

Adventures *in Friendship* INC

SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



Happy Birthday!



TO OUR FRIENDS WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

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WELCOME....

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED US SINCE AUGUST

Jane E. Claude G. Gail G. Edie M. Beverley Y.

Thank You

MANY THANKS TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE OPENED THEIR HOMES TO US
TO HOST EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Maureen H. Marg McC. Ian McF. Dorothy Z.

A belated Thank You to Dave P. who opened his home to us in
June.

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- 1) **CANCELLATION POLICY IN EFFECT:** If you purchase a ticket or make a commitment to an event, you will be responsible for the payment of the cost of the ticket or event. (Unless that ticket can be sold to someone else.)
- 2) **NO SMOKING:** We request that all Members/Guests who smoke do so away from the group. Your consideration is appreciated by everyone.
- 3) **Three-Month Members:** One-time introductory offer to Newcomers into the Club. This is considered as a trial for those who are not sure about joining. They will have the same costs and benefits as a regular member. During this three-month trial they may at anytime pay the difference and qualify for a full one year membership.

Introductory Membership \$50.00	
Full Year's New Membership \$85.00	Annual Renewal Membership \$75.00

- 4) **Hosts:** We would like to encourage members to volunteer to host events of their choice, so if you would like to have an activity included in the Calendar or host an existing event, please advise an executive member.
- 5) **New Event Suggestions: All Members and Non-Members are welcome to attend Business meetings.** Come and see how your executive plans for your Club's Activities. Please feel free to make suggestions for outings or events to attend, even if you are not able to host them. Your input is valued and is also very much appreciated.
- 6) **Dress:** Many newcomers ask what the appropriate attire is for various events, so the following is a guide:
Casual – Cords, jeans, shorts, where appropriate.
Dressy Casual – Dresses, dress slacks or skirts for ladies. Sweaters, dress pants for the gentlemen. NO JEANS.
Dressy – Jacket and tie for gentlemen, fancy dresses, skirts or fancy pant set for the ladies.

NOTE: If you wish to come to an event after the deadline for registration has passed, please call anyway to see if there is still a space or tickets available!

PLEASE

RESPECT THE PROPERTY AND HOMES OF OUR HOSTS AT CLUB EVENTS



YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE YOU ATTEND ANY EVENT **EXCEPT** THE SATURDAY BREAKFAST AND THE MIX 'N MINGLE. There have been events changed or cancelled in the past, and individuals who did not register were not called regarding these changes. This has resulted in individuals turning up at an event that has been cancelled or not arriving at a changed time. It can also cause problems when events have a limited capacity. If you don't register and just show up for an event, you may be told "Sorry, but we can't accommodate you at this event". Please save yourself wasted time and remember ..

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS EXCEPT THE SATURDAY BREAKFAST!

Please Note: If you are attending an event, it is your responsibility to get yourself to the event or car pool location. If you have registered for an event and can no longer attend, please be courteous and cancel at least 24 hours in advance.

ONGOING EVENTS

BREAKFAST SOCIAL EVERY SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 am at WILLIAMS COFFEE PUB
Located at the foot of James Street North on Discovery Drive, Hamilton – turn right at the foot of James Street and follow the signs to the Harbour Cruise – join us for breakfast.

BAYFRONT PARK WALK MONDAY EVENINGS 6:30 pm - Bay Street North, Hamilton. Meet at the Gazebo. Parking and Washrooms nearby. Please call the Club Line on the Saturday before to register.

... JUST A REMINDER. . . *If you reserve a ticket to an event, you will be responsible for the payment of the ticket, unless the ticket can be sold to another member.*



Are you still enjoying the Bayfront Park Walks on Monday Evenings or should we cancel them?

