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HELLO ALL: WELCOME TO OCTOBER 2025

Today is September 30, Truth and Reconciliation Day, where we reflect on the legacy of the residential schools and remember the survivors and those who never made it home. This is a period between 1857 and 1996 when 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend church run, government funded schools. An estimated 6,000 children died, although experts say the actual number could be much higher. A sad day in our history.

At our last general meeting, we had Crime Stoppers speak on their history, current activities, submitting tips and community initiatives. This is an independent organization not part of York Police. Dave Forster and our own Leo Ralph were the presenters.

For October, we have Lianne Harris Racioppo speaking on "Rouges and Rebels—How Canada Began." Most of our extra curricular activities have resumed. Come out and enjoy them; the cost is nothing, just everybody's enjoyment. The September weather has been superb and October looks just as good. Get out and enjoy yourself.

The next general meeting is October 8 at the Legion.

Finally, some annual dues are still due. Please send them in as soon as you can.

Cheers,
Garry

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HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

GENERAL MEETING

10 am WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION,
105 INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY NORTH, AURORA

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Lianne Harris Racioppo – Rogues & Rebels: How Canada Began



Lianne was a former Social Studies/History Resource Specialist Consultant with the Toronto District School Board and curriculum advisor for Upper Canada College, having taught over 100,000 teachers and students.

Some of her initiatives have been indexing the Freedman Bureau Records for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and curriculum development and business start-ups in India. In 2003, she was selected by W.O.M.A.D. as one of Toronto's Women of Influence and in 2009 was invited to be a contributing author of the Canadian best-seller business/self-help book, 'The Power of Women United'. Appearing on TV and being interviewed on the radio many times, she is always happy to have a live or virtual audience.

We Canadians weren't always polite and apologetic, nor is our history lacklustre compared to our American neighbours. Join Lianne Harris for a 1-hour presentation as we explore the courageous, audacious, and clever personalities -- and bold events -- that put Canada on the map!

PLANNED PROGRAMMES

EVENTS & OUTINGS

GENERAL MEETING

10 am Wednesday,
OCTOBER 8th

Royal Canadian Legion
105 Industrial Parkway N,
Aurora

Meetings start at 10 am, however we invite you to arrive about 9:30 to socialize and catch up with other members. *Coffee is available.*

Dining Out

October 15th @ 6pm
Cynthia's Chinese Restaurant
(Newmarket)
16715 Yonge St. Unit 18

Book Club

October 16 @
10am - 12pm

Chartwell Hollandview Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

Bridge Group

October 7 @
9:30am – 11:30am

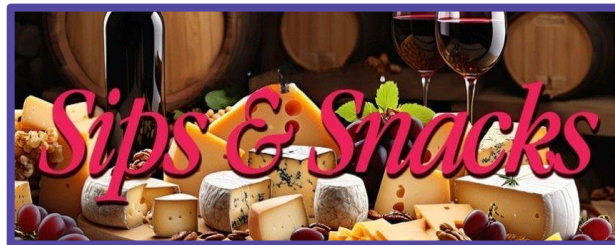
Chartwell Hollandview Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

Euchre Group

October 9 @
7pm – 9pm

Chartwell Hollandview Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

HAPPENING IN OCTOBER



Sips & Snacks Party

October 4th

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This is to welcome all our new members who joined the club this year.

All members are invited to come along and mingle with our new members. You are invited to bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice. Please use the sign up form [LINK](#) to let Susan Pratt know you are intending to come.

Venue

The Ridgewood
180 John West Way
Aurora

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Coffee and Conversation

Our Coffee and Conversation mornings have become discontinued until further notice. Thank you to all who joined, your friendship and laughter made them truly special. We look forward to sharing that same spirit of connection at our upcoming Probus events.

Be sure to join us for **October Dining Out**—another wonderful chance to gather and enjoy good conversation together.



Wednesday, October 15th at 6p.m.

Cynthia's Chinese Restaurant
16715 Yonge St., Unit 18, Newmarket

Please register your attendance only, on the website [LINK](#).

GOOD TO KNOW STUFF

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Aurora York Central PROBUS is a social group of individuals interested in the welfare of all club members. Should you require transportation to and from our events, please let me know and we will try to arrange the assistance you require.

[Vern Cunningham](#)

HOW ABOUT THIS?

PROBUS is international with 255,580 members in 4,149 clubs spread throughout the following 16 countries:

Argentina
Australia
Belgium
Canada
Chile
Cyprus
France
Germany
Holland
India
Ireland
Japan
Malaysia
Mexico
New Zealand
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom
Zimbabwe

Australia has 1,415 clubs with 113,00 members.

