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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our annual general meeting is just around the corner, on Wednesday, October 27. We will have a Zoom meeting at 10 am., with our speaker. The business portion of our meeting will follow at Esplanade Park at 1 pm.

We are only allowed 100 of our members to attend the 1 pm meeting. Distancing and masking will need to be done during the meeting and only double vaccinated members will attend.

The main focus will be the installation of our new president, vice-president and some new members for our management team. We do have some team members that are leaving. They are not leaving the club, their knowledge, experience and dedication has and will continue to be appreciated by all of us who are remaining on the executive.

Please check the website and the newsletter for details and registration for the October 27th general meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing and talking to you at that time.

Jim Hare, President

EDITOR'S NOTE



Our AGM will be on October 27, 2021 and your new Management Committee will be introduced. This will be an in-person meeting. Make sure you read Joe De Simone's update. (Page 2)

Our membership renewals are now due. John Catanho and Iris Forsey, have included a number of options for accepting your payment. (Page 3)

Zoom links are to be used by Pickering PROBUS members only. Please do not share with friends or family. When signing into zoom, please make sure your name is displayed. Logins without names may not be admitted to the meeting. The Zoom invitation will be sent out by October 25th.

Sandy Smiles

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Joe DeSimone – Vice – President - Pickering Probus Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our monthly meeting on October 27, 2021 will be our AGM. We will start the day with a Zoom event featuring a speaker presentation at 10 am. This presentation will also be streamed live on our Facebook page.

Following that we will have an in-person event at the Esplanade Park at 1:00 pm in the Gazebo area. This gathering will be a business meeting. Members of your Management Committee will be bringing you up to date on all aspects of our Probus club.

As our new year begins it is time for our membership to ratify our new Management Committee for 2021/22. Your nomination committee composed of Vice President, Joe De Simone and Past President, David Werry, have secured one nomination for each Committee position. The acclaimed positions are as follows:

President	Joe De Simone	Membership	Iris Forsey
Vice President	Marilyn Werry	Speakers	Nancy Turner Grant
Past President	Jim Hare	Social	Shirlie Van Putten
Treasurer	John Catanho	Newsletters	Sandy Smiles
Secretary	Judy Ouellette	House	Marilyn Mendes
Activities	Kathy Borisko	Webmaster	John Roberts

Please join us in the park for this business and social event. Coffee, Tea, and cookies will be available. You must bring your own chairs and social distance. If not already done so, bring your renewal fees.

Our Covid-19 protocols are in place. Bring proof of fully vaccinated status if you have not already shown it at another activity. We will have a maximum attendance of 100 and we are required to provide a mandatory attendance sheet. To attend you must be registered. Please submit your request to attend this outdoor event with an email to Marilyn Mendes at mendes4650@gmail.com. She will send you a registration acceptance.

Stay active, stay safe and stay connected to our Probus club.

Shirlie van Putten – Social

Come along and celebrate the Season with fellow Probus Club members! This year the Christmas Luncheon will be held at Royal Ashburn Golf Club on Myrtle Rd in Ashburn.

Date: Wednesday, December 15th - Noon
Meal: Choose between Turkey; Salmon; Vegetarian
Cost: \$35

Contact: Shirlie van Putten to order your meal. shirlievanputten@rogers.com

Please note: proof of fully vaccinated status is required as per our Club's Covid-19 protocols.

Kathy Borisko – Speakers

Our speaker for our October meeting on Zoom will be Leah Denbok.

Leah is a Canadian photojournalist, from Collingwood, Ontario. With the help of her parents, she started going on a photo excursion to seek out homeless people so she could document their stories. She published a book of photos documenting a selection of her encounters with homeless people.

Iris Forsey – Membership and John Catanho – Treasurer

Membership renewals began on October 1, 2021 with the deadline of December 1, 2021. We encourage members to renew as promptly as possible. The amount is \$15.00 per person. You can either pay by cheque or e-transfer.

