

July 2022

Message from the President



I want to start off this message by wishing everybody a Happy Canada Day. A couple of days ago I saw a survey of all the cities in the world ranked by what were the most 'livable cities' and guess what, Canada has three of the top ten spots in that listing. Vancouver, Calgary and I believe Toronto was #8. I think that routinely Canada and its people always fare well in any kind of worldwide survey like this so I for one am so proud to be a

Canadian! OK, I know I don't exactly sound Canadian but for the record I have been here for 48 years so I think that counts for something.

I'm also proud to be living in Pickering and am pleased that the City of Pickering invited our club to participate in their Canada Day celebrations. So please stop by and say hello at the PROBUS Pickering Lakeside table at the Canada Day celebrations at Esplanade Park today from 12 noon to 5pm.

We are continuing with our zero COVID restrictions policy on meetings and so far so good - as far as I know we have had zero COVID problems as a result. We had 100 members out for the May meeting and 120 for the June one and all other in-person meetings fill up very quickly. Some of you wear masks and that is totally OK as our club will continue to keep your health and safety as a top priority. I hope our new found freedom can last.

Over the last few days, 66 membership reminders were sent out by our Wild Apricot membership system. These were sent to our Charter Members as it is exactly three and a half

years since our club was chartered. In November, 2018 we had an 'Information Meeting' in the Rec Center which was well received and attended. That prompted us to apply to become an official club and so on December 18, 2018 we received our 'Charter'. It was signed by then PROBUS Canada President, Bob Boone, and it formalized our standing as Club #264 in PROBUS Canada. Then on January 16th 2019, we had our very first meeting as a Chartered club. After that meeting we had 88 members and so those became our 'Charter Members'. The fact that we still have 66 of these Charter Members remaining in our club is, I think, a tribute to all the volunteers who have kept our club so vibrant during this period - over 2 years of which were impacted by the pandemic restrictions. I sincerely hope to see most of these 66 people renew as they are the foundation of our club. By the way, if you are wondering why we have that half year in there, it is because at the start of the pandemic we gave our members an extra 6 months free membership to cover for the non-activity at that time.

Back to being proud of being a Canadian. When I landed in Ottawa almost exactly 48 years I got a job with the Canadian Government and when I left that job a year later my colleagues, who were no doubt totally frustrated by my English accent, gave me a gift - a book called 'Canajan, eh!'. It was written by a Mark Orkin in 1973 and it talks about how easy it is to spot a Canadian by how they speak. It is a dictionary of sorts and here are just a few examples from that book that I think are still so relevant today.

- Berrie - a town in Ontario about 50 miles north of Tronna
- Jogga fee - study of the earth's features, populations, climb it, etc.
- Em Pee - a member of the Housa Comms; & EmPeePee - a member of the per vinshull legislature
- Oddawa - the cabbidal siddy of Canada. Sidduated at the confluence of the Oddawa, Reedough and Gaddino Rivers.
- Litter Chore - books and writings
- Iddly - Your peen country along with Bridden, Germ Knee, etc.
- Nagra Falls - Famous cadaract located on the Nagra Pninsla
- and so on



The book also went into a deep explanation of how we use the word 'eh' and being a curious soul I decided to goggle that. Here is what the 'Collings English Dictionary' says about 'eh': *Canadian (used as a filler, equivalent to "you know" or "you see"). I was on my way, eh, when I realized I had forgotten to call you.* Imagine that, the very English "Collins Dictionary" recognizes 'eh' as being uniquely Canadian.

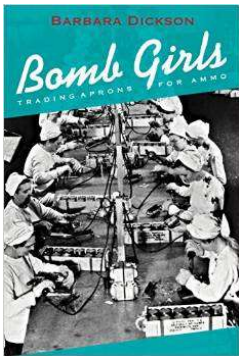
I still have the 'Canajan, eh' book by the way if anybody wants to borrow it - but needless to say, it did not help me that much.

Take care, eh!

