

PROBUS CLUB OF PICKERING

Grey Matters

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OUR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 26, 10 a.m.

***PLEASE NOTE – The meeting will be at the Don Beer Arena,
Dillingam Road, second floor. Go south on Brock Road 1 block below
Bayly; turn right onto Dillingham and follow the bend; the arena is on the
right side. There is an elevator to the Banquet Room on the second floor.***

Please wear your name badge to all events

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope that everyone fully enjoys the remaining weeks of the summer.

As autumn approaches, we look forward to our second birthday as the PROBUS Club of Pickering. During the past two years I have been privileged to work with a capable group of members who have served in a variety of roles: the Management Committee, Club Convenors and volunteers for our numerous meetings and activities.

Prior to, or at our November AGM there will be a few changes of responsibilities. Since the three positions, President, Vice-President and Past President, each last for only one year, we need to find a new Vice-President. Other Management Team members may serve up to three years in the same position. Although a couple of changes will happen this year, in 2016 there will be several. A whole year seems to be far away, but we move through the years quickly.

To keep the Club dynamic, and to facilitate a smooth transition of responsibilities, we are looking for members now who are willing and able to become familiar with the requirements of the various positions. I encourage everyone to consider how to help: the work is not onerous, and the Management Committee works together as a team to provide assistance and support as needed.

Enjoy what your Club can offer – check out all the possibilities for social events, travel and special interests. The goals of PROBUS are learning, social contact, but mostly FUN!

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet as usual at the MANDARIN Restaurant, right after the meeting. Please sign up at the registration desk, so we can notify Mandarin of the numbers to expect.

SOCIAL EVENTS

ORILLIA BOAT CRUISE **August 27** **\$123. per person**

Island Princess boat cruise – lunch, guided tour of Orillia (home of Stephen Leacock), market stop, theatre performance and coach transportation.

Some spots still available – call Melanie or Shirlie

BIG CHUTE MARINE RAILWAY-TRENT SEVERN CRUISE **Sept. 25** **\$98. p.p.**

Fall colours cruise on the Trent-Severn system to view the Big Chute – includes lunch on board and scenic drive through Bala to Orillia, market stop, coach transportation.

CRANBERRY MARSH **October 4** **\$99. per person**

Guided farm tour and wine tasting, lunch, coach transportation

KW OKTOBERFEST **October 13** **Price dropped to \$79.**

Filling fast – Reserve your spot A.S.A.P.

Enjoy a day at this traditional Bavarian Festival – musical entertainment, lunch, one free beer and a souvenir mug, coach transportation. Treat yourself to another drink, if you like – you don't have to drive!

DON'T FORGET! Take your calendar of future commitments and your cheque book to each general meeting. You may want to sign up for a great experience, but you must be sure of the dates; a deposit is required to reserve your spot. For popular events and ones in the near future it's best to contact one of the co-ordinators to ensure your spot.

CPR TRAINING



Hands-on 4 hour session , \$20

*Basic First Aid, Heart attacks, Strokes, Bleeding, Choking,
Using a Defibrillator, CPR*

Everyone who has not done such training should sign up – better to be prepared for an emergency and hope you never have to use your training.

Probus members now on the waiting list will have first placements; others will be added. All registrants will be notified of date, time and place in September.

Please contact Richard Szpin, at zippyonego@gmail.com, or phone 905-509-4321

SPEAKERS

August 26: Dr. John Sabeen will speak on “The Art of Pickering from Fothergill to Falkenberg”.

Pickering Township's first artist-in-residence participated in 1835 in what was the first ever art exhibition in Ontario. Since then Pickering has been the home of numerous fine artists, both professional and amateur. To-day Pickering can boast of several artists who enjoy an international reputation.

September The Victorian Medicine Show, with Nancy MacLeod

October Shen Yun, reviving 5000 years of civilization, an introduction, with Rory Xu.

November Cheese and Wine pairings, with Tammy Miller of Country Cheese – just in time for Christmas parties!

**In December reserve Friday the 11th
for the Pickering Probus Christmas Luncheon**

More details will follow



ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

Don Voorhees holdus1399@rogers.com 905-427-9653

Meets every second Friday, at Petrina's, Ajax, 11 a.m.

The next meeting is Sept. 4. Everyone is welcome – we are glad to teach you how to play, or accept your challenge for a high-powered game!

BRIDGE

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

Sign up at the August meeting. \$20 includes the closing luncheon.

Last year 9 couples played – 8 games between September and April, as arranged by the participants. We welcome more players – you don't need to be an expert.

BOOK CLUB

Mary Leigh maryj.leigh@gmail.com 289-660-0130

Meets every month on the 4th Friday, at Chartwell Residence

The books are provided by the Pickering Library, and returned after each meeting.

GARDEN CLUB

Trish Stephens p.stephens@rogers.com 905-831-4485

Friday, August 21 – meet at 1114 Timber Court, 10 a.m.

The warm summer weather is far from over, but brown lawns, demanding perennials and constant watering of container plants may prove frustrating!

Don't give up! This month we will explore Uxbridge – John's garden is first on the list, with shade plants set among the pines and sun plants in the old paddocks. After lunch we will visit Handlebar Hostas – specialists in hostas and shade perennials. Lunch will be at the Tin Mill Restaurant, the original site of a flour and grist mill in 1860.

We will arrange car-pools; please share gas costs.

Let me know if you plan to join us, as I need to make lunch reservations.

GOLF

Jim Hare

jameshare@yahoo.com

905-839-1674

A few golfers played together recently, and enjoyed a pleasant morning. Jim is looking for more members to join him on the greens – ladies as well as men. Call Jim if you are interested, and to find out the latest arrangements.

MAH JONGPauline Sampson sampsonp84@gmail.com

289-660-3330

Monday afternoons, at Chartwell Residence

Play will resume after the September meeting

Mah Jong is a very old game, but not difficult to learn, and great for “Senior Brains”. More players are most welcome. Contact Pauline if you have questions.

SCRABBLEMary Leigh maryj.leigh@gmail.com

289-660-3330

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoon, at Chartwell Residence

This Club, launched in the spring, is lots of fun, and a challenge to your brain. Contact Mary for the start-up date for this season, and for more information.

TECH CLUBRichard Szpin zippyonego@gmail.com

905-509-4321

Meets Thursday mornings, 10 a.m., at the Pickering Central Library, \$2.00/meeting

Seating is limited, and topics vary – email Richard to reserve your date and space

The goal is to allow members to make the most of their electronic devices – join a workshop, improve your skills, make new friends and have fun! Sessions are 2 hours – the first a formal demonstration and practice, the second a sharing opportunity among participants. Please note the following dates:

Sept. 17: New Users – Apple and Android devices

October 22 – Experienced Users – Evernote and Wunderlist

WALKING CLUBBarbara Twiner plantsbarbara@295.ca 905-839-7600

Walk for exercise, enjoyment, and fun!

Scheduled walks will go whatever the weather – dress accordingly.

The Convenor plans interesting walks in many parts of Pickering – learn more about history, environment and nature, and the character of our community. Each walk lasts 1 1/2 – 2 hours. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Barbara for dates, times, and places.

Note from the Editor

I am sorry there was no Newsletter last month. Our computer crashed the morning I was planning to start work on the July issue. As you can see, we are back in operation, but with some changes which have caused me problems in making this issue as attractive as I had wished. I wish to express my thanks especially to Richard and Fran, who helped me out in this emergency.

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