



Lakeside Buzz



February 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



It is February! Gloomy winter ahead, and in my "mind clock" I should be on a cruise in the blue waters of the Caribbean. But the reality is a fifteen-minute drive in my car has become a major highlight in my day, and like others, sitting in a Starbucks line-up in my car, has become an enticing thought. I am not a fan of drinking or eating in vehicles. Oh well... changing times.

There are some things I have recently grown to appreciate. We have two bird feeders in the yard that attract cardinals, doves, purple finch and chickadees that we constantly watch, which provides us with much enjoyment. We are seriously thinking about taking up bird watching as a hobby when the lockdowns and all the restrictions lift. Also, I am now noticing my neighbourhood surroundings and elsewhere. "Is that new?" I ask Sharon. "No," she replies, "that has always been there." I have come to see an upside to these restrictions that have forced me to slow down in my life and enjoy some of the simpler things that are around me, and having to make changes that include visiting with and supporting family and friends.

As you know your management team is committed to our members being able to stay connected. The use of ZOOM, hopefully Facebook in the near future, the website, and the newsletter are keeping us together and helping us bridge the gap until we can physically meet.

May I continue to encourage you to use our website and be part of the amazing speakers, and general meetings for you as a member via our virtual events. We've had a lot of fun and more to come. Peter, our webmaster, is always providing opportunities to allow you to feel more comfortable with technology, such as the recent ZOOM training. You can be in touch with Peter Green at pplc.webmaster@gmail.com if you need any assistance or further information. As you will see there are many exciting activities, speakers and other events happening at PROBUS Pickering Lakeside. Be sure to join us. On behalf of your management team, I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement. See you at one of various events.

Take care and have a happy Valentine's Day.

[Jim](#)

SPEAKERS Report

January's speaker Thanh Campbell was a great success. I have had many members contact me to let me know just how much they enjoyed him. It was a heartwarming story with a great ending and as many of you said it even brought a tear to your eye.

Next month we are looking forward to a great presentation from Dr. Christopher DiCarlo. We have had him speak to us in the past on a different subject, and he was extremely entertaining and interactive with his audience.

If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to hear from our speakers, please do not hesitate to contact me. If there is enough interest in certain subjects I would be happy to follow up on it.

My contact information is pplc.speakers@gmail.com

The SOCIAL SCENE

Another month has flown by and we are now into February. We have a few new activities for you to try out. If you want to join any of them and have not received an invitation, go to the PROBUS Pickering Lakeside website and register there. A confirmation will be sent out along with the "join" button once you have signed up. Remember some of these are new this month so you might not receive an invitation until later in the month.

A new **Technology** group is up and running and the recent Zoom Workshop was well attended and received. The next workshop will be on Google. To stay up to date with this group's activities [you are encouraged to join it.](#)

Lakeside Cocktail Hour! On every last Friday of the month, sign in at 5:00pm for some conversation and cocktails. You'll have to supply both I'm afraid.

Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk met January 7th and no one got arrested. (joke) In other words we are a civil bunch. For our February meeting, I would like to introduce a topic for discussion - how about we talk about something funny that happened in our lives.

Susan Woodward's book club "**Cover to Cover**" has been meeting for over two years! Congratulations! Can we start another one? We just need a host. We will provide as much help as possible if you are willing to take this on.

Not a Book Club met January 12th and quite a few books were mentioned. I am already reading *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom and boy is it ever good. If you would like a copy of the books we discussed, let me know and I will send it to you.

We received a request from the Not a Book Club - could we have a zoom session featuring all of the **things the library offers?** We are working on it. Have you ever seen the tools they offer in Maker Space? Neither have I but a PPL Maker Space sounds like fun. Stay tuned.

Stir Fry with Elaine was a great success. A special thank you to Elaine and to all the members that participated. It was fun.

Speaking of Elaine, she would like to try heading up a **movie club**. The concept is that we would watch a movie and then get together to discuss it. The first one will be a sampling and if it is a success (of course) it will be a monthly activity. The first movie will be "A Man Called Ove" which we will borrow from the Pickering Library's Hoopla account. More details will be available once the logistics are worked out.

Ed and Andrea Zak are willing to share their **carrot cake recipe** for a February baking activity. This is a secret recipe, so once we make it, we must destroy it! (The recipe, not the cake! - although I guess you will probably destroy that too) The recipe will be included with your registration confirmation.

Pastry Sweet and Savory - our February cooking event will be brought to you by Josie Beech. Josie has an awesome family recipe for a Tortiere. Josie has also provided a tabulation of pastry dough recipes. Details to follow in the invitation.

