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AURORA YORK CENTRAL PROBUS

Monthly Newsletter



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President's Message

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Dear Fellow Members,

As we gather this October, with Thanksgiving just around the corner, I find myself reflecting on what makes Aurora York Central PROBUS such a special club.

October is also a time to pause and appreciate the many good things in our lives. Thanksgiving gives us a chance to slow down, enjoy time with family and friends and reflect on the experiences and people who have enriched our lives over the past year.

I am grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity of our members and for the many people who quietly contribute their time to organize activities, welcome new members, arrange speakers and keep things moving behind the scenes. Much of what makes AYC PROBUS successful happens because members are willing to step forward.

You will notice a refreshed look to our AYC PROBUS newsletter this month. We have streamlined the layout to make it easier to read, easier to find upcoming activities and easier to stay informed about what is happening in our club. Our goal is to give you a useful monthly snapshot of our speakers, interest groups, activities, social events and other club news. We hope you enjoy the new format and we welcome your suggestions as we continue to improve.

I would also encourage everyone to make our website a regular part of your PROBUS routine. The newsletter provides a convenient monthly overview, while the website can provide more current information between newsletters, including upcoming activities, interest group information, announcements and other club resources. Please visit aurorayorkcentralprobus.ca regularly so you can stay up to date on what is happening in our club.

As we enjoy the fall season, I hope you will take the opportunity to try something new, join an activity that interests you or simply come along to one of our upcoming events. There is plenty happening this month and I look forward to seeing many of you.

Most importantly, I hope you take time this Thanksgiving to enjoy the beauty of the season, connect with family and friends and appreciate the many good things that make this time of year special.

Wishing you and your families a very happy and memorable Thanksgiving.

With warm regards,

Sylvia Wolff • President



General Meeting & Speaker

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**Guest speaker • 11:00 AM–12:00 PM****General meeting • 9:30 AM registration • 10:00 AM meeting****[Aurora Royal Canadian Legion Branch 385, 105 Industrial Pkwy N, Aurora, ON L4G 4C4](#)****Kristen Petri**

Artificial Intelligence and You: How It's Changing the Way We Live

Artificial intelligence is already part of daily life, often in ways we do not notice. From voice assistants and online shopping recommendations to fraud detection and medical breakthroughs, AI is shaping the world around us.

In this interactive session, Kristen Petri will explain what AI is, how it works and where you may already be using it. She will explore its benefits and challenges and help make sense of this rapidly changing technology.

Live demonstrations of AI-powered tools will be included.

About Kristen Petri

Kristen is a Toronto-based professor who teaches courses on Conspiracy Theories and Intercultural Communication. She also gives talks on AI literacy and ethics for everyday audiences. Drawing on her experience of seeing AI appear in her students' work, she encourages audiences to question the information they encounter: Where does it come from? Who made it? Why?

COME PREPARED TO LEARN, ASK QUESTIONS & SEE HOW AI IS ALREADY AFFECTING THE WORLD AROUND US.



General Meeting & Speaker

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Our own AYC PROBUS member
Guest speaker 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

General Meeting Remembrance Day • 9:30 AM registration • 10:00 AM meeting
[Aurora Royal Canadian Legion Branch 385, 105 Industrial Pkwy N, Aurora, ON L4G 4C4](#)



Jeanie Quirt-Brown

A Story Close to Home: Our Own Jeanie's Family History

This Remembrance Day, we are honoured to feature one of our own AYC PROBUS members, Jeanie. She has written a book about her father's Second World War experience in the Royal Canadian Air Force and as a prisoner of war, a deeply personal connection to the history we remember on this day.

Jeanie was born and raised in the Napanee area, as were her father and at least three generations before him. After retiring in 2019, she found the opportunity to fulfill a promise to herself to write her father's story.

Walking in Her Father's Footsteps

In April, Jeanie travelled to the Netherlands with her two daughters and “walked in her father's footsteps.” Jeanie moved to Aurora in late 2024 and joined Aurora York Central PROBUS in 2025. We are proud to recognize a fellow club member whose family story brings a personal dimension to Remembrance Day.

SPEAKER WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 11:00 AM–12:00 PM



Cards & Games

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Euchre Club

OCTOBER DATES

Host: Sussi Aldridge

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THU OCT 8 • 7:00–9:00 PM
TUE OCT 13 • 2:00–4:00 PM
THU OCT 22 • 7:00–9:00 PM
TUE OCT 27 • 2:00–4:00 PM

[Chartwell Hollandview Trail
Retirement Residence
Card Room • Lower Level
200 John West Way, Aurora, ON
\(289\) 648-4099](#)

Social Bridge

OCTOBER DATES

Host: Mary Lee Koyl

[REGISTER](#)

TUE OCT 13 • 9:30–11:30 AM
TUE OCT 20 • 2:00–4:00 PM
TUE OCT 27 • 9:30–11:30 AM

[Chartwell Hollandview Trail
Retirement Residence
Jazz Pub — Main Floor
Card Room — Lower Level
200 John West Way, Aurora, ON
\(289\) 648-4099](#)

Want to see what's happening between newsletters?
Visit the AYC PROBUS website for current activities, event updates and photos and to catch up on events you may have missed.

