



Here is your PROBUS Pickering Lakeside Newsletter (called ????) for February.

First Things First: **We need a name for our Newsletter!** [Send in your suggestions](#) and the winner will be announced at our next meeting. **The prize will be free membership for a year!** Plus we will always [welcome any feedback](#), thoughts or contributions to this newsletter in the future.

Secondly, click on any of the underlined areas to send an email or for access to our website and more information.

## Club News

- Our Foundation meeting was a great success with over 100 people present. Our speaker, Eric Conroy, had this to say: *"I think your club will be tremendously successful if the energy I experienced in that room is any measure. I love to share KEEWATIN so I really appreciated the chance to visit with you all."*
- Our membership is now up to 90 and we expect to top 100 by the end of the month. That's way ahead of schedule.
- Peter Davidson has joined our Management Team. Welcome Peter.
- We still need a member to fill the **House** position and be responsible for the organization and logistics of our monthly meetings. A very rewarding and necessary job so don't be shy and please come and join the team. [Let Fran know if you are interested](#)
- PROBUS Canada is happy to report they now have over 265 clubs and a National membership of over 38,000!. **We are Club # 264** and there are six new ones in the works, including an Oshawa club in April. The National website is [probus.org](http://probus.org) Click on "What is PROBUS" and then "[Photo Gallery](#)". Our club Foundation Meeting is featured there.
- March and April are PROBUS Months and we hope to be planning something special to celebrate. [We would welcome your ideas](#).

## Events and Excursions



The following events still have some spaces available so if you are interested, click on the event to register

- [Escape Room](#) - February 11th - Use your wits and your teammates to escape the mayhem
- [Ripley's Aquarium & Steam Whistle Brewery](#) (inc. lunch at the Hot House) - March 21st
- [Famous People Players](#) (Lunch and show) - April 21st
- [Windsor & Point Pelee - 3 Days of Fun](#) - May 5th - May 7th
- We will also be setting up a June trip to Port McNicholl to see the SS Kewatin exhibit
- For more information or to request/suggest a tour, please [contact Lorna Ware](#)

## Club Activities

Activities have started with a bang:

- Several people have already signed up for the [RODEO](#) luncheon this month. It will be at the St Louis Bar & Grill on February 13th - [RSVP](#)
- [The Bridge Club](#) has had 3 fun sessions so far and the race for the **PLEBS** (Pickering Lakeside Easygoing Bridge Society) award is heating up. [Peter is still accepting new applicants](#)
- [Eileen Higdon](#) has started a [Walking Club](#) and is waiting for the weather to improve to get us all active.
- A new [Book Club](#) is being formed please contact [Susan Woodward](#) at if you are interested.
- 10 members joined up with Pickering Probus and played [Euchre](#). All we need is a couple more members to sign up and someone to lead the group and we can have our own Euchre club. We even have a venue!
- Several members plan on attending the [Genealogy](#) session at the Pickering Main Library on Feb. 14th at 12:45. If you have a laptop bring it along with its electrical cord. [RSVP](#)
- **Arts and Crafts Club** - A new club led by Linda Black will be starting in March. Get all the details at the February meeting.
- [The Billiards Club](#) meets every second Friday at Petrina's Taps and Billiards in Ajax cost is \$4.00 and it starts at 11:00 a.m. For more information email [Don Voorhees](#)
- We have a few members signed up to form a musical group. If anyone is interested come and see me at the meeting. [Gail Perks.](#)

**Have fun! Join a Club!**



## Volunteers, Volunteers!!

We are desperately seeking volunteers to step up to the plate and get any activity off the ground.

