



# PROBUS CLUB OF PICKERING

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It's February! A number of our members are travelling enjoying hot weather and carefree living. The majority of us are dealing with winter in Ontario; snow, icy roads and possible frost bite. But we have PROBUS meetings.

We hope many of you will attend our February General Meeting on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Our format will be reversed as our speaker, Ted Barris, will begin his presentation promptly at 10 to allow a few of our members to make it to a PROBUS excursion which meets at 11. Our coffee and cookies break and a short business and information meeting will follow.

If you have not yet picked up your membership badges, they will be available at the meeting. Remember to bring your cheque books to enable you to pay for social and travel opportunities.

Check out complete information about our club on our Pickering PROBUS website <http://www.pickeringprobust.ca/>

A big thank you to our Management Committee members, interest group leaders and our volunteers who collectively work to make Pickering PROBUS function smoothly.

David Werry  
President

### FEBRUARY SPEAKER – Ted Barris

Ted Barris is an award-winning journalist, author, and broadcaster. He regularly writes in the national media and has hosted many **CBC Radio** network programs and shows on **TV Ontario**. His weekly blog **The Barris Beat** features commentary and narrative from his travels/experience.

### REMINDER

- Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Pickering Recreation Centre, East Salon. Start time 10 a.m. SHARP
- Water will only be provided at our summer meetings. Please bring your own water bottle if you desire water.

## ACTIVITIES

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### Arts and Crafts

Two workshops held at DeSerres Studio, Brock Road (Wal Mart Plaza)

Pre-registration is mandatory.

1. **Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>** - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
“Let’s Pour” - “Pouring” is a new art form. You will go home with 4 canvas board paintings. This workshop gets messy so dress accordingly. Aprons are provided and all supplies are included in the cost of the workshop. Limited to 15 participants. Teacher: Linda Black - Cost: \$60.00  
Sign up and payment at the February general meeting. There will be no refunds the week of the workshop.
2. **Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>** - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
“Resin Exploration Workshop” – Use Pebeo Glazing Resin on canvas board. Create free form designs along with the addition of different kinds of media to create special effects. Gloves and safety glasses are provided, and if you prefer to wear a mask please bring your own. You will have your own work of art to take home. Teacher: Linda Black - Cost: \$45.00 includes all supplies  
Sign up and payment at the February and March meetings. No refunds the week of the workshop.

### Billiards

The billiards club meets every other Friday at 11 am at Petrina's Taps and Billiards in Ajax. Next meeting is March 1st. Just \$4 for Probus members. Contact Don Voorhees, by email [holdus1399@gmail.com](mailto:holdus1399@gmail.com) or 905 427-9653.

### Bridge – Marathon

Contact Dave at [powleydi@gmail.com](mailto:powleydi@gmail.com) or phone 905-683-1444.

### Book Club

The 1<sup>st</sup> book club (meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) is full but accepting names for the waitlist – contact Dolores Forster at [doloresfor@gmail.com](mailto:doloresfor@gmail.com). The 2<sup>nd</sup> book club has one opening. Their next meeting is March 12 at 10:30 am at Chartwell. Contact [mary.milosh74@gmail.com](mailto:mary.milosh74@gmail.com)

### Euchre

We meet the first & third Thursday of the month from 1 pm - 4 pm at the Pickering Legion on Bayly. Contact Kathy Borisko at [kborisko@hotmail.com](mailto:kborisko@hotmail.com) for more information.

### Golf

Contact Jim at [jameshare@yahoo.com](mailto:jameshare@yahoo.com) for more details.

### Mah Jong

The Mah Jong club has room for new members. We play at Chartwell on Mondays at 1 pm. Contact Pauline at 289 660-3330 or [sampsonp84@gmail.com](mailto:sampsonp84@gmail.com)

### Pinball

We play the second Thursday each month. We are currently accepting names for the waiting list. Contact: Lori Darowski at [loridee@sympatico.ca](mailto:loridee@sympatico.ca)

### RODEO - Retired Old Dames Eating Out

Signing up in advance is mandatory. The next lunch will be at Lone Star, 709 Kingston Road on Monday, March 11 at 12:00 noon. Contact Debbie Cox at: [d\\_c\\_cox@hotmail.com](mailto:d_c_cox@hotmail.com).

### Tastes Around the World

The new “Tastes around the World” group is off to a great start with 66 members signed up. My name is Marilyn Mendes and I volunteered to head up this group. We will require one other person as we may need to split the group in two. As some restaurants will not be able to accommodate 66 people, we may cap the

numbers at around 40, depending on the venue. Our dinners will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5.30 pm. Our first dinner will be held on **Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup>** at Milos Greek Restaurant. The address is 1450 Kingston Rd. Pickering at Valley Farm and Kingston Rd. Want to check out their menu? Visit [www.milosgreekrestaurant.com](http://www.milosgreekrestaurant.com). Each member will be responsible for their own bill. If you want to attend this month's event, please e-mail me at [mendes4650@gmail.com](mailto:mendes4650@gmail.com) or call 416 201-1475.

- Next month's visit will be to Mumbay Grill in Ajax. Sign up for this in March.

