

Central Ontario District Pionair Newsletter

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DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

What an enjoyable summer we had this year! The weather was terrific producing a bountiful harvest of fruits and grapes. It just makes you want to wine a little red or is it white?...ummm.

Your coffee group leaders met in June once again and discussed different ways each communicates to its group. A wide range of ideas were passed around but the groups need your participation to be successful.

If you are in an area where there are over 10 Pionairs, and you would like to set up a group meeting, please contact me or any of your District committee and we will help you get started. Communication amongst Pionairs is very important and this is an excellent way to hear first-hand about items of interest from Air Canada, Pionairs and also local news and events.

Oh have you heard that Cobourg/Port Hope area is trying to set up a group. Congratulations to Roger Morawski for coming forward. If you are in the area contact Roger for further details at 905-373-7077 or e-mail morawski@sympatico.ca.

We had a very successful Golf Tournament in August. The attendance of 175 of our members for our appreciation BBQ in September was also very good. It was nice to see so many familiar faces, friends and work-mates.

Our Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 4th at Lionhead Golf and Country Club in Mississauga. Details regarding this event are included in this Newsletter and will also be posted on the Central Ontario District web site within www.pionairs.ca . Sign-up early as this event sells out quickly.

The Pionairs website has been going through a major overhaul. It is not completely finished yet, but there are some new items available for you to enjoy. One area not yet ready is the photo gallery. Hopefully, it will be up and running soon.

Your District has decided to host the Pionairs National Golf Tournament slated for August 2014. We are presently looking at using Lionhead as the Golf Course and a hotel that provides transportation to and from the airport. Further details will be available in the new year.

Remember to check out the Pionairs website for events and news from across Canada, USA, the Caribbean and from around the world. If you have not signed on before, you will need to register. Some of you have registered but have never logged on. The website is waiting for you. So come on, join in. We hope that you had a great Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing you in December at Lionhead.

Thank you

David McNeilly - Central Ontario District Director davidmcneilly@sympatico.ca or 905-684-5630

CENTRAL ONTARIO DISTRICT

CHRISTMAS LUNCH BUFFET

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2013 AT LIONHEAD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

LOCATION: 8525 Mississauga Road, Brampton 4.5 k North of the 401 / North of 407 & Steeles

TIME: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

RECEPTION: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Aberdeen, Gullane & Main Lobby Areas

LUNCH: 12:30 pm - Muirfield, Prestwick & Edinburgh Rooms

"CHRISTMAS BUFFET" with all the seasonal trimmings includes a selection of hot & cold items, desserts,

eggnog, coffee & selection of teas

PRICE: \$35 for Pionairs (Spouse is a Pionair)

\$ 37 for Non Pionairs / Guests

Price includes all Taxes and Gratuity

BAR: Cash bar in Main Lobby Area and Aberdeen Room

Please note: Bar prices include all Taxes and Gratuity

SEATING: You are welcome to make up tables of 8 with colleagues

and friends.

Please list names at the bottom of your registration form. Under "Group" indicate: Coffee Group, Branch of Service, etc.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 2013

REFUND POLICY: Applicable to Central Ontario District Events:

- UP TO THE DEADLINE: Refunds will be made upon notification to the Event Chairperson / Social Convenor.
- AFTER THE DEADLINE: The District Executive will assess any notification of cancellation before a refund is made. A refund will only be considered for extenuating circumstances (expl;...family emergencies, illness, or death, but without prior notification of cancellation, refunds will not be made.)

RESERVE YOUR SPACE EARLY

* A SELL OUT IS FORCAST *
(2012 SOLD OUT QUICKLY)

Chairperson: Valdy Prieditis 905-823-4846

Once again we will be collecting non-perishable food items for needy families. In the past, Pionairs have been very generous in donating much needed food items. So please bring something along.

SEE PAGE 10 FOR REGISTRATION FORM

SOCIAL EVENTS CHAIR REPORT, PAST EVENTS: Valdy Prieditis

DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER - August 20, 2013 at Deerfield Golf Club, Oakville

TEAM LOW GROSS TOURNAMENT RECORD BROKEN by Haywood, Shaw, Belanger & Belanger.