By cheque -please make the payable to **Probus Club of Pickering** and either mail or deliver it to:

Iris Forsey
1244 Barnwood Square,
Pickering, On L1X 1C7

By e-transfer - probus1ezpay@outlook.com

It appears that some members would prefer to pay their membership directly by E-transfer through their bank. Some of you are encountering a problem with what security answer to enter. Going forward and in order to keep it simple, the unique security answer will be.....**Probus**

Our bank requires a security answer for all E-business transactions.

Thank you and welcome back.

Best Regards
Iris Forsey and John Catanho

Marilyn Werry – Activities Co-ordinator

SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVITIES - OCTOBER 2021

Hello everyone! Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and have been able to be outdoors enjoying this fabulous fall weather. Many of our Activities have continued very successfully throughout Covid, while others have been hampered by indoor restrictions. I want to thank all of the Group Leaders for doing their best during this difficult time. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Pickering Probus is a social group and by joining in the Activities you meet wonderful new people and stay connected! Please check the Newsletter and the Pickering Probus website for updates and current information.

Upcoming Activities

Final Trivia! - Session #10 with Alan Tibbles on ZOOM

Tuesday, October 19 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Marilyn Werry mjwerry@gmail.com

Golf - Spring Creek Golf Club

Thursday, October 21, morning start

Contact: Jim Hare jameshare@yahoo.ca

Novel Ideas – Home of Marilyn Werry

Tuesday, October 26 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Marilyn Werry mjwerry@gmail.com

Cribbage/Bid Euchre * (new) – Pickering Legion

Thursday, October 28, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Cost: \$5.00

Cribbage contact: Cathy Kwiecien ckwie@hotmail.com

Bid Euchre contact: David Werry dkwerry70@hotmail.com

Recipe Connections (Fall Recipe Exchange)

Recipes due on Friday, October 29!

Send your recipe submissions to Shirley Humphries at shirlmcnamara587@gmail.com

As the summer weather starts to fade away, we may find ourselves cooking things like soup, casseroles and sheet pan recipes. Let's share our tried-and-true fall recipes.

Recipes should be typed either in a word document or in an email. NO PHOTOS please as it will not copy and paste. Include the author or source i.e. cookbook, magazine, to avoid copyright issues. You must have made the recipe once and be willing to recommend it! Recipes will be published in a word document and shared with the participants. A Zoom discussion will be arranged for interested participants after the publication. Let's get cooking!

RODEO (Retired Old Dames Eating Out) - Moxie's Grill and Bar

Monday, November 1 - Noon

Contact: Debbie Cox d_c_cox@hotmail.com

Progressive Euchre – Pickering Legion

Thursday, November 4, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Cost: \$5.00

Contact: Kathy Borisko kborisko@hotmail.com

Kitchen Bridge with Harvey Brodhecker (Ajax Probus)

Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Call Harvey at 416 894-5778

Men's Breakfast Club – Perkins Restaurant

Wednesday, November 10, 8:30 a.m.

Contact: David Werry dkwerry70@gmail.com

New Activity! ✨

World Tour Trivia and Scavenger Hunt

Join the monthly tour and explore some of the most exciting and beautiful cities in the world! Once a month you will be given a YouTube link to a specific city in the world with questions to answer. Just sit back, follow the YouTube link, take in the sights and along the route find answers to the given questions. Then, meet on a ZOOM call with your fellow travellers and share your answers.

Travel for free in your virtual, chauffeur-driven, limousine and learn something new about cities in the world. Our first stop will be: Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact Shirley Humphries at:
shirlmcmamara587@gmail

Activities Pending

Marathon Bridge

Contacts: Jacqueline Mollaret mjmollaret@gmail.com or
Joan Gall galljoan1949@gmail.com

Walking Group - Thursday mornings at 9:30 p.m.

