

PROBUS CLUB OF PICKERING



Grey Matters

Spring

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President's Message

Great News! Spring has Sprung! The fortunate club members who went on the Washington Cherry Blossom Parade and Festival had a great trip. The cherry blossoms were at their peak, along with beautiful displays of daffodils, forsythia, tulips, hyacinths, crocuses, pansies and other early flowers. We can affirm that the appearance of the Spring flowers is edging northwards.

As you read below, you can see that our Social Events Co-ordinators, our Activities Co-ordinator and all the Club Convenors have arranged a very lively and interesting Spring Program which will include a Special Club Picnic. Hopefully, many of these opportunities will entice your active participation and enjoyment.

Our club operates on the contributions of many committed and active volunteers. I would encourage each club member to consider how he or she would like to enhance the club and ensure our continued growth. In particular, I ask whether you have the interest and capabilities to make the transition of becoming one of our Management Team. Normally, the composition of the Management Team changes every three years. To ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities, it would be helpful for some club members to work closely with the current Management Team members and thus prepare for undertaking the responsibilities of the Management Team in 2016. Consider this an early shot over the bow before you are commandeered to duty.

Let's enjoy the Spring together,

Chuck Simmons, President

LUNCH BUNCH – REMINDER

Join your fellow members for lunch after the General Meeting at the MANDARIN, on Kingston Road east of Brock Road. All you can eat of whatever you like!

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SOCIAL EVENTS

"SUGARBUSH"

It was the weather which forced the cancellation of this outing. Because of the very long, cold winter we had this year, the sap in the maple trees was not running sufficiently to allow gathering the sap. Our Social gals will be planning pther exciting trips and tours – stay tuned!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT, April 15, 7:15 p.m.

A Fun evening for all you Euchre buffs! Meet at Ridge's Pub, on the east side of Liverpool Road, south of Bayly Street (across from Massey's Restaurant).

Please call or email Shirlie Van Putten if you wish to participate.

905-427-6297 shirlievanputten@rogers.com

In the fall a regular Euchre Club will be started, if enough people are interested.

TRIVIA NIGHT

April 21 – Because the Courtyard is under new owners who are not accepting bookings at this time, this event has been cancelled.

When we can find a new venue we will let you know.

TORONTO HISTORIC STREETCAR TOUR with Mike

Filey \$119.00 Tuesday, May 5 has been confirmed by the TTC

Travel around the city with expert comments by this well-known historian. Lunch and a visit to the CBC museum are included, as well as coach transportation.

Final payment must be made at the next meeting, April 22.



WOODBINE THOROUGHBRED RACING, Friday, May 22. \$55.

Bet on the Ponies! Buffet Lunch, Gaming Voucher

School Bus Transportation

Final payment is due at the next meeting.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC, STRATFORD, Thursday, May 28 \$139.00

Great orchestra seats, Lunch at the Queen's Inn, Coach Transportation, Shopping/Browsing

A few seats are still available. Final payment is due April 22.

FINGER LAKES TOUR, June 7-9 \$499. dbl

A lovely short trip to neighbouring New York State. \$499 p.p., dbl

2 nights at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront, an Erie Canal boat cruise, and other visits

Last chance to sign up; final payment will be due at the April meeting.

CLUB PICNIC Mark **Thursday, June 18** on your calendar for this annual event.

Please note the change of date.

More details to come next month.

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Participants in every tour or event will be notified a few days before the event, by email or phone, about meeting time, place, and other necessary details.

All payments should be by cheque, to "PROBUS Club of Pickering".

If you are a solo traveler, and would prefer to pay the rate for doubles, speak to one of our Travelling Gals – they may be able to give you the name of another traveller with a similar desire. The final arrangements are your own responsibility.

SPEAKERS

APRIL 22: PLEASE NOTE: *The 4th Wednesday of April is NOT the last Wednesday.*

Dr. Francine, from the Chiropractic Centre of Optimum Health, will speak on "Arthritis and Activity". Let's get comfortable!

