

AURORA YORK CENTRAL

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

2026 - 2027

PRESIDENT
Sylvia WolffVP MEMBERSHIP
Anna PilatoVP WEB & MEDIA
Tim HillSECRETARY
Judy DickensFINANCIAL DIRECTOR
Marie WallacePROGRAMME DIRECTOR
Leo RalphSOCIAL DIRECTOR
Susan PrattMARKETING DIRECTOR
Wayne ScottCOMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR
Sylvia WolffPAST PRESIDENT
Garry SleepMEMBERS AT LARGE
Mary Lee Koyl
Tom Connor

FINAL NOTE FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT

HELLO ALL: WELCOME TO JULY / AUGUST

WELCOME ALL

I thought I was done with my musings, yet I have been asked to do one more.

We now have a new president elected at our AGM meeting on June 10th.

She is Sylvia Wolff. She will also remain as our Newsletter Editor.

After almost six years as your president, it is time for a change. Sylvia will make a great president, just as she has done as our Newsletter Editor.

We also have some new executive members:

Anna Pilato – VP Membership

Leo Ralph – Programme Director

Wayne Scott – Activities Director

Other activities remain: Book Club, Euchre Club, Bridge Club, Nine & Dine and the Theater Group, along with new ones in the works.

We also have two new Members at Large: Mary Lee Koyl and Tom Connor.

This past July 29th, we had an impromptu executive meeting. Many topics were discussed, such as monthly new member orientation, activities and programming, marketing and promotions and website and communication, to name a few.

What was to be a short meeting turned into a long one. Lots of things are being planned.

We look forward to a fun upcoming season, along with all of our regular meetings and speakers.

Finally, welcome Sylvia. It's going to be a great year.

Cheers, Garry

HAPPENINGS IN JUNE AGM

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

SOCIAL EVENTS & DINING OUT COMMITTEE

Susan Pratt
Rosalyn Gonsalves

SPEAKER REPORTS

Leo Ralph

PROOFREADER

Rosalyn Gonsalves

SOUND

Trevor Stephens

BOOK CLUB

Anna Pilato

SOCIAL BRIDGE GROUP

Mary Lee Koyle

EUCHRE CLUB

Sussi Aldridge

THEATRE LOVERS GROUP

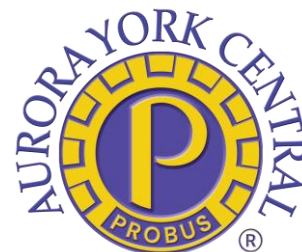
Judy Dickens

GOLF GROUP

Wayne Scott

AURORA CULTURAL CENTRE

Sussi Aldridge



Our June Annual General Meeting was a wonderful way to wrap up the season, made all the more enjoyable thanks to Susan Pratt and Rosalyn Gonsalves. Their efforts brought us together at The Shed, where we enjoyed a comfortable setting and a delicious buffet lunch.

The meeting also marked the final one led by President Garry Sleep, closing out his six year tenure. Under Garry's leadership and with the steady support of Past President Vern Cunningham, a dedicated executive team and the many volunteers who lead our Book Club, Bridge, Euchre, Theatre, Social and Nine & Dine groups, the club has truly grown into the vibrant and welcoming community we enjoy today. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributes their time and energy.

This year's elections were overseen by Vern Cunningham and with unanimous support, we move forward with a strong executive team. Sylvia Wolff steps into the role of President while continuing as Newsletter Editor. Garry Sleep becomes Past President, Anna Pilato takes on VP Membership and Wayne Scott assumes the new role of Marketing Director. Dave Brisley will support Programme Director Leo Ralph in an advisory role. Continuing in their positions are Marie Walsh as Treasurer, Judy Dickens as Secretary, Susan Pratt as Social Director and Tim Hill as VP Web & Media Director.

As our AGM marked the close of the fiscal year, we hope you're having a fantastic summer and enjoying time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back together in September!



September General Meeting



Date: Wednesday, September 9th



Time: 10:00 am (arrive by 9:30 am to socialize)



Note: Coffee will be available. Arrive early to catch up with friends! Guest speaker begins at 11:00 a.m.