Contacts: Jeanette Adams jeanette.mary.adams@gmail.com or
Bev Sinclair rap875@gmail.com

Garden Club

Contact: Jacqueline Mollaret mjmollaret@gmail.com

Tastes Around the World

Contact: Barbara Twiner plantsbarbara1@gmail.com

Billiards and Pinball are on hold during COVID restrictions

Billiards - Don Voorhees holdus1399@gmail.com
Pinball - Lori Darowski loridee@sympatico.ca

Looking for leaders!

If you would be interested in leading a BOOK CLUB, GENEALOGY, OR THE WINE GROUP, please let us know.

Contact: Marilyn Werry at mjwerry@gmail.com

Non Probus Activities

Some of our members shared these two interesting activities:

Charcuterie Board/Wine Pairing Experience

Enjoy this wine tasting/food experience in the comfort of your own home. Check out the two sister sommeliers from the Picton area and what they have to offer!

<https://the.sistersomms.ca/>

Guess Where Trips

Gather some friends and set off on an adventure. Choose a city destination and the excitement begins. You are given several sealed envelopes which are opened one at a time. Each envelope tells you where to go next until you reach your destination.

For more information go to <http://guess.wheretrips.com/>

ACTIVITY LEADER'S UPDATE

Kathy Borisko – Euchre

Progressive Euchre is the first and third Thursday of the month, at the Pickering Legion. It starts at 1:00 p.m. and costs \$5. You DO have to register first, and show proof of double vaccination. Email kborisko@rogers.com

Debbie Cox – RODEO

The next lunch is at Moxie's on Monday, November 1 at 12:00 noon. Only those who sign-up in advance via email may attend. Spots are limited. Covid protocols and requirements are in place. Contact Debbie Cox: d_c_cox@hotmail.com



TRAVEL 2022 – NON PROBUS

July 9 – 16, 2022

Explore Old Town Dubrovnik, on our 7 night cruise in the Adriatic Sea. This is just one of many interesting things to do on this Celebrity Infinity itinerary. Explore Venice, Italy; Zadar and Dubrovnik, Croatia; Corfu and Zakynthos, Greece; and Kotor, Montenegro.

Expedia Extra – an additional \$50 on board credit per stateroom.



September 6 – 18, 2022

England, Ireland and Scotland are calling as we head to the British Isles on a 12-night cruise on board the Emerald Princess.



Take in the Giant's Causeway or try your luck at kissing the Blarney Stone!

I will be accompanying guests on the above cruises. For more information, please contact:

Sandy at 289 314-7794 or ssmiles@expediacruz.com

A LITTLE LAUGHTER



"No, it doesn't come with Bluetooth, GPS or a backup camera. That technology wasn't around when I bought it."



Sad, but true

FROM A TEACHER: Yesterday, I shut down class about 5 minutes early and told my students I wanted them to just sit and talk to one another. Several of them immediately opened their laptops and began navigating to their favorite computer game.

I said, "No, no laptops. I want you to have face-to-face conversations right now."

After a collective groan went up, I observed something both wonderful and alarming. For the next few minutes, a couple of tables came alive with conversation. They looked at each other in the eyes and talked with great enthusiasm and interest. It was beautiful to watch and listen to.

However, many students were deflated. They did not know what to do without some sort of entertainment from a device. A couple of them put their heads down and avoided eye contact with anyone. I went around the room to those students and tried to engage with them. Some of them mustered a few words, but most didn't know what to do.

I share this story as a wakeup call for parents, grandparents, and guardians. It's tragic to me that a large percentage of today's youth do not know how to have real conversation, but it's not their fault. It is our responsibility as adults to lead by example and hold our kids accountable. Unplug every day, talk, and listen to your children. Getting lost in a device does not help them cope with and overcome the things they're going through mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. All it causes is isolation and depression. They need relationships; they need you.

I plan on doing it again today. [#PleaseShare](#)

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 RODEO – Moxies - Noon	2	3	4 Progressive Euchre – Pickering Legion 1 - 4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Men’s Breakfast Club - Perkins 8:30 a.m.	11 Remembrance Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Progressive Euchre – Pickering Legion 1 - 4	19	20
20	21	22	23 PROBUS Meeting	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			