Trivia - is so much fun. You would be surprised how many of the questions you can answer. This week the question "what are licking sticks or tin sandwiches" more commonly known as? Anyone? How about a harmonica?

Gardening - In January we talked about the care of various house plants. Did you know that the vibration from music is good for your plants? Elvis, please come back into the building! In February, Sue Loftus will take us into the world of Orchids. Try not to miss it and last but not least Marilyn Smith won the Dieffenbachia and English Ivy combo pot.

Sports Talk - Rick's TSN type studio was right on point. Our members talked about Tom Brady's invitational coming up (aka the Super Bowl), COVID lockdown in Anaheim (to the rink and back to the hotel), old and new hockey players and the old "Oskie Wee Wee, Oskie Waa Waa" chant. Unfortunately no one won the prizes. Maybe next time!

Protect your Money- Chris Allum from the Ontario Security Commission gave us a new insight into what the Commission does. I am looking forward to receiving the various links she mentioned so I can do some research on fraud and investments. Peter Green will post the links on our website when they become available. (I sure hope Jim didn't infiltrate our group in order to take advantage of us!)

Crack the Case is to debut this month. It will be a whodunit that you and the group will solve. If you like it, we can solve more each time we meet! They are short but not sweet. We could do 3-4 in an hour depending on whether Agatha Christie joins us.

Did you watch the series **Frankie and Grace**? It came up at the monthly general meeting when we were talking about toilets. It was a great series and I would love to take some time to talk about their adventures. This will be a one or two meeting event because I don't think we could talk about it forever. (We couldn't, could we?) It can be viewed on Netflix.

Speaking of Bones - Cathy Percy of Osteoporosis Canada has set up a presentation for us to explain what Osteoporosis is, risk factors, what we can do to maintain healthy bones and how to live well with Osteoporosis.

Euchre is coming! We hope to have it up and running in February.

Finally: if you are a (serious) **EPL soccer** fan: [click here](#)

[Lynne](#)

Calendar

For more information or to sign-up for any of the above, click on the link below and be sure to [check the website](#) throughout the month for any updates.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 3:30 PM On-line Trivia	2	3	4	5
8 2:00 PM Movie Club	9 1:00 PM Not a Book Club	10 2:00 PM Ed's Carrot Cake	11 11:00 AM Lakeside Ladies Le...	12 10:00 AM Tech Workshop - G...
15 3:30 PM On-line Trivia	16	17 10:00 AM February Monthly...	18 3:00 PM Perfect Pastry Swe...	19
22 11:00 AM Indoor Gardening	23	24 1:00 PM Crack the Case	25 11:00 AM Speaking of Bones ...	26 5:00 PM Lakeside Cocktail ...

MEMBERSHIP report

Just a reminder that you will receive your club renewal notice a few weeks before your due date. If you have forgotten your new renewal date because of the six month extension given to each member, please check your club membership account at probuspickeringlakeside.ca Thank you to the members that renewed quickly in January. As it now stands we have 333 members.

[Sharon](#)

WEBMASTER Report

Valerie, Elaine, Peter & Lynne are hard at work redefining our website to make it easier and more useful. More details will follow next month.

[Peter](#)

Useful Links:

Ontario Ministry of Health - [Covid Updates](#)

- [Vaccine Updates](#)

City of Pickering Adults 55+ - [Seniors Without Walls program](#)

Imponderables:

- Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?
- Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?
- Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?
- Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?
- Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

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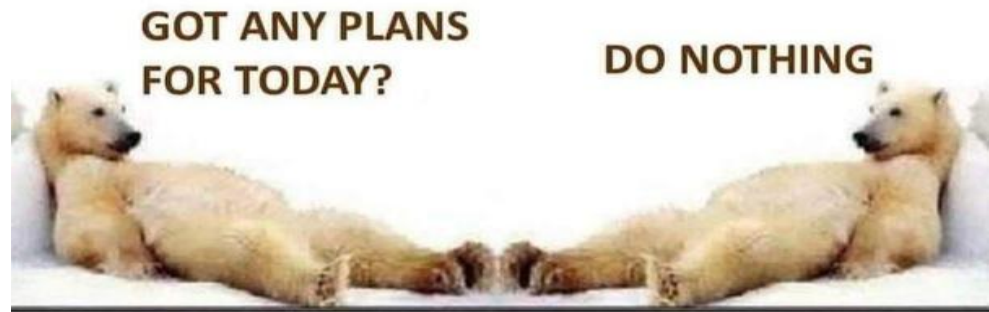
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Members Section

From H. Van Vliet



From Sharon McMinn. Happy Valentine's Day