Under perfect golfing conditions; sunny skies, slight breeze and comfortable temperature, 18 teams made up of 72 golfers, playing four person Texas Scramble format, challenged the 6068 yard long Deerfield Golf Club course competing for the 2013 District Team Championship.

After the round of golf, 43 participants, made up of golfers and dinner guests confronted the Birds, Duck, Parrot and Rooster in a 3 hole "putting contest". There was a tie in the Ladies Division between Wendy Belanger and Sandie Boyer (score 7). Wendy, having won previously, showed real sportsmanship as she graciously deferred to Sandie. The Men's Division was won by Rolf Schwartje (score 5).

The 72 golfers, joined by 26 dinner guests, sat down to Deerfield's scrumptious "Tournament Buffet". After dinner, District Director David McNeilly joined Valdy Prieditis, the Tournament Director and MC for the evening in presenting trophies and prizes to the winners. The competition was fierce as team scores ranged from a low of 63 to a high of 83. The average score for 18 teams was 72.3. Six teams broke par (71). The winning team, with a score of **63 NEW RECORD** received the District Trophy plus individual awards of silver DC3 model aircraft with Pionair logos on wings.

Team Low Gross:

- 1st Score 63 Wendy Belanger, Ken Belanger, Robert Haywood, Dave Shaw
- 2nd Score 66 Jackie McGuckin, Dave Morgan, Kim McPherson, Paul Stauch
- 3rd Score 69 Evelyn Frake, Stewart Frake, Brenda Stuart, David Stuart

Team Low Net -- (New in 2013) Gordon Dalziel Memorial Trophy

-- Jackie McGuckin. Dave Morgan. Kim McPherson, Paul Stauch

Individual Awards:

Pionair Longest Drive: Ladies – Sandra Steiner / Men – Ron Gibson
 Pionair Closest to the Hole: Ladies – Evelyn Frake / Men – Dave Shaw
 Guest Longest Drive: Ladies – Kim McPherson / Men - John Ferguson
 Guest Closest to the Hole: Ladies – Nil / Men - Dave Philips

Some Golf Notes:

- District Director, David McNeilly advised us that our District Tournament would take place in June next year, on account Central Ontrio District (our District) would be hosting Pionair's National Golf Tournament in August at Lionhead Golf Club in 2014.
- 26 golfers who played in 2012 did not participate in 2013
- Number of golfers participating for the first time 11
- All golfers received a prize
- There were a number of Special & Cash Draw prizes that anyone could buy a ticket for
- Cash prize winners: June Dalziel \$200, Heidi Von Staffeldt \$100 & Rosemary O'Shaughnessy \$100
- Golf Package Winners: Cathy Ford (Dragons Fire), Jackie McGuckin (Turtle Creek), Sandie Boyer (Deerfield)
- Other Winners: Chris Dougan (toaster oven), Donna Israel, Brenda Stuart, Leah Ainsworth, Lisa Orleck, Frank Marando, Dean McKinnon, Ken Belanger, Fraser O"Shaughnessy, Rolf Schwartje

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Margaret Molstad & Elizabeth Nielsen who came out early to handle a smooth check-in.
- Lisa Orleck, Shirley Stoute, Lynn & David McNeilly, Ken Bruce, Lois & Ed Storrie for working the Putting Contest in shifts.
- Dean Mckinnon, Peter Schofield & Cathy Ford for running the special ticket sales and cash draw.
- Ken Belanger & Bob Haywood for tabulating the results and the scoreboard.
- Ed Storrle for keeping track of \$\$\$.
- Shirlee Schacter & Bob Newson for trying to catch you for a "Kodak" moment coming of the 18th green.
- And I can't forget my sister 'Dac' who gets up early to pack your goody bag with ice water, fruit etc... (couldn't do it without her).
- A special thanks to those of you who brought something for the prize table.
 IT WAS A GREAT DAY! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR JUNE 24, 2014 @ DEERFIELD GOLF CLUB PAGE 3

PAST EVENT: DISTRICT APPRECIATION BBQ:

The second "Members Appreciation BBQ" was held on Thursday, September 12th at Hansa Haus, German Canadian Club in Mississauga under slightly overcast skies.