Chile has 1 club with 30 members.

Canada has 256 clubs with 40,060 members.

SEPTEMBER'S GOINGS ON

A warm welcome to our **New Members:**

Wendy Ryckman
John Vanderwielen
Carol Burness
Sue Hogg
Frances Pavkovic
Jeanie Quirt-Brown
Janice Ralbosky

50/50 Draw

Our guest speaker, Dave Forster from Crime Stoppers of York Region, did the honours and drew the winning ticket. Which was won by new member Carm Cornacchia. Congratulations Carm!



Speakers September 10th, 2025 York Region Crime Stoppers

Member Leo Ralph, representing Crime Stoppers York Region, spoke jointly with its current president, David Forster.



Both Leo and David have served the community through their working careers and since retirement. Each has held roles with York Region Crime Stoppers. Leo since 1997.

Leo introduced the talk explaining the methodology of Crime Stoppers anonymous tip reporting program. This anonymity is the key to the program; witnesses can report crime without fear of retribution from the perpetrators or their associates. In addition, Crime Stoppers is a totally separate entity from the police. The information in a tip is forwarded to police, but with no information on the reporter. Tipsters only learn if a tip was useful, if they receive a reward.

Program Highlights

The impetus for the program began with one police officer in Albuquerque New Mexico in 1976. The initial idea of an anonymous tipline evolved into a program independent of police, Crime Stoppers.

Now there are 1700 programs in 32 countries, 80 in Canada, 37 in Ontario.

Crime Stoppers first came to Canada in 1981, and as a registered charity in 1983. All funding is through donation; no government funding is received or wanted.

Activities are handled by coordinators on the Crime Stoppers side and two on the police side. Coordinators have the expertise to assure tipsters and to execute the program. Results are measured by any resulting arrests, charges laid as a result of tips, and the cases cleared. In York results have been excellent,

So far, Crime Stoppers has distributed over \$500,000 in rewards. While the cost of crime is in the millions.

Analyzing crime by type, drugs and property crimes lead. Stolen vehicles, now average three per day, as is well publicized. Lesser known but very important is criminal wildlife trade, turtles, sturgeon roe (more valuable in some countries than cocaine). Crime types not recognized by many.

Key Features

- Tips are reported online or to a call centre. A caller is not identified; no personal information is exchanged. Crime Stoppers forward the information to the police, or other authorities. There is no direct contact between tipster and police.
- Follow up is carried out within 90 days, it is recommended to let the tipster know of any developments within this period, and again all is confidential. If the tip is does assist with the case, a reward can be offered, determined by the Crime Stoppers board in consultation with authorities. The reward is delivered to the reporter through an independent bank, where the tipster picks it up using a code. Rewards range to a maximum \$2,000 depending on the quality and effectiveness of the information provided.
- False reporting is not a major problem and the relationship with authorities is cooperative, not competitive. Anonymity is maintained throughout the process; courts cannot compel release of tipster's name.

January is Crime Stoppers month, while there is now a concerted effort to bring the program to youth through schools and parents. Dave showed us the videos that give advice and dramatize the value of the program.

Many thanks to David Brisley for this Speaker Report.

IMPRESSIVE STATS 1986-PRESENT	
Tips	62,257
Arrests	3,856
Cases Cleared	4,166
Charges Laid	11,140
Weapons Seized	432
Property Seized	\$147,154,375.00
Illegal Drugs Seized	\$147,398,594.00
Approved Rewards	\$588,777.00

CRIME STOPPERS 1-800-222-TIPS
WWW.1800222TIPS.COM

GOOD TO KNOW STUFF

MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB WHO HAVE BEEN HONOURED

AURORA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

1983
Les Oliver

1984
Lowell McLenny

1989
Dick Illingworth

2005
Bud Gilbert

2010
Gord Barnes

2021
Brian North

2014
Beverley Wood

2020
Tom Connor

2024
Vern Cunningham

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

2022
Rosalyn Gonsalves

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB

Euchre Club

Euchre next October 9th,
7 – 9 PM!

[LINK](#) Sign up online, or at the next General Meeting

Location:

Chartwell Hollandview Trail Retirement Residence
200 John West Way, Aurora, ON
(289) 648-4099

Capacity:

We can hold up to 4 tables - 16 people max each night. You will need to advise me each week of your intention to play. I will, of course, be reminding you prior to each scheduled date. If we cannot fill each table of four (up to 4 tables), you will be able to invite your spouse or a friend to join you. Feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic drink or a snack to share.

