



# Lakeside Buzz



July 2020

## HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT (Jim McMinn)



Welcome to July, we're now officially halfway through 2020 and what a rollercoaster ride it's been. Who would have ever imagined after our first year anniversary celebration that we would be honed up indoors for weeks and months and unable to socialize with our PROBUS friends.

We held our first Management Team meeting on June 9 via Zoom and it was quite successful for a bunch of techno rookies. Although we missed not meeting at Chartwell who always generously provide us with coffee, tea, fruit and pastries, we were in the comfort of our own homes to discuss where we go from here with PROBUS Pickering Lakeside. It also gave us an opportunity to get neat and tidy and look respectable as we were meeting "face-to-face"! It was a structured meeting with an agenda and this seems like it's the way to go now for a long time. We discussed the future of PPL and how we will handle activities and monthly meetings but there really isn't anything concrete at this time because of social distancing and the ever-changing government legislation dealing with the size of groups and what's allowed.

So, we're doing our best to stay abreast of all that's happening, I'm keeping in touch with other PROBUS groups and Presidents and we're all making suggestions about what we hope to be able to do in the future. In the meantime, we just have to be patient and make the most of what we do have and our website will continue to keep you updated on anything that's newsworthy. I just hope that everyone is staying healthy and happy and enjoying the arrival of summer which has definitely put a spring in our step and some cheer back to our lives.

## HELLO FROM THE SECRETARY AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Vicki Samson)



At our Zoom management meeting on June 9 we decided to continue with this condensed version of the Buzz as we want to keep in touch even if just by way of quips and quotes and funny jokes that are hopefully of interest and make you smile. Otherwise, only the "Cover to Cover" book club, hosted by Susan Woodward via video conferencing, and "safe" golf, hosted by Peter Lewarne, are still running, as all other activities and trips are suspended. Hopefully, you're finding lots of things to do to keep you occupied and are perhaps even getting used to, and enjoying, spending so much time at home.

Now that the social distance restrictions have been eased somewhat and most retail stores and services are open again, it's definitely making our lives a little brighter to be able to socialize more, shop and even attend to some of our beauty needs. It seems like we're all managing quite nicely and adapting to our new norm, at least for now, and we must make the most of the short Canadian summer and enjoy what we do have even though I'm sure we're all missing our monthly general meetings, fun activities and social excursions but be sure to check our [website](#) for any updates with respect to COVID-19 and how it relates to PROBUS.



## AND THE SURVEY SAYS....

Many thanks to all of you who completed our survey about the future of PROBUS Lakeside as your response will help us gauge the direction we can expect to go once restrictions are fully lifted and our new normal begins to unravel. We now also have our own golf coordinator who is hosting the Lakeside golf club and adhering to all public golf course COVID-19 protocols as our golf club is now independent from PROBUS Pickering. Please contact [Peter Lewarne](#) if you're interested in playing a round of safe golf with other Lakeside members.

## ORIGIN OF UNIQUE OLD PHRASES

- "Close but no cigar" - During carnivals in the 1800's, cigars were given as prizes for winning carnival games.
- "Best foot forward" - When bowing to nobility, a gentleman would literally put his best foot forward, extending his leg to take the bow.
- "Dressed to the nines" - You were rich enough to entirely purchase the nine yards it took to make a tailor-fit outfit, including a vest, jacket, etc.
- "At the drop of a hat" - Instead of a gunshot to indicate that a race had started, in the 1800's it was customary to drop a hat to signal the start.

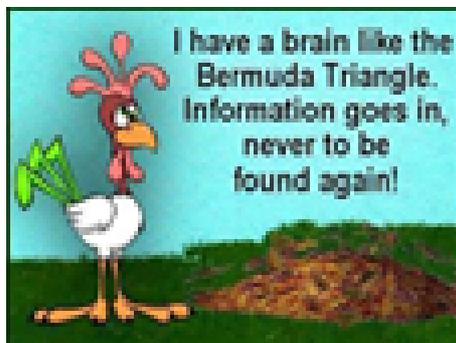
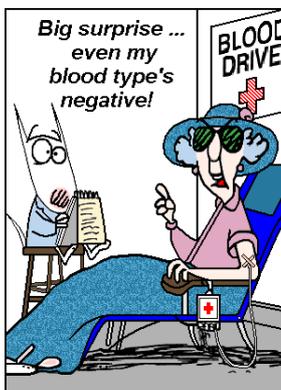
## DID YOU KNOW?

- 3 carrots give you enough energy to walk 3 miles and they were first grown as a medicine, not food.
- Sucking a piece of clove after a meal helps to reduce acidity.
- Cucumbers are 96% water.
- An egg contains every vitamin except vitamin C.
- If you're coughing uncontrollably, raise your hands above your head and it will stop.

## PARAPROSDOKIANS

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.

## LAST LAUGHS



It's gardening season:  
Five weeks ago  
I planted myself on  
the sofa and I've  
grown considerably.