Anne Robertson and Valerie Mitton handled a well organized check-in supplying Pionairs with a name tag, food and soft drink tickets. They were directed to the garden area, where the freshly cut lawn looked almost manicured with its flower beds and trees that created a lovely landscape where Pionairs could congregate around many picnic tables. They could also sit in the patio area enjoying each others' company while listening to the sounds from the accordion of Pionair Albert Dittgen.

Director David McNeilly, Membership Chair Robert Newson and Treasurer Ed Storrie (who was busy also cutting chocolate cakes) were circulating, meeting Pionairs and answering questions. Event Chair Valdy Prieditis, was seen everywhere; setting the dessert table with cake and trays of fruit as well as making sure there was smooth sailing in the kitchen and the garden. Also pitching in, cutting carrot cake, were Lois Storrie and Lisa Orleck.

The food was plentiful! The Hansa Haus staff were kept busy serving Wiener Schnitzel on a bun, sauerkraut, potato salad, coffee and tea to hungry Pionairs. The beer (draft Hacker-Pschorr and Krombacher Pils from Germany) and wine were flowing freely (the only things one paid for).

The sun kept trying to peek through the clouds and the rain held off until after dessert. The event is increasing in popularity as there was a 20% increase in registrations compared to last year. This year a total of 178 registered.

From all reports, the day proved to be a huge, successful event!

"ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$5 - YOU JUST NEEDED TO REGISTER"



MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

2013

December 4 - District Christmas Lunch – Lionhead Golf Club, Brampton

2014

- April TBA District Spring Lunch TBA
- April 26,27,28 AGM Calgary Fairmont Palliser Hotel
- May 24 Woodbine Races Etobicoke
- June 16 C. ON. Executive & Group Leaders Summit SW Hotel
- June 24 C. ON. District Team Golf Championship Deerfield G.C.
- August 20, 21 National Golf Tournament Lionhead Golf Club
- Sept TBA District Appreciation Fall Fest Hansa Haus, Mississauga
- December 3 District Christmas Lunch Lionhead Golf Club, Brampton

WELCOME NEW PIONAIR MEMBERS:

ANDREW	BAKER	CATHERINE	FIELD	ELIZABETH	MORTON RANGER
LEONORA	BREAULT	BARRY	GARD	MONIQUE	GLOBER
ROBERT	BURKE	LORI	GOLDIE	SYD	RAZA
PAMELA	CARLSON	ISOBEL	GUNN	JEAN	TAYLOR
GARY	COCKER	CAROLYN	KINGHORN	KAY	THACKER
GONZALO	CORDERO	FRED Y	LATOUR	RANDY	VAN NESS
PAUL	DUTTON	MAYRA	MACKENZIE	TRUDY	WHITE
ANNE	EAST	KRYSTYNA	MISIAK	THOMAS	WHITEMAN
				KENNETH	WYSHNICKI



DISTRICT COFFEE GROUPS

All Pionairs, other retirees and their spouses or eligible airline guests are invited to meet at any of the following groups.

Niagara Peninsula Coffee Group David McNeilly 905-684-5630

davidmcneilly@sympatico.ca

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am till 12:00 pm: at the Royal Canadian Legion, Polish Veterans BR 418 at 294 Vine Street, St. Catharines. Parking is at the back of the building. Entry is mostly through the side entrance off the rear parking lot. We meet in the Bar area. Cost is \$3. per person, which includes coffee and tea and a possible crumpet.

Please provide your own coffee/tea cup. A cash draw is also available. Everyone is welcome!

Brampton Coffee Group Alastair Robertson 905-457-8209

bramptoncoffee@rogers.com

We have been meeting in Brampton on the fourth Tuesday of each month since 2005.

