



## WELCOME TO MAY



and well-being all around.

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, gardeners 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



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



## 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 - [Stratford Overnight with 2 shows](#) - Cost \$399 + hst - closed  
Thursday, May 23rd - [Stratford - The Merry Widows](#) - Cost \$169 - closed  
Monday, June 10 - [S.S. Keewatin](#), Cost \$120  
Friday, June 21st - [Woodbine Racetrack](#) - Cost \$112  
Tuesday, July 23rd - [Westben to see ABBA](#) - 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** - [Don Voorhees](#) (Probus Pickering)

**Book Club** - [Susan Woodward](#)

**Bridge** - [Peter Green](#)

**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 - [Eileen Higdon](#)

**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:



Interests/Group

- Arts & Crafts
- Billiards
- Book Club
- Bridge
- Cribbage
- Euchre

- 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 [Peter](#) or [Elaine](#) 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 [Celebrating Sustainable Neighbourhoods program](#). 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

