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AURORA YORK CENTRAL

PROBUS

Monthly Newsletter



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President's Message

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Dear Fellow Members,

November invites us to pause and remember. On November 11th, we honour the courage, service and sacrifice of Canadians who served in times of war and peace and we remember all those whose lives were forever changed. We are especially pleased that our November meeting will include a presentation by our own Jeanie Quirt-Brown, sharing her father's Second World War story and her journey to follow in his footsteps.

Thank you to everyone who joined our October activities. From our general meeting and informative presentation on artificial intelligence to the Nibble & Mingle gathering and Dining Out, it was wonderful to see members taking part and welcoming one another.

We are continuing the refreshed newsletter format introduced in October, with the same easy to follow sections and monthly overview. There is also a new addition to our website: the Community Events page. Please take a look for volunteer opportunities, requests for assistance and fruitcake fundraiser. Our October Happenings page is another way to catch up on recent meetings, events and photo carousel. I encourage you to visit the website regularly, as information may be added between newsletter editions.

By the time you read this, the clocks will have fallen back an hour and while we may have gained an extra hour of sleep, some of us are still adjusting to the earlier darkness.

I hope to see some of you on Sunday, November 8th at the Aurora Cenotaph, where I will have the honour of representing AYC PROBUS in the wreath laying ceremony. I look forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming activity or at our general meeting on Wednesday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

October gave us some truly beautiful weather, perfect for enjoying the outdoors, connecting with friends and making the most of the season before winter settles in. As November begins and the days grow shorter, may we carry that same warmth and community spirit with us.

This month also invites us to pause, reflect and remember. As we honour those who served and sacrificed, may we also be grateful for the peace, freedom and friendships we enjoy today and find meaningful ways to share that gratitude with one another.

With warm regards,

Sylvia Wolff • President

STAY CONNECTED
Visit the website for November updates, new Community Events and October Happenings

October Happenings

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OCTOBER 2026

Catch up online

A month of learning, welcoming new members and enjoying time together



Kristen Petri

Meetings, Members & Mingling

At our October 14th general meeting, Kristen Petri presented "Artificial Intelligence and You," explaining how AI works, where we encounter it in daily life and its benefits and risks. Members also heard updates about the newsletter and the process for selecting future speakers.

Eight new members were introduced and received their club badges. The meeting also welcomed an engaged audience and a lively exchange of questions.

A Warm Welcome

AYC PROBUS is proud to have 99 members, reflecting the many friendships and opportunities that make our club special.

More than 30 current and new members enjoyed the October 17th Nibble & Mingle gathering, sharing appetizers, beverages and conversation.

Our October Dining Out at Scaddabush was another well attended evening, with good food and plenty of laughter.

Congratulations to Vern Cunningham, winner of the October 50/50 draw.

READ MORE • See photos and full October recap on the AYC PROBUS website

General Meeting & Speaker

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

Remembrance Day • Guest speaker 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

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

NOV 5 • 10 • 19 • 24

Host: Sussi Aldridge

THU NOV 5 • 7:00–9:00 PM
TUE NOV 10 • 2:00–4:00 PM
THU NOV 19 • 7:00–9:00 PM
TUE NOV 24 • 2:00–4:00 PM

Chartwell Hollandview Trail
Retirement Residence
Card Room • Lower Level
200 John West Way, Aurora

Please advise the host if you plan to play.

Social Bridge

NOV 3 • 10 • 17 • 24

Host: Mary Lee Koyl

TUE NOV 3 • 2:00–4:00 PM
Card Room • Lower Level

TUE NOV 10 • 9:30–11:30 AM
Jazz Pub • Main Floor

TUE NOV 17 • 2:00–4:00 PM
Card Room • Lower Level

TUE NOV 24 • 9:30–11:30 AM
Jazz Pub • Main Floor

Chartwell Hollandview Trail
Retirement Residence
200 John West Way, Aurora

Please advise the host if you plan to play.