If you want them to continue, call the Club Line and let us know.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 1 – EXECUTIVE MEETING at the Home of Nancy P. (East Mountain)

Any member or non-member is welcome to attend an Executive Meeting and see how club events are planned. Your opinion is welcome and all input is appreciated. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Directions upon registration
Time: 7:00 pm - Meeting
Register by: Monday, August 30
Host: Executive

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3 – SINGLES DANCE AT THE LEANDER BOAT CLUB (Hamilton North)

Meet us at the Leander Boat Club at the foot of Bay Street in Hamilton and dance the night away. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Leander Boat Club, Bay Street North, Hamilton
Time: 7:30 pm (please be on time, as we cannot hold chairs)
Cost: \$9.00 (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Wednesday, Sept. 1
Host: Val S.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4 – BREAKFAST AT WILLIAMS COFFEE PUB - see Ongoing Events - page 3

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4 – RIBFEST (Burlington)

For those who love succulent ribs and great music, we're going to Spencer Smith Park. This year marks the 15th anniversary of Canada's Largest Ribfest, an event that the National Post has dubbed "the Superbowl of Ribfests." Funds raised through the festival are contributed to local charitable organizations. A Rock band and two Blues bands are performing this evening. Come out and enjoy the food and music. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Meet at Mapleview Mall, under the Mapleview sign (on the corner of Plains Road and Maple Avenue) then it's only a short walk to the park
Time: 3:00 pm
Cost: Own expense (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Thursday, Sept. 2
Host: TBA

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5 – DINNER AT THE BLACK FOREST AND MUSTARD FESTIVAL (Downtown)

The Black Forest, a landmark in Hamilton, serves Austrian cuisine in a chalet atmosphere. Following dinner, we will visit the Mustard Festival at Ferguson Station – sample various mustards, check out the arts and crafts, then enjoy the music of the Henry Strong Jazz Band. Note: we cannot make reservations Black Forest, so get there early. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Dinner - Black Forest Inn, 255 King St E -- Festival – meet in front of Black Forest
Time: 6:00 pm for dinner – 8:00 pm for Mustard Festival
Cost: Own expense for dinner, festival is free (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Friday, Sept. 3
Host: Margaret C.

MONDAY (LABOUR DAY) SEPT. 6, 6:30 pm – WALK AT BAYFRONT PARK - see Ongoing Events on page 3 for details. PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 – RED-HOT JAZZ AND COOL BLUES AT THE RBG (Burlington)

This is the last month for music in the Gardens – if you haven't been yet, you're missing out on something great. Enjoy award-winning jazz and blues musicians in a lovely garden setting. Tonight features Jack de Keyzer, a Juno award winner. Join us for a relaxing evening of entertainment in the beautiful setting of the Royal Botanical Gardens. If you like, bring your own dinner/munchies, refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks or purchase wine, beer, pop and appetizers there. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Hendrie Park on Plains Road (free parking at the lot by Hendrie Park)
Time: 6:00 pm – meet at the stage area (or come earlier and stroll the gardens)
Register by: Monday, Sept. 6
Cost: \$10.00 (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Host: Mary M.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 – ART CRAWL (Downtown Hamilton)

Join us for an interesting summer evening on James Street North which is located in the heart of downtown Hamilton, comprised of the Italian, Portuguese and Vietnamese communities. The street is alive with restaurants, cafes and shops and, most recently, a burgeoning arts community! Art Crawl Night is a good time to visit James Street North, and you'll be pleasantly surprised. The area is evolving into an ever-growing artist's colony. All galleries are open to the public. Indulge your creative side and then we will finish up at Fisher's Pub for snack and live music. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Jackson Square, King and James Streets, inside the entrance
Time: 7:00 pm
Cost: Own expense (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Wednesday, Sept. 8
Host: Mary M.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 – BREAKFAST AT WILLIAMS COFFEE PUB - see Ongoing Events - page 3

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11 – ELORA CULINARY WALKING TOUR

Stroll through the streets of historic Elora and enjoy the culinary delights. During this 2 hour tour, we will sample specially created dishes at various local restaurants and shops while learning about the history and architecture of the area. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Car pool from University Plaza in Dundas, meet at Beverly Tire in the University Plaza
Time: 11:00 am -- Walking tour starts at 1:00 pm sharp
Cost: \$10.00 for culinary pass (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
plus gas money for drivers
Register by: Thursday, Sept. 9
Host: Margaret C.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12 – SOCIAL DINNER AT THE WILD ORCHID (Downtown Hamilton)

