



Message from the President

November 2021



I want to start off by acknowledging and thanking your Social Committee. We have had so many successful activities and events recently and there are so many more in the works. In fact last Friday I participated in an online meeting of the Presidents of approximately 30 other PROBUS clubs serving southern Ontario and I can honestly say that we are one of, if not the, most active in the area.

You should also know that we have just renewed our Zoom licence for another year so that we can continue to try new things and to provide many opportunities, both online and in-person, throughout the upcoming winter months. Compare the "The Social Scene" section of this newsletter to previous months and you will see that it grows each month.

So kudos to the Committee and kudos to you too for your active participation. For many events registrations were so high that we had to add extra tours, tables and/or buses to meet the demand so having such a great response to what we do makes it so much easier and rewarding for us.

On the subject of 'us' a subcommittee led by Peter Davidson recently completed a review of the various volunteer positions we rely on so much. A new listing of all our team positions and their roles and responsibilities is now included on our site. You can [view them here](#).

As a result of that work I have now asked Judy Scott to set up and lead our "Nominating Committee". Their job will be to review what positions might need filling and how we would best do that. So if you have any interest in being part of our team in the new year, please let us know.

I say the new year because our January meetings are typically our Annual General Meetings when budgets and the new teams get approved and presented, etc. We missed the last AGM because of you know what and 2 years ago, we also missed it when it had to

be cancelled at the last minute due to flooding at the Rec Centre. So I am really hoping that we can have our next AGM on schedule and make it an in-person meeting with an appropriate 'back in business' celebration. Stay tuned!

Don't forget that Daylight Savings time ends on November 7th. Being a curious soul I googled DST and discovered that the idea was first proposed in 1784 by Benjamin Franklin as a means to reduce candle usage! Then in 1895, New Zealand entomologist and astronomer George Hudson seriously proposed the idea of changing clocks by two hours every spring to the Wellington Philosophical Society. He wanted to have more daylight hours to devote to collecting and examining insects; presumably because he didn't have enough candles!

Take care, [Peter](#)

Speakers Report

I must admit I had a few restless nights worrying about whether our October speaker, Nick French, would be able to connect OK and that there wouldn't be any lags or other zoom issues seeing as how he lives in South Africa. But I was amazed - he came through loud and clear and could have been in Pickering for all we could tell. Phew!

For November's meeting (and hopefully our last one on zoom) we have lined up a totally different type of topic. Tammy Dean spends her days assisting seniors through the challenges of downsizing, decluttering, organizing and moving. She will share some creative and inexpensive tips that will help in the process of reorganizing and/or downsizing our homes or just better organizing our existing lives. I do hope my husband will be watching. He always has those virtual backgrounds when on a zoom call in his office for a reason you know!

[Laura](#)

Membership Report



PROBUS Lakeside would like to welcome six new members who joined in October: Oonagh B, Carol R, Melanie H, Marg L, Steve L and Maureen E. Be sure to say hi to these newest members if you meet them at an event or an online activity.

If any one of you has misplaced your membership badge please let me know and I can order you a new one, at a cost.

[Sharon](#)

The Social Scene

I counted all of the events and activities we have scheduled in November. There are 23! How did that happen? It happened because you have a great social team. Just think, they have only been at it for a couple of months. I can hardly wait to see what they have us doing starting in January!

ACTIVITY GROUPS

ARTS & CRAFTS

Arts & Crafts - *Coming Soon*: A Card Making Workshop is being offered by our wonderful arts and crafts aficionado Linda Black at the Livita Parkway Retirement Residence on Thursday November 18th. This will be an experimental event so there will be limited attendees but don't worry, Linda will try to keep our crafters busy!

BOOK CLUB

Cover to Cover Book Club - The book selection for October was *The Ladies' Midnight Swimming Club* written by Faith Hogan. Three women, three different stages of life, united by one thing: the chance to start again. A story of friendship, taking chances and finding a new lease in life - no matter your age; a delightful read that generated much discussion. The book selection for Monday, November 29th will be *Miss Benson's Beetle*.

