

PROBUS CLUB OF PICKERING



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President's Message

It's time for picnics, barbeques, walks in the woods and outdoor sports. Our coordinators and conveners have arranged a broad array of appealing events and activities for us to enjoy as a club. Please reward their time and efforts by joining in the fun.

Our club is continuing its healthy and steady growth. We now have 150 members, 10 functioning clubs and activities designed to respond to the gamut of tastes and interests.

As always, I wish to commend and thank the Management Team, Conveners and all of the volunteers who make our Club so dynamic and exciting.

Let's enjoy the Spring together. *Chuck Simmons, President*

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One of our Members is --- Sue Porter, Speakers Co-ordinator

Sue grew up in north London, England and came to Canada in 1971 after marrying an exceptionally talented Canadian Professional Engineer, who died 3 years ago. Sue worked as a nurse in North York, Ajax and Pickering while her 2 children were young. After graduating from U.of T. and York U. she became an itinerant teacher of the deaf and hard-of-hearing in Toronto, due to the deafness of her own son. She became the lead teacher for the preschool visiting programme with the Toronto District School Board, and later became an Audio-Verbal Therapist and worked with the parent organization "Voice for Hearing-Impaired Children", providing audio verbal therapy for preschool hard-of-hearing children. Families with deaf children benefitted greatly from these "Voice"-sponsored programmes.

During this time in her career Sue published the organization's newsletter, engaged visiting speakers, and participated in many fund-raising events – her experience has become a great benefit to the PROBUS Club of Pickering.

Sue enjoys birding, gardening, playing cards and reading, as well as spending time frequently with her four adorable grandchildren, ages 18 months to 11 years.

LUNCH BUNCH – REMINDER

Join your fellow members for lunch after the General Meeting at the MANDARIN, on Kingston Road east of Brock Road. PROBUS members sit together in a special area, and have a dedicated server at their beck and call. Get to know your fellow members better, and HAVE FUN!

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SOCIAL EVENTS



TABLE HOPPERS There's a NEW restaurant in Pickering – *AMICI'S*, Pickering Parkway, just east of Liverpool Road, is now open. Melanie will arrange a lunch date there for those who are interested. Get more details at the next meeting.

TORONTO HISTORIC STREETCAR TOUR with Mike Filey

This day was a great success. Pickering PROBUS members were joined by some from other clubs, and a few guests.

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

Coming soon! If you have signed up you will receive the details 3-5 days before the event.
GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE

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

For this trip as well all who registered will be informed of the details 3-5 days prior to the event. Stratford will be beautiful in the spring, and the performance will be outstanding.

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

Unfortunatesly, not enough people signed up for this trip – what a disappointment! We may try to schedule this again next spring, and invite other Durham clubs to join us if we need to fill spaces.

CLUB PICNIC Thursday, June 18, Frenchman's Bay Park (west of Liverpool Road) \$5.00
Your Management Team has agreed to support most of the cost of this event – you pay only a token amount to guarantee your spot.

GREAT TRADITIONAL PICNIC FOOD GAMES PRIZES FUN & FELLOWSHIP
LAST CHANCE to sign up and pay at this meeting, May 27.

TORONTO HARBOUR FIREWORKS CRUISE June 30 \$75.00

Still Spaces Available . Full payment Required at the May Meeting.

!! NEWS FLASH !!

Because of the unique late evening timing of this event
PROBUS PICKERING is providing complimentary transportation
for **members** (by school bus) from the Rec. Centre to Harbourfront,
and return. Non-members will pay \$10 for the bus – still a bargain!
Space is limited – contact Melanie or Shirly immediately
Full Payment is Required at the May Meeting



PICTURESQUE PICTON July 30 \$89.00 per person

A fabulous day trip to Prince Edward County – a scenic tour, wine & cheese tasting, lunch,
and a visit to a one-day Arts & Crafts Fair in Picton.

Space is available – sign up at the next meeting - \$10 Deposit

JAY'S vs THE A'S August 13, 12:30 p.m., Rogers Centre \$64.00 per person



Level 1 seats for the game, Box Lunch, Transportation
Friends and Family Welcome

Sign up at the meeting. Deposit may be required.

NOTICE

Our Social Co-ordinators work very hard to provide us with great trips and outings.