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 OCTOBER • PHOTOS & HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING • CURRENT UPDATES

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 NOV 19
10:00 AM–12:00 NOON

Host: Anna Pilato

Current reading
Book #30
The Silent Patient

To be reviewed at the November 19 meeting. All readers welcome.

Chartwell Hollandview Trail Retirement Residence
Craft Kitchen
200 John West Way, Aurora

Please advise the host if you plan to attend.

Theatre Lovers

2026–27 SEASON

Host: Judy Dickens

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

Please advise the host if you plan to attend.

Aurora Cultural Centre

2026–27 SEASON

Host: Sussi Aldridge

NOV 6 • Irish quartet Tulua Canadian debut coast to coast tour, blending fiddle, flute, guitar, piano. Share stage with North Atlantic Drift, featuring Cape Breton fiddler Dan MacDonald and multi instrumentalist Brian Taheny— wonderful meeting of Irish and Cape Breton traditions.

NOV 20 • Sharp wit and big laughs with Canadian comedian **Martha Chavez**. Her stand-up set promises personal, pointed, deeply funny storytelling.

NOV 22 at 2pm • Tea and Classics with Suzanne Shulman and Eric Goodman. Flute and harp an intimate, radiant afternoon of music with tea service and desserts.

10% off for groups of 10 or more. Please contact me at aldridge.susan@gmail.com

Social & Active

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Dining Out

WED NOV 18 • 12:00–2:30 PM

Host: Susan Pratt

Crow's Nest Pub & Restaurant
115 Prospect St., Newmarket

Join fellow members for lunch, conversation and a pleasant afternoon together. Please mark your calendar.

Event Registration

Community Events

OPPORTUNITIES & ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Visit the new **Community Events** page on the AYC PROBUS website to discover local events, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities and activities taking place in and around Aurora.

We will share information about interesting community initiatives that may be of interest to our members.

Check the page regularly for new additions!

55+ Mentors Wanted
The Mentoring Plus Strategy

WED NOV 4 • 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Retired and near-retired adults aged 55+ are invited to learn about an exciting mentoring initiative connecting experienced adults with young people in our community.

Share your knowledge, experience and life skills while making a positive difference in the next generation.

Check the page.

Optimist Club Of Aurora
Fruitcake Fundraiser

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Visit the new Club Notice Board for volunteer opportunities, requests for help and ways to support group leaders, website updates and event photography.

Check the page.

MAKE OUR WEBSITE YOUR GO-TO SOURCE FOR CLUB INFORMATION

Our AYC PROBUS website is an important resource for staying informed and connected. Visit regularly for the latest club news, upcoming meetings, interest group schedules, events, announcements and helpful updates. Make it part of your PROBUS routine to check the website for what's new!

Birthdays & Member Honours

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing a very happy birthday to our members celebrating this month!

- NOV 03 Betty Collins
- NOV 07 Anna Pilato
- NOV 10 Pat Burton
- NOV 15 Renate Goessl
- NOV 15 Ed Tutkaluk
- NOV 25 Denise Dyba

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.

- NOV 2026 Rita Benton
- NOV 2026 Shirley Cornacchia
- NOV 2026 Robert Craig
- NOV 2026 Colin Guenther
- NOV 2026 Dianne Hare
- NOV 2026 Sandra Livingston

WELCOME, RETURNING MEMBERS!

- NOV 2026 Christine Ingram
- NOV 2026 Ann Northwood

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AYC PROBUS Club Website	aurorayorkcentralprobus.ca
October Happenings	Read the October 2026 recap
Community Events	Volunteer opportunities and club updates
AYC PROBUS Events Calendar	November Events
Get in touch with AYC PROBUS executive member	aurorayorkcentralprobus.ca/contact
PROBUS Canada	probuscanada.ca
PROBUS Global	probusglobal.org

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Your time, ideas and participation help make Aurora York Central PROBUS a welcoming and active club.