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Late March and April signals the beginning of spring and the promise of warmer temperatures. Not a minute too soon.

At our March General Meeting on Wednesday, March 27th, our speaker will be Richard Pyves a highly recommended presenter whose topic will be "The Story of the Victoria Rifles of Canada". We hope you can join us.

Just a reminder that parking is available at the back of the Recreation Complex. If you park there, you can walk through the building to our meeting venue.

Thank you to our Management Committee and our Volunteers who assist in making Pickering PROBUS a great club. Please check our Pickering PROBUS website for a range of information related to our organization. You can see what the club has to offer in the form of activity groups, social events and travel opportunities.

David Werry
President

MARCH SPEAKER – Richard Pyves **"The Story of Victoria Rifles of Canada"**

Richard Pyves is a local Pickering author who has written two books – *Night Madness – A Rear Gunner's Story of Love, Courage and Hope in WWII* which is a war story, love story and a story about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and his most recent book *Courage, Sacrifice and Betrayal – The Story of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, 60th Battalion, in the First World War*.

Over 1,000 of the soldiers who served with the 60th Battalion came from Toronto and surrounding areas. With the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI in 2018 this is an interesting subject for his presentation.

REMINDERS – THINGS TO NOTE

- Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Pickering Recreation Centre, East Salon. Start time 10 a.m. SHARP
- Two new PROBUS clubs starting up, Oshawa (Durham Central Probus) and Richmond Hill. Email durhamcentralprobus@gmail.com for more information on Durham Central Probus.
- The Pickering Library won the 2019 Minister's Award for Innovation at the annual Ontario Library Association Super Conference Award Gala which was held at the Metro Toronto Conference Centre.

ACTIVITIES

Arts and Crafts

Unfortunately the two workshops for March 18 and April 15th have been cancelled. Cheques will be returned at the March 27th meeting.

Billiards

The billiards club meets every other Friday at 11 am at Petrina's Taps and Billiards in Ajax. Next meeting is March 29th. Just \$4 for Probus members. Contact Don Voorhees, by email holdus1399@gmail.com or 905 427-9653.

Bridge – Marathon

Contact Dave at powleydi@gmail.com or phone 905-683-1444.

Book Club

The 1st book club is full but accepting names for the waitlist – contact Dolores Forster at doloresfor@gmail.com. The 2nd book club is meeting is April 9th at 10:30 am at Chartwell. Contact 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 for more information.

Golf

Contact Jim at jameshare@yahoo.com for more details.

Mah Jong

Our group is now full; however, if any one wishes to join I would be happy to put your name on a waiting list. Please contact Pauline Sampson at sampsonp84@gmail.com or 289-660-3330.

Pinball

Waitlisted - we play the second Thursday each month. Contact: Lori Darowski at loridee@sympatico.ca

RODEO - Retired Old Dames Eating Out

Signing up in advance is mandatory. The next lunch will be at Sauter's Inn, 109 Old Kingston Road on Tuesday, April 2 at 12:00 noon. Contact Debbie Cox at: d_c_cox@hotmail.com.

Tastes of the World – March 2019

The first outing for our group was to Milos Greek restaurant in Pickering on February 28th. We had 17 members and 1 guest attending and a good time was had by all. The flaming cheese (Saganakiopa) was a hit.

Our next outing is planned for March 28th at 5.30 pm at Mumbai Grill. We have 22 members who have signed up already. Mumbai Grill is an Indian restaurant located at 619 Kingston Rd. in Ajax. If interested in joining us, please call or e-mail me at mendes4650@gmail.com. I'm sure we are going to have a wonderful outing.

Next month we will try out Mexican cuisine at Cielito Lindo in Pickering on April 25th at 5.30 pm. The address is 1660 Kingston Rd., Pickering. Visit www.cielitolindo.ca. If you would like to join the group, please e-mail me or sign up at the Probus meeting.

Walking Club

Contact Jeanette Adams at jeanette.mary.adams@gmail.com or Bev Sinclair at rap875@rogers.com

PICKERING PROBUS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

For information on any of the excursions offered, please contact Shirlie at 905 619-8583 or email shirlievanputten@rogers.com

Monday, April 8th – Sugar Bush Maple Syrup Festival – Cost \$44 - Includes:

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

Friday, April 26th – 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 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

The City of Pickering presents another Spotlight Presentation by "*Downsizing Diva*"
George Ashe Library and Community Centre
Reserve your spot by calling 905 420-4660 X6104 or on-line at Eventbrite.com

1st Pickering Pickleball Club

We are playing four days a week with a number of Probus members playing each day. Please check the attached calendar for our April schedule. New players are always welcome. For more information, contact David Werry at 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 March 28. This is social bridge so HAVE FUN. **Free Bridge Lessons** on March 21

Sunday, April 28th – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Ajax-Pickering Stamp & Coin Show

Pickering Recreation Centre
Free Admission and Parking, lunch and refreshments available. For more information email John Roberts - roberts.jhr@rogers.com
Or www.ajax-pickering-stamp-club.com

May 4, 2019 - 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Music4Life Ensemble presents:

"Music for a Cure"

Forest Brook Community Church
60 Kearney Drive, Ajax

For tickets, news and upcoming shows visit Music4LifeEnsemble.ca



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Rec Centre 6PM – 9PM</i> Mah Jong - <i>Chartwell</i>	2 Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM–1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i> RODEO – Sauter’s Inn Downsizing Diva Workshop	3	4 Pickleball <i>Melati MAS Sports</i> <i>9 AM-12 noon</i> Walking Club Euchre Club <i>Pickering Legion 1-4 PM</i>	5 Pickleball <i>Church - 9AM-1 PM</i>	6
7	8 Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Rec Centre 6PM – 9PM</i> Mah Jong – <i>Chartwell</i> <i>Sugar Bush Outing</i>	9 Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM–1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i> 2 nd Book Club <i>Chartwell 10:30 a.m.</i>	10 Management Meeting	11 Pickleball <i>Melati MAS Sports</i> <i>9 AM-12 noon</i> Walking Club	12 Pickleball <i>Church - 9AM - 1PM</i> Billards - <i>Petrinas</i>	13
14	15 Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Rec Centre 6PM – 9PM</i> Mah Jong - <i>Chartwell</i>	16 Pickleball <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>	17 1 st Book Club <i>Chartwell - 2 PM</i>	18 Pickleball <i>Melati MAS Sports</i> <i>9 AM-12 noon</i> Walking Club	19 <i>Good Friday</i>	20
21	22 <i>Easter Monday</i> Mah Jong – <i>Chartwell</i>	23 Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM–1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>	24 PROBUS Meeting <i>Rec Centre</i>	25 Walking Club Euchre Club <i>Pickering Legion 1-4 PM</i> <i>Melati MAS Sports</i> <i>9 AM-12 noon</i> <i>Tastes of the World</i>	26 Pickleball <i>Church - 9AM-1PM</i> Billards - <i>Petrinas</i>	27
28 Stamp Show	29 Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM – 1PM</i> <i>Rec Centre 6PM – 9PM</i> Mah Jong - <i>Chartwell</i>	30 Pickleball <i>Rec Centre 9AM–1PM</i> <i>Church 9AM – 1PM</i>				