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2022 - 2026



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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

HELLO ALL: WELCOME TO MAY

WELCOME ALL

WILL APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS? WE'LL SEE.

Our speakers in April were Dr. Francis Morton Chang and Richard Wizeman.

Dr. Morton Chang is the Program Director for the York Region Seniors Strategy.

They spoke about the rising population of seniors in York Region, projected to increase from 199,000 in 2021 to 499,000 by 2051. The region has a perspective on government structures and services that can support seniors, covering topics such as health care, housing, transportation, and staying safe and connected.

As most of us qualify as seniors, this was a timely topic, well presented.

On April 20, myself, Tim, David, and Sylvia attended a Probus District meeting with many clubs in attendance. The hall was full. Topics included attracting new members, recruiting qualified people for the management team, thanking volunteers, succession planning and more. It was an interesting day.

The May Dinner Out location is Cynthia's in Aurora.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Cheers, Garry

HAPPENING IN MAY

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

SOCIAL EVENTS & DINING OUT COMMITTEE

Susan Pratt
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THEATRE LOVERS GROUP

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GOLF GROUP

Wayne Scott



May General Meeting



Date: Wednesday, May 13th



Time: 10 am (arrive by 9:30am to socialize)



Note: Coffee will be available. Arrive early to catch up with friends!



Location: Royal Canadian Legion,
[105 Industrial Parkway North](#), Aurora. ON



Guest Speaker: Raven Murphy, how ordinary encounters outdoors—however done—carry extraordinary wisdom.

Raven Murphy – reconnect with the outdoors... a campfire chat



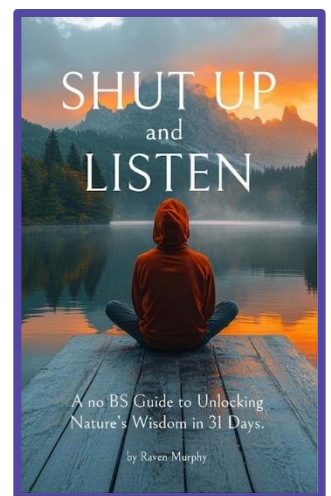
Raven Murphy

Raven Murphy is a speaker, author and seasoned nature guide who helps people slow down, laugh more, and reconnect with the outdoors. She's the author of Shut Up

and Listen: A No BS Guide to Unlocking Nature's Wisdom and its Winter Edition: Snow, Slush and Sanity books that blend humor and insight to make nature feel accessible to everyone.

Known for her candid, funny, and heartfelt style, Raven shows people that you don't need to be an expert hiker or meditation master to feel the benefits of nature. As she says: "When you give nature your attention, it gives you back calm, clarity, confidence, and a sense of belonging you can't find anywhere else."

When she's not writing or speaking, you can find Raven leading immersive walks, crafting nature-inspired music and meditations, or simply proving that nature has a lot to teach you if you're ready to Shut Up and Listen. She makes her home on the shores of Georgian Bay, where nature is her constant companion and greatest teacher.



Ravenspeaks Website: [LINK](#).

PLANNED PROGRAMMES

EVENTS & OUTINGS

GENERAL MEETING

10 am Wednesday,
MAY 13TH

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

MAY 20TH @ 6pm
Cynthia's Chinese Restaurant
(Newmarket)
16715 Yonge St.

Book Club

MAY 21ST @
10am - 12pm

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

Bridge Group

MAY 5TH @
2pm – 4pm

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

Euchre Group

MAY 7TH @
7pm – 9pm

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

HAPPENING IN MAY

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Please note that our Dining Out events are now dinners at 6:00 p.m.

Dining Out – Dinner

 Date: Wednesday, May 20th

 Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

 Location: Cynthia's Chinese Restaurant
[16715 Yonge St.](#)
Newmarket, ON L3X 1X4



Cynthia's Chinese Restaurant is a family-friendly restaurant that serves those who love and appreciate good quality Chinese cuisine in a fine dining atmosphere. They have been serving the Newmarket area since 1993 this is when they opened their first restaurant. Their second restaurant was opened in 1998 in Thornhill followed by their Oakville location in 2009.

