NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



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2022 - 2026

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A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

HELLO ALL: WELCOME TO JUNE

WELCOME ALL

Today is my final musings as President of the Aurora York Central Probus. I will become the Past President. An election will take place at our June 10th AGM to elect a new executive or a partially new one.

I want to thank all current members of the executive, as well as past members and volunteers. I have been in this position for over five years and without these people, there would be no Aurora Probus. They make it run and what a job they have done!

In addition to our regular meetings, we now have a book club, a euchre club, a bridge club, a theatre group, a golf group and an art group, with more in the works. Two years ago, we embarked on a name change to Aurora York Central Probus, along with a change in fees, which was not objected to by our membership. We have grown to 81 paid members as of May 27th and while our membership is growing slowly, it is steadily increasing.

We are now in a better financial situation, which is encouraging. With a new executive, along with some existing members, a renewed sense of energy and fresh ideas will come into the club. In my opinion, things have changed for the better over the past several years, although we still need to increase our membership—it remains a work in progress.

Good luck to our new executive and thank you for having me along for the ride.

Cheers, Garry

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

SOCIAL EVENTS & DINING OUT COMMITTEE
Susan Pratt
Rosalyn Gonsalves

SPEAKER REPORTS
David Brisley

PROOFREADER
Rosalyn Gonsalves

SOUND
Trevor Stephens

BOOK CLUB
Anna Pilato

SOCIAL BRIDGE GROUP
Mary Lee Koyl

EUCHRE CLUB
Sharon Welsh

THEATRE LOVERS GROUP
Judy Dickens

GOLF GROUP
Wayne Scott

HAPPENING IN JUNE AGM



Registration for the AYC PROBUS AGM & BBQ closed May 31st. Thank you to all who registered—see you June 10th at The Shed for a great afternoon and delicious BBQ!

June Annual General Meeting	
Date:	Wednesday, June 10th
Time:	11:30 am (arrive by 11:15 am to socialize)
Note:	AGM begins at 11:30 a.m. Lunch buffet starts at 12:30 p.m. Please note that there will be no guest speaker.
Location:	The Shed 63 Eric T Smith Way, Aurora, L4G 0Z6
Elections:	Elections held at our June Annual General Meeting.

2026 Leadership Slate to Be Acclaimed at the AGM

Join us on June 10th as Aurora York Central PROBUS presents the 2026 leadership slate for acclamation at the Annual General Meeting. We extend our sincere appreciation to each member who has agreed to stand and serve the club in the coming term.

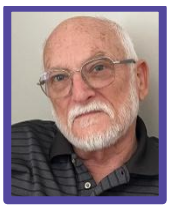
Our Leadership Nominations Presented for acclamation and ratification at the AGM, this leadership slate recognizes both new nominees and current members who have graciously agreed to continue serving the club.

SYLVIA WOLFF



Nominated
President & Newsletter Editor

TIM HILL



VP Web Media

ANNA PILATO



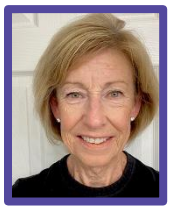
Nominated
VP Membership

LEO RALPH



Nominated
Programme Director

MARIE WALLACE



Treasurer

SUSAN PRATT



Social Director

JUDY DICKENS



Secretary

WAYNE SCOTT



Nominated
Marketing Director

PLANNED PROGRAMMES

EVENTS & OUTINGS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11:30 am Wednesday, JUNE 10TH

The Shed
63 Eric T Smith Way, Aurora

Meeting starts at 11:30 am, however we invite you to arrive about 11:15 am to socialize and catch up with other members. *Coffee is available.*

Ladies Who Lunch

JULY 8TH @ 12:30 pm

The Nest
722 Chalk Lake Rd Suite 3, Uxbridge

Book Club

JUNE 18TH @ 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

JUNE 4TH @ 7pm – 9pm

Chartwell Hollandview Trail 200 John West Way, Aurora

MAY'S GOINGS ON

May 20th – cynthia's Chinese Restaurant, Newmarket

Cynthia's management welcomed this month's Dining Out attendees at the door and led the way to a cozy private room. Super wait staff ushered us to two inviting, large tables with huge, central Lazy Susans that were set and ready for dinner to begin.



It was a truly wonderful evening filled with good friends and the sounds of friendly banter, conversation and laughter. A most lively chatter only occasionally interrupted by short interludes of silence as we tucked into appetizers and plentiful dishes of artfully decorated, delicious Chinese food… another thoroughly enjoyable dining out experience, thank you very much Suzan Pratt.

These evenings are always fun so please, check our website event calendar for information on September's Dining Out and join us.







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.

MAY'S GOINGS ON

Speaker May 13th

Raven Murphy – reconnect with the outdoors… a campfire chat



Raven Murphy walked us through her unique view of nature with her advocacy of learning from it if we would just listen.

Beginning with the resources of the natural world that she learned about from her grandmother, Raven outlined the many plants that can serve as sources of food and medicine. And they are free if you know where to look.