MAY 27: *(This is the 4th Wednesday)*

Rick Phillips, who was the host of "Sound Advice" on CBC Radio, will give a presentation on "Classical Music in the Movies"

Music is a part of everyone's life, whether a passionate interest or merely background. You may appreciate it more if you learn more about it.



ACTIVITIES

Arts and Crafts

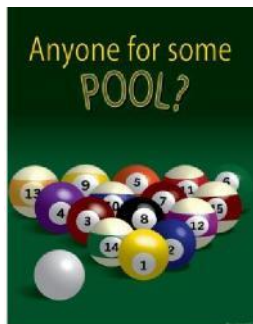
Mary Lou Simmons,

cm1s13@rogers.co

905-831-3733

Our next scheduled meetings for the Arts & Crafts Club are May 20, and June 3, both at Viva (if there is no medical closure).

There were not enough people interested in signing up for the sessions on drawing and painting; I will try again at a later date. Plans for the next 2 sessions will be announced soon.



Billiards

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The Billiards Club meets regularly at Petrina's in Ajax every second Friday at 11 a.m. The next meeting is April 24th. The cost is only \$4.00 per person, valid all afternoon. Everyone, duffer or expert, is welcome! Petrina's is licensed, and a snack or lunch is available from the restaurant downstairs, by dumbwaiter.

Book Club

Mary Leigh,

maryleigh@gmail.com

289-660-0130

The Book Club is in full swing, the 3rd Friday of each month, 2:00 p.m., at either Viva or Chartwell – check with Mary for the correct location.

Copies of the selected book are provided by the Pickering Public Library, and collected after the discussion. You would have a whole month to read and digest each book

Bridge

Dave Powley,

dpowley1@sympatico.ca

905-683-1444

Have you played bridge with all your opponents? There's not much time left! All scores must be submitted by April 30, so winners can be determined.!

Remember the closing party for Bridge Club members is at the Mandarin, Monday, May 11.

Euchre

A New Club!

Shirley van Putten,

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For all you euchre players who want to meet in Pickering: Shirley Van Putten has offered to be the Club Convenor. Stay tuned for more information. See the Euchre Tournament notice above.



Garden Club

Trish Stephens

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Trish has lots of plans for all you enthusiastic spring gardeners, and anyone else who enjoys the beauty of a lovely garden. Contact her for details.

Mah Jong

Pauline Sampson

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905-660-3330

The Mah Jong Club meets every Monday afternoon, 1:00 p.m., at Chartwell Residence, Valley Farm Road. The entrance is off Diefenbaker Court; please park on the street.

New members are always welcome!

You don't need to know how to play – we will show you. It's a lot of fun!

Scrabble

Mary Leigh

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Another New Club to challenge your brain, and pit your skills against friendly club members!

The Scrabble Club will meet at the Chartwell Residence, Meeting Room
1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month,
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 16th.



Tech Club

Richard Szpin

zippyonego@gmail.com

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Workshop cancelled.

Next workshop is scheduled for May 21st. Contact *Richard* for updates.

Walking Club

Barbara Twiner

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The next walk will be along Duffin's Creek, starting at the corner of Elizabeth St. and Highway 2, on Friday, April 17, 9:45 a.m. Park and meet in the parking lot at the restaurant, at the corner.

Please let Barbara know if you plan to join the walk.



CPR TRAINING SESSIONS

"Don't Panic! Be aware of what's happening in an emergency!"

The 1st session, April 14, was a great success – a lively leader, useful info which we hope we never have to use but we'll know what to do and an eager group of participants.

Group A registrants are scheduled for April 21, at Viva Residence at 10am.

More sessions will be arranged in the FALL. Contact Richard Szpin to register or for more information: **905-509-4321** or zippyonego@gmail.com

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- * The Pickering Community Concert Band is presenting a concert, "Music Around the World", on April 26.
Watch your local newspaper for time and place.
- * For information on events, concerts and shows in your community, close to home, check The News-Advertiser, Pine Ridge Arts Council bulletin, and local websites. Support our local artists and organizations.

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