Speakers Report



This month our speaker will be Barbara Dixon. Barbara is an award-winning public speaker, historian, documentary film producer and writer who has entertained, educated, and enlightened audiences for over twenty-five years. Barbara's vision is to educate Canadians about the phenomenal work carried out by women across the nation whose invaluable contribution helped win the Second World War. She is committed to ensuring that Canada's 'bomb girls' are honoured and commemorated by fellow Canadians and has authored 2 books on this subject:



'Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo' is a comprehensive, historical record of Canada's biggest WWII munitions plant ("GECO") employing over 21,000 citizens predominantly women, who courageously worked with high explosives around the clock over its four-year history. The book offers a unique, intimate, and extraordinary glimpse into the lives and hearts of these dedicated Canadians. In-person interviews with the women who risked their lives every time they stepped onto the "clean side" of the plant lend a personal, distinctive perspective to the book.



'Bomb Girls: United for Peace' recounts one hundred and one never-before-told biographies garnered from rare one-on-one interviews with surviving bomb girls or from painstaking research provided by family members, company documents, government records and archival fonds. From domestic abuse to miscarriages, from murder to meeting royalty, the book offers a culturally-rich, one-of-a-kind resource that will appeal to women of all ages, students, educators, historians, and World War II aficionados.

Barbara will share these unique stories with us at our next meeting

[Laura](#)

Membership Report



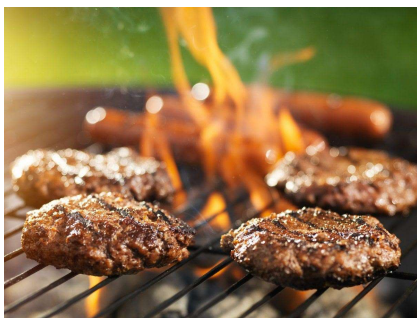
Happy Canada Day fellow Lakesiders! Welcome to 5 new members: Annette B, Vivian P, Roberta M, Rick S and Gillian G. We now have 326 members in PROBUS Pickering Lakeside. We are continuing to take new Pickering resident memberships and have closed membership to those that live outside of the city limits. So, feel free to invite your Pickering friends to come to our meeting as a guest. If they

enjoy it, they can sign up online or at the meeting.

We are slowly getting badges to members that joined during COVID or just prior. I have badges for the following people: Janet Babcock, Jack Bedi, Vicki Bedi, Tom Brown, Shalleen Butt, Joanne Binns, Jane Cottrell, Marilyn Crumpton, Linda Dinning, Maureen Emmons, Pat Hannaford, Melanie Heads, Joan Kelly, Don Larabie, Marion Liberty, Kim Miller, Susanne Rintamaki, Carol Rydzkowski, Nicole Spence, Gaitrie Sukhu, Caroline Stevens, Sylvia Timbers, Christ Warden and Virginia Wai-Ping. Please come to the Membership table before the meeting or during the break to pick your badge up. Also, if your spouse or a friend can pick up your badge, I can give it to them and record the person who picked it up for you.

[Sharon](#)

Annual BBQ



Wednesday, August 17th is the date of the PROBUS Pickering Lakeside Annual BBQ.

Come out and join your fellow PROBUS members at Alex Robertson Park on Sandy Beach Road. Bring a chair and bring along your fun side and enjoy an afternoon of fun, games and prizes. Lunch will be cooked up by our Barbecue Specialists. Free parking is available.

The Social Scene

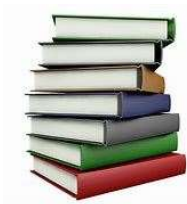
"It's my party and I'll cry if I want to!" released in 1963 by singer Lesley Gore. Zip forward to Sunday June 12th at the Chestnut Hill Recreation Centre, where many of our members were up



singing and dancing to that hit, played by the George Lake Big Band. This was a part of the City of Pickering's Seniors' Month Big Band Celebration. Who would have thought that they could play an old pop song so well. Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon and are looking forward to doing it again next year.

You will notice that many of our activities will be 'on hiatus' until September as our members enjoy the summer months away at cottages, visiting friends and family or just enjoying a well earned 'staycation'.

ACTIVITY GROUPS



Book Exchange - The book exchange was a success and we will be offering another one at the July meeting. Remember, you bring a book and you take a book. The table should be empty by the end of the meeting. Books can be placed on the table when you first come in.