Not a Book Club - For those new to this group - we discuss books and authors that we have enjoyed reading over the past month. At the end of our discussion, a list of shared books is distributed. In our last meeting we discussed over 20 different titles by 20 different authors. Just a few mentioned were:

- *A Good Year for the Roses* by Gil McNeil
- *A Slow Burning Fire* by Paula Hawkins
- *Made in China* by Amelia Pang
- *The Lost Sisters* by Holly Black
- *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

Join us for our next meeting Tuesday November 9th and discover what prolific readers many of your fellow members are. Better than any online book review.

FOOD & DRINK

In the Kitchen - We had an amazing turnout for our last session where Barb M. walked us through making *Chicken Chasseur*. A French version of Hunter's chicken to be enjoyed under the Hunter's moon. Our next session is scheduled for Thursday November 18th when we will be making an *Apple Cake* with Kathy Allen.

Meals Out - The initial expectation at last month's lunch at Moxie's was around 20 people; imagine our joy at seeing 50 sign up. It proves that our members are ready to step out

and enjoy the company of fellow members. Breakfast at Sabina's on Monday, November 1st and lunch at The Black Dog on Wednesday November 24th have already sold out.

GAMES GROUP

Euchre has moved and will now be offered in person on the first and third Thursday of the month starting Thursday, November 4th at the Legion. This will be a progressive form of the game.

MOVIE CLUB

Movie Club - Join us on Monday, November 8th as we discuss the movie '1480 Radio Pirates'. It's 1965 and rock music is shaking up the world, but not in New Zealand. Based on a true story this movie was released in 2014. Our December movie scheduled for the 13th will be delightful, compassionate and thought provoking - just right for the Christmas season,

ONLINE CHAT

Ladies Let's Talk - Hop on to Zoom for an hour of general chit chat and lots of laughter. The next session will be held on Friday, November 12th at 11. This is a change of date due to Remembrance Day.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Golf - For true diehards we will continue playing as long as the course remains open. Dates are set for Thursday, November 11th and 25th at Spring Creek Golf Club. Lots of layers are definitely recommended.

Lakeside Weekly Walking - This weekly walking group goes out each Tuesday, taking a different route each time. Walks are currently scheduled for:

- Tuesday, November 2nd - Greenwood
- Tuesday, November 9th - Ajax Rotary Park
- Tuesday, November 16th - Pickering, Beachpoint Rd.
- Tuesday, November 23rd - Heber Downs, Whitby
- Tuesday, November 30th - Orchard Trail, Rouge Valley

Bowling can be fun especially when the Ajax Bowling Centre is offering us our first game free! Yes, for \$8 all taxes in, you can enjoy three games on Monday November 29th. Not a bowler? Well why don't you come out with your fellow members and have a chat in the snack bar. The bowling centre is offering us the opportunity to use their snack bar as a place to meet, have a drink, maybe a bite to eat and chat while the bowlers do their thing.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Durham - During the month of October, we challenged our members to take photos of the last blooms of summer and the exploding fall colours and post them on Facebook. The following is just a small sampling of what our members submitted.



You can find all the photos online - [click here](#) to check them out. Special thanks to everyone who took the time to share these amazing photographs with us.

Historic Distillery Tour - Due to the popularity of this event, two additional dates have been scheduled in November. Tuesday, November 9th and Tuesday November 16th, we will be joining Bruce Bell, renowned historian and tour guide, for a tour of Corktown and the Distillery District.

Niagara Winter Festival of Lights - On Monday, November 15th experience Niagara Falls as it is transformed into a palette of breathtaking colours with millions of sparkling lights. We will have time to do some shopping in Niagara on the Lake before we head for dinner at the Skylon Tower.

St. Jacobs Sparkles - The Pickering PROBUS group has invited us to join them on a tour of St Jacobs on Thursday, November 25th, with dinner at the St. Jacob's Grill. Great chance to make in-roads on your Christmas gift list.



