

## WELCOME TO NOVEMBER

DEMENDANCE

The most important date this month is November 11, Remembrance Day, and, lest we forget: "In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago, we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe: to you

from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow. In Flanders fields." We commemorate this day by wearing a poppy as a symbol of the blood shed during battle, and as one of the only plants that grew on the barren battlefields after World War One ended.

November 5 is Guy Fawkes Day, sometimes known as Bonfire Night, and marks the anniversary of the discovery of a plot organized by Catholic conspirators to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London in 1605, while November 30 marks St. Andrew's Day, the Patron Saint of Scotland.



### HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT



Armistice Day is November 11 and also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. I hope we will all take a two-minute silence at 11 a.m. on November 11 to remember and honor those who fought and died for our freedom.

On a lighter note, don't forget that PROBUS Pickering and PROBUS Pickering Lakeside will be hosting a joint Christmas lunch at the

elegant Deer Creek Golf Club on Wednesday, December 11 so <u>register now</u> to reserve your spot as this will be a lunch you definitely won't want to miss and the perfect way to start off the Christmas season.

I would like to say a big welcome to our newest members which brings the total to 244: Paul D, Carol S, Ernst B, Janet B, Linda G, Judy S, Lynne W, Bill B, Lyn B, Bryan C, Valerie G, Jeannie H, Jim I, Euthalinda L, Jim P, Sylvia P, Carol R, Erica W, Al H, Susan H, Linda A, Carol E, Christine H, Brian W, Dale P, Libbi S, Paul S, Joyce G, Helen D.

Fran Sancroft, President, PROBUS Pickering Lakeside

### NEXT MEETING



This month we will meet on Wednesday, November 20 in the East Salon at the Rec Complex. Please RSVP here if you plan to attend, and don't forget to wear your name badge. The guest speaker will be Diane Dupuy, a member of the Order of Canada and winner of Ernst & Young (EY) Social Entrepreneur Award. She is the founder of the internationally acclaimed Famous PEOPLE Players and she has a presentation that will have you laughing out loud and, yes, moved to tears. Everyone must

hear her story of the Impossible Dream made POSSIBLE. Diane Dupuy has changed laws and attitudes for people with DisABILITIES and is applauded worldwide for her motivational and energized presentations. To hear Diane Dupuy speak will be a life altering experience and one you will remember forever.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Famous, well-known Canadian celebrities, musicians and songwriters include
  Sarah McLachlan, Nelly Furtado, Diana Krall, Chantal Kreviazuk, K.D.Lang,
  Maureen Forrester, Leonard Cohen, Raffi Cavoukian, Bruce Cockburn, Gordon
  Lightfoot, Anne Murray, Robert Goulet, Shania Twain, Buffy Sainte-Marie,
  Joni Mitchell, Justin Bieber, Michael Buble, James Cameron, Jim Carrey, Celine Dion,
  Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams, Mike Myers, Ryan Reynolds and William Shatner.
- The longest highway in the world is the Trans-Canada Highway which is over 7,604 kilometres (4,725 miles) in length.
- Wasaga beach is the longest freshwater beach in the world.
- Whistler, British Columbia, is consistently ranked as one of the best places in North America for downhill skiing.
- The Canadian motto is "A Mari Usque ad Mare" which means from sea to sea.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to club members whose birthday is in the month of November:



Your birth flower is the **Chrysanthemum**, representing cheerfulness and love. These flowers are also known for bringing happiness and laughter

into the house.

Your birthstones are Citrine and Topaz. The warm color of citrine is said to be a gift from the sun and is believed to be a healing gemstone. Topaz is most desired in its rich orange Imperial Topaz color but it is found in a variety of rich colors like blue, pink and yellow.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Please <u>contact Gail Perks</u> to get involved, or <u>Linda Black</u> if you would like to host a craft session. Mucho gracias goes out to the house team who help to make everything run smoothly at the monthly meetings, but we still need volunteers to host the first rotating wine tasting event and Discover Toronto.





Here are some of the upcoming events we have planned, and you can find all the details and sign up on <u>our website</u>. Brigadoon was a huge success and a great time was had by all, so thanks to Lorna Ware for organizing such an awesome trip to Niagara-on-the Lake which included an outstanding lunch and a ticket for the show.