Examples she cited include tree bark to relieve pain, certain leaves that can stop bleeding and other "weeds" that can relieve pain. She calls this, "natures hospital". In addition, there are food sources that we may not know: Besides dandelion wine, dandelions can be used for tea as can cedar. Also, cedar is an excellent source of Vitamin C as much as in 6 oranges if you chew a sprig. It Is also an antioxidant. She then gave us a sprig to sample and a small bottle of Cedarwood oil for aroma therapy.

For Raven, being outdoors is therapy. She showed us you do not need to be an expert hiker or meditation master to feel the benefits of nature. She says that: "When you give nature your attention, it gives you back calm, clarity, confidence, and a sense of belonging you can't find anywhere else." The calming effect of encountering nature stills the stresses and strains of our busy lives. She recommends journalling and in winter, bringing the outdoors in with wood scents and reflection.

When not writing or speaking, Raven leads immersive walks, crafts nature-inspired music, and meditations. She makes her home on the shores of Georgian Bay, where nature is her constant companion and greatest teacher.

Dave Brisley



MAY'S GOINGS ON

50/50 Draw



Presenter Raven Murphy pulled this month's winning 50/50 ticket.
Marie Wallace presented the cash and Leo Ralph happily collected his winnings.



New Member

President Garry Sleep and Membership Director Sharon Welsh welcome and presents new member Allison Hannah with her official name badge.

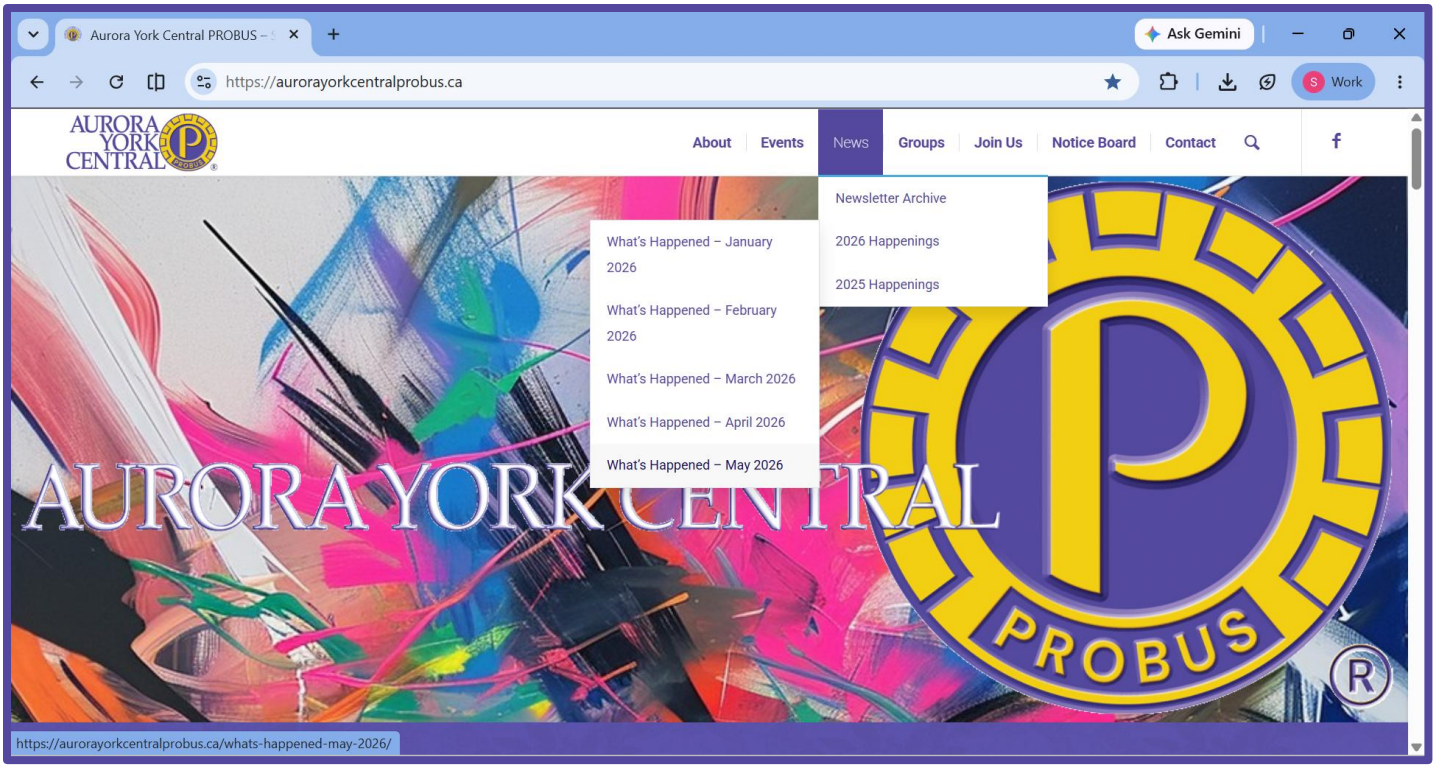


What's Happened – May 2026 is Live!