And don't forget our **Holly Jolly Christmas Luncheon** being held at the Ajax Convention Centre, 550 Beck Crescent, Ajax on Wednesday, December 8th. We will once again enjoy the in-person company of our fellow PROBUS Pickering Lakeside members as we partake of a delicious luncheon while being entertained by the amazing Mark

Kersey. Lots of prizes to be won! Tickets are now on sale - get yours early to secure your spot.

Keep up-to-date - continue to check us out on our website at [PROBUS Pickering Lakeside - Home](#) and on our Facebook page [PROBUS Pickering Lakeside | Facebook](#).

[Lynne](#)

Upcoming Events

[Breakfast at Sabina's](#)

Monday, 1 Nov 2021 10:00 AM 1755 Pickering Parkway #20

[Progressive Euchre](#)

Thursday, 4 Nov 2021 1:00 PM Royal Canadian Legion - 1555 Bayly St

[Movies](#)

Monday, 8 Nov 2021 2:00 PM Online Zoom meeting

[Toronto History Tour - Distillery District - Nov 9](#)

Tuesday, 9 Nov 2021 9:00 AM Berkeley Street & The Esplanade

[Not a Book Club](#)

Tuesday, 9 Nov 2021 1:00 PM Online Zoom meeting

[Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk](#)

Friday, 12 Nov 2021 11:00 AM Zoom

[Niagara Falls Winter Festival of Lights](#)

Monday, 15 Nov 2021 12:00 PM Chestnut Hill Rec Centre - Valley Farm Road

[Toronto History Tour - Distillery District - Nov 16th](#)

Tuesday, 16 Nov 2021 9:00 AM Berkeley Street & The Esplanade

[November General Meeting](#)

Wednesday, 17 Nov 2021 10:00 AM zoom

[Lunch at The Black Dog](#)

Wednesday, 24 Nov 2021 12:00 PM 87 Island Road, Scarborough

[St. Jacobs Sparkles](#)

Thursday, 25 Nov 2021 9:45 AM bus departure from Chestnut Hill Rec Centre

[Ajax 5 Pin Bowling Centre](#)

Monday, 29 Nov 2021 1:00 PM 172 Harwood Avenue, Ajax

Our Members Say

As we start to get back to more in-person activities and events, we have been pleased with the many comments coming in from our membership, so we decided that we will start to post some of them in our monthly newsletter. This month our comments came as a result of our Historical Tour of St. Lawrence Market. We strongly encourage our members to let us know how you enjoy the many activities and events that your Social Committee makes happen. Send your comments to pplc.webmaster@gmail.com and we will publish it in the next newsletter.

"We had a lovely time and are very glad we signed up for the tour. Bruce is very knowledgeable about Toronto's history and he explained about things in an interesting way. We certainly learned things we hadn't known before. Thanks to all involved in arranging this outing." Cathy & Greg Garber

"It was a fascinating day for Bill and I. We have recently been doing Bill's ancestry and we discovered that his Great Great Grandfather was George Gurnett, a four time Mayor of Toronto and the first Police Magistrate. His portrait hangs in the St. Lawrence Market. Touring the first City Hall and Police Station really helped us appreciate Bill's family history in Toronto. Totally loved the day, and the food at the Hot House was delicious" Bill and Elaine Phipps

"I was very pleased to be part of the Toronto historical walk with Bruce Bell on October 12th. It was interesting, insightful and an enjoyable learning experience. The weather was perfect, and being able to be with other Lakeside members was super. Hoping we will do this again." Jim McMinn

"Bruce Bell really KNOWS Toronto and gave an interesting and informative historic tour of St. Lawrence Market and the surrounding area." Dirck Van Vliet

Paraprosdokians (a sentence or statement with an unexpected ending)

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. If I agreed with you, we would both be wrong.
4. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
5. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
6. They begin the evening news with "Good Evening", then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
7. To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.
8. In filling in an application, where it says, 'in case of emergency' - notify: I put 'DOCTOR'.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. Behind every successful man is a woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
11. A clear conscience is a sign of a bad memory.
12. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
13. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Nor is there any future in it.
14. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
15. Finally: I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

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