Tuesday, November 12 - <u>Shopping trip to Buffalo</u> - Cost \$72

Tuesday, November 26 - <u>Niagara Festival of Lights Tour</u> - **SOLD OUT**Wednesday, December 11 - joint <u>Christmas lunch at Deer Creek</u> - Cost \$35

members/\$46 non-members - **ticket sales cut off date November 28 Save the Dates** - January 16 - Famous People Players; February 13 - Valentine's Lunch - The Briar's Inn - details to follow

The second book club, hosted by Dorothy Edmonds, is now underway on the first Thursday of each month at Chartwell Retirement Residence on Valley Farm from 1-3 p.m. 10 members attended the first meeting on October 3 to discuss the book "Coppermine", and the next meeting on Thursday, November 7 will be hosted by Barb McGrath to discuss the book "Florence Gordon". Marilyn McLaughlin has started Scrabble from her home, with the first game being held on Friday, November 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The second Trivia challenge on October 28 was a huge success, with 27 funsters testing their IQ skills over a craft brew. Details on upcoming activities and contact info on all the interest/activity groups, can be found on our website:

Arts and Crafts - <u>Linda Black</u>
Billiards - <u>Don Voorhees</u> (Probus Pickering)

Books - <u>Susan Woodward</u> and <u>Dorothy Edmonds</u>

Bridge - <u>Peter Green</u> Cribbage - <u>Susan Maste</u>

Discover Toronto - Volunteer needed

Euchre - <u>Nancy Agostino</u> Genealogy - <u>Gail Perks</u>

Golf - Jim Hare (Probus Pickering)
Hiking - Eileen Higdon and Linda Borg

Movies - Fran Sancroft

RODEO (Retired Old Dames Eating Out) - Cynthia Falla

Scrabble - Marilyn McLaughlin

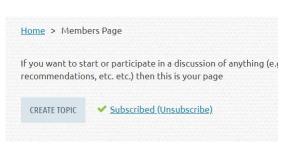
Tastes of the World - Sharon Fenn and Sharon Marshall

Trivia - Vicki Samson

Wine Tasting - Hosted on a rotating basis - volunteer needed

# TECHY STUFF

Are you aware that the last item on the menu bar on our website is the "Members Page". This page is for you! Got an idea you want to share with other members? Looking for help with something? Want to suggest a new Excursion or Activity?



Then simply "Create a Topic" and/or "Subscribe" to what interests you



## TIP OF THE MONTH





That grime stuck to your cookie sheets and frying pans is no match for your dryer sheets. Simply put your dirty pan in the sink with a little dish soap, warm water, and a dryer sheet and let the combo sit for an hour or two. When you're ready to pour out the water, the mess will easily wipe away.

### IN THE NEWS

Did you know that the <u>Commemorative Tree and Bench Program</u> invites the public to pay tribute to a loved one by purchasing a bench or tree for installation in a public park or open space? This commemorative program helps beautify Pickering's public spaces and provides a unique opportunity to commemorate the City's residents, and a beautiful way to remember our loved ones.

## **BUZZ** WORD

The November Buzz word is "Noctivagation" meaning wandering around at night; hopefully something none of us ever do!

### MEMBERS' CORNER



Don't forget that, until November 5, we are accepting nominations for the Vice-President and Activities Coordinator positions for the Management Team, both of which are vital roles for the success of our club. Please contact <u>Fran Sancroft</u> if you are interested in becoming an integral part of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside as this is YOUR club, and you can nominate yourself.

### LAST LAUGHS & WEIRD FACTS



Yes officer, I did see the 'speed limit' sign, I just didn't see you.

All the people in the world are of the same age this year! It's amazing: this year all the people in the world are all in the same age group, all equal to 2019. This year is special. It happens only once every 1,000 years. This year your age + your year of birth, each individual is = 2019. For example, you are 55 years old and you were born in 1964, which adds up to 2019. Very strange, even the Chinese and foreign masters can not explain. Please calculate and see if the answer is 2019. It's a thousand-year wait! Good shot! Go to the circle of friends, let everybody calculate it!