Without volunteers, we are unable to provide the mission of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside which is for seniors to meet, socialize and have fun! So, if you have a favourite hobby, game or pastime that we all can share, please, please get involved and start an activity club so that we can make PPL the success we want it to be. Your participation and leadership is required to make our club the greatest, and It will be one of the most gratifying things you do for yourself and others in 2019! [Contact Gail Perks](#)

## Next Meeting

Our Next Meeting will be held in the East Salon of the Pickering Rec Centre from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, February 20th. Please register if you haven't already done so and remember:

- There is a \$2 meeting fee to cover meeting expenses (and don't forget to bring cash for the "Share The Wealth" draw)
- Coffee will be provided but please help the environment and bring your own mug.
- Our Speaker this month is [Terry Fallis](#) and, by all accounts, you won't want to miss this.
- Remember that parking at the Complex is always an issue so allow yourselves plenty of time. You can also park at the back of the building as the doors will be open.
- If you haven't already done so, please [RSVP](#)

## Meeting Day Trivia

While at the next meeting, you can also discuss some of the following selective snap shots which are retrospective of what is so special about February 20:

- **1944:** Batman & Robin comic strip premieres in newspapers and World War II: The "Big Week" began with American bomber raids on German aircraft manufacturing centers.
- **1952:** 1st black umpire in organized baseball certified (Emmett Ashford)
- **1958:** Buddy Holly released his self-titled album on Coral Records, which included "Peggy Sue" and "Rave On".
- **1962:** John Glenn became 1st American to orbit the Earth, aboard Friendship 7.
- **1965:** The Temptations scored a third straight week at #1 on the R&B chart with the great song "My Girl".
- **1971:** The Temptations appeared to have another winner as "Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me)" moved from 51 to 29.
- **1974:** Gordie Howe comes out of retirement for \$1M from Houston Aeros, WHA

Anybody remember these and/or any other things that happened on February 20th?

## Thoughts for the Day

Since February is also Valentine's month it seems appropriate to include a beautiful quote by Helen Keller which applies to everyone, "*The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.*"

When you have something to say, but don't know what, and don't know how . . . . You forward stuff! A 'forward' lets you know that . . .

. . . You are still remembered,

. . . You are still important,

. . . You are still loved and cared for.

So next time, if you get a 'forward', don't think that you've been sent just another forwarded joke,

## Techy Stuff

Our Club is one of only 4 PROBUS clubs in Canada that uses the "Wild Apricot" Membership software and it is proving to be very beneficial to us.

- The website address is [probuspickeringlakeside.ca](http://probuspickeringlakeside.ca)
- Our technology provides the ability to pay with a debit card at meetings, or directly online . This is much more efficient and easier for all of us than using cheques.

5 things you can do from our website

- Catch up on [Club News](#)
- Join a Club ([here's how](#))
- Book and pay for your space for an [event or excursion](#)
- [Share photos](#) about club activities (press the UPLOAD button).
- View the [Club Directory](#) to get contact info for other members



**If you have any questions about our site or if you are still having trouble signing in or navigating around it, don't hesitate to [contact our Webmaster, Peter Green](#)**

## Member's Corner

We are hoping to feature one or two of our members every month and are looking for people who would like to share a brief, unique or special interest story with the club. If you have a story to share about something interesting or unusual in your life [please contact us for a short interview](#).



## Happy Birthday



We want to wish a very happy birthday to all our members who have a birthday this month. Here are some interesting facts:

- Your colors are light blue, yellow and purple
- Your birth flowers are Violet and Primrose.
- **Violet** symbolizes loyalty, watchfulness, and faithfulness and **Primrose** symbolizes youth and tells people that you can't live without them (it is also a plant that is edible and actually tastes like lettuce).
- Your birthstone is **Amethyst**, which is said to strengthen relationships and give its wearer courage. At one time, only royalty could wear the gem. Ancient Greeks thought that the amethyst guarded against intoxication. In fact, amethyst comes from amethystos, a Greek word meaning "sober."

## Pickering in the News

The City of Pickering has extensive information on its website about pollination which is crucial to our existence: <https://www.pickering.ca/en/living/pollinators-take-action.aspx>

## Looking Ahead

Our meetings will always be held on the third Wednesday of each Month and will always feature a great [Guest Speaker](#). Please mark these dates for the next 5 meetings on your calendar:

March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th

## The Last Laugh