When you visit Cynthia's Chinese Restaurant, it will seem like the time when emperors of the famed Forbidden City would hold great banquets. Their decor is almost like the silken splendour of the Imperial courts where they have recreated the luxury and taste of the most celebrated age of China. From the moment you walk into their restaurant, you are greeted at the door by their staff dressed in traditional, imperial robes. You will enjoy the [magnificence of ancient China](#) through your entire meal of authentic, mouth watering cuisine.

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

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

GOOD TO KNOW STUFF

NEED A RIDE?

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.

verncunningham@gmail.com

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.

APRIL'S GOINGS ON

April 15th – Sweet Dutchess Kitchen + Café, Aurora

Owners Rob Velenik and Marcia Delleport set one long table for the twenty-one of us who gathered at Sweet Dutchess for lunch and they did a stellar job of looking after us from start to finish. Our meals were delicious, the flavours were just right and the wait staff were attentive, friendly and always ready with a smile.

We enjoyed lively conversation, plenty of laughter and lots of catching up with friends. It was the perfect blend of good food and great company and we left with full tummies and very happy spirits.



Speaker April 8th

York Region Seniors Strategy 2026 Spring Update

Our presentation was led by Dr. Frances Morton-Chang, the Program Manager for the Seniors Strategy at the Regional Municipality of York,

She explained the nature and the current status of the York Region Seniors Strategy. The specific project is formally known as the [2024 to 2027 York Region Plan to Support Seniors: Navigating Forward Together.](#)

Richard Wizemann supported her. Richard holds various responsibilities within the Public Works department. He provided specific details on the transportation services that York Region provides for seniors, both free of charge and through GO Transit.

The York Region Plan to Support Seniors, focus on these aims and objectives:

- keeping seniors healthier, longer
- supporting seniors to live in age-friendly, complete communities
- connecting seniors and caregivers to the right programs and services in the right time
- improving coordination, organization, and planning of services for seniors



Frances' comprehensive explanation demonstrated how these goals are being achieved. She detailed the many services that are available from the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments and in addition from agencies and nonprofit organizations. It is a very extensive list and there are many services that people are not aware of. Or, if they are, the full extent of any one resource may not be obvious, one example, paramedics. A major goal of the project is to better coordinate the services and publicize what is available.

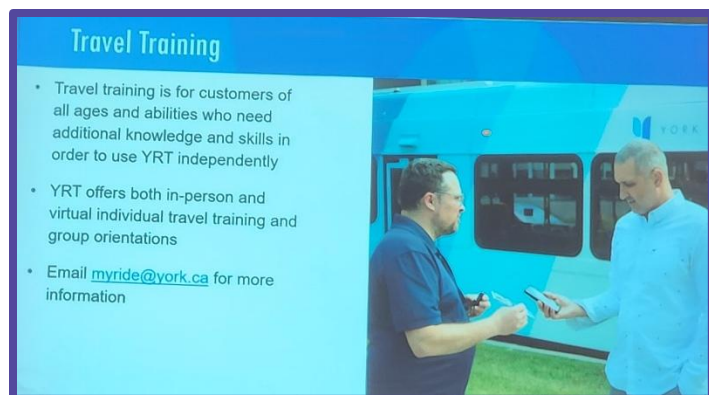
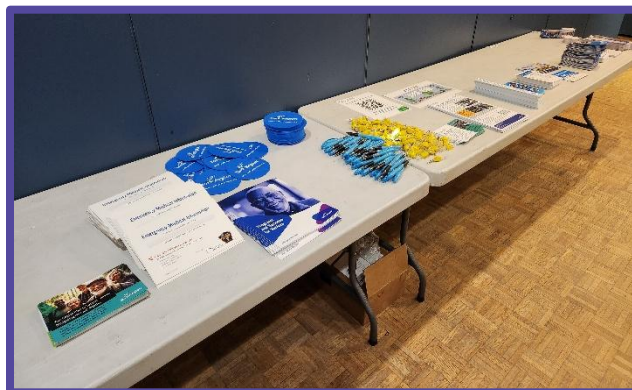
In case you did not pick up literature provided; Dr. Morton-Chang has kindly provided with a link to a searchable brochure on these York Region services. Here is the link which you can copy and paste into a web browser to access:

[York Region Programs and Services for Seniors Brochure](#)

There was a lot of detail in the presentation, too much to summarized here. Richard has sent us the presentation's full slide deck in PDF format. Should you wish to receive this information, we can forward the document by email.