We start at 1000 hrs at the Clock n Hen Pub and Grill, located on West Drive just south of Clark Blvd. (West Dr is the 1st east of Hwy 410 south from Queen St)

Remember to bring \$3. to cover the cost of the facilities and the coffee and tea....and cookies.

The pub has free wifi available to guests. There is always a 50/50 draw at two tickets for a dollar or five tickets for two dollars and a draw for a door prize or two. **You are welcome to stay for lunch.**

This group does not meet in the month of December.

T2 Coffee Klatch Sheila Moscoe 416-486-1739

t2coffeeklatch@rogers.com

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1000 hrs at Hooters of Toronto Airport, 171 Carlingview Dr, Etobicoke ON M9W 5E8 (416-213-9464). The cost is still \$3 for tea/coffee and for the use of the restaurant. Hooters give us a \$25 dining voucher as a draw prize. Our cash draw is still a popular event. Most of us stay for lunch and make use of the Hooters Lunch-Punch card. After the 5th meal, the 6th is free (up to \$9.95 value). Can't beat the price! So, come out on the 1st Tuesday of each month and schmooze with your fellow retirees from Terminals 1 and 2.

Burloak Coffee Group Stan Callaghan 519-836-7722

britpara@sympatico.ca

Our coffee group meets every third Wednesday of the month at I0:00 am. Meeting place: Dynasi Family Restaurant, 399 Dundas St. W. The restaurant is on the north side of Highway 5 (Dundas St.) just west of Trafalgar Rd. All retirees/spouses and spouses of deceased employees are welcome. **Pass the word.**

Barrie Coffee Club Julie Pisani & Mel Hampton 705-721-1079

Julie_Pisani03@hotmail.com (Julie_Pisani)

We meet the last Thursday of every month, (except July, Aug and Dec) 10 AM at Zehr's Supermarket, 620 Yonge Street, Barrie. A fee of \$5 is charged, which includes a prize draw, tea, coffee and cookies.

Toronto East End Coffee Group Shirley Stoute 905 509-8339

stoute.sv@rogers.com

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at The Stonehouse Restaurant, 1399 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, ON (416-751-4580), located just south of Ellesmere Rd. on the east side of Kennedy Rd. Public transportation is available just outside of the restaurant. Remember to bring \$3. to cover the cost of coffee/tea. Our cash draw is 2 tickets for \$1 or 5 for \$2. The restaurant serves lunch for those wishing to stay.

NOTE: There will be no meetings held July, August and December.

Toronto District Air Canada Pionair Single Ladies (TD-ACPSL)
Anne Pierce 416-233-0933

gpierce@rogers.com

Valerie Manweiler 905-791-2724 Valeriemanweiler@rogers.com

We meet the first Monday of the month at 11:30 am for lunch unless it is a holiday and then it is the second Monday. The location of the luncheon is in the west end and at different places on some months. We keep everyone informed by our phone committee. If you would like to join us, please phone Valerie or Anne and ask them to put you on the phone or email list. We have some widows that find the group helpful but all are welcome. We would love to hear from you.

AC PUB NIGHT GROUP

AC Pub Night Group Jeannie Dundas 905-567-6298

jeannie.dundas@rogers.com

We meet the second Wednesday of every month after 6:00 pm at the Brogue Inn (Irish Pub) located on the NW corner of Lakeshore and Hurontario in Port Credit. (905-278-8444)

The staff here have been incredibly accommodating. We even have our own section of the Pub so we can mix and mingle with each other. Everyone seems to find the food to be excellent! A great place to savour the many tastes of Ireland!

Our attendees are mostly from In Flight, both retirees and active employees, and we also get Flt. Ops. and Sales personnel. We make everyone feel welcome and would love to have all AC personnel come and join in the fun & camaraderie.

GENERAL INFORMATION:



If you received this copy of the newsletter in the mail and you have an e-mail address, please send your e-mail address and your employee number to our membership coordinator, Bob Newson at: newsonr@rogers.com

Pionairs maintains members e-mail addresses – you can input or change them through the www.pionairs.ca website.