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



Guest Speaker: Neil Crone – I'm not a real person but I play one on TV



Click the [LINK](#) to enjoy our photo carousel and relive some wonderful moments, along with a few highlights featured here in the newsletter.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS 2026 / 2027

Aurora York Central PROBUS is pleased to introduce the New Executive Members for the coming term.

Sylvia Wolff - President

Garry Sleep – Past President

Anna Pilato – VP Membership

Leo Ralph – Programme Director

Wayne Scott – Marketing Director

Mary Lee Koyl – Member at Large

Tom Connor – Member at Large



As we welcome our new Executive Team members, sincere thanks are extended to those whose leadership and service have helped guide Aurora York Central PROBUS with dedication and care. Garry Sleep is recognized for years of outstanding service as President, Vern Cunningham for his valued support as Past President, Dave Brisley for the enjoyment and energy he brought as Programme Director and for continuing to serve as adviser to Programme Director Leo Ralph, special appreciation is extended to Sharon Walsh, former VP Membership Director, whose commitment to fostering a welcoming and engaged membership has been instrumental to the strength and growth of our club and Cliff White for his many years of contribution as Member at Large. We also thank Marie Walsh - Treasurer, Judy Dickens – Secretary, Susan Pratt – Social Director, Sylvia Wolff - Editor and Tim Hill – VP Web & Media Director for continuing in their current positions.

By Law Update – Acclamation

As we bring the 2025/2026 year to a close, members previously approved acclamation and the following wording has been included in the by laws to reflect that decision and clarify the election process going forward.

By Law Wording

When an election to the Executive Committee is uncontested and no further nominations are received by the deadline, the membership may vote to acclaim the slate of candidates. The President shall announce at the Annual General Meeting, before the election begins: "Are there any further nominations from the floor for this position?" If no further nominations are made by a member in good standing, with the candidate's prior consent, the candidate shall be declared elected by acclamation. If any further nomination is made, the election shall proceed by secret ballot. Election by acclamation must be recorded in the meeting minutes

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September 9th, 2026

Neil Crone – I'm not a real person but I play one on TV

Neil is a Second City alumnus and versatile actor, voice artist, and writer with extensive credits across television, film, and animation, including roles in *Endlings*, *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, and popular children's series like *Paw Patrol* and *Thomas & Friends*. Alongside his screen work, he is an award-winning humor columnist and author of several books, contributing regularly to Canadian publications.

October 14th, 2026

Jeanie Quirt-Brown – Club member and author

A Good Man
A Prisoner of War's True Account of Betrayal and Survival During the Second World War

Lorne Shetler, a distinguished Second World War veteran and former prisoner of war. Driven by a desire to preserve her father's remarkable story for generations to follow, his daughter Jeanie immersed herself in his journals, pictures and letters home.

November 11th, 2026

Lianne Harris – The Silk Road

Come take a 7000-mile trek in time and follow the Silk Road – the ancient superhighway connecting Asia to Europe. Along this fabled route we trudge our camel caravan from market to market, acquainting ourselves with unfamiliar peoples and customs, strange spices, luxurious goods, and unforgettable stories.

PLANNED PROGRAMMES

EVENTS & OUTINGS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10:00 am Wednesday,
SEPTEMBER 9TH

Royal Canadian Legion,
105 Industrial Parkway
North, Aurora

Meeting starts at 10:00
am, however we invite
you to arrive about 9:30
am to socialize and catch
up with other members.
Coffee is available.

Ladies Who Lunch

AUGUST 5TH @ 12:30 pm

Mrs. Mitchell's
887395 Mono-Mulmur
Townline, Mulmur

Book Club

AUGUST 20TH @
10am - 12pm

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

Bridge Group

OCTOBER 13TH @
2pm – 4pm

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

Euchre Group

AUGUST 4TH @
2pm – 4pm

Chartwell Hollandview
Trail 200 John West Way,
Aurora

JULY'S GOINGS ON

July 8th – Ladies Who Lunch

Our July 8th Ladies Who Lunch gathering took us to The Nest in Uxbridge, where we enjoyed a lovely afternoon filled with great food, warm conversation, and plenty of laughter. It was a wonderful way to connect and unwind together. We hope you'll join us for our August Ladies Who Lunch—another perfect opportunity to share good company and great moments.



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.