Unfortunately there have been problems collecting payments: it is not the responsibility of the Co-ordinators to run around town to collect your money. Therefore, if final or full payment is not received by the deadline (published in this newsletter and on all flyers) your name will be taken off the list. Please be considerate of your Social Co-ordinators and your fellow members

Several events require payment at the May meeting – Don't forget your cheque book or cold, hard cash!

SPEAKERS



MAY 27: **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.

JUNE 24: **Author Terry Reardon**, a historian and author, will speak on the 1st World War, and the interaction between Mackenzie King and Winston Churchill.

ACTIVITIES

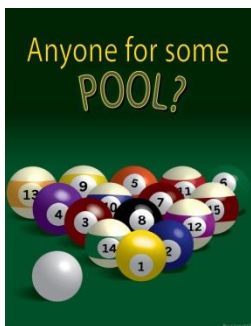
Arts and Crafts

Mary Lou Simmons, cmls13@rogers.co 905-831-3733

The session scheduled for May 20 is cancelled. Our next Club meeting will be June 3, at Viva. This will be a “Show and Tell” any samples of crafts you can do, would like to do, or are interested in learning.

We will also discuss plans and ideas for the summer and next season. Everyone who is interested - whether by making something or by visiting a gallery, museum or craft venue, should join us – the more the merrier!

We will also discuss possible Christmas favours.



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The Billiards Club meets regularly at Petrina’s in Ajax every second Friday at 11 a.m. Some new faces at the April 24th game – Is Don W. a friend of Mike Duffy? – he said he hadn’t played in some time but wowed us with some not so rusty moves!

The next meeting is May 22. The cost is only \$4.00 per person, valid all afternoon. Newby, duffer or ace – everyone 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 Chartwell. Copies of the selected book are provided by the Pickering Public Library, and collected after the discussion.



Bridge

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All the members of the 2014/15 Marathon Bridge Club celebrated the end of the season with lunch at the Mandarin, prizes to the top scores, honorable mention to those who made the 4000 and 5000 clubs, and for those who had the time, more bridge after lunch.

Sign-up for next year will be in August - \$20 per person covers your play, end-of-season lunch and prizes. Contact Dave for more details.

Euchre

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We hope to get our own Euchre Club going in the fall. For those who wish to play with the Ajax Euchre Club, at the Ajax Public Library, contact Brian Sheppard at 905-

Garden Club

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Lovely weather – beautiful flowers – the joys of May!
Our plans of the May meeting: We will visit Marion Jarvie's beautiful and extensive garden in Thornhill on May 30th, www.marionjarvie.ca, followed by a delicious lunch at the Black Dog.

We will car-pool, leaving from my house, 1114 Timber Court, at 10a.m. Please let me know if you are interested so I can make lunch reservations. Now, back to the garden!

Mah Jong

Pauline Sampson, sampson84@gmail.com 905-660-3330

The Mah Jong Club is taking a break for the summer – it's too nice to stay indoors! We will start up again in the fall – watch for notices in the newsletter. Everyone can play – it's fun and good brain exercise.

Scrabble

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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

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Each meeting now has two parts – one in which new applications are demonstrated and explained, and a second part when there is an open and free discussion with all the members, - how they do things on their own devices. Many of our Club members enjoy the frank discussions as much as the formal presentation.

The next meeting will be May 21, at the Pickering Central Library. The topic for the day is *Evernote* document manager.

Seating is limited – book your place with Richard.

Walking Club

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Barbara will be leading a walk with Durham Outdoors Club, Wednesday, May 27 at 6:45 p.m. – please note the time – leaving promptly from the parking lot for Dellbrook Plaze, on Brock Road north of Finch Ave., across from the old Pine Ridge Nursery. This will be around the neighbourhood, for about 1 ½ hours.

Another Durham Outdoors walk, led by Barbara, will be on June 17, at 9:30 a.m., leaving from the parking area on Old Kingston Road, Scarborough, near Highland Creek (north of Kingston Road – 2A- and west of Military Trail).

PROBUS members are welcome at either walk – let Barbara know if you plan to attend.

CPR TRAINING SESSIONS

“Don’t Panic! Be aware of what’s happening in an emergency!”

The first 2 CPR sessions were very successful. We will schedule more sessions in the fall for those who are interested..

Contact Richard Szpin to register or for more information:

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