

AURORA YORK CENTRAL



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HELLO ALL: WELCOME TO NOVEMBER

The leaves are falling fast, the days are growing shorter and sadly, the Blue Jays lost their bid to win the 2025 World Series—a hard-fought battle that went seven games.

We also lost Richard Furlong, President of Probus Global and a fellow Newmarket Probus member. Our condolences to his family—he will be missed.



This month's speaker will be Peter Jennings, who will be speaking on A.I., a topic on many of our minds.

Our membership has dropped slightly; however, we have welcomed some new members and continue to look for more. Bring a friend to a meeting to see what we're all about!

Susan has planned a wonderful dinner for November. Our dinner outings have been well attended this fall—let's keep it going!

See you all at our general meeting on November 12 at the Legion.

Cheers,
Garry

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THEATRE LOVERS GROUP

Judy Dickens

HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

10 am WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION,
105 INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY NORTH, AURORA

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Peter Jennings — Artificial Intelligence – Thinking Machines

What is Artificial Intelligence? The history of artificial intelligence and the latest breakthroughs of 2025. Peter has been an AI user and programmer since 1968 and created the first commercial chess playing program and the first hand held chess playing computer. Should we be afraid of AI? How can you use it? What is Generative AI? What could go wrong?

Peter Jennings

Peter was born in Britain and after visiting 130 countries and living in many, became a Canadian citizen a year ago. He has been working with computers for 60 years and is best known for creating the first commercial computer game, Microchess.

The last company of many he founded, CamDo Solutions, applies artificial intelligence to construction safety, agriculture and monitoring applications using solar powered cameras.

He is now the webmaster for PROBUS Global.



PLANNED PROGRAMMES

EVENTS & OUTINGS

GENERAL MEETING

10 am Wednesday,
NOVEMBER 12th

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

November 19th @ 6pm

Moxies
(Newmarket)
17390 Yonge St.

Book Club

November 20 @
10am - 12pm

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

Bridge Group

November 18 @
9:30am – 11:30am

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

Euchre Group

November 6 @
7pm – 9pm

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS DINING OUT



Place: Moxies - Newmarket
Date: Wednesday, November 19
Time: 6:00 pm

Join us each month as we come together to share good food and great company! Our Dine Monthly event is a casual get-together where everyone pays their own way. It's a wonderful chance to try new restaurants, catch up with friends, and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere.

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



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON INVITATION



Join us as we celebrate the holiday season with good food, great company, and festive cheer!

Place: The Keg - Aurora
Date: Wednesday, December 10
Time: 12:00 pm

This is a pay-as-you-go event — simply order and pay for what you enjoy. Come share some laughter, holiday spirit, and a toast to the season!

Please use the website to register by Monday, December 8, [LINK](#).

HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Place: Aurora Legion

Date: Tuesday, November 11

Time: 10:45 am - 11:30 am

May we realize how very fortunate we are for the freedoms we enjoy today and be ever thankful for those who made the ultimate sacrifice to win those freedoms and to those who serve to protect those freedoms.

LET US NEVER FORGET

Tuesday, November 11 – Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph at 10:45 a.m. There will be no parade associated with this event, it will only include a Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph and the laying of a limited number of wreaths.



AURORA YORK CENTRAL PROBUS CLUB 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November marks a truly special milestone for the Aurora York Central PROBUS Club—our 30th Anniversary. It is a moment to reflect with gratitude and joy on three decades of friendship, support and shared experiences that have made our club a cherished community for so many.

At our November 12th meeting, we will come together to celebrate this remarkable journey, to honour the spirit of camaraderie and kindness that has shaped who we are. Every member, past and present, has contributed to the warmth and strength of our club and this milestone is a tribute to all of you.

We invite all members to join us in commemorating this occasion during our regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Aurora Legion.

Together, let us celebrate the rich legacy, proud accomplishments and hopeful future of our cherished club.



In 2027, **PROBUS Canada** will celebrate its **40th Anniversary!**

Join the fun as we continue to grow!



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.

OCTOBER'S GOINGS ON

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

John Vanderwielen
Mary Lynn Vanderwielen
Carm Cornacchia



50/50 Draw

Our guest speaker, Lianne Harris Racioppo, drew this month's winning 50/50 ticket, which was held by Marie Adams. Congratulations Marie!



Speaker October 8th, 2025

Lianne Harris Racioppo – Rogues & Rebels: How Canada Began

We Canadians weren't always polite and apologetic, nor is our history lacklustre compared to our American neighbours.

Lianne, dressed in period costume, took us back in history to explore some of the courageous, audacious, and clever personalities and bold events that put Canada on the map.

