



The PROBUS Club of Durham West



General Meeting September 8th, 2022, HMS Ajax Room - South Entrance Ajax Community Centre,
75 Centennial Road, Ajax, ON L1S 4S4

September 2022 President's Message

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over! Where has the time gone? Thank goodness for Air Conditioning! Climate change? It has already changed, there's no denying it.

Our club has also changed over the past few months. I would like to thank Roseann Blake for leading the "Share the Wealth" draws at our monthly meetings and Sue Geddis for ensuring we have refreshments during the break at our meetings. I would also like to recognize Laura Lemay for stepping up to co-chair our activity groups with Bev Waite. Ada Larock a member of the management team, will be the new President for 2023.



We are excited to announce that our club will soon be using a club management platform called Wild Apricot. Several other PROBUS Clubs are already using this software. In the near future, you will be able to register and pay for Social Events on-line. You'll also be able to renew your club membership online. No more signing and mailing cheques or dropping them off at our General Meetings.

Because the software is a cloud-based platform, it means that we can operate anywhere there is a secure internet connection. If you've considered one of our management roles but being away during the winter or at the cottage in the summer was a barrier, this software eliminates that problem. As well, if collecting funds or chasing members for payment was an unpleasant part of the role and a barrier, you don't have to worry about that. The software automatically takes care of all those tasks.

You'll be hearing more about Wild Apricot soon as we get ready.

Over the past several months the management committee has been busy reviewing, editing, and making recommendations to our bylaws so that we can offer consistent, fair and logical procedures to manage Durham West Probus. At our August 11th meeting a "Notice of Motion" was presented. This was followed up with an email on August 14th to all Durham West Probus members which included the existing bylaws, proposed bylaws, summary of amendments and instructions on how to submit a proxy vote if you are unable to attend the September 8th meeting.

At the September 8th meeting each member in attendance will receive a ballot. Discussions about the changes will be facilitated and voting will take place on each amendment. It is my hope that as many of you as possible will attend to meet our quorum of 71.

There are four months remaining in 2022 and four months before half of the management committee retires from their positions. At the last meeting, Jean Jackson shared her personal

message on what a wonderful club we have and the great experience she had serving on the management team. Jean's message resonated with me and I completely agree with Jean. Working with the present management team has been very rewarding and a lot of fun! Please help us to keep Durham West PROBUS alive and well.

Ruth Bridge

President

OUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM NEEDS YOU

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER,
THE KIND THAT WOULD BE MISSED.
OR ARE YOU JUST CONTENT
THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST?

DO YOU ATTEND THE MEETINGS
AND MINGLE WITH THE CROWD,
OR DO YOU STAY AT HOME
AND CRAB BOTH LONG AND LOUD?

THERE IS QUITE A PROGRAM SCHEDULED
THAT MEANS SUCCESS, IF DONE,
AND IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED
WITH THE HELP OF EVERYONE.

SO, ATTEND THE MEETINGS REGULARLY
AND HELP WITH HAND AND HEART,
DON'T BE JUST A MEMBER,
BUT TAKE AN ACTIVE PART.

THINK THIS OVER CAREFULLY,
ARE WE RIGHT OR ARE WE WRONG?
ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER,
OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Management Team for PROBUS Club of Durham West 2022 is
available on our website:

<https://durhamwestprobus.org/contacts>

Ruth Bridge

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

September 8th, 2022

September Speaker: *Chris Allum* on Protect Your Money

Christine Allum partners with various groups and organizations to deliver investor education and fraud prevention workshops. Prior to joining the Ontario Securities Commission, she worked at the Toronto Stock Exchange. Her financial expertise includes financial literacy education, curriculum resource development, adult training, relationship management and community outreach.

