

# Message from the President

July 2021



What is that strange glow in the distance? Could it be the light at the end of the tunnel? I, being a glass half-full guy, believe it is. The other day, I got two emails, the first from Massey Hall indicating they are starting live shows on November 25th and then an even better one from Mirvish stating that their first live theatre event since March 2020 is scheduled for August 4th! That's only 5 weeks away!. I'm also seeing restrictions easing, I'm watching the Euro 2020 soccer tournament (Go England!) and seeing fans at the grounds

again and finally, I think that by now most of us have had our 2 'jabs'.

So it is great that I can portray optimism in my first Newsletter 'Message' and tell you that we are actively planning for our September meeting to be an in-person event, or at least a combined Zoom/in-person one. The only problem is where exactly we can do that as the Rec Centre might still be undergoing renovations at that time. However, Eileen is on the case and I'm sure she will be able to get a suitable room for us.

The other thing I have been wrestling with is whether we could or should limit attendance at that meeting to two jabbers only? Would that be legal? Are we even allowed to ask if people have been vaccinated? I think probably not in all cases but if any of you have any opinions or legal knowledge about it please let me know. Interestingly in the two aforementioned emails, neither Mirvish or Massey Hall seemed to care about patrons vaccination levels.

There have been a few changes to our club since our last Newsletter. As you may have noticed, we have a new 'masthead' that builds on the Lakeside theme now incorporated in our website and FaceBook pages. Thanks Valerie for this.

The Management team has also changed with my now being your Acting President and as a result, Elaine is now our new (and improved) Webmaster. I also want to let you know that Lorna Ware has decided to resign from the team. Lorna did a great job organizing some very interesting trips and excursions for us for three years. We would like to thank her for her accomplishments and wish her well.

We have decided not to replace Lorna at this time and will instead set up a "Social Committee" with Lynne Stewart as the "Interim Chair". The role of this Committee will be to continue to set-up and run the Zoom and small group activities (golf, walking, etc.) that have been so successful this last year. In addition, the Committee will be responsible for planning larger events such as Bus trips, BBQs, Christmas lunches, etc. when such events are allowed and safe. If you would be interested in being part of this Social Committee, please let us know. It should be fun so don't be shy!

Finally, I want to wish everybody a safe and enjoyable Canada Day. I think for many of us this will be a chance to reunite somewhat with friends and family and I, for one, am so looking forward to that.



Take care, Peter.

## New Waiver Instituted



PROBUS Pickering Lakeside has instituted a Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk provision that went into effect on June 12, 2021. Both new applicants and renewing members will be asked, at their time of renewal, to confirm that they have read the Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk clause and that they accept the waiver as a condition of membership. PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is following the trend of many of our fellow clubs as we strive to ensure that the club and its members are properly protected. Click here to review the current Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk.

# Speakers Report



For those who missed last month's excellent presentation by Robin Clipsham, a recording is available for you in the 'members only' section of the website. I have received many positive comments about it which is excellent news and so I'd like to again thank our "Playa's", Ralph, Nicolle, Dennis, Judy & Suzanne.



Our speaker on July 21st will be Neil Crone, who is both an actor and an award winning columnist with Durham Region News. He is maybe best known from playing the role of Fred Tupper on the hit Canadian comedy show, "Little Mosque on the Prairie". Neil has survived a brush with Cancer and his talk will be about the highs and lows of that 'journey'. However, this will not be a sombre tale as

Neil is first and foremost a comedian. His sense of humor shines through the adversity and his story is sure to ultimately entertain and delight.

Laura

## Membership Report

Many thanks to all the quick renewal responses. July renewals are coming in every day, thank you. Just a reminder, you will receive a renewal notice 21 days before your renewal date. We want to welcome our newest members, Sue H. and James H., to PROBUS Pickering Lakeside. Our club total is now 317!

Sharon

## The Social Scene

We continue to look for new activities for you to enjoy. Please let me know if you have any suggestions. We can look at pop-up, weekly or monthly activities. Recently making mozzarella cheese was suggested. I think we will wait until the fall for this one!



The Movie Club will be meeting Monday July 5th at 2 p.m. The movie is Midnight in Paris and is a film about a screenwriter who finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight. It can be found on Kanopy (Pickering Library) or Prime. This has a 93% rotten tomatoes rating so it should be a good one. Elaine will be leading the discussion.