Here's a link to our AYC PROBUS website's *What's Happened – May 2026* page, where you can enjoy photo carousels from our monthly outings and activities. Relive the wonderful moments, great conversations and camaraderie shared together!

Under News → 2026 Happenings on our website, find photo carousels from our monthly outings — May 2026 👉 Visit: LINK. and past months are there too!

We hope you enjoy looking through the photos and seeing all the fantastic activities our members have been up to this month!



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 Thursday, June 4th, 7 – 9 PM!

If you are interested, LINK.

Euchre Update: Chartwell has confirmed that we will continue with the same dates and times. Thursday, June 4th, 7:00 - 9:00 PM 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)
June	Tues 9, 23	Thurs 4, 18
July	Tues 7, 21	Thurs 2, 16, 30
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 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) Jazz Pub – Main Floor	Afternoon Sessions (2 – 4 pm) 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



Theatre Lovers Group

The Theatre Lovers Group is taking a brief pause this June, giving everyone a chance to enjoy the start of summer. Plans are already in the works and we look forward to sharing exciting updates and upcoming outings in the July/August newsletter. Stay tuned for more wonderful theatre experiences ahead!

Judy Dickens

Golf Nine & Dine



We were fortunate to kick off our first outdoor Golf Day season under ideal conditions. Beautiful weather, enjoyable food and plenty of great conversation, was a wonderful start to the year!

Looking ahead, next outdoor event planned for Friday, June 19th. Members are kindly asked to confirm their participation by indicating their attendance on the Nine & Dine website LINK.

At this time, event is expected to take place at Westview. However, if participation exceeds 20 golfers, we will explore the opportunity to host the event at a new venue.

Should we return to Westview, pricing will remain at $45 per person, with an optional power cart available for an additional $15 per person.

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

Wayne Scott

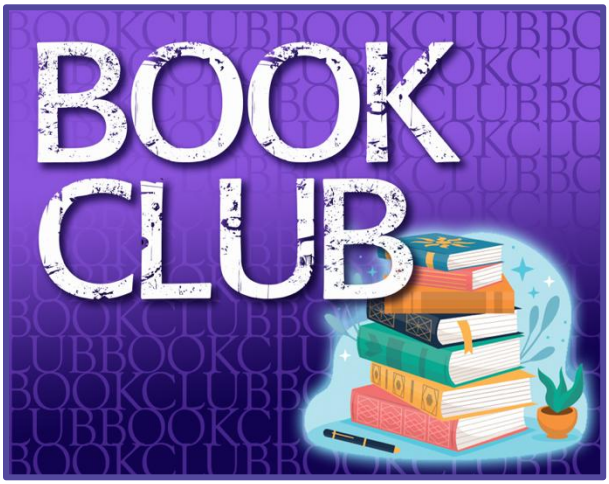
Nine & Dine JOIN US – It's Growing!	
Dates:	Friday June 19th
Time:	TBD, followed by nearby (restaurant TBA)
Location:	*Westview Golf Club* 1563 Vandorf Sideroad, Aurora, ON L4G 7B9
Participants:	TBD
Pay:	$45 PP with optional power cart add $15 PP





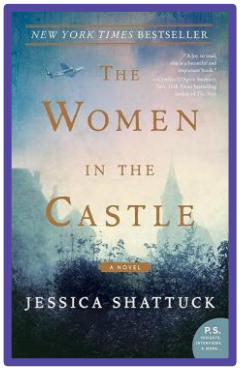


Bucket List Book Club



Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18th	
Time:	10 am – 12noon
Location:	Chartwell Hollandview Trail, Jazz Pub – Main Floor 200 John West Way, Aurora, ON (289) 648-4099
Current Book:	The Woman in the Castle - Jessica Shattuck

The Women in the Castle by Jessica Shattuck is a historical novel set during and after WWII. It follows three German widows—whose husbands were executed for the failed 1944 assassination plot against Hitler—as they navigate the devastating aftermath of the war and confront the collective guilt of the German populace.



For more information contact Anna Pilato queenladyap@gmail.com or 416-564-6116
BOOK CLUB LINK.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

We are back!



Dining Out – Ladies Who Lunch	
Date:	Wednesday, July 8th
Time:	12:30 – 2:30 pm
Location:	The Nest 722 Chalk Lake Rd, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1R4

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.

Please register your attendance, on the website LINK.



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 JUNE



Celebrating June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Our Members!

Heather Pawlett	Irene Pran	Jeanie Quirt-Brown	Steve McCorquodale	Vern Cunningham
June 05	June 11	June 21	June 23	June 29

Enjoy Every Moment of Summer!

As June arrives, it brings with it the simple joys of summer; longer days, warm evenings and more opportunities to connect with friends and neighbours. It's a wonderful time to enjoy the season, whether you're spending time with family, exploring local events or simply savoring the sunshine.

We look forward to reconnecting in our combined July / August newsletter, where we'll share updates and exciting plans for the months ahead. Until then, we hope you enjoy a happy, relaxing and sunshine filled June with lots of fellowship and good memories.

"Summer is the golden days of the year, where every moment is a gift to be cherished."



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.