

Its beak was set and slightly open
standing tall along the branch
waiting for me to break the contact
holding me in ancient trance.

Something stirred beside the fence
its rapt attention shifted fast
lifting gently from its roosting
ever watching as it passed.

Soaring quickly from the updraft
wings out stretched to ride the wind
circles tightening ever slowly
getting readied for its spin.

Wing now folded claws are set
dropping now with speed surprising
looking like a fatal crash
a distant thud and dust now rising.

Letting out a scream in wild frustration
as it leaps up in the air
missed her strike and needs to settle
so it heads back to its lair.

Now the bark bares marks from claws
as it grapples for the branch
her red tail flares as feather smooth
and she waits for yet another chance.

We stare across the open gap
her eyes more red with fleck of gold
daring me it seems, to make some crack
I would never be so bold.

I admire this raptor of the air as I watch
her through a window pane.
Pleased this mistress of the skies
will pass on her breed of daunting fame.



By Carl Mabee



THE BOOKWORM

"Radio Girls" by Sarah-Jane Stratford is a novel of historical fiction that follows the career of Canadian-American Maisie Musgrave as she starts an entry level job at the BBC in London, England. It's set in postwar 1920' to 1930's, a pivotal time in the evolution of women's rights and the emergence of the wireless radio with the backdrop of the rumblings of fascism.

Remember it was an act of rebellion for women to cut their hair and they had to quit their jobs when they got married. My own grandfather told me of his disappointment upon returning home after five years serving in WW II, that my grandmother had cut off her long blonde hair. And, of course, she had to give up her job in Evan's ladies wear store.

"Radio Girls" is full of fun facts and trivia about the birth of the wireless and the distrust of this new fad that delivered disembodied voices into people's living rooms. With parallels to issues with modern social media, radio was seen as a threat to reading and government sought to maintain tight control of content and use of propaganda.

Maisie Musgrave works her way up to assistant to Hilda Matheson, the real life first woman producer of the BBC, and director of, "Talks". Hilda was fearless in her programming of controversial topics to make people think with book clubs and opinionated guests including E.M.Forster, John Maynard Keynes, George Bernard Shaw, H.G. Wells, Vita Sackville-West and the illusive Virginia Wolf.

Hilda provided education by female MPs about the workings of parliament to newly emancipated women. She organized the first live broadcast of a political debate by the three leaders of the main British political parties.

"More than two million households had found ten shillings for the BBC license fee to bring radio into their homes, with any number of listener letters expressing their pleasure in the Talks, and the newspapers regularly extolled Hilda's taste and original thinking."

Yet Hilda resisted the constant threat of government control over radio content.

"Radio Days" weaves a plot of spying and espionage during a time when everyone is under suspicion.

Maisie finds documents that lead her on some daring undercover missions. The threat of fascism and the rise of the Nazis and Hitler has Hilda asking, "What were giant companies like Siemens and Nestlé up to? Why should they be invested in Germany's "road to resurgence" as led by a fringe would-be political party?"

"These Nazis have promised that if they come to power, they'll give Nestlé a government contract. Nestlé can supply all the chocolate for the whole German army."

Who is the spy in their midst? Will Maisie convince the BBC management of her findings? Will Hilda keep her job as producer or does government control and censorship finally force her to resign?

Read, "Radio Girls" by Sarah-Jane Stratford to find out.