Chris will provide information about:

- Fraud prevention
- Money tips and resources
- Working with a financial representative



MEMBERSHIP

There are more photos on our website <https://durhamwestprobus.org>

Bev & Dave Bicknell

Membership Chair

Please note that the email for membership inquiries, change of address etc. is now

dwprobus.membership@gmail.com

Happy Labour Day, Monday, September 5th, 2022

SOCIAL

REMINDERS: There are NO REFUNDS if you sign-up for an event & are unable to attend. You may have someone go in your place by getting payment from them & notifying the Convenor of the event of the change along with the name & phone number of the person replacing you.

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHEQUE BOOK as you must pay for the event at the time of sign-up.

Use the suggestion box for feedback and ideas for social events.

Be aware that many people are very allergic to scents so please DO NOT wear perfume or aftershave to gatherings.

Some of our members are unable to drive but would like to participate in social events. If you are planning on driving to an event and are willing to share your ride with someone who is unable to drive, please contact the event convener and let them know your availability. Likewise, if you need a ride, contact the event convener, and let them know so they can match you up with a driver.

AGA KHAN MUSEUM

Have you seen the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto? The museum is located at 77 Wynford Drive in Toronto (Eglinton Ave E and Don Valley Parkway area). We need to determine if there is an interest in this event since we will need to put down a 50% deposit to secure a booking. There will be a spot at the back of the room at the September 8th general meeting to indicate your interest.

Date: Thursday November 17th or Saturday November 19th (keep in mind that there will probably be less traffic on a Saturday).

Cost: \$24 which includes admission fee and a private tour.

This would be a self drive or carpool event. We would then return to the Durham Region for dinner at a local restaurant (to be determined) (optional). Check out their website to learn more about this interesting museum <https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/index.html>

Convenors: Pat Bolger pbolger@rogers.com and Sharon Fenn slf809@hotmail.com

LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY

We are excited to announce that we are planning an outing to visit the Lucy Maud Montgomery manse and church in Leaksdale. Approximately 10 kilometres north of Uxbridge. Allow approximately 1 hour to get there. This is located at 11850 Durham Regional Rd 1 in Leaksdale.

Date: Wednesday, September 14th, 2022

Arrival Time for tour: 10:00 am - once guided tour is done, we can do a self tour of the church and grounds.

Lunch: 11:30 am - consists of sandwich, scone, and tea.

Cost: \$20.00 per person.

Last sign up will be at the September 8th general meeting.

The Leaskdale Manse, in Uxbridge, Ontario, is a National Historic Site of Canada which offers visitors remarkable access to the life of famed Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery during the 15 years she called Leaskdale, Ontario home. Whether you've read her work or not, you've got to respect the sheer volume of content that she was able to produce, and the remarkable impact that it had on people all over the world. In her lifetime, she published over 20 novels, over 525 short stories, over 500 poems, as well as 30 or so essays. That sounds like the stats of a small publishing house, let alone one person!

<https://lucymaudmontgomery.ca/>

Note: The September general meeting is the last chance to sign up for this event.

See below for a link to the Website for details:

<https://durhamwestprobus.org/social-2#:~:text=Lucy%20Maud%20Montgomery,20.00%20per%20person>

NEW MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The PROBUS Club of Durham West - Annual Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, December 8th, 2022, at

Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Crescent, Ajax, Ontario

More details to follow at the **end** of the newsletter.



PROBUS **OCTOBER** **SOCIAL EVENT**

When: Tuesday, October 4th at 2:00 PM

Where: Rotary Park, Ajax located at 177 Lake Driveway W. Turn left into the parking lot and park in the west end of the lot. We will gather in groups of no more than 15 (park rules without a permit) on the south side across from the parking lot under the trees. Social members will assist with directing you to the right area.

Bring your own chair, snack and beverage.

Lawn Games: Let's have some fun. If you have any lawn games such as lawn darts, croquet, bocce ball etc. please bring them along so we can have some safe outdoor fun with our PROBUS friends. Hand sanitizing wipes will be available.

Weather: Let's hope for good weather. You don't need to notify us that you are coming so you can decide if the weather suits you. If the weather is looking bad an email will be sent out from Durhamwestprobus@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone for socializing and games.

