

# AJAX SENIORS' CLUB

## St. Andrew's Friendship Centre

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- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. 2024 is coming to a close already! I hope it was a good year to you.
- We have a 2025 Board of Directors. The list is shown later in this Newsletter.
- For those of you who asked me to stay on, I thank you. I've had a change of heart and will stay another year.
- The Annual General Meeting was held on Nov. 24. Although still small, the number of attendees was larger than usual. Our sincere thanks to those of you who were there. Fraser will provide the details of the meeting in his Message.

*Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- \* Dec 21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Winter
- \* Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day (both centres are closed)
- \* Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day
- \* Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve (both centres are closed - St. Andrew's open in the evening)
- \* Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day (both centres are closed)

## CLUB INFO



Congratulations to members Yi Ji Zhou and Walter Low for competing in the finals of the 2024 Durham Region Games' Table Tennis doubles final. Unfortunately, they lost in a tiebreaker but well done in going that far!!!

WALTER LOW

YI JI ZHOU

- Last year's Christmas Dinner was cancelled due to lack of interest. The coordinators were asked to discuss it with their groups if there is any interest. The Executive reviewed the results and decided that since most members prefer celebrating within their activity, there will be no Christmas Tea or Dinner this year.
- There will be a games night on New Year's Eve at St. Andrew's Centre from 7 to Midnight. The games will be bingo, euchre, cribbage and bid euchre. Snacks will be provided. The cost is \$20 which includes everything. Sign up sheets will be posted at both Centres. Tickets will be available soon until Dec 22 from; Dianne Hussey (905) 427-4244, Lois Austin (905) 686-8041 and Jan Herbert (905) 903-3537.
- Ann Hooper, who looks after the jigsaw puzzles, requests that people please put the pieces in a sealable plastic bag inside the box. She's been finding boxes falling open and the pieces scattering. Thanks to you, Ann, for your voluntary work. It is much appreciated.
- Two new activities will be starting at the Village centre on Jan. 6. Zumba will be at 1:30 pm and Yoga will be at 2:30 pm. For more, contact the instructor, Nicole, at (905) 427-2054.

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

- Hi everyone, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.
- Let me start off by thanking Ed Graves and Rosita Thompson. Both have resigned from the Board of Directors for personal reasons. Ed was the Activity Manager at the Village and did work with the coordinators to help them with their role. Rosita was the Events Director and again did help to organize a few of the events that were held during the year.
- Lori Mitchell has stepped up to be the Activity Manager at the Village, I am sure she will be a big asset in the events that are being run there. The start up of Mexican Train on Wednesday has been successful and there is always room for more people to join. Floor Curling has taken over for the Shuffleboard that was being held on Thursday at the Village. Again, room for more people to join.
- The position of Event Director is still open! If any one is interested at all, please speak to Jan Herbert as she is the person with all the info about what events we want to hold and how to make them a success.
- On November the 24<sup>th</sup> we held the Annual General Meeting at St. Andrews, Marilyn Crawford and Lisa Bower came from the Town Council to show their support. We had a few others not attend due to other commitments. At the meeting Dave Snea, your treasurer, presented the yearly report which did show we had a loss again this year (the report is on the bulletin board at both centers). We were given a donation by the Town which allowed us to buy new carpets for the Carpet Bowling, as well as new bingo machines for both centers.
- We were also able to donate \$7,000 to local organizations that help seniors in Ajax. In part, some of this comes from the drop-in fee that you give the club, plus the membership money. This year, like in the past, we did donate to charities of the member's choice when a member passes, plus we sent a card of condolences. We did have 15 members leave us. They were reported in the monthly newsletters. If you hear of any member passing, please let Doug Bolduc know so he can inform all members.

- We have had a few conversations with the Town regarding them getting more involved with the club. They agree that they have some tools that can help streamline registration as well as other software to help with the web or other services.
- I want to offer my thanks to the Board members for all their hard work during the past year. We are all volunteers and do so because we enjoy helping everyone enjoy all that the centres have to offer.
- Once again Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

FRASER GRANT (289) 200-4800

**2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President	Fraser Grant	(289) 200-4800
Vice President	Jan Herbert	(905) 903-3537
Secretary	Dianne Hussey	(905) 427-4244
Treasurer	Dave Snea	(905) 409-5270
Manager Activities		
St Andrews-	Don Northeim	(647) 394-3529
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Director w/o Portfolio	Rocco Rossi	(905) 619-9402
Director w/o Portfolio	John Evenden	(416) 347-0609
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**INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN OF AJAX**

All the details (registration links and program descriptions) for upcoming events are available under <http://ajax.ca/55plus> on the internet or contact.

**Moninder Nahar-Arjun,**  
Town of Ajax, at 905-619-2529 ext. 7243.

## [AJAX LIBRARY PROGRAMS](#)

For a full list of Library Programs, please visit: <https://ajaxlibrary.ca/whatson>.

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### **Ask An Agent: Service Canada**

Tuesday December 10, 1:00-4:00pm      Main Branch      Drop-In

Receive guidance and advice from a Service Canada representative on accessing services related to Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and more!

