

## WELCOME TO MAY



As William Shakespeare wrote, "rough winds do shake the darling buds of May", so let's hope he's right and that we're well on our way to summer although, so far, it feels like we're off to a very slow start. May is a vibrant time, full of optimism of a summer to come, when trees begin to bloom, the grass gets greener, gardners start planting, cottagers prepare to go north, baseball is underway, the smell of barbecues permeates the air, and there is just a general feeling of hope, happiness

and well-being all around.



Of course, the most important day of the month is Mother's Day on May 12 when we honor or remember our mothers, and we also celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday on Monday, May 20 which fortunately gives most workers a statutory day off, known as the Victoria Day Weekend, even if we have no idea why or who she was!

## HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT





I'm very excited to see our Lakeside club growing and thriving because of the enthusiasm of our members and the volunteers who help make it happen. I would like to say a big welcome to our newest members, which now brings the total to 142: Elaina L, Paul S, Dorothy E, Judy S, Maureen M, Maureen M, Joanne T, Indrani L, Rebecca H, Darlene J, Chris B, Kathy B, Jim B, Josie B, Roseann B, Maureen K

The growth of Lakeside has far exceeded our expectations to date and we hope to continue this trend throughout 2019. Our continued success, however, will depend on you to step up and volunteer to run the various activities. It's a known fact that a healthy social life is particularly important for seniors for many reasons. Positive social interactions on a consistent basis help keep seniors stimulated, mentally sharp and intellectually engaged so keep on enjoying the trips and other activities we offer, as well as attending the monthly meetings, so that we may all continue to live active, meaningful, and healthy lives.

Fran Sancroft, President, PROBUS Pickering Lakeside

## NEXT MEETING



Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 15. Please RSVP here if you plan to attend. The guest speaker this month is Daniel Alonso. Daniel studied piano from an early age and then went on to complete a Bachelor's and later Master's degree in music from York University with Classical Piano as primary instrument. He also enjoys playing guitar regularly. His main areas of interest are in Popular Music and Film Music. Daniel will be talking about the Legends of Big Band music from the greats like Louis Armstrong

and Duke Ellington, to the legends like Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey. Be sure to join us and experience the bombastic sounds of the Big Band.

## SNAPSHOTS IN HISTORY

Something to ponder while attending the club's May 15 general meeting is the following selective snapshots of what happened on this day in history:

- 1905 Las Vegas founded in Nevada
- 1911 British House of Commons accept Parliament Bill
- 1944 Montgomery, Churchill and King George VI discuss D-Day plan
- 1951 AT&T becomes the 1st US corporation to have a million stockholders after young car salesman Brady Denton purchases 7 shares worth \$1,078
- 1957 Operation Grapple: Britain tests its first hydrogen bomb near Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean
- 1958 "Gigi" (best picture 1959) premiers in New York
- 1965 Canadian Football Players Association organizes
- 1967 Paul McCartney meets his first wife Linda Eastman
- 1987 Last Episode of the "Late Show" with Joan Rivers after she was fired by the Fox network

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Your birth flowers are **Lily of the Valley** symbolizing good fortune, happiness, sweetness and joy, and the **Hawthorne** that symbolizes longevity.

Your birthstone is **Emerald**, bringing youthfulness, rejuvenation and divine love.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We are doing very well with members who have offered their time to get Lakeside off the ground with most of the activity clubs, but we still need more volunteers for the Craft Beer, Discover Toronto, Garden, Tastes around the World, and Wine Tasting clubs, otherwise these activities will not be sustainable. Please make Lakeside the funnest PROBUS club in Durham Region by stepping up to the plate and contacting Gail Perks to get involved and become a leader. We can't stress enough that the activity clubs will only run if people volunteer to head them up and take charge, so please get involved.

#### FUN AND GAMES

There's lots of fun stuff going on in the weeks ahead and we hope you will take every opportunity to enjoy the day trips and getaways that the social committee is putting together. Here are some of the exciting trips we have planned for you and you can find all the details and sign up on our website:

May 15th & 16th - <u>Stratford Overnight with 2 shows</u> - Cost \$399 + hst - closed Thursday, May 23rd - <u>Stratford - The Merry Widows</u> - Cost \$169 - closed Monday, June 10 - <u>S.S. Keewatin</u>, Cost \$120 Friday, June 21st - <u>Woodbine Racetrack</u> - Cost \$112 Tuesday, July 23rd - <u>Westben to see ABBA</u> - Cost \$99

Following is a list of the interest/activity clubs and contact info if you want to sign up:

Arts and Crafts - Linda Black

Billiards - <u>Don Voorhees</u> (Probus Pickering)

Book Club - Susan Woodward

Bridge - <u>Peter Green</u>

Craft Beer - volunteer needed

Cribbage - David Black

Discover Toronto - volunteer needed

Euchre - Nancy Agostino

Garden Club - volunteer needed

Golf - Jim Hare (Probus Pickering)

**Hiking Club** - meet 2nd Wednesday of the month 10 a.m. to noon. Locations vary - <u>Eileen Hiadon</u>

Movie Club - Fran Sancroft

RODEO (Retired Old Dames Eating Out) - Cynthia Falla

Tastes around the World - volunteer needed

Wine Tasting - volunteer needed

## TECHY STUFF

As we get more 'clubs' or interest groups forming so there will be more emails and so we will be starting to be more selective about who we send those emails to. For example, we will only send emails about Wine Tasting to those members who have expressed an interest in Wine Tasting.

So how do you join a Group? It's easy: Press on this little blue person icon in the top right of the screen (we call her **Betty Blue**). Then:





- Log In if you aren't already.
- Select "View Profile"
- Click on the Edit Profile button.
- Scroll down and add checkmarks to whatever interests you.
- And Save (Go to that Club page to see yourself listed there).

PS: Not getting any emails from the club? First check your spam or junk folder and if they are not there then let <u>Peter</u> or <u>Elaine</u> know and they will help you.

#### TIP OF THE MONTH





Having trouble getting those annoying barcode stickers off something? Rubbing a cloth soaked in vinegar will instantly remove it, including the goo it leaves behind.

## IN THE NEWS

PickWaste was selected by their fellow neighbourhood groups for 'Best Group Effort' at the Celebration Event, held in recognition of the City's <u>Celebrating Sustainable Neighbourhoods program</u>. The distinction awards the group the opportunity to work with the City on a community enhancement project valued up to \$10,000. The program encourages members of the community to come together and engage in various community-building initiatives, promoting civic pride and sustainability and challenges neighbourhood groups to complete activities that make Pickering a better place environmentally, socially, or economically.

# **BUZZ** WORD

May's Buzz word is "*Matriarchy*" meaning a social organization in which a female is the family head. I guess Fran Sancroft fits the bill and is most definitely Lakeside's matriarch!

### MEMBER'S CORNER

This poem, called "SURVIVAL", was submitted by one of our members.

A spider's web of woven silk
a delicate framework of intricate mystery
suspended by a gossamer thread.
Its victims captured, unscathed until the kill.
No effusion of emotion,
just a device for existence.
Like the predator that stalks its prey,
a mission intent only on the feast.
A paradox of life and death
Or simply survival of the species.

If you have a poem or short story you would like to share, please contact Vicki Samson

## LAST LAUGHS