Convenors: Maria Bawcutt bamb63e@gmail.com and Ann Buffett annbuffett28@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES

If you are interested in joining a group, we are looking forward to hearing from you!
Please reach out to Bev Waite at bev.waite@outlook.com

APP-TEASERS

Presently, our Nibbles group is at capacity, and there have been a couple of requests to start a second group.

In response to the requests, a new "nibbles-type" group is forming called App-teasers. The plan is for it to be an informal afternoon gathering of conversation, snacks and drinks. It will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month and each month a member will host the group in their home/backyard. The next meeting will be on September 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Roseann Blake has graciously agreed to be the leader for this group and would like to hear from anyone who is interested.

Please email Roseann at blakeroseann695@gmail.com if you are interested, and she will share more details.

BREW CREW

I am trying to determine if the "Brew Crew" is an active group that should continue to be on our website. If you have been part of this group, could you please email me at Bev.waite@outlook.ca and let me know.

[Bev Waite](#)

NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB

The Novel Readers will meet on September 7th, 2022, to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Looking ahead to October and November, our next books will be *The Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich and *Scarborough* by Catherine Hernandez. We hope to be able to meet in person. Our members usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. We currently have full membership.

For more information, please contact Colleen Lea at 905-686-1629 or colleenlea@hotmail.com

WORDS WORTH READING BOOK CLUB

Our September book for discussion is "The Last Bookshop in London" by Madeline Martin. According to Google, this novel was inspired by the true World War II history of the few bookshops to survive the Blitz. Grace Bennett is employed at Primrose Hill, an offbeat bookstore in the heart of London. Her store is one of the libraries and bookshops to stay standing and open during the German firestorm through many blackouts and air raids. It is a timeless story of wartime loss, love, and the enduring power of literature. Presently our book club is at full membership. Contact: Jean Jackson at jeanej@rogers.com
or at 905-420-6410

BOWLING

Thursday, September 22nd. at 2:00 pm.

Join us for a FUN time!

Novices to experts are welcome!

We welcome new bowlers. This is **not** a league.

Bowling is once a month usually on the fourth Thursday afternoon.

Location: Ajax Bowling Centre, 172 Harwood Ave. South.

Cost: \$11.00 includes 2 games & shoes (\$2.00 for shoes)
\$9.00 if you have your own bowling shoes. Payment at the bowling alley.

Please contact Bonnie each month, to sign up, if you would like to bowl at bcutten0809@rogers.com or call 905-831-7489 for more information.

DURHAM WEST MARATHON BRIDGE CLUB

The Durham West Marathon Bridge Club will be enjoying their celebration luncheon at:the Mandarin on August 26th. Photos will be taken and hopefully they will be on the Durhamwestprobus.org website.

Our members are looking forward to the starting of the 2022-23 season in September.

For further information please contact us.

Dave or Irveen Powley,
(905) 683-1444

CINEMA CLUB NEWS

If you have any questions or you would like to join us, you can contact me, Karen Dryden at kdryden2852@gmail.com

or

Anne McKenzie at annel.Mckenzie@gmail.com

CREATE AND CHAT

We have many photos of our projects on the website: <https://durhamwestprobus.org/create-and-chat>

July's meeting was rained out but 12 gathered in Esplanade Park for the August 15th meeting where we caught up with current and planned projects and general news. So interesting was the conversation and catch-up that I completely forgot to take a photo!.

Our September gathering will take place in the Arts Room at Revera Westney Gardens Retirement Residence, 1010 Westney Rd N, Ajax, on the northwest corner of Westney and Rossland Rds. Access to the parking lot is from Rossland Rd for those who haven't been there before.

Hope to see you there.

Contact: Sharon Marshall, oxford9390@gmail.com

DINNER GROUP - "Let's Eat"

We have many photos of our projects on the website <https://durhamwestprobus.org/dinner-group>

On August 18th, fifteen of our dinner group members had another "Let's Eat" evening arranged by Randy Slemin. Randy organized a tasty experience at Odine Japanese & Thai Fusion restaurant in Ajax. The Bento Boxes were a hit with a variety of tastes miso soup, green salad, California Rolls, vegetable & shrimp tempura, stir fry vegetables with a choice of chicken, beef or salmon and steamed rice a delicious variety of Japanese fair. We look forward to our next get together.