Parking:

There is free Visitor parking available at Hollandview - please use spaces #30 to #59. Note that you will be required to sign into the facility at the front desk when you arrive, and sign out when you leave. This is for fire safety reasons. After you sign in, please go to the elevator, go down to the B level, and to the Games Room on the right.

FALL 2025 Play Schedule:

Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Thursday, Oct. 23, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Thursday, Nov. 20, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Thursday, Dec. 4, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec 9, 2:00 - 4:00 PM



Thank you, Sharon Welsh

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB

Theatre Lovers Group



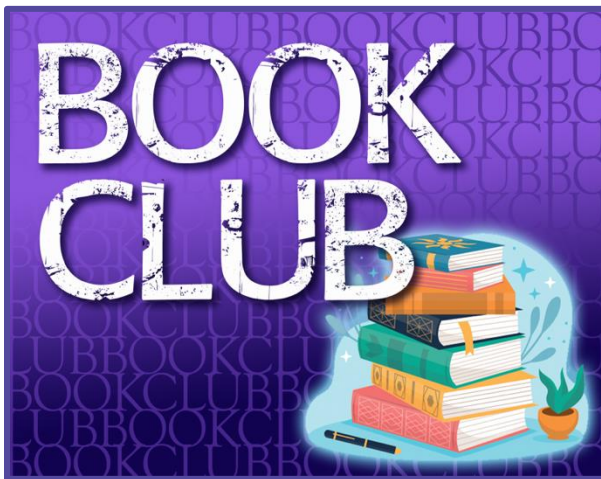
Theatre Lovers Mark Your Calendars for three afternoons of delightful comedies at Theatre Aurora, followed by dinner at a local restaurant:

Sunday, November 30 at 1:30pm join the group for the hilarious Christmas pantomime, “Totally Scrooged”! Tickets are available from Judy Dickens at the October 8 general meeting for \$25 cash or by e-transfer to dickensj06@yahoo.ca. Nine tickets are left!

Saturday, February 7, 1:30 pm at Theatre Aurora for “The Importance of Being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde, a much loved comedy of manners that has stood the test of time. Tickets for this performance are \$23.

Saturday, May 8, 1:30 pm at Theatre Aurora for “Arsenic and Old Lace” by Joseph Kesselring. Meet the delightfully eccentric Brewster sisters whose peculiar pastime offers audiences a classic comedy. Tickets for this performance are \$23.
Thank you, Judy Dickens

Bucket List Book Club



The next meeting is Thursday, October 16th at Chartwell Hollandview Trail, 200 John West Way, from 10 am to Noon.

“The Girl on the Train” by Paula Hawkins. The Girl on the Train is a 2015 psychological thriller novel by British author Paula Hawkins. The novel debuted in the number one spot on The New York Times Fiction Best Sellers of 2015 list dated 1 February 2015, and remained in the top position for 13 consecutive weeks, until April 2015.

Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. UNTIL TODAY.

And then she sees something shocking. It's only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough. Now everything's changed. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police. But is she really as unreliable as they say? Soon she is deeply entangled not only in the investigation but in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

For more information contact Anna Pilato queenladyap@gmail.com or 416-564-6116 [BOOK CLUB LINK](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB

Social Bridge Club



Our bridge group meets on the first and third Tuesday morning of the month at 9:30 am at Chartwell Hollandview Trail, 200 John West Way, Aurora, in the Jazz Pub.

Our upcoming dates are October 7th, October 21st, November 4th and November 18th.

All are welcome from experienced to beginner. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact me using the sidebar contact form on our website [LINK](#) or speak with me at our next PROBUS meeting .

Be kind to yourself and allow yourself to learn.

Mary Lee

Up For A Fun Car Rally?



What is a car rally?

The proposed spring car rally is a fun social event that invites groups of four people per car to follow a set route with stops and starts ending at a restaurant for a meal and a social time.

In each car there would be:

- a) a driver
- b) a navigator
- c and d) two helpers who observe and record answers to questions posed along the rally route.

The foursome could be a team of people who register together or a mix of singles/couples who sign up and are assigned to a car by the organizers, which is a great way to meet new people! Each team chooses a fun (but not rude) name, decides who will do each task and is set off at five minute intervals by the organizers.

What is a car rally NOT?

