
AURORA YORK CENTRAL PROBUS CLUB

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October 2024

PROBUS CLUB EXECUTIVES 2022-2024

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October Musings

Welcome to Fall! Days are getting shorter; the leaves are changing and the temperature is dropping. September was a glorious month, a beautiful extension of Summer.

We returned to our General Meetings September 11th. Our speaker Dan Revington kept us entranced with his adventure climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. He did all this at the age of sixty-nine.

Our Book Club has started again. Dining Out was lunch at Sweet Dutchess Kitchen and Café – great food and conversation. The Bridge Group resumes meeting again this month, and Judy Dickens has started a Theatre Group which appears to have caught on.

At our September meeting, the first of a new fiscal year, we handed out eleven badges to new members. Over the summer months we welcomed a total of 22 new members and as I write, five more applications have been received.

The next Dining Out will be dinner at Cynthia's Chinese Food in Newmarket on Wednesday, October 16th.

I'm looking forward to a fun filled and active fall season.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Cheers
Garry

Past Presidents

1995 - Gerry Arthur
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1997 - Ken Molyneux
1998 - Gordon Butler
1999 - John Wright
2000 - Tom Ridout
2001 - Ron Gibson
2002 - Doug Andrew
2003 - Marion Baggett
2004 - Tom Ridout
2005 - Daisy Hurst
2006 - Michael Varcoe
2007 - Marilyn Munslow
2008 - Robert Saunders
2009 - George Woolley
2010 - Jim McCulloch
2011 - Dinker Joshi
2012 - Jim Liddy
2013 - Jean Bowers
2014 - Bill Dies
2015 - Ron Canham
2016 - Joey Perry
2017 - Joan Brownlow
2018 - Joan Brownlow
2019 - Vern Cunningham
2020 - Vern Cunningham

New Members receive membership badges



President Garry Sleep and Vice President Sharon Walsh presented 11 new members with their badges:

Florence Buchowski
Sol Kessler
Marg Rochon
Leo Ralph
Maria Wittenbols
Linda Davis

Ted Buchowski
Jane Pagel
Sylvia Wolf
Madeline Munn
Johanna Harbauer

(Apologies to members not in the photograph)

Welcome all!

Dining Out in October

6:00 pm, Wednesday, October 16th
Cynthia's Chinese Restaurant
16715 Yonge Street, Newmarket



Cynthia's Chinese Restaurant serves Chinese Food in a fine dining atmosphere. When you enter you are greeted by staff wearing Imperial Chinese robes.

Sign up at the October 9th General Meeting or contact Susan Pratt at susanmpratt@icloud.com

October General Meeting

10:00 am
October 9th
Royal Canadian
Legion.
105 Industrial
Parkway North,
Aurora

Transportation
assistance is
available. Contact
Vern Cunningham at
verncunningham@gmail.com
or
(416) 523-4882

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October Speaker 10:00 am, Wednesday, October 9th 105 Industrial Parkway North, Aurora

Kelli Gastis ***Alternative approach to living with M.S.***



As a motivated M.S. warrior, Kelli believes that health is a journey to savour, not a battle to endure.

Kelli strives to work with her M.S., not against it -knowing what she can do and accepting what she can't.

Her primary aim is to encourage others to experience greater joy and peace in daily life.

Last Call for membership fees! Deadline **November 1st**

Annual membership fees were due Septmber 1st for the fiscal year September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. The renewal fee is **\$75.00** and can be paid as follows:

1. Cheque payable to "Probus Club of Aurora" and mailed to P.O. Box 28504, Unit 141, 14800 Yonge Street, Aurora, L4G 6S5 -or-
2. Bring your cheque to the next General Meeting on October 9th - or-
3. Electronic payment to our Treasurer, Marie Wallace at emmw1953@gmail.com

If you are a new member, there is also a \$20.00 fee for your name badge, charged only once.

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GENERAL MEETINGS

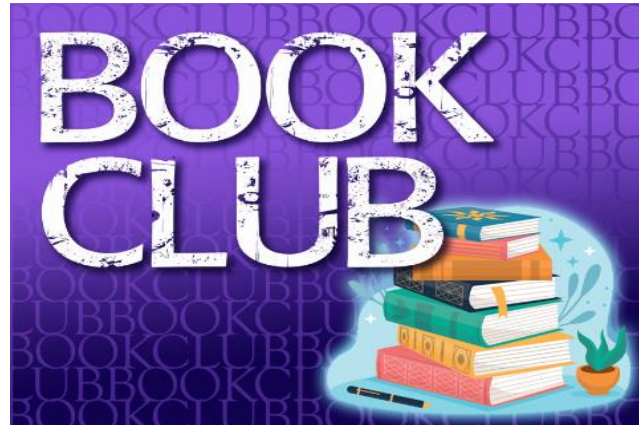
We offer monthly meetings.

Even though the meetings start at 10:00 AM, we recommend that members arrive from 9:30 on to socialize and catch up with other members.

Coffee is available.

Our meeting location is at the

Royal Canadian Legion
105 Industrial Parkway
North
Aurora ON.



The next meeting of the Book Club is Thursday, October 17th from 10:00 am to Noon at Chartwell Hollandview Trail, 200 John West Way, Aurora.

This month's read is "Chasing Painted Horses" by Drew Haysen Taylor. The book has a magical fablelike quality that enchants readers and haunts them for years to come.

The October/November read is "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. This is a stunning novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

New members are always welcome. Feel free to drop in anytime. For more information contact Anna Pilato, queenladyap@gmail.com or (416) 564-6115.



Happy Birthday to our members born in October!

Virginia Adams	Angela Barbetta	Paula Greenberg
John Matheson	David McIntosh	Susan Pratt
Leo Ralph	Trevor Stephens	Beverly Varcoe
Sylvia Wolf		



Past and Present Members of the
Probus Club of Aurora who have
been named

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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

Life Time Achievement

2022 - Rosalyn Gonsalves



The Bridge Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in the Jazz Pub at Chartwell Hollandview Trail, 200 John West Way, Aurora. The next date is Tuesday, October 1st.

All are welcome from experienced to beginners. We are currently looking for more members who are interested in playing bridge on Wednesday or Thursday evening at the same location.

Please contact Mary Lee Koyl at maryleekoyl@gmail.com or (416) 723-4444 for more information or speak to her at the General Meeting on October 9th.

September Speaker Report – Dan Revington, Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro as a Senior

Dan is a long-time Aurora resident and a member of our club. He climbed Mount Kilimanjaro last year at the age of 69.

Dan's background as a hiker and hike leader for the Bruce Trail Conservancy served him well in his trek. The climb does not require special tools or technical knowledge.

However, crucial to prevent altitude sickness, it did require at least three months preparation, including hiking twice a week and several weeks training at a Toronto gym for low oxygen exercise. Obtaining the required evacuation insurance for such a climb did prove a challenge.

On arrival in Tanzania, Dan met with his 11 team members, a group of adventurers, marathon runners and challenge seekers. Dan was the oldest.

It was a very interesting story – and the cost, about \$10,000.
David Brisley