NEW SOCIAL GROUP

Aurora Cultural Centre (ACC) Spotlight

An exciting new season, a special AYC Probus offer and a new social group to look forward to.

Watch Sussi's introduction video: [CLICK HERE](#)

Sussi Aldridge, appointed by President Sylvia, as our Aurora Cultural Centre Ambassador, a wonderful fit for someone helping to bring this exciting season to our members. Through her new role, Sussi is pleased to share the Aurora Cultural Centre's 2026/27 season, which offers something for everyone, from smooth, sultry jazz and the Aurora Winter Blues Festival to the beauty of Bach, the sharp wit of Martha Chaves and even a Saturday afternoon circus for the family. The ACC aims to please all genres and ages.

As a special incentive, Sussi has secured a 10% discount for AYC Probus members on individual tickets for the first performance featuring Laila Bialion, Grammy nominated jazz singer and pianist on September 17th at 7:30 pm. Please use the code PROBUS10 to take advantage of this offer [CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS](#). The full 2026/27 season brochure is also available [CLICK HERE](#) for members who would like to explore the complete lineup.

Sussi will also be chairing a new social activity group, creating a welcoming way for members to enjoy monthly Aurora Cultural Centre outings together. Similar to Judy's Theatre Lovers group, this new initiative will offer another enjoyable opportunity to connect, share interests and take in live performances. More information will be shared at our September GM.

Sussi Aldridge

Aurora Cultural Centre Presents

Laila Biali:

Joni Mitchell & the Canadian Songbook

Experience a masterful fusion of jazz and pop as multi-award-winning vocalist and CBC host Laila Biali returns to the Aurora Cultural Centre. In this brand-new tribute project, Biali reimagines the legendary works of Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen, and Neil Young. Expect "fresh takes" on hits like Big Yellow Taxi and Free Man in Paris, interwoven with playful anecdotes and heartwarming stories. After selling out multiple venues across Canada, Biali brings her unique "osmosis" with the Canadian songbook to our stage for an unforgettable evening.



www.auroraculturalcentre.ca

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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 McLenny

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, August 4th, 2 – 4 PM!

If you are interested, [LINK](#).

The schedule has been extended through the summer and weekly emails will continue to be sent to regular participants to confirm participation.



Euchre Summer 2026 Play Schedule

Month	Afternoon (2 – 4 pm)	Evening (7 – 9 pm)
August	Tues 4, 18	Thurs 13, 27
September	Tues 1, 15, 29	Thurs 10, 24
 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.

Sussi Aldridge

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB

Social Bridge Club



Our bridge group is now on summer break.

We will reconvene on Tuesday, October 13th after Thanksgiving to start playing bridge again in the lower level card room at Chartwell Hollandview Trail, 200 John West Way in Aurora.

Happy Summer Adventures!

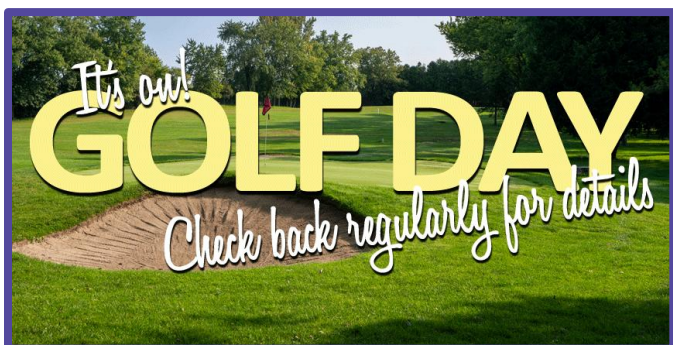
Be kind to yourself and allow yourself to learn. [LINK](#).

Mary Lee

Bridge Fall Play

Month	 Morning Sessions (9:30 – 11:30 am)	 Afternoon Sessions (2 – 4 pm)
	Jazz Pub – Main Floor	Card Room – Lower Level
October	Tues 13, 27	Tues 20
 Location:	Chartwell Hollandview Trail Retirement Residence	200 John West Way , Aurora, ON L4G 7J3 (289) 648-4099

Golf Nine & Dine



Our July 31st Nine & Dine was a terrific day on the course, filled with sunshine, plenty of laughs, and just the right amount of friendly competition. Playing the Homestead Nine offered a refreshing change of scenery and a fun challenge for all skill levels.