By Victoria Plaskett

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LIBRARY NEWS

“WHAT’S ON” FOR MAY, 2021

The link for What’s On is: ajaxlibrary.ca/?q=node/38

RECREATION CENTRE NEWS

Seniors Centre Without Walls: May 2021 Program Calendar | Space is limited.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 1:30 p.m. Worldly Wonders: Armchair Travel - Argentina | 4 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Short Stories by Durham Storytellers | 5 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Tim Westhead: Hollywood Insider View | 6 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Canadian Mental Health Association | 7 10 a.m. Fit and Fun: Exercise |
| 10 1:30 p.m. Worldly Wonders: Book Chat – National Crime Writing Month | 11 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Durham Master Gardeners | 12 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Dr. Amy Barron | 13 1:30 p.m. Challenge Accepted: You Be the Judge | 14 10 a.m. Information Highway: Short Stories by Durham Storytellers |
| 17 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Film Friends – Harrison Ford | 18 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Singer/Songwriter Linda Dempster | 19 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Ajax Community Garden | 20 1:30 p.m. Worldly Wonders: Fun Fact Frenzy – Queen Victoria | 21 10 a.m. Fit and Fun: Exercise |
| 24 No Program: Victoria Day | 25 1:30 p.m. Challenge Accepted: Scattergories | 26 1:30 p.m. Fit or Fun: Meditation | 27 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Local History Talk – Parkwood Estates | 28 10 a.m. Information Highway: Short Stories by Durham Storytellers |
| 31 1:30 p.m. Information Highway: Biographies – Christopher Plummer | | | | |

Linda Dempster: Enjoy music and conversation with singer/songwriter Linda Dempster.

Tim Westhead - Hollywood: An Insider’s View, Tim’s 12 favourite films about Hollywood & moviemaking.

Dr. Amy Barron: Dr. Amy Barron shares anecdotes about what life is like excavating in the Middle East. The troubles and turmoil caused by the modern social and political climate; and the wonder, beauty and charm of this fantastic part of the world will be discussed.

Durham Master Gardeners: How to Plan a Successful Garden - Learn about evaluating site conditions, maintenance, function and selecting plants.

Ajax Community Garden: Join members of St. Andrew’s Community Garden who will be sharing tips on how to get your garden ready and how to plant for success.

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA): Join Katharine to learn about how to take care of your mental health during the pandemic and tips on how to remain connected with friends and loved ones in a virtual world.

Let’s get connected



To join using Zoom, use the following requirements:

Meeting ID: 936 9272 5495
Passcode: SCWW55+001



To join by phone, use the following requirements:

Dial: 647 558 0588
Meeting ID: 936 9272 5495#
Participant ID #
Passcode: 1409113169#



Durham Region Transit has made On Demand transportation available to residents travelling to vaccination clinics within their local municipality. The Regional Municipality of Durham website page has been updated with this information and streamlined: <https://www.durhamregiontransit.com/en/routes-and-schedules/bus-stop-and-route-information-for-covid-19-vaccine-clinics.aspx>. Individuals can also telephone a customer service representative at 1-866-247-0055 for trip planning assistance.

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Daughter: Mum, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world?
Mum: I don't know dear, you'd have to ask Grandma.

Why do Mothers have to have two visits to the optometrist?
Because they also have eyes in the back of their head.

What's the difference between Superman and Mothers?
Superman's just a superhero now and then. Mums are superheroes all the time.

I shouted to my Mum on Mother's Day, "How does breakfast in bed sound?"
She said, "Ooh that sounds lovely!"
I said, "Great, I'll have bacon, fries and two eggs."

A police recruit was asked during an exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" The reply, " Call for backup".

"Dear Mom, I was gonna give you an all expenses paid, first-class trip to Hawaii for Mothers Day. But I knew how much you'd miss me, and I just couldn't put you through that kind of agony."

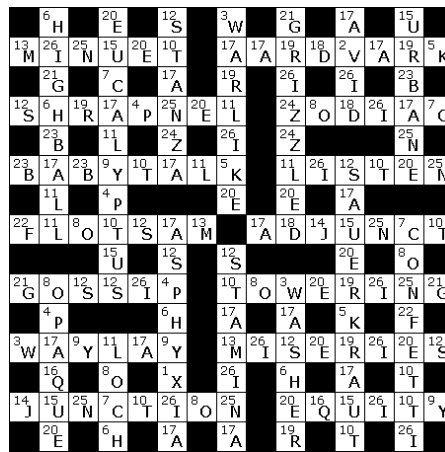
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Answers to Kitchen Gadget Quiz (from page 8)

1. Strawberry huller
2. Banana slicer
3. Avocado slicer
4. Cherry pitter
5. Vertical grill (great for omelets)
6. Egg cuber
7. Microwave bacon rack
8. Egg separator

Answer to Codeword (from page 9)



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