#### **Walking Club**

Contact Jeanette Adams at [jeanette.mary.adams@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.mary.adams@gmail.com) or Bev Sinclair at [rap875@rogers.com](mailto:rap875@rogers.com)

#### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

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- You can book the following events at the February meeting.
- Remember, we are there at 9:30 a.m. if you want to sign up early.
- Please remember your **chequebook!**
- For more information contact Shirly at 905 619-8583 or email [shirliewanputten@rogers.com](mailto:shirliewanputten@rogers.com)

#### **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Ripley Aquarium & Tour of Steam Whistle – Cost \$119** **10 SPOTS LEFT!!**

- Return transportation and driver's tip
- Entrance to Ripley's Aquarium
- Tour & Tasting at Steam Whistle Brewery
- Lunch at the House Café

#### **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Sugar Bush Maple Syrup Festival – Cost \$44 - Includes:**

- Return transportation by motor coach, driver's tip
- Tour of Sugar Bush and Lunch

#### **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Famous People Players Cost \$119**

A beautiful Maple Leaf voiced by Dan Aykroyd comes to life and takes you on a musical journey from province to province. You will be WOWED with the animation of the stunning props and the musical that will capture your imagination. Includes:

- Return transportation by motor coach, drivers tip
- Lunch and show

#### **May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> - Windsor & Point Pelee Cost \$597 + HST - 3 ROOMS LEFT**

Includes:

- Two-night stay at the beautiful Caesars Hotel & Casino on the waterfront in Windsor: [www.caesars.com/caesars-windsor](http://www.caesars.com/caesars-windsor)
- Casino gives bonus of \$30 each in food vouchers and \$20 each in slot play
- Black History–The John Freeman Walls Historical site and Underground Railway
- Rum Runners Tour – Tour includes lunch at a "speakeasy" and a tour of Windsor's waterfront to learn about the "bootlegging".
- Visit to Point Pelee Park - Point Pelee National Park is a national park in Essex County in southwestern Ontario.
- Windsor River Cruise -A Dining Cruise aboard the Macassa Bay

**May 15th & 16th – Stratford – Cost \$399 + HST**

**Your adventure includes:**

- Return transportation by deluxe Motor Coach
- Breakfast; 2 Lunches; 1 Dinner
- “Billy Elliott” (Musical) at the Festival Theatre & “Private Lives” (Comedy) at the Avon Theatre
- 1 Night at the Marriott in St. Jacob’s
- Visit to St. Jacob’s; Visit to Stratford

**August 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Grand Tour of Newfoundland**

**Includes:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Toronto to Newfoundland with airport transfers
- 10 nights’ hotel in Newfoundland with breakfast daily; 2 dinners; 4 lunches
- Sightseeing in Gros Morne Park; Boat cruise of Bonne Bay; Visit to Twillingate
- Tour of Port au Choix National Historic Site; Tour of L’Anse aux Meadows
- Tour of Sir Wilfred Grenfell Mission; Excursions to Trinity and Bonavista
- City tour of St. John’s; Visit to Bay Bulls with boat cruise
- Tour of Cape Spear National Historic Park

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**1st Pickering Pickleball Club**

Our club includes more than 40 members of Pickering Probus. We play four mornings and one evening most weeks. We will have a partial schedule during March Break, March 11 to 15. The attached calendar has more information about the opportunities to play. New players are always welcome. For additional information please contact David Werry at [dkwerry70@gmail.com](mailto:dkwerry70@gmail.com).

**BRIDGE**

**Thursdays** - Ajax Public Library – Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. South in the Rotary Room starting at 2:15pm (A free will donation is taken for coffee and cookies.)

**Social Bridge** on February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 28. This is social bridge so HAVE FUN.

**Free Bridge Lessons** on March 21

**George Ashe Library and Community Centre  
March 5, 2019**

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

- i Cloud is presented by Pickering Public Library.
- We will explore the fundamentals of iCloud, Apple's seamless Cloud Storage system that makes it possible to sync content and data across all Apple devices.
- Attendees will learn the ins and outs of setting up and using iCloud on their devices.
- Refreshments will be provided.
- Call 905 420-4660 X6104 to sign up for free workshop.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Billards - <i>Petrinas</i>  Pickleball <i>Church - 9AM-1 PM</i>	2
3  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Rec Centre 6PM – 9PM</i>  Mah Jong - <i>Chartwell</i>	4  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>  iCloud workshop	5  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>  iCloud workshop	6	7  Pickleball <i>Melati MAS Sports</i> <i>9 AM-12 noon</i>  Walking Club  Euchre Club <i>Pickering Legion 1-4 PM</i>	8  Pickleball <i>Church - 9AM - 1PM</i>	9
10  Mah Jong - <i>Chartwell</i>  <b>RODEO – Lone Star</b>	11  Mah Jong - <i>Chartwell</i>  <b>RODEO – Lone Star</b>	12  Pickleball <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>  2 <sup>nd</sup> Book Club <i>Chartwell 10:30 a.m.</i>	13  Management Meeting	14  Walking Club	15  Pickleball <i>Church - 9AM-1PM</i>  Billards - <i>Petrinas</i>  1 <sup>st</sup> Book Club <i>Chartwell - 2 PM</i>	16
17  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Rec Centre 6PM – 9PM</i>  Mah Jong – <i>Chartwell</i>  "Let's Pour" craft class	18  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>  Mah Jong – <i>Chartwell</i>  "Let's Pour" craft class	19  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM–1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>	20	21  Walking Club  Euchre Club <i>Pickering Legion 1-4 PM</i>  <i>Melati MAS Sports</i> <i>9 AM-12 noon</i>  <i>Ripley Aquarium and</i> <i>Steam Whistle outing</i>	22  Pickleball <i>Church - 9AM-1PM</i>	23
24  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Rec Centre 6PM – 9PM</i> Mah Jong - <i>Chartwell</i>	25  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>	26  Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>	27  PROBUS Meeting <i>Rec Centre</i>	28  Walking Club  <i>Melati MAS Sports</i> <i>9 AM-12 noon</i>	29  Pickleball <i>Church - 9AM-1PM</i>  Billards - <i>Petrinas</i>	30