

PROBUS CLUB OF PICKERING



Grey Matters

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President's Message

As a former teacher, the month of June always seems to be the end of the year – a time of promotions, graduations and conclusions. However it can also be the start of our “summer” season, when we can appreciate the natural attractions of our country, and enjoy our families on holiday. I hope you have a wonderful summer, filled with relaxing or exciting activities, as you choose.

Although some of our Clubs are taking a break until September we still have lots of fun events for you: the Club picnic on June 18 is coming up fast, and the Harbour Cruise , with fireworks and a free bus for members. For all the details be sure to check out Melanie and Shirly's info in this Newsletter, and the Social table at the next meeting.

Our summer meetings will **not** be at the Rec. Centre. Please note:
JULY 22 - East Shore Community Centre, Liverpool Road south of Bayly
AUGUST 26 – Don Beer Arena Banquet Room, Dillingham Road. Turn right off Brock Road 1 block south of Bayly. There is an elevator at Door #1.

The change is due to a lawn bowling tournament at East Shore.

Enjoy the summer. See you soon.

Chuck Simmons, President

LUNCH BUNCH - REMINDER

Get to know your fellow PROBUS members better – meet at the Mandarin following the general meeting. A separate seating area and a dedicated server are available for your comfort and pleasure.

Please let us know at the meeting if you plan to join
the Bunch for Lunch

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SOCIAL EVENTS

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

The Fun starts at 11:30 a.m.

In case of rain (let's hope not!) watch for info in your email.

Don't forget to wear your PROBUS name tag!

TORONTO HARBOUR FIREWORKS CRUISE June 30 \$75.00

!! 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!



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.

Full or final payment is due now.

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 will be required.

REMINDER

Most events now require a small deposit to hold your place. If you must cancel you may transfer your reservation to another person. Under severe circumstances, and at the discretion of the Social Co-ordinators and the Management Team, your monies may be reimbursed.

Don't forget your cheque book for payments due now.

SPEAKERS

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. This should be an interesting talk for history buffs, political pundits, and all who are interested in their country's affairs.

Sue Porter will present the details of the Speakers programme for the summer months at the meeting.

ACTIVITIES

Arts and Crafts

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

Because of the dismal lack of response to the June 3rd meeting, no plans for the remainder of the year have been made. Please indicate your interest, and suggestions on the sign-up sheet at the June general meeting.

Billiards Don Voorhees, holdus1399@rogers.com

This Club is for Fun! You don't need to know the game – everyone is welcome.

There will be a break until September.

Watch for the September dates in the August "Grey Matters"

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.

The Club will continue during the summer, unless advised otherwise.



Bridge

Dave Powley, dpowley1@sympatico.ca 905-683-1444

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 contact the Ajax Public Library for details.

Garden Club

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From Trish: Our last garden visit was a great success. Ten of us visited Marion's garden, which was pretty amazing. Everyone was totally stunned by the layout and plant material. Luckily the rain did not start until we reached the Black Dog for lunch at 1:00. However the torrential downpore wrecked the tree peonies in my own garden which had just opened.

The Garden Club takes a winter break – all systems are “GO” during the summer. Our next exciting trip will be to the Oshawa Botanical Gardens as well as a visit to Jill's amazing new garden, on June 15th. Jill has agreed to let us have a picnic lunch in her garden – take your favourite munchies.

As usual we will start at my house, 1114 Timber Court, at 10 a.m., to organize car-pools. Please remember to donate towards the driver's gas expenses. Please let me know that you will be joining us – feedback helps. Thanks, Trish

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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The SCRABBLE Club meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday
At Chartwell Residence, Valley Farm Road
1 – 3 p.m.

Tech Club

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The next meeting is Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m., at the Pickering Central Library
Part 1 will be information on *Evernote*, a document manager.

Part 2 is an open discussion on the uses of members' devices, a very informal exchange of advice and tips.

Regular participants have been notified. Anyone else interested in this topic should contact the Convenor.

Walking Club

Barbara Twiner plantsbarbara@295.ca 905-839-7600

Barbara will lead another Durham Outdoors Walk, on June 17, 9:30 a.m. Meet at the parking area, Old Kingston Road, Scarborough, north of Kingston Road, 2A, and west of Military Trail.

PROBUS members are welcome.

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stargazing at Millenium Square Saturday, June 20, foot of Liverpool Road.

A fun evening of astronomy, for free – fabulous views of the moon, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, and deep space star clusters through large telescopes. For weather info please check www.drastronomy.com under this date on Upcoming Events; the event may be postponed until June 21.

Canada Day Celebrations Kinsmen Park, foot of Sandy Beach Road. Noon to late – fireworks at dusk. Entertainment for everyone. Check the newspaper or pickering.ca/greatevents, or phone 905-420-4620.

Free Summer Concerts. Check your local newspaper for dates and times in Pickering, and for other plays, concerts, etc. in Durham region. You don't need to travel far afield to find great places to go and things to do.

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