Richard did elicit much interest in the senior's door to door small vehicle transportation services in the questions asked during his talk and In the Q &A following. Details are found in the Transit Family of Services in the presentation slides.

Many thanks to Dave Brisley for this Speaker Report.



Sylvia Wolff's Ode to Spring

As we look forward to April's fresh energy and opportunities, here's a short poem, written by Sylvia Wolff to celebrate the spirit of our Aurora York Central PROBUS community.

Through winter's chill and spring's first light,
Our circle gathers, warm and bright.
With laughter shared and friendships true,
There's always something good to do.

A speaker's words, a meal, a game,
Each month we meet — yet none the same.
In Aurora's heart, we proudly stand,
A caring, welcoming, lively group.

We journey on with open hearts,
Where every member plays a part.
In friendship, fun and thoughtful ways,
We celebrate our Probus days.

After April General Meeting
 21 of us enjoyed lunch at **PD Diner**!



JOIN US – It's Growing!	
Date:	After every General Meeting
Time:	12Noon till the chit chat ends!
Location:	To Be Announced At Each Meeting
Attendance:	Requested at each meeting
Pay:	Your own way – everyone welcome!

Keeps growing stronger – join the tradition!



50/50 Draw



Co-presenter Richard Wisemann pulled this month's winning ticket. Marie Wallace presented the winnings. Congratulations Rosalyn Gonsalves!



New Member

President Garry Sleep welcomes new member Alan Craig to the club and presents his official name badge.



SOCIAL EVENTS - MAY

There's lots to
do with
Aurora York
Central
Probus!
Join in!

As of publication
date, the following
events are listed on
AYC Probus website.

Review the event
details and register
soon!

Note that both social
events and interest
group activities are
shown on the
calendar.

To see full details of
all upcoming events
and interest group
activities or to
register, visit [LINK](#).

IMPORTANT

*If you are registered
and can't make it,
please cancel on AYC
Probus website.
Simply complete the
form and mention
cancel in subject and
Your message.*

Our Year End AGM BBQ!

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, June 10th

Celebrate the close of another
fantastic Probus year with our
most anticipated event - the AGM
BBQ at The Shed!



Location: [63 Eric T. Smith Way](#), Aurora

This is the gathering where we reflect on our
incredible achievements, elect fresh leadership
and kick off summer in style with delicious BBQ,
lively camaraderie and Probus spirit at its best!

Price: \$40.00 per person, non-refundable

Registration deadline: June 2nd

Secure your spot now via e-transfer to <mailto:emmw1953@gmail.com>.



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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

2012
Brian North

2014
Beverley Wood

2020
Tom Connor

2024
Vern Cunningham

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

2022
Rosalyn Gonsalves

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB

Euchre Club – Every Week!

Euchre remains one of our most popular activities!

Euchre next Tuesday, May 7th,
7 – 9 PM!

If you are interested, please
email Sharon Welsh at:
sharonwelsh7@gmail.com or
[LINK](#).



Euchre Update: Chartwell has confirmed that we will continue with the same dates and times. Thursday, June 4th, 7:00 - 9:00PM remains the final scheduled play date before the summer extension. The schedule has been extended through the summer and weekly emails will continue to be sent to confirm participation and provide location details.

Euchre Spring 2026 Play Schedule		
Month	Afternoon (2 – 4 pm)	Evening (7 – 9 pm)
May	Tues 12, 26	Thurs 7, 21
June	Tues 9, 23	Thurs 4, 18
📍 Location:	Chartwell Hollandview Trail Retirement Residence	Card Room Lower Level 200 John West Way, Aurora, ON L4G 7J3 (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.

