



WELCOME TO JANUARY



The gifts are unwrapped, the leftover turkey is soup, Auld Lang Syne's been sung, and 2020 has just begun! January is named after the Roman god of doors, Janus, because this month is the door to the year. It represents all beginnings and possesses the ability to see all things past and future. As we head into another year of unknowns and new beginnings, one thing for sure is that winter has officially arrived and, just like most Canadian winters, we're in for many weeks of cold and snow before we see any signs of spring. There is so much to be thankful for at this time of year though and Lakeside will have plenty of activities to keep you occupied over the winter, as the warmth of friendship is always comforting at any time of year. 2020 is not only the start of a new decade but also a leap year when an extra day gets added to February making the year 366 days long, and it is also the year of the 28th Summer Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo. Last but not least, PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is out of its infancy and heading into its second year, which promises to be another memorable and exciting one of many more to come.

HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are now ready for another new year. We certainly had a FUNtastic time at the Christmas lunch on December 11 with good food and an opportunity to mingle with members of our sister club, PROBUS Pickering, as well. This will be my last "Hello" as my tenure as President is rapidly coming to an end and Jim McMinn will be leading the pack as of January 15. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President for the past year and to be involved with such a committed Management Team who have worked hard and diligently to get Lakeside off the ground. The number of members in such a short time speaks volumes to our PROBUS reputation and proves the need to have a second club in Pickering. I look forward to staying connected as Past President and working with some new and continuing members of the team in 2020 as I see nothing but exciting times ahead. I hope you will all attend the AGM and 1st anniversary party on January 15 which promises to be an informative and celebratory meeting and will be kicked off with an awesome guest speaker. I personally want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very happy and healthy New Year as we head into year 2 of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside.

In order to qualify for the City of Pickering grant, which goes towards the cost of running our club, we have to limit the remainder of our membership to Pickering residents only, but I would like to say a big welcome to our newest members: *Talya A, Lori M, Marie J, Linda C, Patrick C, Linda H, Elizabeth B, Angela C, Victoria T, Marianne M, Brenda W, Ernie W, Valarie R, Wendy K, Kimberley M and Sandra R*; bringing our total to 294.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is the AGM at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 15 to be held in the East and West Salons of the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex. Brenda Andrews, Regional Director, will be installing the President, Past President, the new Vice-President and Activities Coordinator. Then after the guest speaker, Chartwell will be providing a buffet lunch, accompanied by a complimentary glass of wine, courtesy of Lakeside, and a keyboard musician will be playing soft music to officially celebrate our one-year anniversary. Please be sure to [RSVP here](#) if you plan to attend or sign up directly on our [website](#) as we need to know how many people to cater to.



Our guest speaker will be Dr. Mike Daley who holds a Ph.D in music from York University and is a musicologist, specializing in the history of popular music. He has taught at Guelph, McMaster, Waterloo and York Universities; he has toured the United States and Canada as a musician with Jeff Healey, and is also featured on dozens of recordings as a guitarist and singer. Mike and his wife Jill live in Toronto and are presently leading music-themed tours to New York, Nashville/Memphis,

London/Liverpool, St. John's and New Orleans. Mike will speak about Leonard Cohen's life and work, interspersing his narrative with classic Cohen songs. Mike is a speaker not to be missed so be sure to come out on January 15.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Canada originates from "Kanata", an indigenous word meaning "city".
- Canada's largest city is not the capital city. Toronto is the largest.
- Canada has the world's longest international border and coastline.
- Canada is the coldest country in North America.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Your birth flower is the **Carnation**, symbolizing devotion, loyalty and love. Your birthstone is the **Garnet**, symbolizing friendship and trust. It is also said to help eliminate negative feelings (depression, guilt) and instill greater self-confidence and mental clarity to promote creative thinking and peace of mind.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the backbone of all PROBUS clubs and we still need convenors for golf, pool, Discover Toronto and wine tasting, so please [contact Gail Perks](#) if you're interested in heading up any one of these activities. Most activity groups only run once a month, so just a few hours of your time is required or you can even share the load with a friend. A few more volunteers are also needed for the house team at the monthly general meetings, so please contact [Eileen Higdon](#) if you want to help, as volunteers are essential for the smooth running of these meetings.