[WHAT'S HAPPENED SEPTEMBER •
PHOTOS & HIGHLIGHTS](#)

[WHAT'S HAPPENING • CURRENT
UPDATES](#)

Nine & Dine Golf

OCTOBER OUTING CANCELLED

WATCH FOR 2027 DATES

NEW TO THE GROUP? Come for the game, stay for the friendship. Everyone is welcome.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

New & Proposed Interest Groups are on the horizon!

Have an idea for a group you'd like to join? Keep an eye on the website and future newsletters for more information.



Books, Theatre & Culture

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Book Club

**THU OCT 15 • 10:00 AM–
12:00 NOON**

Host: Anna Pilato

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[Chartwell Hollandview
Trail Retirement
Residence](#)

[Craft Kitchen](#)
[200 John West Way,](#)
[Aurora, ON](#)
(289) 648-4099

October's book:
The Widow by John
Grisham

All readers welcome.

Theatre Lovers' Group

**2026–27 SEASON • 1:30
PM SHOWS**

Host: Judy Dickens

[REGISTER](#)

CALLING ALL PROBUS
CLUB THEATRE LOVERS
and a special welcome to
new members!
Please join us for a
wonderful season of
theatre productions at
Theatre Aurora on
Henderson Drive. All
tickets are \$25 and
available from Judy
Dickens by completing
the Theatre Lovers Form,
or by cash to Judy at any
General Meeting. All 1:30
pm matinees are followed
by a social time over
dinner at various local
restaurants.

Mark your calendars for
the following four
productions:

NOV 14 • Over the River
and Through the Woods

JAN 23 • My Fair Lady

MAR 06 • Holmes and
Poirot

MAY 01 • Self Help

Aurora Cultural Centre

FRI OCTOBER 30

Host: Susan Aldridge

 **Mela Guitar Quartet**
Fri October 30 | 7:30 p.m.
Enjoy an evening of
exceptional guitar music
with the internationally
recognized Mela Guitar
Quartet.

[Details](#)

 [Aurora Town Square](#) |

Tickets \$60

PROBUS offer: If 10
members attend, Susan will
arrange the tickets and
receive 10% off.

Interested? Contact Susan
Aldridge at
Aldridge.susan@gmail.com

*Gather a few PROBUS
friends and make an
evening of it?*



Social & Active

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Nibble & Mingle

SAT OCT 17 • 3:00–7:00 PM

Host: Susan Pratt

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Gathering is for all members to welcome our newest PROBUS members!

Bring an appy to share and whatever beverage you enjoy.

[180 John West Way, Aurora](#)

Parking in rear.

Thank you, Judy Dickens, for generously allowing us to use the party room.

Dining Out

WED OCT 21 • 6:00–8:00 PM

Host: Susan Pratt

[REGISTER](#)

Scaddabush Italian Kitchen & Bar
[28 First Commerce Dr., Aurora](#)

Join fellow members for food, conversation and connection.

Mulock Park Outing

TUE OCT 27 • 11:00 AM

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join fellow PROBUS members for a leisurely walk through beautiful Mulock Park, [33 Mulock Dr, Newmarket](#) and enjoy the art along the way.

Then stop for a bite at the Chickadee Cafe.

Meet at the park at 11:00 AM.

Holiday Party

WED DEC 9 • 12:00 PM

Save the date for our annual Holiday Party.

More details will follow in the November newsletter.



PROBUS Canada Turns 40

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2027

40 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

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Planning for PROBUS Canada's 40th Anniversary in 2027 is progressing nicely. More will be shared in the coming months.

40th anniversary merchandise is now available — apparel, mugs, tumblers, totes and more. Collector pins arrive in late October.

A Canadian PROBUS story

In 2027, PROBUS will celebrate the 40th anniversary of providing fellowship, friendship and fun to tens of thousands of retired and semi-retired Canadians.

The peak of the celebrations will take place during PROBUS Month in October 2027.

[SHOP 40TH MERCHANDISE](#)

THE FOUR CLUBS CHARTERED IN 1987

MARCH 3	Cambridge, Ontario
SEPTEMBER 9	White Rock & South Surrey, B.C.
OCTOBER 21	Burlington, Ontario
OCTOBER 22	Collingwood, Ontario



Birthdays & Member Honours

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing a very happy birthday to all our members celebrating in October!

OCT 02 Erika Henderson**OCT 10** Ginger Adams**OCT 14** Leo Ralph**OCT 15** Paula Greenberg**OCT 18** Angela Barbetta**OCT 19** David McIntosh**OCT 19** Beverley Varcoe**OCT 19** Sylvia Wolff**OCT 23** Susan Pratt**OCT 25** Kristina Osterman**OCT 25** Trevor Stephens

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT 2022 • Rosalyn Gonsalves
15 YEARS 2026 • Rosalyn & George Gonsalves • Carroll Graham
10 YEARS 2025 • David Brisley

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members and helping them feel at home in AYC PROBUS.

OCT 2026 Giovanna Casanova**OCT 2026** Terry Grice

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aurorayorkcentralprobud.ca/contact

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aurorayorkcentralprobud.ca

AYC PROBUS Events Calendar

[October Events](#)

PROBUS Canada

probudcanada.ca

PROBUS Global

probudglobal.org

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Aurora York Central PROBUS is built on the spirit of friendship, fellowship and fun.