To register for an appointment or inquire for more information, email [events@ajaxlibrary.ca](mailto:events@ajaxlibrary.ca) or call (905) 683-4000 ext. 8809. Drop-ins welcome.

What to Bring: Please bring photo ID and original required documents.

Visit [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca) for lists of required documents.

### **BlackLit Durham: Oh Holy Write: Voices of the Season**

Wednesday December 11, 7:00-9:00pm      St. Francis Centre, Ajax

Registration Required: <https://ajaxlibrary.ca/node/2749>

Celebrate Black Canadian literary voices of all genres—join us for a night of amazing performances and Q+A with the artists. Sign-ups for open mic sessions start at 6:30 p.m. Speak to a staff member on-site to be added to the line-up. Poetry and written prose both welcome. Visit [blacklitudurham.com](http://blacklitudurham.com) for more information.

### **Battle of the River Plate: Show and Tell**

Friday December 13, 10:00-11:30am      Main Branch      Drop-In

On the 85th anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate, come learn about HMS Ajax with the Archives Services Librarian. See artifacts and photographs normally tucked away in the Ajax Archives!

*The problem with political jokes is they get elected.*

*Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.*

*Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.*

*Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.*

*Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.*

*When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become Prime Minister; I'm beginning to believe it.*

## Birthdays for the Month of December

<u>No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HN</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HN</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
405	CAROL WATTS		01-Dec	641	HANDEL DOCKERY		17-Dec
266	MARY WINDSOR		1-Dec	398	TRINDA SUITOR		17-Dec
89	WALTER MacEWEN		1-Dec	653	ERIN McINERNEY		18-Dec
294	HELENA WANDOWICZ		3-Dec	310	GAIL PUSTAI		19-Dec
596	KAREN DAVIDSON		3-Dec	297	JANIS ALDRIDGE		19-Dec
189	FLO LATTA		4-Dec	530	PATTI MANSON		19-Dec
702	TRISHA DELLA VELLA		4-Dec	323	ZOLTAN SZABO		19-Dec
593	PAULINE HILLMAN		5-Dec	400	ANNE McCULLOUGH		21-Dec
379	WAYNE CHAN		5-Dec	389	FRANK TRIANCE	HN	22-Dec
773	QINGLIN LIU		6-Dec	647	MARIE NICHOLSON		22-Dec
772	SHI YING ZHANG		6-Dec	695	NALINI MAJMUDAR		22-Dec
769	ZHAOPING LUO		6-Dec	43	SANTINA TOMELJAK		22-Dec
300	JAYNE NEVINS		9-Dec	569	SUHUA CHEN		22-Dec
41	MARION VAN-GANSEWINKEL		9-Dec	333	HELEN SMITH		23-Dec
584	MARK BARLEY		9-Dec	646	CAROL GERALDI		25-Dec
510	KEWAL MINHAS	HN	10-Dec	554	LING DI SHENG		25-Dec
121	ARSENIA BADILLES		11-Dec	378	NAT LOMBARDO	HN	25-Dec
339	DEE SMITH		11-Dec	370	BERNICE MARSHALL		27-Dec
585	JAMES WEST		12-Dec	615	DAVE BINDER		27-Dec
736	LUCIA DELGADO-CRUZ		12-Dec	313	MARION KAPRALOS		27-Dec
76	MIGGO BURKE		12-Dec	134	BEVERLEE RUSSELL		28-Dec
499	PATSY HANDLEY		14-Dec	753	INDRA PERSAD		29-Dec
207	WILLIAM ATKINSON	HN	14-Dec	212	MARGARET JORDAN		30-Dec
81	MARGARET ST. AUBIN		15-Dec	392	MARY PSIHOGIOS		30-Dec
676	ZARANA SHARMA		15-Dec	791	ARLENE WYSE		31-Dec
552	DAO PING QIU		16-Dec	515	CAROL McDOWELL		31-Dec
749	KAREN WIANECKI		16-Dec	707	JILL MASON	HN	31-Dec
178	RICHARD McNEIL		16-Dec	47	LEONA KERSHAW		31-Dec
364	VIRU PARMAR		16-Dec	733	NAFISA ABDULKARIM		31-Dec
228	DAVID RUDBACK		17-Dec				



*Chuck moved to Texas and bought a donkey from a farmer for \$100.00.*

*The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the donkey died.' Chuck replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back.' The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I went and spent it already.' Chuck said, 'OK, then, just bring me the dead donkey.'*

*The farmer asked, 'What ya gonna do with him?'" Chuck said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.' The farmer said, 'You can't raffle off a dead donkey!' Chuck said, 'Sure I can Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.'*

*A month later, the farmer met up with Chuck and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?'*

*Chuck said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars a piece and made a profit of \$898.00.'*

*The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?' Chuck said, 'Just the guy who won. So, I gave him back his two dollars!'*

*Chuck now works for the government.*

### ***Murphy's Other Laws***

- 1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
- 2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.*
- 3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.*
- 4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.*
- 5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.*
- 6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.*
- 7. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.*
- 8. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.*
- 9. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.*
- 10. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.*
- 11. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.*
- 12. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.*
- 13. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.*