It's not a race, it's not 100 kms, and it's not complicated (so you don't have to worry about getting lost!) There would be fun prizes awarded to various 'accomplishments' that are known only to the organizers!

SOUNDS LIKE GREAT FUN, RIGHT?

If this sounds interesting or you have questions, please take a moment to fill out and submit the Event Interest Form [LINK](#).

Thank you for your support. Judy Dickens, Event Organizer

GOOD TO KNOW STUFF

Membership in PROBUS brings a world of opportunity and resources to your door. To find out more about this international organization you belong to, check out the links below.

PROBUS CANADA

www.probuscanada.ca

PROBUS GLOBAL

www.probusglobal.org

Suppose you were planning a trip abroad and wanted to know more about a possible destination, chances are you could find a local PROBUS club you could contact to gather more information. How you ask?.

FIND A PROBUS CLUB

probusglobal.org/Clubs

WHAT'S SPECIAL IN OCTOBER



To our members who have a birthday in October!

VIRGINIA ADAMS	10
LEO RALPH	14
PAULA GREENBERG	15
BEVERLEY VARCOE	19
DAVID MCINTOSH	19
SYLVIA WOLFF	19
SUSAN PRATT	23
TREVOR STEPHENS	25

New Benefit – 20% Discount at Staples

PROBUS Canada is pleased to offer our clubs and members a new benefit through Staples' Business Discount Program—a 20% savings on printing services, available both in-store and online.

Details, including your discount card with barcode and easy online setup instructions, are provided in the appendix at the end of this newsletter.

We encourage all members to take advantage of this exclusive offer and enjoy convenient savings on your printing needs.



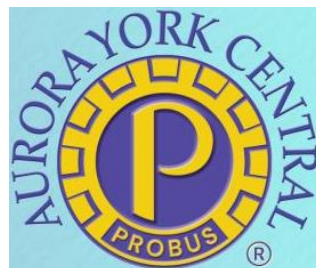
Stay Connected, check our club website for the latest events and news.

www.aurorayorkcentralprobus.ca

Should you wish to get in touch with any executive member

<https://aurorayorkcentralprobus.ca/contact-3/>

THAT'S IT FOLKS. UNTIL NEXT TIME,
LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE AND ENJOY LIFE.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE

There's a good chance you may be in photographs taken at any of our club meetings or events.
Your picture and name could appear in our newsletter or on our website.

If you do not wish to be in said publications, please take measures to not be in the camera's field of view.



PROBUS Canada

We are pleased to announce that we have obtained a **20% discount for printing at Staples** through their Business Discount Program.

UPDATE: Staples has given us the green light to offer this printing discount to not only our Club Management Committees and PROBUS Canada for Probus business, but also to any club member for personal use.

PROBUS Canada Business Discount Program (BDP) with Staples Discount # - 8087104892

In Person

When paying at the till, you can get your discount several ways:

- Show discount card with bar code (a copy is below on page 2 – you can print it or save it to your phone for scanning purposes).
- If you do not have the discount card with you, Staples can search for the number by o our name – PROBUS Canada or o our office phone number (306) 400-5181.

Online – Staplesprint.ca

To order online set up your BDP number in your Staples Profile online. If you do not already have an online profile, it's easy to set one up.

- Instructions for setting up your BDP number below on page 2.

What does the 20% discount apply to?

- Document Printing
- Marketing Materials, Business Cards, Invitations, Decals, Labels, Signs, Posters, Banners, and more.

What can you NOT use the 20% discount for?

- Aisle items
- Photo Printing and Photo Gifts

What if you need large volumes (1000+), custom merchandising (mugs, t-shirts, pens, etc.) or custom items (envelopes, folders, magnets, etc.) that are not shown online?

- Contact John Joseph, Account Manager, Print Services, Staples at 403-589-1644 or john.joseph@staples.ca
- Be sure to let him know that you are ordering for PROBUS Canada.

Templates for Printing – PROBUS Canada has developed many templates that you can use for printing. You can find them in the [Club Reference Guide](#) (CRG) under *Marketing*. Be sure to use the current logo, also available in the CRG.

