



March 2020

HELLO FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to March and this is my first "Hello" as President of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside (PPL). Our AGM and first anniversary celebration held on February 19 was a huge success and my thanks go out to Brenda Andrews, District 2 Regional Director who attended to install the new management team, and to the volunteers who worked so hard to make it run smoothly. I would like to begin by thanking Gail Perks for her tenure as Activities Coordinator but who has now stepped down, and introducing all the committed members of the management team for 2020: **James Taylor**, Vice-President; **Peter Davidson**, Treasurer; **Vicki Samson**, Secretary/Newsletter Editor; **Peter Green**, Webmaster; **Sharon McMinn**, Membership Coordinator; **Lorna Ware**, Social Coordinator; **Laura Green**, Speakers' Coordinator; **Lynne Stewart**, Activities Coordinator, and **Eileen Higdon**, House Coordinator. These dedicated members will be working together to keep Lakeside active and successful in the coming year, along with the many activity coordinators and house volunteers who work diligently and give freely of their time each month.

Not only are there some changes to the management team, you will also notice that the Buzz has a slightly different format. We hope you like it but please feel free to give us your feedback or offer suggestions on what you would like to see going forward as we want the newsletter to be as informative and interesting as possible, and not just a template each month.

I am pleased to be Lakeside's second President and look forward to meeting you at the monthly general meetings and various activities in 2020. Together with the management team and our members, our aim will continue to be to provide fellowship, friendship and fun for men and women in their retirement and semi-retirement years. We will strive to continue to offer a variety of day trips and activities, and your input and suggestions are always welcome. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we begin our second year as PROBUS Pickering Lakeside, and welcome the official arrival of spring 2020 on March 19.

Jim McMinn, President, PROBUS Pickering Lakeside

NEXT MEETING

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11 in the East and West Salons of the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex at 10 a.m. Please note that the meeting date was changed this month to the 2nd Wednesday due to availability of the Salons. March is also PROBUS month and Mayor Dave Ryan, City of Pickering and Cathy Mackrell, Business Development Manager, Chartwell Pickering City Centre, will attend to receive honorary memberships for their ongoing support and sponsorship of Lakeside.



Our guest speaker will be Dr. Mark 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 will speak about Leonard Cohen's life and work, interspersing his narrative with classic Cohen songs. The

popular image of Leonard Cohen, who died at age 82 in November 2016, is that of the bard with the brooding baritone voice plucking away at a guitar. But for Mike, that deep, sometimes-morose voice has concealed the richness and variety of Cohen's musical and lyrical abilities. Mark is a speaker and entertainer you definitely won't want to miss.

DID YOU KNOW?

- St. Patrick's Day is an Irish national holiday where banks, stores and businesses close for the day.
- Shamrocks are the national flower/emblem of Ireland.
- The color of St. Patrick's Day was originally associated with the color blue.
- Guinness is one of the most popular drinks on St. Patrick's Day.
- St. Patrick never got canonized by a pope, making his saintly status somewhat questionable.



SOCIAL EVENTS



A bus full of happy Valentine's funsters from various PROBUS clubs had a great day at the Briars' Inn on February 13, including a tour of the Inn, lunch, a winter wonderland sleigh ride, and Valentine's goodie bags. As one happy traveller wrote: "It was a great day at the Inn, tour and guide was very informative. Lunch was good, service great and the best part was enjoying meeting people. A good old Canadian winter soft falling snow and sleigh ride was great my first ever, I am just sorry it took me 80 yrs to do this, a winter wonderland. Inside lodge was homey and fire places in many rooms all in all a great day and would go again. THANK YOU LORNA AND ALL YOUR PEOPLE WHO HELPED YOU ORGANIZE THIS and all the other trips."

Below are the trips [Lorna Ware](#) and her team have organized for you over the next few months, and you can find all the details and sign up on [our website](#).

- Tuesday, March 17: [Irish Kitchen Party](#) in Kitchener - Cost \$123
Thursday, April 16: [Toyota Plant and Butterfly Conservatory in Cambridge](#) - Cost \$118
Tuesday, May 5: ["Chicago"](#) and lunch in Stratford - Cost \$199
Tuesday, July 14: [Kajama Tall Ship Harbourfront Cruise](#) - Cost \$144

Our sister club, the PROBUS Club of Pickering, has the following excursions and we are offered a limited number of seats. **For more information on these events, you must contact [Shirlie van Putten](#) directly and not Lorna Ware as Shirlie is the organizer.**

Monday, March 30: [Niagara Wine Tour](#) - Cost \$125
Tuesday, April 14: [Scavenger Hunt](#) - Cost \$17
Wednesday, May 13: [Greg Frewin Magic Theatre](#) - Cost \$124
Thursday, June 18: [Spring/Summer Bloom Tour](#) - Cost 120
Tuesday, July 21: [Westben Theatre](#) - Cost \$109

FUN AND GAMES

We are now highlighting one or two activities each month so that you have some insight into what fun and games we are offering to all members.