ARTS & CRAFTS

In Stitches - Summer hiatus

BOOK CLUBS

Cover to Cover Book Club - Summer hiatus

Not a Book Club - Summer hiatus

Mystery Readers - This club will be combined under the Not a Book Club umbrella when it commences in September. If there is interest shown at that time, it can be reinstated.

FOOD & DRINK

In the Kitchen - Summer hiatus

Lakeside Ladies Lunch has been booked for **Wednesday July 13th** at 12 pm at the Black Dog in Scarborough . We will be seated in a section of the main dining room, so there will be no stairs involved.

Meals Out - Our breakfast outing is scheduled for **Monday, July 18th**. We are heading back to Kathryn's in Pickering.

Tastes of the World - Summer hiatus

GAMES GROUP

Ajax 5 Pin Bowling - Summer hiatus

Billiards continuing at Petrina's is back on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month starting at 10:30am. The July dates will be **July 6th** and **July 20th**.

Euchre - Summer hiatus

Trivia - Summer hiatus

MOVIE CLUB

Movie Club - Summer hiatus

ONLINE CHAT

Ladies Let's Talk - will be meeting again on Friday, July 8th at 11am at the Gazebo on the Esplanade - weather permitting. The ladies, who attended last month, said it was quite enjoyable meeting in person instead of online, as long as the weather is good.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Golf - We will be playing at Spring Creek Golf Club, at 10am, on **Thursday, July 7th and Thursday, July 21st**.

Lakeside Weekly Walking Group - This weekly walking group goes out each Tuesday at 10:30am. NOTE: It has been brought to our attention that, in order to park near the lake, you need to have a waterfront Parking Permit. If you don't already have yours, you can Google "Waterfront Parking - City of Pickering". You will find options explaining how to get one online or if you want, you can go into City Hall and they will do the work for you there. Make sure you take your vehicle ownership permit with you.

- **Tuesday, July 5th** at 10:30 - Heber Downs, Cochrane Street, Whitby
- **Tuesday, July 12th** at 10:30 - Col. Danforth Park & PICNIC
- **Tuesday, July 19th** at 10:30 - Greenwood Conservation Area
- **Tuesday, July 26th** at 10:30 - Carruthers Marsh Pavilion, Ajax & PICNIC

OTHER

Day Tripping

Tall Ship Sailing - on **Thursday, September 8th** we will set sail on the Challenge Tall Ship, just steps from downtown Toronto. This 96' three-mast schooner is your ultimate upscale destination 'on-the-go', with a sleek appearance and a chic interior and a full service bar. A full



catered lunch will be included. So sit back and enjoy Toronto's fabulous waterfront.



Niagara Fallsview Casino - Come out and join us for a fun filled day at Fallsview Casino Resort on **Thursday, September 22nd**. If you are not a gambler, why not do some sightseeing, enjoy the falls or do some shopping.



Prince Edward County Wine Tour - on **Thursday, October 6th** we are heading off to Ontario wine country to visit a number of wineries, taste testing as we go. We will stop along the way for lunch and have lots of time to purchase wine to bring home.

Travel Opportunities through other PROBUS Clubs: (When contacting other clubs, please make sure you identify yourself as being part of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside.

PROBUS Club of Durham West - on **Thursday, August 25th** we will be organizing a 9 and Dine Golf Tournament. You will have the option of golf, cart and dinner, ride only and dinner or dinner only. If you are interested in registering for this event, please contact Lorna Smith at lsmith1@bell.net or 905-837-0875.

PROBUS Pickering: Golf Extravaganza - on **September 6th to 8th** we will be heading to Erie, Pennsylvania. With a two night stay at Homewood Suites we will enjoy golf at two local courses. For those non-golfers in our group, you can shop at Millcreek Mall (and there are no taxes in PA)!. If you have any questions or would like to register, contact Shirly Van Putten at shirliavanputten@rogers.com or 905-619-8583.

Keep up-to-date - continue to check us out on our website at [PROBUS Pickering Lakeside - Home](#) and on our Facebook page [PROBUS Pickering Lakeside | Facebook](#).