June Booth

FRIENDLY EUCHRE

Euchre at the Ajax Main Library will return on **September 9th**. We meet every other Friday from 2 pm to 4 pm. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Dates for 2022 - Sept – 9 & 23, Oct – 7 & 21, Nov – 4 & 18, Dec – 2 & 16

LIBRARY RULES Regarding COVID

The library is following the Town and Region guidelines, so they no longer ask people for proof of vaccination. They do not require that masks be worn in the library.

Masks are a personal choice if you wish to do so.

For Friendly Euchre, the room can accommodate 48 people

Coffee/tea and food will not be available. You may bring your own refreshments.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ann Buffet at annbuffett28@gmail.com

GARDENING CLUB

The garden Club visited the garden of Jill Snape on July 11th. and met on Aug 15th. in Paradise Park to finalize plans for the rest of the gardening season.

We are always interested in anyone looking to join our group. Just send me their e-mail address and I will contact them.

Geoff Nie

NATURE LOVERS

On Monday, September 12th, twenty-five members of the Nature Lovers will be participating in a Toronto Zoo Nature Lovers Scavenger Hunt. Five teams made up of 5 persons will walk around the Toronto Zoo searching for answers to nature-related questions. Prizes for the winning team. Stay tuned for the October newsletter to see which team won.

Contact Geoff Cutten at gcutten0809@rogers.com

NIBBLES AT NIGHT

Check out a variety of photos taken by our members at <https://durhamwestprobus.org/nibblesatnight>

The Nibbles-at-Night group have been meeting outdoors over the summer hosted by members in their backyards and on their patios. The weather has co-operated for every event. Our most recent August gathering was hosted by Evelyn and Gord Buske, in view of their beautiful garden and we had the biggest turnout ever of 23 members out of 26. Our plan is to continue meeting outdoors, weather permitting, way into the fall.

Fran Griffin

SNAPPED PHOTOGRAPHY

Check out a variety of photos taken by our members at <https://durhamwestprobus.org/snapped-camera-club>

Snapped members visited Bragg Farms in Bowmanville for their August outing. It was amazing to see so many huge sunflowers (we were told at least 40,000 plants). The size of each head was incredible. The corn stalks had to be at least two feet taller than an adult. Enjoy some of the pictures from our outing. If you are interested in joining our Snapped Photography group, please contact Lorna Smith at lsmith1@bell.net

WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

Bernice Pyke
billandbernicepyke@hotmail.com

SOCIAL BRIDGE AT THE MAIN AJAX LIBRARY

The following schedule is for bridge at the library for September.

Thursday September 1 2:30 to 4:30 Social Bridge

Thursday September 8 2:30 to 4:30 Social Bridge

Thursday September 15 2:30 to 4:30 Bridge Lesson (No Trump Bidding Sequences Part 1)

Thursday September 22 2:30 to 4:30 NO BRIDGE

Thursday September 29 2:30 to 4:30 Bridge Lesson (No Trump Bidding Sequences Part 2)

I have revamped my lessons. I hope you enjoy the improvement.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN!

Cheers!

Harvey Brodhecker, email: hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca



NEWS

The Ajax Public Library Newsletter - What's On can be viewed or downloaded at <https://www.ajaxlibrary.ca/whatson>

On September 30th take a step back in time and discover Ajax's rich history. Join us for a guided walking tour along Ajax's beautiful Waterfront Trail and learn about local history from various "spirits" along the way.

Meeting location – outside of Rotary Park Pavilion.

A free shuttle will be available to take participants to/from the start location.

Three timeslots to choose from – 8, 8:15 & 8:30 p.m.

Guests should be prepared to travel by foot or mobility device for approximately 60 minutes.