[Don Voorhees](#) heads up billiards jointly for both PROBUS Pickering and Lakeside and will be hosting every Friday during February and March at 11 a.m. at Petrina's Taps and Billiards, 21 Harwood Avenue South, 2nd floor. He may change it back to every other Friday during the summer months, depending on interest. A fee of \$5 is paid to Petrina's to play until 1:30 or 2 p.m. No outside food or beverages are allowed but an extensive choice of beverages and snacks and/or meals can be ordered and delivered from the Texas Burger (downstairs) right to the play area. Petrina's is well known for holding charitable tournaments to raise funds for local charities and, this February, Petrina's is raising funds for the Special Olympics. Feel free to bring a friend and play and mingle with members from both PROBUS Pickering clubs. **No experience required!**



Please contact [Lynne Stewart](#), the new Activities Coordinator, if you would like to start a new activity club or are willing to head up the Movies or ROMEO clubs. [Roy Robinson](#) has offered to start up a guitar jamming session if there's enough interest, so please let him know if this interests you. [Susan Maste](#) has added Rummoli to her Cribbage session which is just a fun game of chance vs. skill so be sure to check it out, and Lynne has suggested Mahjong, coin and stamps, photography and [geocoaching](#) which is basically a treasure hunting game where you use a GPS to hide and seek containers with other participants in the activity. You can start out on an easy trek maybe less than 10 minutes from your start point or you can make it more difficult. If anyone is interested in heading up any one of these new activities, please contact [Lynne Stewart](#). Details 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)
Book Club 1 - "Cover to Cover" - [Susan Woodward](#)
Book Club 2 - "Mind Readers" - [Dorothy Edmonds](#)
Bridge - [Peter Green](#)
Cribbage and Rumoli - [Susan Maste](#)
Euchre - [Nancy Agostino](#)
Genealogy - [Gail Perks](#)
Golf - [Jim Hare](#) (PROBUS Pickering)

Guitar - [Roy Robinson](#)
Hiking - [Eileen Higdon](#) and [Lynda Borg](#)
Movies - Volunteer needed
RODEO (Retired Old Dames Eating Out) - Cynthia Falla
ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) - Volunteer needed
Scrabble - [Marilyn McLaughlin](#)
Tastes of the World - [Sharon Fenn](#) and [Sharon Marshall](#)
Trivia - [Vicki Samson](#)

TIP OF THE MONTH



Fill a scorched pan halfway with water and 50 grams of baking soda. Boil for 10 minutes and the burnt food will loosen and float to the top.

IN THE NEWS

The City of Pickering has opened a 55+ City Pop Up this winter in the Pickering Town Centre, next to Dollarama. Its hours of operation are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and features free drop-in programs for scrabble, dominos, puzzles, cards, chess and checkers, along with various workshops and registered programs. For more information call 905-420-4660 ext. 2078 or visit www.pickering.ca/adults55plus.



BUZZ WORD



The March Buzz word is "PROBUS" meaning honest or virtuous, from which the English word "probity" is derived. Be sure to put out the good word about PROBUS whenever you can so that everyone knows just how great it is, especially since March is PROBUS month!

MEMBERS' CORNER



The postponement of the AGM until February 19 did not deter the enthusiasm and turnout, and the complimentary lunch, courtesy of both Chartwell, Pickering City Centre and Chartwell, Pickering Parkway, was enjoyed by 183 members as we also celebrated Lakeside's one-year anniversary. Someone from outside heard all the frivolity, came in and joined on the spot, so that was a first!

Recognition was made to all the volunteers who give so freely of their time, and the ice breaker game facilitated the members to mix and mingle and get to know each other. A big thank you goes out to Brenda Andrews, PROBUS District 2 Regional Director, for her support, and to all the volunteers who helped make it a success. The 2020 budget was also presented and accepted, and [you can review it here](#).

Based on feedback from the first couple of months of renewals, we have slightly modified the process so that the first reminder of your renewal date will be emailed to you 30 days beforehand. You are able to renew your membership for a fee of \$25 either online (preferred) or by "tap" or cheque at the next general meeting, so please make sure you don't allow your membership to lapse. Remember that if you don't renew in a timely manner the system will automatically terminate your membership - and we would hate for that to happen!

If you signed up in 2019 but haven't yet received your badge, please see Sharon McMinn at the Membership table at the next general meeting.

We would like to welcome our new members: **Anna T, Pat H Garry P, Rose P, Diane W, Bill M, Patricia M, Nada B, Don L, Jackie S, Christine W, Roy R, Sigmund S, Candice B, Nancy M, Ann C, Michael C, Alice W, Gudrun F, Gord H, Nick C, Kaye P, Jack B, Vicki B, Kathie D, Janet B and Deborah H.**

Finally for members new and existing, don't forget to check out the Members' Section on our website. Got a suggestion, feedback, request, something you want to brag about, something to sell, then the Members' Section is for you. It's your 'Chat Room' so feel free to use it.

QUIPS & QUOTES

"Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year." Ogden Nash

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." Charles Dickens

"Only those with tenacity can march forward in March". Ernest Agyemang Yeboah

CALENDAR

Below is a snapshot of our Calendar. You can access the on-line version [by clicking here](#).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 1	2	3 7:00 PM Cribbage & Rumoli	4	5	6 11:00 AM Billiards	7 11:00 AM GrandPal's Day
8	9	10 12:00 PM RODEO Luncheon ... 2:00 PM Scrabble 2:30 PM Euchre 7:00 PM Theatre from the Fi...	11 10:00 AM March Monthly Me...	12 1:00 PM Genealogy	13 11:00 AM Billiards	14
15 2:00 PM Sunday Afternoon...	16	17 8:15 AM The St. Patrick's D...	18	19	20 11:00 AM Billiards	21
22	23 2:00 PM Trivia at the Falcon...	24	25	26 9:30 AM PAINT NIGHT AFT...	27 11:00 AM Billiards	28
29	30	31 12:30 PM WEAVING ON A T... 5:30 PM Tastes of the World	Apr 1	2	3	4

LAST LAUGHS

CAMPING:
where you spend
a small fortune,
to live like
a homeless person.

**When you can't find
your reading glasses!**