The relaxed format and lighthearted pace of play guidelines kept things moving smoothly, leaving more time to enjoy great company both on and off the course. It was a wonderful reminder that our Nine &

Dine is as much about camaraderie as it is about the game.

Looking ahead, Wayne will be reaching out to our regulars with details for our August event. Be sure to keep an eye on the website for updates or connect through the contact form here: [CLICK LINK](#)

We look forward to seeing everyone out again this month!

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

Wayne Scott

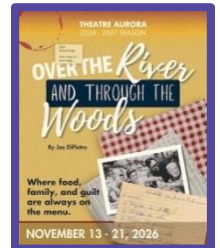
Theatre Lovers Group

Calling all Probus Club Theatre Lovers!

Aurora York Central Probus Club's "Theatre Lovers' interest group has a wonderful season of theatre productions scheduled for the 2026-27 Season. So, mark your calendar!

Four productions at Theatre Aurora that we'll be attending include:

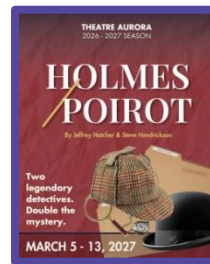
Over the River and Through the Woods, Saturday, November 14th at 1:30 pm.....a story about food, family and guilt.



My Fair Lady, Saturday, January 23rd at 1:30 pm.....a timeless musical transformation of a flower girl to a lady.....by Lerner and Loewe.



Holmes and Poirot, Saturday, March 6th at 1:30 pm.....two legendary detectives and double the mystery!



Self Help, Saturday, May 1st at 1:30 pm.....a hilarious Norm Foster farce about fake self-help gurus and the body they can't get rid of!

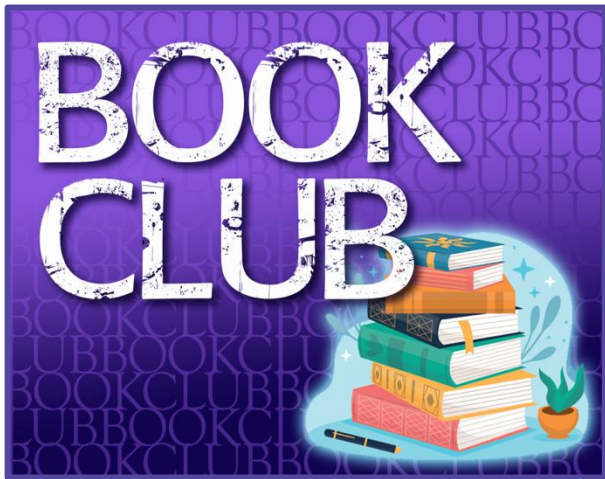


On August 1st the box office opens to the public at Richmond Hill's Curtain Club. Hopefully there will be some matinee seats available for their first production, 37 Postcards, September 18th - October 3rd. If not, we'll plan to attend an evening performance close to the end of the production's run.

Keep watching the website for updated information or contact me through my contact form [CLICK LINK](#) after August 2nd for details.

Thanks... have a great summer!

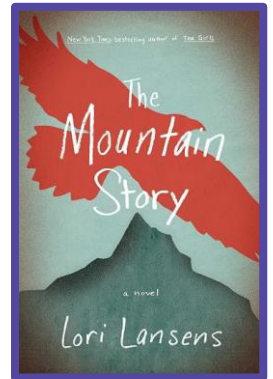
Judy Dickens



Bucket List Book Club

📅 Next Meeting: Thursday, August 20th	
🕒 Time:	10 am – 12noon
📍 Location:	Chartwell Hollandview Trail, Jazz Pub – Main Floor 200 John West Way , Aurora, ON (289) 648-4099
📖 Current Book:	The Mountain Story by Lori Lansens

On his eighteenth birthday, Wolf Truly rides a tram to the top of a mountain near Palm Springs intending to end his life. Instead, he meets three strangers—Nola, Bridget, and Vonn—and a series of unexpected events leaves the four of them stranded in the rugged wilderness. Over five harrowing days, they battle hunger, freezing temperatures, fear and their own emotional scars. As they struggle to survive, each person reveals painful secrets, discovering the strength of human connection, sacrifice and hope. Years later, Wolf recounts the life-changing experience to his son, finally sharing the truth about what happened on the mountain.