Last month we enjoyed the foods and spices of Asia, this month we are going to Portugal! The Wild Orchid specializes in Portuguese cuisine which features a large menu of fish and also offers a vast variety of other dishes such as pasta, steak, chicken and a selection of pork entrees. The cosy atmosphere and exotic food will remind you of many places in Europe. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: 286 James St. North (just below Barton St.)
Time: 7:00 pm
Cost: Own expense (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Friday, Sept. 10
Host: June P.

MONDAY SEPT. 13, 6:30 pm – WALK AT BAYFRONT PARK - see Ongoing Events on page 3 for details. PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15 – MIX & MINGLE AT THE WHISTLING WALRUS (Central Mountain)

Join old friends and make new friends in this relaxed environment – finger foods and cash bar. Open to everyone!

Location: Whistling Walrus, 1508 Upper James Street, Hamilton
Time: 5.30 pm
Cost: \$5.00 (includes snack food)
PLEASE NOTE: A \$5.00 FEE WILL BE FOR EVERYONE ATTENDING WHETHER YOU EAT OR NOT
Host: Executive

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 – DAY TRIPPING ON LOCKE STREET (West Hamilton)

We'll meet at the Vintage Garden Tea Room for lunch and tea and, if you want, have your tea leaves read for an additional \$12.00 (tea leaf reading is 11:00 am to 2:30 pm). Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Vintage Garden Tea Room, 35 Pine St., at the corner of Locke and Pine
Time: 11:00 am
Cost: Own expense for lunch (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Wednesday, Sept. 15
Host: Margaret C.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 – MOVIE NIGHT & REFRESHMENTS (East Mountain)

Join us for Movie Night. After the movie, we will go for refreshments at a place to be determined by the group. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Silver City at Paramount and Stone Church Roads, Hamilton
Time: 6:15 pm to decide which movie(s) we will see
Cost: Own expense (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Wednesday, Sept. 15
Host: Mary M.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 – BREAKFAST AT WILLIAMS COFFEE PUB - see Ongoing Events - page 3

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 – WINE TOUR

Join us for a tour of some of the newer wineries along the wine route. Bring along munchies and water to clear your pallet between samplings (not all wineries provide snacks). After our tour, we will stop for dinner. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Car Pool – meet at Eastgate Square on Sear's side near Wimpy's
Time: 11:00 am
Cost: Own expense (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members) plus gas money for drivers
Register by: Thursday, Sept. 16
Host: Charlotte O.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19 – ART GALLERY AND COTTAGE RESTAURANT (Downtown Hamilton)

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is Ontario's third largest public art gallery and owns one of the finest collections of art in Canada, featuring over 9,000 works of art including historical European, historical Canadian and contemporary art. Sunday Tour Day is an excellent opportunity to enhance your Gallery visit. Learn more about the fascinating works of art on display from our Docents. Tours last approximately 40 minutes after which we will have plenty of time to browse the unique items in the gift shop, then drop into The Cottage Social Eatery for dinner. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Hamilton Art Gallery, 123 King St. West
Time: Tour starts at 2:00 pm – arrive earlier to purchase ticket
Cost: \$8 seniors - \$10 adult. Own expense for dinner (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Friday, Sept. 17
Host: Margaret C.

