



## WELCOME TO DECEMBER



The last lap of 2019 is almost here and we're rapidly approaching another decade as we head into 2020 and 20 years since the start of this century. We're now full swing into another Christmas season, commonly known as the most wonderful time of the year, although sadly for some it can be the most lonely and nostalgic. It's a magical time that holds fond memories and family traditions, tis the season of goodwill toward men (and women!), and where people travel from far and wide to spend time with their family and loved ones. December is also full of bazaars, concerts and parties to prepare us for gift-giving and the spirit of Christmas. Even though it felt like winter briefly came in November, we only officially greet its arrival on December 21, so some lucky folk will be ready to migrate to warmer climates for a few weeks or months, while for winter lovers and the rest of us, it's the time to put on the skis, take a hike through the snow, curl up in front of the fire with a good book, or just binge watch all those great series on Netflix.



## HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT



They say that time flies when you're having fun so I hope the activities and excitement of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside has a lot to do with that, and we've only just begun! It seems impossible that it was a year ago the preliminary committee was formed to get Lakeside off the ground and already membership is well over 80% of the way to the cut-off point, a phenomenal feat for a second Pickering club. I've almost served my tenure as President and will be stepping down to let Jim McMinn, Vice-President, take the reigns of President as of January 2020 although I will continue in my new role as Past President and remain active on the Management Team. I'm very excited to see what next year will bring and am especially looking forward to working with the new VP and Activities Coordinator who will officially be announced at our AGM on January 15. This is the last Buzz of the year so, on behalf of the Management Team, I wish you all a joyous festive season, a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year as we look forward to another successful PROBUS Lakeside year in 2020. To all the snowbirds I say goodbye for now and look forward to your return in the spring.

I would like to say a big welcome to our newest members, which brings the total to 278: **Joye G, John W, Marilyn W, Rona S, Sylvia T, Alda S, Dan S, Karen M, Vera P, Barb F, Steve B, Ellen B, Dave T, Margaret T, Eleanor F, Linda B, Paula M, Ann P, Roy P, Ginette C, Beverley B, Gail W, Doug W, Jane D, Kathy W, Judy G, Ron G, Susan L, John R, Paul M, Patti F, Linda E, Deborah H, Geraldine A.**



## FUN AND GAMES

The day trip to Buffalo on November 12 was a shopper's delight despite the bad weather. There was plenty of time to shop south of the border at various locations, and the reception at customs was warm and friendly with no one being charged duty on their purchases. Kudos again to Lorna Ware for also organizing an exciting and diverse trip to the Festival of Lights in Niagara and Niagara-on-the-Lake on November 26 where a coach full of happy members and guests enjoyed a very busy and fun-packed sunny November day. Here are the other upcoming events we have planned, and you can find all the details and sign up on [our website](#):

Wednesday, December 11 - joint [Christmas lunch at Deer Creek](#) - Cost \$35 members/\$46 non-members - **Registration closed**

Wednesday, January 16 - [Famous People Players](#) - Cost \$90

Thursday, January 23- [ROM & Bata Shoe Museum](#) - Cost \$121 (PROBUS Pickering)

Sunday, February 9 - [Herongate Theatre](#) - Cost \$64 (PROBUS Pickering)

Thursday, February 13 - [Valentine's Lunch at the Briars Inn](#) - Cost \$124

8 enthusiastic word buffs attended Marilyn McLaughlin's first Scrabble club held in her home on Friday, November 25, and the second book club of 12 avid bookworms now has the official name "Mind Readers". Details on upcoming activities, and contact info for all the interest/activity groups, can be found on our [website](#):

Arts and Crafts - [Linda Black](#)

Billiards - [Don Voorhees](#) (PROBUS Pickering) - volunteer needed

Book Club 1 - "Cover to Cover" - [Susan Woodward](#)

Book Club 2 - "Mind Readers" - [Dorothy Edmonds](#)

Bridge - [Peter Green](#)

Cribbage - [Susan Maste](#)

Discover Toronto - Volunteer needed

Euchre - [Nancy Agostino](#)

Genealogy - [Gail Perks](#)

Golf - [Jim Hare](#) (PROBUS Pickering) - volunteer needed

Hiking - [Eileen Higdon](#) and [Lynda 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

Don't forget to keep your profiles updated as to what groups you are interested in, especially as new activities are being added.



To do this, click on "Betty Blue" in the Members Log-In area in the top right of the site. Then select "View Profile", click the "Edit Profile" button, and scroll down to put check marks against whatever interests you. This will eliminate excess emails so that you only get notified about the activities you want to get involved in.

- Euchre
- Garden
- Genealogy
- Golf
- Hiking
- Movies
- R.O.D.E.O

## TIP OF THE MONTH



Never quite cracked the perfect turkey? Many chefs have a secret weapon: "butter muslin", available cheaply from kitchen shops. Soak the material in a bowl of melted butter, then drape it over the turkey before popping it in the oven. Moist meat and crunchy skin will be your reward.

## IN THE NEWS

In accordance with the [Ice and Snow Clearing By-law 6650/06](#), as amended, property owners are required to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall but, when clearing snow, pile it on your property - do not throw it back onto the sidewalk or street.



## BUZZ WORD

The December Buzz word is "Deleterious" meaning harmful to living things, as in the effect ticks have on humans, causing Lyme Disease..

## MEMBERS' CORNER



Nominations have now been officially received for the Vice-President and Activities Coordinator positions for the Management Team and the names will be announced at our AGM on January 15. As we enter a new decade, it's a perfect time to reflect on our accomplishments over the past 10 years and what we hope to achieve in the next 10 of our golden years, as hopefully you joined PPL to stay active, make new friends and enhance your quality of life. Please let [Vicki Samson](#) know if you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make our club better or if you want to contribute to the "Members' Corner" of the monthly Buzz as we are always looking for new ideas. Don't forget that you can also keep in touch with PROBUS members from around the world at [probusglobal.org](http://probusglobal.org).

## LAST LAUGHS

This little guy told his Dad that he wanted to learn how to train his dog and his Dad said there were lots of dog training videos on YouTube. So here he is, showing them to the dog!



Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:  
"Windows frozen, won't open."  
Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."  
Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."