Registration is required on the events page at www.ajax.ca

The Town of Ajax will be bringing back the Wellness & Information Fair on September 24th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm in the HMS room at the ACC. Note the date and venue change since the last announcement in July. There will be community vendors, seminars, fitness demos and refreshments. Come visit our booth and say Hi!

Free virtual programs for older adults can participate Monday through Wednesday at 1:30 for the Senior Centre Without Walls (SCWW). Click here to see the September schedule. https://view.publitas.com/ajax/scww_newsletter_september-2022/page/1

Keep up to date with what's happening in Ajax. <https://www.ajax.ca/en/play-and-discover/age-friendly-ajax.aspx>

SHARING OUR RECIPE

Cherry or grape tomatoes are usually abundant in our late summer gardens. Many years ago, I found this **Capellini Caprese** recipe in the *What's Cooking*, Fall 2008, Kraft Magazine, p. 31. You may still be able to find it at kraftcanada.ca.

This recipe is a lovely light pasta salad for a summer meal or it can be served as a pasta dish at any time of year. You can substitute 3 cups of chopped tomatoes when cherry tomatoes are far too \$\$\$\$. Fresh basil is the flavour and aroma that brings this dish alive so I would try to find fresh through all of the seasons as it does liven up **"The Big Guy"** from his frequent groggy winter naps.

Serve with BBQ chicken breast, oven baked pork loin, breaded fish filets or shrimp kabobs

"The Big Guy" recommends an Italian Shiraz or a local Pinot Noir

Capellini Caprese (Angel Hair Pasta in a Salad of Mozzarella, Tomatoes and Basil)

Ingredients

1/3 of a 900g package of capellini (aka Angel Hair pasta) or vermicelli pasta, uncooked

¼ cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil Sun Dried Tomato Vinaigrette

1 onion, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced

3 cups grape or cherry tomatoes, halved

½ cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Or ¼ cup parmesan cheese, grated

1/3 cup fresh basil (Roll basil leaves into a cigar then cut across with kitchen scissors)



Method

1. Cook pasta as directed on the package.
2. In a large non-stick skillet, heat sun dried tomato dressing, onions and garlic.
3. Add tomatoes and cook until they just begin to soften. Do not overcook.
4. Drain pasta then add it to the tomato mixture; stir lightly.
2. Move to a serving bowl and top with choice of cheese and fresh basil.

*If serving hot use mozzarella/parmesan mix

*If serving at room temperature as a salad use parmesan cheese

PROBUS CLUB OF DURHAM WEST

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2022
AJAX CONVENTION CENTRE, 550 BECK CRESCENT, AJAX**

**SOCIAL HOUR 11:30AM -12:30PM
LUNCH 12:30PM-2:00PM**

MENU

SOUP (BUTTERNUT SQUASH) OR SALAD (GOURMET CAESAR)
ENTREES – CHOICE OF ONE
TRADITIONAL CARVED TURKEY DINNER or
BLACKENED SALMON or
STUFFED PEPPER (VEGAN)
DESSERT – WARM APPLE & PEACH CRUMBLE

EACH PROBUS MEMBER \$40.00 GUEST \$50.00

As a reminder of the Holiday Luncheon, please keep top portion.

Please tear off and hand in completed form with cheque attached to Lorna Smith or Sharon Castellarin at the General Meeting.

<Please indicate your choice with a check mark>

Member \$40.00/Guest \$50.00

Name of Member

Soup (Butternut Squash) or _____
Salad (Gourmet Caesar) _____
Traditional Carved Turkey Dinner or _____
Blackened Salmon or _____
Stuffed Pepper with white & wild rice (Vegan) _____

Name of Member/Guest

Additional Member \$40.00/Guest \$50.00

Soup (Butternut Squash) or _____
Salad (Gourmet Caesar) _____
Traditional Carved Turkey Dinner or _____
Blackened Salmon or _____
Stuffed Pepper with white & wild rice (Vegan) _____

Cheque Attached? Yes _____ Amount? _____

Registration for the Holiday Luncheon must be received by November 10th.

<Please make cheques payable to The PROBUS Club of Durham West>