MONDAY SEPT. 20, 6:30 pm – WALK AT BAYFRONT PARK - see Ongoing Events on page 3 for details. PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24 – CARD NIGHT at the Home of Judith T. (East Mountain)

Just a fun night of cards – either euchre or cribbage – No experience necessary – we will teach you. The Club will provide snacks and refreshments. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Directions upon registration
Time: 6:45 pm
Cost: \$5.00 (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Wednesday, Sept. 22
Host: Executive

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 – BREAKFAST AT WILLIAMS COFFEE PUB - see Ongoing Events - page 3

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 – WINE BOTTLING & POT LUCK BBQ (Central Mountain for Wine Bottling – Central Hamilton for Pot Luck BBQ)

Wine Bottling will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Grape Escape, 1760 Upper James Street, Hamilton in the "Egg & I" Plaza. Cost is \$3.50 per bottle with your own clean, labels removed, bottles or \$4.50 without bottles. Anyone ordering wine is expected to be present to assist with the bottling.

NOTE ... ALL BOTTLES WILL BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO BEING USED. IF YOUR BOTTLES ARE NOT COMPLETELY CLEAN, THEY CANNOT BE FILLED AND YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE NEW BOTTLES.

PLACE YOUR WINE ORDER NOW – THE NEXT WINE BOTTLING IS NOT UNTIL FEBRUARY!

Maximum order is 10 bottles per person (more may be available if there is a surplus supply.)

Chose from: RED WINES
Barolo
Merlot

WHITE WINES
Chardonnay
Riesling
Verdicchio

SPECIAL NOTE: Wine should be aged approximately 6 weeks before drinking.

After the Wine Bottling a Pot Luck BBQ at the home of Dave P. (Central Hamilton) at 3:00 p.m. If you wish to only attend the Pot Luck dinner, please advise when registering. True Pot Luck for appetizers, salads and desserts – bring your specialty to share! Bring your own fish, meat, etc. to BBQ for your meal and also your lawn chair. The Club will provide the munchies and pop. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Directions – only upon request
Cost: Pot luck – Members: \$5.00 with food item and \$10.00 without food item (& meat to BBQ)
Non-Members: \$10.00 with food item and \$15.00 without food item (& meat to BBQ)
Register by: Thursday, Sept. 23
Host: Executive

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26 – SINGLES DANCE AT THE BEST WESTERN (Brantford)

Join other singles at one of our favourite dance locations in Brantford. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Best Western, 19 Holiday Inn Drive, Brantford (just off Wayne Gretzky Parkway)
Time: 8:00 pm – Please note there is no Car Pool for this event
Cost: \$7.00 (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Friday, Sept. 24
Host: Val S.

MONDAY, SEPT. 27, 6:30 pm – WALK AT BAYFRONT PARK - see Ongoing Events on page 3 for details. PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30 – WORLD FILM FESTIVAL (Downtown Hamilton)

The Art Gallery of Hamilton World Film Festival showcases the best in innovative international and Canadian cinema. The Festival provides the movie-loving public in Hamilton (and beyond) access to some of the most critically acclaimed films, filmmakers and emerging talent. Call the Club Line to register.

Location: Jackson Square, King and James Streets, inside the entrance
Time: 6:00 pm
Cost: Ticket price \$10.00 (plus \$5.00 participation fee for non-members)
Register by: Tuesday, Sept. 28
Host: Mary M.





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REGISTER BY CALLING THE CLUB LINE (905) 575-2805 OR TOLL FREE 1-877-315-2225

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Executive Meeting	2	3 Singles Dance at Leander	4 Breakfast Rib Fest in Burlington
5 Black Forest and Mustard Festival	6 Evening Walk at Bayfront Park	7	8 Red Hot Jazz and Cool Blues at the RBG	9	10 Art Crawl and Fishers Pub	11 Breakfast Elora Culinary Walking Tour
12 Social Dinner at the Wild Orchid	13 Evening Walk at Bayfront Park	14	15 Mix and Mingle at Whistling Walrus	16	17 Lunch at Vintage Garden Tea Room Movie Night	18 Breakfast Wine Tour and Dinner
19 Hamilton Art Gallery Tour and Cottage Restaurant	20 Evening Walk at Bayfront Park	21	22	23	24 Card Night	25 Breakfast Wine Bottling and BBQ
26 Singles Dance at Best Western	27 Evening Walk at Bayfront Park	28	29	30 World Film Festival		