We can NOT change your mailing address or phone number – you have to call e-services 1-877-645-5000 or go online to http://acaeronet.aircanada.ca



Safe Shopping Online:

Key Messages from RCMP Commercial Crime Branch

- \$ For the greatest degree of safety, finalize your transactions in person. To protect yourself physically, meet in a public place to see the item you're interested in buying and to exchange funds. Bring a friend with you or tell someone where you are meeting, when and why.
- \$ To protect yourself financially, don't send or wire money to a merchant or seller using money service businesses like Western Union or Money Gram. Like cash, once your money is sent, it's gone and cannot be recovered.
- \$ Just because you've seen an online photo of something you'd like to buy, that doesn't mean it actually exists. Take precautions before you send money to someone you've never met, to a place you've never been, for something you've never actually seen.
- \$ Know your merchant. If you're not familiar with the name or reputation of a seller and especially if that seller has contacted you via an unsolicited spam e-mail message, take a minute and do some research before buying. Many online shopping sites offer feedback pages where customers can post reviews of their experiences with a particular merchant. Before negotiating to buy an item, check the remarks made about the seller. While positive comments aren't evidence that you're dealing with a reputable merchant, if you see several negative comments, they should raise red flags, meaning "PROCEED WITH CAUTION".
- \$ Protect your privacy. Be suspicious of any merchant who asks you to supply personal information not needed to make a purchase such as your Social Insurance Number or your personal bank account information over the internet.
- \$ Keep good records. Print hard copies or electronically save any records related to your online transactions.
- \$ If the buyer sends you more than the asking price, and wants you to return the difference, don't accept the payment. Nobody accidentally sends too much money. You will lose more than the money you send back.
- \$ Use common sense. If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Take the time to do some research. It may save you money and grief.
- \$ Inform Kijiji, or any other such site, of any attempted frauds or suspicious e-mail messages that you encounter in connection with their site.

RCMP Internet Safety Tips: http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/is-si/index.htm

RCMP Scams and Fraud: www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/scams-fraudes/index.htm

Emergency Scams:

Emergency scams target grandparents and play upon their emotions to rob them of their money.

What to look for:

In the typical scenario of an emergency scam, a grandparent receives a phone call from a scammer claiming to be one of his or her grandchildren. Callers go on to say that they are in some kind of trouble and need money immediately. They claim to have been in a car accident, are having trouble returning from a foreign country or they need bail money.

You may get a call from two people; one pretending to be your grandchild and the other pretending to be either a police officer or a lawyer. Your 'grandchild' asks you questions during the call, getting you to volunteer personal information. Callers say that they don't want other family members to find out what has happened to them.

You will be asked to wire some money through a money transfer company. Often, victims don't verify the story until after the money has been sent. In some cases, scammers pretend to be your old neighbour or a friend of the family. For the most part, the emergency scam is directed at grandparents.

PROTECT YOURSELF!

Remember: Scammers are counting on the fact that you will want to act quickly to help your loved ones in an emergency.

Caution: Never send money to anyone you don't know and trust. Verify the person's identity before you take any steps to help.

Think: Don't give out any personal information to the caller.

Investigate: Does the caller's story make sense?

Ask the person questions that only your loved one would be able to answer.

Ask yourself: Call the child's parents or friends to verify the story.

Are you a victim?

If you suspect that you may be a target of fraud, or if you have already sent funds, don't be embarrassed. You are not alone!

If you want to report a fraud, or if you need more information, contact The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:

Online: https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca

Toll Free: 1-888-495-8501
Toll Free Fax: 1-888-654-9426

e-mail: info@antifraudecentre.ca



2013 CHRISTMAS LUNCH - REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - DEADLINE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND, 2013

NAME;	\$35 –	PHONE#	
EMPLOYEE #:	E-MAIL		
SPOUSE / PARTNER:		\$35	
OTHER PIONAIRS:		EMP#	\$35
		EMP#	\$35
GUESTS/NON PIONAIRS:		\$37	\$37
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- NO cheques after deadline date please.
- If paying for other Pionairs Make sure to include Employee #
- If you wish to be seated with someone Make sure they are attending and know of your wishes.

