

## David Clink

Poet, Schulich staffer

# Free Verse

TO HEAR DAVID CLINK READ his own amusingly irreverent poems is to wonder if you haven't stumbled into a comedy club instead of a room full of serious poets attending the Tuesday night meeting of the Art Bar Poetry Series. Every week ABP versifiers converge in Toronto's Victory Café to read their latest. It's run by Clink, ABP's new artistic director, who, by day, works in the Peter F. Bronfman Business Library of the Schulich School of Business.

"Our mandate is simple. We provide a weekly venue for poetry that's inclusive and eclectic," says Clink, who has published many poems of his own in small literary magazines like *Descant* and *Grain*. "We usually get 50 people showing up – sometimes 100." It's free? "No charge," says Clink. "But we pass the hat and ask people to contribute what they can." ■

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