Easy walking/hiking is a weekly event. Tuesday July 6th you will be meeting at the Glen Rouge Campground at 10:30. Other outings TBA at this time.

The Great Camera Caper Adventure happens on July 6th and challenges you to interpret a series of clues that will guide you to selected areas of the city where you will take pictures as proof you were there. Guaranteed to be a fun day. All you need is a car, a camera, a navigator and a fun attitude. Don't miss this one.



Lakeside Ladies Let's talk is Thursday July 8 at 11 a.m. Never a dull moment!

Golf is scheduled for every other Thursday. The first one in July will be on the 8th at 10am at the Spring Creek Golf Club, Claremont.

Not a Book Club is Tuesday July 13th at 1 p.m.

**Euchre** has become a popular activity using Trickster. It is offered on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. Please join us on July 12th.

Card Bingo is on Wednesday July 14th at 7 p.m. This isn't just a game, it is a chance to get together with other members and solve world problems.

The next **Technology** workshop will be on **Utilizing Google Doc** on Friday July 23rd at 10am. Stay up to date with this group's activities by referencing the Keep Updated section on the <u>Technology Page</u>

On Monday July 26th at 10 our Gardening Club will be sharing where we have found good deals

on plants and other garden supplies as well as various gardening tips.

**Our Durham**" will take place Tuesday July 27th at 7 p.m. and will feature our own Peter Green. Peter will share his adventure climbing Kilimanjaro. This should be a good one!

Crack the Case will be on Wednesday July 28th at 1pm. Investigators are given clues and have to solve the mystery. Murder, gambling and robbery are a couple of topics but don't forget extortion.

Team Trivia might be available on Monday July 28th at 3 p.m. if we have enough interest.

A summary listing of all the events currently planned for July is shown below, Click on any link for more details or to register. You can also see the <u>Calendar view here</u>.

Lynne

# Listing of Events by date:

#### Movies

5 Jul 2021 2:00 PM Online Zoom meeting

#### The Great Camera Caper Adventure

6 Jul 2021 10:00 AM Meet at Pickering Town Center

#### Lakeside Weekly Walking group

6 Jul 2021 10:30 AM Rouge National Park

#### Golf at Spring Creek Golf Club

8 Jul 2021 10:00 AM 2425 Concession Road, Claremont

### Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk

8 Jul 2021 11:00 AM Online Zoom meeting

#### Euchre

12 Jul 2021 7:30 PM Zoom/Trickstercards

## Lakeside Weekly Walking group

13 Jul 2021 10:30 AM Along the waterfront at the Rouge

#### Not a Book Club

13 Jul 2021 1:00 PM Online Zoom meeting

#### Card Bingo

14 Jul 2021 7:00 PM Online Zoom meeting

#### July Monthly Meeting

21 Jul 2021 10:00 AM zoom

## Technology - Google Docs

23 Jul 2021 10:00 AM Zoom

### Lakeside Cocktail Hour

23 Jul 2021 5:00 PM Zoom

## Gardening Outdoors

26 Jul 2021 11:00 AM Online Zoom meeting

## Ask a Techie



The question being reviewed this month is one that came from a fellow member who expressed frustration at all the different car connectivity apps like Apple CarPlay. Although I can't go into any real detail on it, I thought I'd take a look at how we got here. <u>Click here:</u>

We are always looking for new questions to research. Don't forget to send your questions to <a href="mailto:pplc.webmaster@qmail.com">pplc.webmaster@qmail.com</a> and we will try to find an answer for you.

#### Elaine

## Facebook Report



We are growing. We now have 112 members on our Facebook page.

Don't forget that this Facebook group is for all members to share.

If you would like to join our members only Facebook Group, you can join here: <u>PROBUS Pickering Lakeside | Facebook</u>

## <u>Valerie</u>

# Witty definitions:

Dictionary: A place where success comes before work

Classic: A book which people praise, but do not read

Smile: A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

Lecture: An art transferring information from notes of the lecturer to the notes of the

students without passing through the minds of either

Etc: A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do

Experience: name people give to their mistakes

Compromise: The art of dividing a cake so that everybody believes he got the biggest piece

Conference Room: A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on

Office: A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life

# Your Management Team:

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