The novel is both an adventure survival story and an emotional exploration of grief, resilience, forgiveness and the bonds that can form between strangers. It makes an excellent choice for book clubs because it raises thoughtful questions about courage, redemption and the choices people make under extraordinary circumstances.

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

Probus Around the World

- ❖ Probus Global's June 2026 theme: "The Ties That Bind." The latest global newsletter highlights how Probus clubs worldwide stay connected through shared history, community, and laughter—even as they navigate modern challenges like digital safety and AI deepfakes. [YOUTUBE LINK](#)
- ❖ Milestone anniversaries in 2026. The world's first Probus club, Caterham (UK), celebrated its 60th anniversary in March 2026, while Probus in Australia marks 50 years nationwide this year—testaments to the movement's lasting impact on active, social retirement. [ARTICLE LINK](#)
- ❖ The movement continues to grow beyond Canada: the first active U.S. Probus club launched in Palm Coast, Florida, holding its inaugural meeting in March 2023 with 32 enthusiastic members, and has since inspired interest across the retirement communities of the Sun Belt.
- ❖ Digital safety spotlight. Probus Global's recent communications encourage members to adopt the "ABC" principle—Assume nothing, Believe no one, Check everything—as a practical defense against AI-driven scams and deepfakes.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

We are back!



🍽 Dining Out – Ladies Who Lunch	
📅 Date:	Wednesday, August 5th
🕒 Time:	12:00 – 2:30 pm
📍 Location:	Mrs. Mitchell's 887395 Mono-Mulmur Townline Violet Hill, Ontario L9V 2W1

Our Ladies Who Lunch group continues to be a wonderful way to build friendships and strengthen our community.

From lively conversations to delicious food, each gathering reminds us of the importance of taking time to enjoy one another's company.

We are looking forward to our next Ladies Who Lunch, Wednesday, August 5th at Mrs. Mitchell on Highway 89, just west of Airport Road.

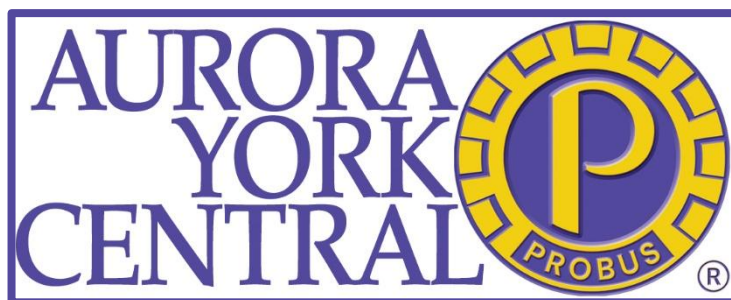
This delightful and elegant country charm restaurant is sure to please, and we invite you to sign up on our Ladies Who Lunch web page.

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



ATTENTION MEMBERS
IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Our club membership fees are due by the
end of September.



Membership Renewal

Attention members: it's that time again! Anna Pilato, VP Membership, will be sending out an email shortly regarding 2026/2027 membership renewals. Please watch for her message and kindly renew your membership.

We're pleased to have you as part of AYC Probus and look forward to sharing another enjoyable year with you.

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 JULY / AUGUST



Celebrating July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Our Members!

Carol Burness	Tim Hill	Dennis Hollingshead	Garry Sleep	Carol Hill	David Brisley
July 03	July 03	July 05	July 10	July 14	July 25



Celebrating August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Our Members!

Judy Dickens	Cliff White	Doris Ingravalle	Marie Wallace	George Gonsalves	Jane Pagel
August 02	August 08	August 12	August 13	August 18	August 23

Riddle & Smile!

I stay up all night looking for the sun... until it dawns on me.

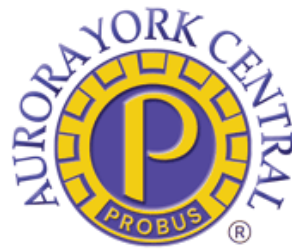
With the nights shorter and the days longer, it's the perfect time to enjoy the rest of summer through August. We'll be back with our September newsletter and our General Meeting on September 9th. Until then, wish you sunny days, good company and plenty of relaxed moments with friends.



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.