



WELCOME TO OCTOBER



It's hard to believe but here we are in the first full month of autumn and preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving on October 14 and Halloween on October 31. The leaves are turning their glorious colors, and summer is just a fond memory as we must now accept the onset of cooler temperatures.

Thanksgiving is a special holiday to give thanks for family, friends and good health that can never be taken for granted. Traditionally, most people eat turkey paired with diverse and colorful harvest vegetables, but anything goes for this festive weekend. Halloween is always an exciting time, with innovative and scary costumes and houses adorned with spooky and ghoulish decorations to frighten the brave little trick or treaters who dare knock on their doors! This is also the month to take advantage of the fall fairs and fall colors and perhaps take a trip to see the spectacular display, or just enjoy and discover the many valleys and trails with an abundance of fall foliage in our own neighbourhoods.



HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we are now officially three-quarters of the way through 2019, it's a good time to reflect on the highs and lows of all the seasons as we move closer to another winter and into a new year. I hope that the start-up of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside in January 2019 has been a positive experience and that you are enjoying and utilizing your membership as much as possible. We will continue to make this a fun club, with lots of excursions and activities in the works for the upcoming months but this is a joint effort and your participation, suggestions and willingness to help out will ensure its continued success. It is such a rewarding experience to be the President of Lakeside, and I wish you all a very happy and safe Thanksgiving, and a spooktacular Halloween!

I would like to say a big welcome to our newest members, which brings the total to 215, and congratulations to Desiree W who became our 200th member: **Audrey A, Linda D, Judy R, Susanne R, Janet B, Cecilia M, Karen B, Laurie R, Darrell B, Joyce M, Rosie M, Margaret G, Lorraine C, Denis C, Dave P, Desiree W, Bill M, Laurie M, Suzanne C, Addy S, Dawn S, Susan M, Kornilia V, Barb W, Brian W, Angela Y, Beverley C, Mary Lou L, Maurice L, Linda B and Josephine S.**

Fran Sancroft, President, PROBUS Pickering Lakeside

NEXT MEETING



This month we will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at the East Salon in the Rec Complex, so [please RSVP here if you plan to attend](#). The guest speaker will be Cheryl Cooper. She was born in Toronto, spent her youth in Thornhill, and now lives in Bracebridge with her husband Randy and two cats, Magpie and Fog. Cheryl's presentation is titled "**1812 and the Age of Sail**" and it will include a lively and interactive discussion on the naval aspects of the War of 1812; the conditions and hardships faced by the men who fought for their country on the Atlantic Ocean; the naval origins of words and expressions which have found their way into our everyday language; and the inspiration behind writing historical novels set on the sea.

All will be accompanied by a slideshow of images depicting scenes of shipboard life and war from this period of history



SNAPSHOTS IN HISTORY

Some historical trivia for you to ponder that happened on October 16, the day of our next meeting:

- **1962** - The Cuban missile crisis began as President Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.
- **1964** - Harold Wilson of the Labour Party assumed office as Prime Minister in Britain, succeeding the Conservative party.
- **1966** - Joan Baez and 123 other anti-draft protestors were arrested in Oakland.
- **1987** - Hurricane storm winds batter southern England during the night killing 13 after the worst night of storms in living memory.
- **1997** - US doctors reported that a Georgia woman (39) was the first to give birth using a frozen egg in the US. The egg was supplied by a woman (29) and had been frozen for 25 months before it was thawed and fertilized.
- **2001** - Etta Jones (72), jazz vocalist, died in Manhattan.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to club members whose birthday is in the month of October.



Your birth flower is the **Marigold**. This vibrant flower is a Mediterranean native plant and has been prized for both its beauty and versatility. It comes in a range of colors including white, gold and yellow, although the most popular is probably bright orange.

Your birthstones are **Opal** and **Pink Tourmaline**, both of which come in a rainbow of beautiful colors and symbolize a vibrant month.