Thank you, Sharon Welsh

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB



Social Bridge Club

Our last day to play bridge before our summer holidays will be Tuesday, May 5th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the lower level card room at Chartwell Hollandview Trail, 200 John West Way in Aurora.

We will reconvene on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to start playing bridge again.

Happy Summer Adventures!

Be kind to yourself and allow yourself to learn. [LINK](#).

Mary Lee

📅 Bridge Last Day Of Play		
Month	🕒 Morning Sessions (9:30 – 11:30 am)	🌙 Afternoon Sessions (2 – 4 pm)
	Jazz Pub – Main Floor	Card Room – Lower Level
May		Tues 5
📍 Location:	Chartwell Hollandview Trail Retirement Residence	200 John West Way , Aurora, ON L4G 7J3 (289) 648-4099

Nine & Dine

The May 15th Simulator Session has been cancelled due to low interest—no bays will be booked.

Save the Date!

Our first outdoor Nine & Dine is planned for Friday, May 29th at Westview Golf Club.

2026 greens fees and cart costs will be confirmed shortly.

If you are interested, please let Wayne Scott know using the event registration [LINK](#).

🏌️ Nine & Dine JOIN US – It's Growing!	
📅 Dates:	Friday May 29th
🕒 Time:	TBD, followed by nearby (restaurant TBA)
📍 Location:	Westview Golf Club 1563 Vandorf Sideroad , Aurora, ON L4G 7B9
👤 Participants:	TBD
💬 Pay:	TBD

We're excited to tee off together! We're all about enjoying the game and the outdoors.

Theatre Lovers Group



Next Outing: Arsenic & Old Lace

Date: Saturday, May 9th @ 1:30pm

Tickets: \$21.00

Contact: Judy Dickens: dickensj06@yahoo.ca for e-transfer payment

Location: Theatre Aurora
[150 Henderson Dr](#), Aurora, ON L4G 2J7

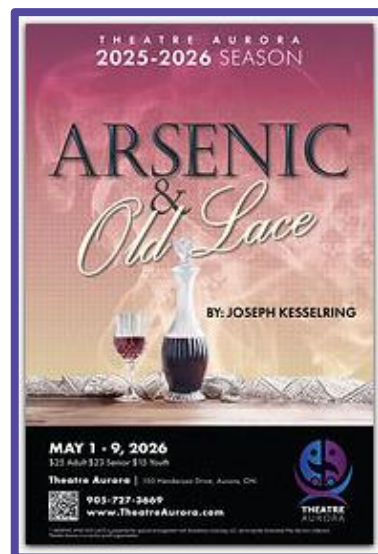
Monday, May 4th is the final day to purchase tickets for the Saturday, May 9th matinee performance of Arsenic and Old Lace at Theatre Aurora!

Tickets for this hilarious comedy are \$21 each and can be reserved through Judy Dickens via e-transfer: dickensj06@yahoo.ca

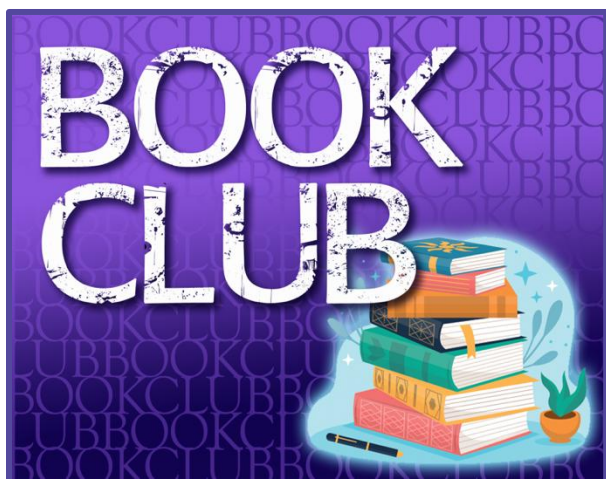
Come join the fun at 1:30 p.m. show, followed by fellowship and good food at State & Main on Yonge Street. Get ready for a wickedly funny romp in Joseph Kesselring's ARSENIC & OLD LACE featuring the delightfully eccentric Brewster sisters and their two nephews who prove that sometimes family ties can be downright deadly...hilariously so!