Delivered with humour and insight Lianne held our attention throughout her presentation with illustrative slides and interesting anecdotes, which were warmly received. Her audience commented afterwards "That was terrific!", "I wish my high school teacher had made history that interesting!" and "I'd like to hear more, let's have Lianne back."



Many thanks to David Brisley for this Speaker Report.

GOOD TO KNOW STUFF

MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB WHO HAVE BEEN HONOURED

AURORA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

1983

Les Oliver

1984

Lowell McClenny

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 Thursday,
November 6th, 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, 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



Six tickets left for the November 30 matinee performance of “Totally Scrooged! A Christmas Carol Pantomime”. You’ve never seen Dickens like this! Get ready for a riotous twist on the beloved classic! Packed with the zany fun of a traditional panto—complete with villains, heroes, a fabulous dame, rousing tunes, high-energy dance numbers and plenty of audience involvement. Three supernatural visitors whisk away the grumpy Ebenezer on Christmas Eve, hoping to help him mend his ways.

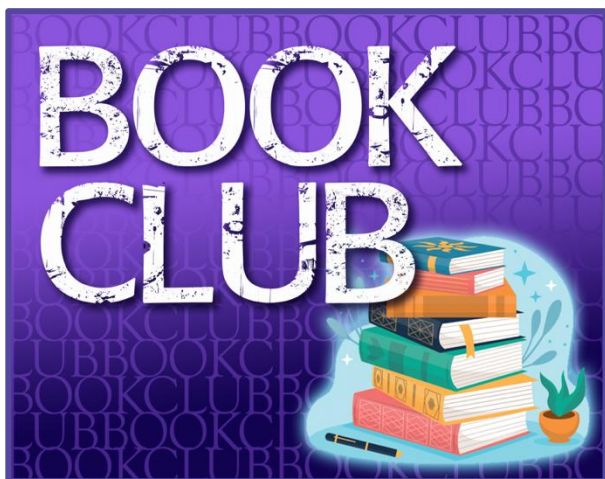
The tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from Judy Dickens at the November 12 general meeting or by e-transfer to dickensj06@yahoo.ca.

Come join the Theatre Lovers Group for the 1:30 matinee performance at Theatre Aurora on Henderson followed by dinner at Symposium Cafe on Bayview.

Interested? We’d love to have you join our theatre group [LINK](#).

Thank you, Judy Dickens

Bucket List Book Club



The next meeting is Thursday November 20th at Chartwell Hollandview Trail, 200 John West Way, from 10 am to Noon.

“Sweetness in the Belly” by Camilla Gibb. NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE -- WINNER OF THE TRILLIUM AWARD • FINALIST FOR THE GILLER PRIZE

Set in Emperor Haile Selassie’s Ethiopia and the racially charged world of Thatcher’s London, Sweetness in the Belly is a richly detailed portrayal of one woman’s search for love and belonging. Lilly, born to British parents, eventually finds herself living as a devout, young, white Muslim woman in the ancient walled city of Harar in the years leading up to the deposition of the emperor. She is drawn to an idealistic young doctor, Aziz, but their love has only just begun to fulfil

its promise when the convulsions of a new order wrench them apart, sending Lilly to an England she has never seen, and Aziz into the darkness of a radical revolution. Camilla Gibb brings to life characters facing extraordinary hardship and loss with the unblinking honesty and emotional generosity that have made her one of Canada’s most exciting literary talents.

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 November 18th, December 2nd, and December 16th.

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 or speak with me at our November 12th Probus meeting.

Be kind to yourself and allow yourself to learn.

[LINK](#)

Mary Lee

Artsy Fartsy Club

If there is sufficient interest I would like to host a small group of art-minded people. We would meet on the first and third Wednesday afternoon of the month from 2-4:00 pm. at my home in Aurora.

I am calling itArtsy Fartsy because it sounds like fun and less serious!

I see it as an opportunity to explore one's creativity, to paint or draw in the company of other artists. The club is open to experienced artists and those just beginning... all are welcome.

There is no fee attached but members are expected to bring their personal supplies. Sessions are intended to be workshops rather than instructional art classes. We'll draw and paint together, discuss all things art, exchange ideas on technique, find encouragement and inspiration in the company of creative friends... and just for fun, we'll mix in a dab of laughter while we're at it.

Relax and give your creative self the space to be free...

Madeline Munn

Please use the website to register [LINK](#)



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 NOVEMBER



To our members who have a birthday in November!

Betty Collins	03
Anna Pilato	07
Ed Tutkaluk	15
Aurora York Central PROBUS	22



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.