All other inquiries

Contact Wendy Machmer, General Manager, PROBUS Canada wendy.machmer@probuscanada.ca

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January 30, 2025

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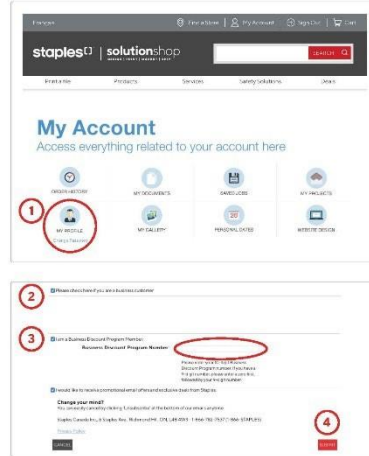
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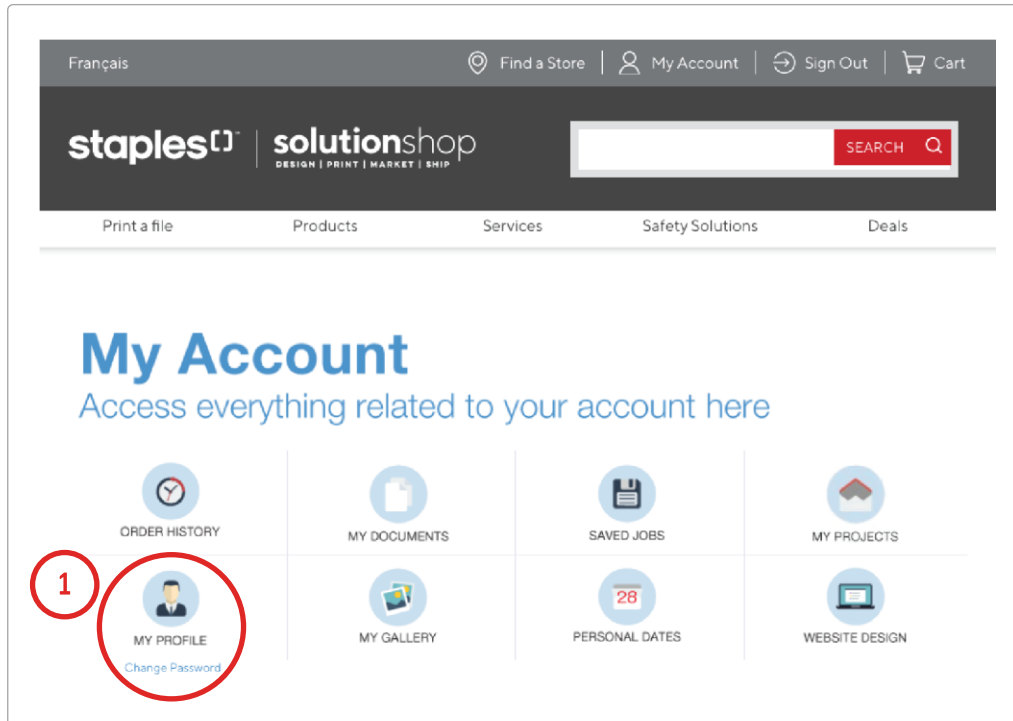
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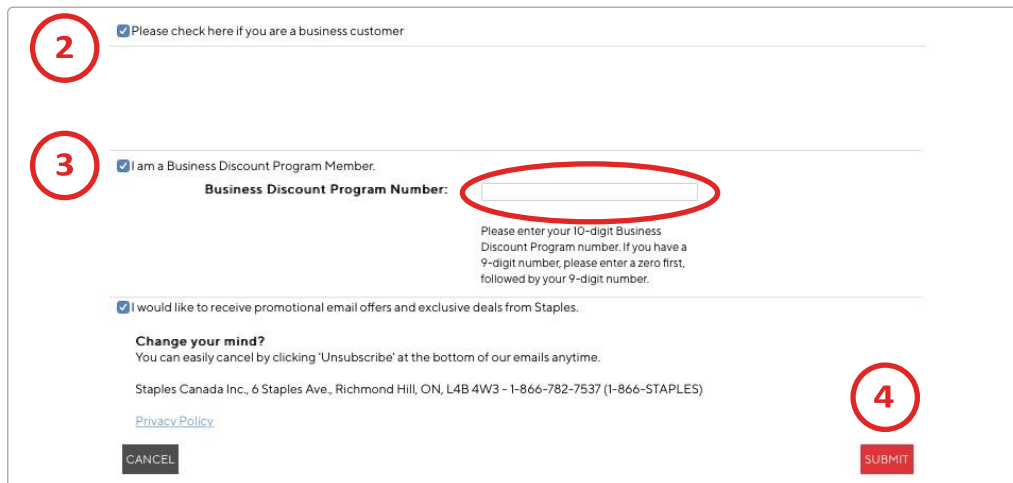
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