FUN AND GAMES

Here are the other upcoming events we have planned, and you can find all the details and sign up on [our website](#):

- Thursday, January 16 - [Famous People Players](#) - Cost \$90 - **SOLD OUT**
- 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

Trips are also planned to Portugal, Windsor, Ottawa, Ireland, Newfoundland, Quebec, Croatia, Memphis and Nashville, so please contact [Shirlie van Putten](#) of PROBUS Pickering for complete information.

Some activities came to a halt in December so let's get January 2020 back on track and make it an even bigger and better 2nd Lakeside year. Don't forget you must register on our [website](#) where there is a limited number of participants, e.g. RODEO, Tastes around the World, Scrabble and Trivia, but be sure to get involved in any of the following activities to make good use of your membership, meet other members and make new friends. Details on upcoming activities, and contact info for all the interest/activity groups, can be found on our [website](#):

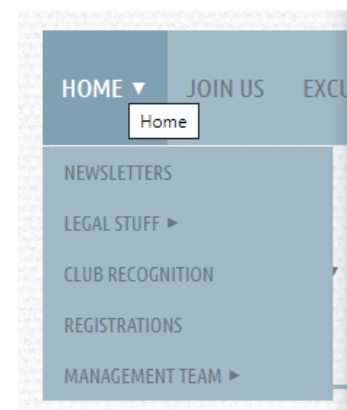
- Arts and Crafts - [Linda Black](#)
- Billiards - [Don Voorhees](#) (PROBUS Pickering) - Lakeside volunteer needed
- Book Club 1 - "Cover to Cover" - [Susan Woodward](#)
- Book Club 2 - "Mind Readers" - [Dorothy Edmonds](#)
- Bridge - [Peter Green](#)
- Cribbage - [Susan Maste](#)
- Discover Toronto - Volunteer needed
- Euchre - [Nancy Agostino](#)
- Genealogy - [Gail Perks](#)
- Golf - [Jim Hare](#) (PROBUS Pickering) - Lakeside 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

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TIP OF THE MONTH



Start this year off with an empty jar, and fill it with notes of good things that happen. On New Year's Eve, empty it and see what awesome stuff transpired in 2020. You might be very surprised!

IN THE NEWS



Construction of the new [Amica Retirement Residence](#) is underway and is expected to open in the summer of 2021 at 1450 Pickering Parkway. Amica was attracted to Pickering for its waterfront and the building site's proximity to the Pickering Town Centre, city core and pedestrian bridge to GO Transit. It will be a well-appointed senior living residence in Pickering, including a concierge, fully licensed dining, fitness centre, sunroom, pool, home theatre, greenhouse with patio, hair salon and spa, social activities, entertainment, transportation, cultural excursions and more.

BUZZ WORD



The January Buzz word is "**Jactance**", meaning boastfulness, so perhaps it could be fair to say that Lakeside has jactance about the huge success of its first year!

MEMBERS' CORNER



Please note the dates of the general meetings in 2020:

February 19, March 11 (**note date change to 2nd Wednesday**), April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, September 16, October 21, November 18. There will be no meeting in August or December.

For those members who have been with us from the start, you will be receiving your membership renewal email in the next few days. Just follow the directions in the email, and you can renew for \$25 for another full year. Those who joined later in the year will get a renewal notice two weeks prior to the date of joining. If you have any questions about renewing, please contact [Sharon McMinn](#), our Membership Coordinator or, for any technical problems, contact our Webmaster, [Peter Green](#). We sincerely hope to see you all renew in 2020 to keep your place in Lakeside, as our cut-off limit has almost been reached.

LAST LAUGHS