VOLUNTEERS

Please [contact Gail Perks](#) to get involved, or [Linda Black](#) if you would like to host a craft session. A huge thank you goes out to the house team who help to make everything run smoothly at the monthly meetings, but we still need a volunteer to host the first rotating wine tasting event.



FUN AND GAMES

Thanks to the members who completed the survey at the September meeting as it will help Lorna Ware, the Social Coordinator, plan future events. Here are some of the upcoming events we have planned, and you can find all the details and sign up on [our website](#):

Friday, October 18 - [Ghost Town of Cobourg Tour](#) - Cost \$109.00
Wednesday, October 30 - [Haunted Toronto Walk & Tour](#) - Cost \$140
Sunday, November 24 - [A Westben Christmas](#) - Cost \$89
Tuesday, November 26 - [Niagara Festival of Lights Tour](#) - Cost \$112.50
Wednesday, December 11 - joint [Christmas lunch at Deer Creek](#) - Cost \$35 members/\$46 non-members

Team spirit ran wild as 17 members attended the first Trivia challenge that took place at the Falcon Brewery on September 23. Kudos to everyone for bringing the exact change of \$3 to play, and congrats to the winning team, "Brain Trust", who each went home with \$11.50. It was a very fun afternoon and many thanks to the Falcon Brewery for letting us use their venue. Trivia will continue on the 4th Monday of each month so [join us](#) on October 28 for another afternoon of camaraderie, brain teasing, fun and superb craft beer, and a promise that all "technical" difficulties will be resolved by then! Details on upcoming activities and contact info on all the [interest/activity groups](#), can be found on our website:

Arts and Crafts - [Linda Black](#)
Billiards - [Don Voorhees](#) (Probus Pickering)
Books - [Susan Woodward](#) and [Dorothy Edwards](#)
Bridge - [Peter Green](#)
Cribbage - [Susan Maste](#)
Discover Toronto - volunteer needed
Euchre - [Nancy Agostino](#)
Genealogy - [Gail Perks](#)
Golf - [Jim Hare](#) (Probus Pickering)
Hiking - [Eileen Higdon](#) and [Linda Borg](#)
Movies - [Fran Sancroft](#)
RODEO (Retired Old Dames Eating Out) - [Cynthia Falla](#)
Tastes of the World - [Sharon Fenn](#) and [Sharon Marshall](#)
Trivia - [Vicki Samson](#)
Wine Tasting - Hosted on a rotating basis - volunteer needed



TECHY STUFF

Our Webmaster is on vacation this month but stay tuned for more "techy stuff" next month.

TIP OF THE MONTH



It may sound cruel, but if you have an ant problem, desperate times call for desperate measures. Put small piles of polenta where you see ants and they'll gobble it up, return 'home' and won't be able to digest it. Your ant problem (and the ants) will soon be dead.

IN THE NEWS

Check out the [55+ Active Living Fair](#) on October 2 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex. This is a free event, partly sponsored by Amica Pickering, featuring information, speakers, vendors and services available that are focused on living and aging well in our community.

The City of Pickering has developed its first ever [Age Friendly Community Plan](#) which is intended to develop and nurture an age friendly City and is being undertaken to ensure that older adults in Pickering are appropriately recognized, and have access to the programs and services they require to stay active, healthy and engaged in the local community.



BUZZ WORD

The October Buzz word is "Oxymoron" meaning a two-word paradox, such as "on Halloween the houses are darkly lit"!

MEMBERS' CORNER



We are now accepting nominations for the Vice-President and Activities Coordinator positions for the Management Team, both of which are vital roles for the success of our club. The diligent work of the Management Team and volunteer coordinators are the key to the success of all PROBUS clubs, so please contact [Fran Sancroft](#) if you are interested in getting involved and becoming an integral part of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside. We are always open to receiving suggestions, ideas and feedback on how to improve, so contact [Vicki Samson](#) if you have anything to contribute, as this is YOUR club.

LAST LAUGHS