Thanks for your support this year and please pass the message along to any new comers to our Probus Club who you think might be interested. We'd love to have you join our theatre group, register [LINK](#).

Thank you to Judy.



Bucket List Book Club



Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21st

Time: 10 am – 12noon

Location: Chartwell Hollandview Trail,
Jazz Pub – Main Floor
[200 John West Way](#), Aurora, ON
(289) 648-4099

Current Book: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society - Mary Ann Shaffer, Annie Barrows

"I wonder how the book got to Guernsey? Perhaps there is some sort of secret homing instinct in books that brings them to their perfect readers." January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the

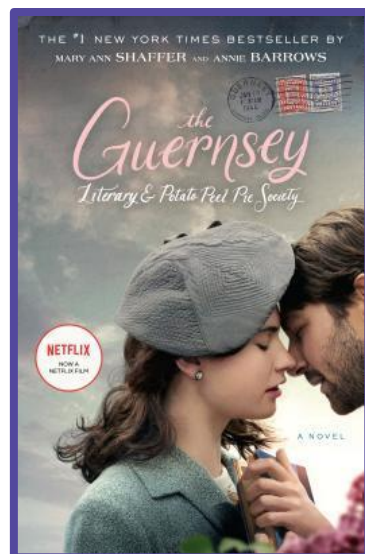
Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb...

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends—and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society—born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi when its members were discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island—boasts a charming, funny, deeply human cast of characters, from pig farmers to phrenologists, literature lovers all.

Juliet begins a remarkable correspondence with the society's members, learning about their island, their taste in books, and the impact the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds will change her forever.

Written with warmth and humor as a series of letters, this novel is a celebration of the written word in all its guises and of finding connection in the most surprising ways.

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Ladies Who Lunch Returns!

Our popular Ladies Who Lunch series is back by popular demand for July and August.

Delicious meals, delightful company and great conversations await!

Further details coming soon — mark your calendars!



PROBUS Canada

District Workshop

Garry, Tim, David and Sylvia were pleased to represent our club at the April 20th District meeting in York Region. Representatives from clubs throughout the region filled the room, offering fresh insights and practical approaches to strengthening club life and ensuring long term stability. We came away with several helpful ideas and new perspectives that we look forward to where appropriate, weaving into our club's ongoing activities.



GOOD TO KNOW STUFF



RESOURCES & CONTACT

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

REACH OUT TO US
DIRECTLY at CONTACT

[LINK.](#)

We respect your privacy and will respond promptly!

WHAT'S SPECIAL IN MAY



Celebrating May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Our Members!

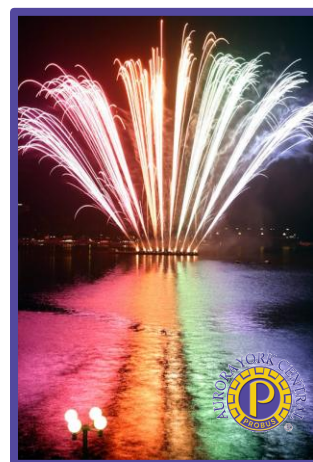
Janice Ralbosky	Tom Connor	Brian North	Sharon Welsh	Ruth McIntosh	Don Bailkowski	Barry Jones
May 06	May 07	May 11	May 12	May 19	May 28	May

Happy Victoria Day Weekend!

Canadian holiday, celebrated on the last Monday preceding May 25th, marks the unofficial start of summer in many parts of the country. It honours the birthday of Queen Victoria, who was born on May 24, 1819.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Victoria Day long weekend as we welcome the start of the outdoor season. Whether you're enjoying a quiet day at home, visiting family or catching fireworks and community events, we hope you find time to unwind and connect with family, friends and neighbours.

From all of us at the club to you and your families, have a safe, sunny and cheerful holiday weekend!





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/>

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



PLEASE TAKE NOTE  PHOTO POLICY

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.