[Lynne](#)

Upcoming Events

[Golf at Spring Creek Golf Club](#) - Thursday, 7 Jul 2022 10:00 AM - 2425 Concession Road, Claremont

[Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk](#) - Friday, 8 Jul 2022 11:00 AM - Gazebo on the Esplanade, weather permitting

[Lakeside Ladies Lunch at the Black Dog Pub](#) - Wednesday, 13 Jul 2022 12:00 PM - 87 Island Rd, Scarborough

[Grand River Cruise](#) - Thursday, 14 Jul 2022 9:00 AM - Chestnut Hill Recreation Complex

[Breakfast at Kathryn's](#) - Monday, 18 Jul 2022 10:00 AM - 376 Kingston Road, Pickering

[July Monthly Meeting](#) - Wednesday, 20 Jul 2022 10:00 AM - Don Beer Arena, 940 Dillingham Road, Pickering

[Annual Barbeque/Picnic](#) - Wednesday, 17 Aug 2022 11:30 AM - Alex Robertson Park - Sandy Beach Road

[Tall Ship - Challenge](#) - Thursday, 8 Sep 2022 10:30 AM - Harbor Front

[Niagara Fallsview Casino](#) - Thursday, 22 Sep 2022 9:00 AM - Niagara Falls

[Prince Edward County Wine Tour](#) - Thursday, 6 Oct 2022 9:30 AM - Chestnut Hill Recreation Complex - Prince Edward County

Our Members Say

As our amazing Social Committee begins to increase the number of activities available to our membership, we have been pleased with the many comments coming in from our members, so we decided that we will start to post some of them in our monthly newsletter.

Comments about our June Speaker, Mike Daley who presented 'The Elvis Presley Story':

"Excellent and entertaining" Linda Theriault Blaschek

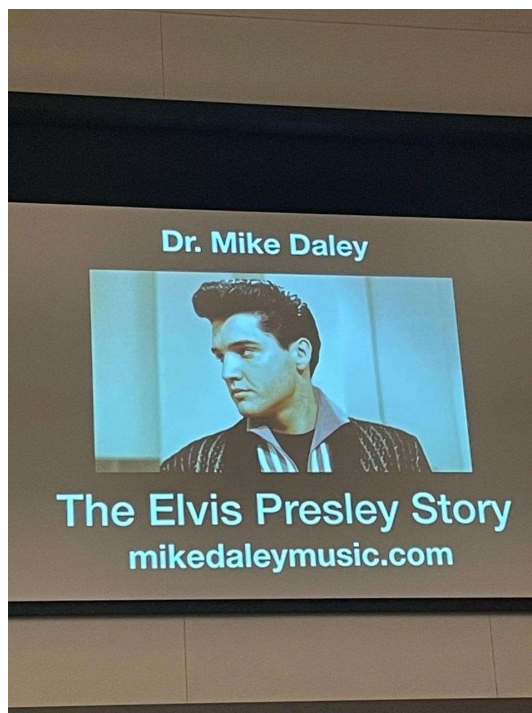
"Great Speaker" Ann Eriksson

"He is so easy to listen to. Learn new things each time we see him" Marilyn Stamp Smith

"It was a really great speech. Thoroughly enjoyed Mike Daley" Pauline Field

"I really enjoyed the presentation" Lorna Aspinall

"I thought it was fabulous. A wonderful speaker with a wealth of information" Jan Herdman



Comments about the Lawn Bowling Finals Champions:

"Congratulations, Steve & Dirck!" Bill Phipps





Comments about the Senior's Month Big Band:

"Fun afternoon" Linda Theriault Blaschek

"We all had such a good time" Lynne Stewart

"Fun afternoon!" Gail Matthews Gobeil

"Can't remember the last time I danced - really! We danced, sang, ate cookies, drank T, C and Water. Who can ask for anything more!!!" Vicki Trusdale



Comments about our excursion to 'Hi Tea':

"Hi Tea ... we had a wonderful afternoon" Gail Matthews Gobeil

"A lovely afternoon. Great conversation and a Queen's feast at the tea. Thanks" Linda Theriault Blascheck

"I agree with Linda. It was such a lovely afternoon" Lynne Stewart

"Lovely pictures and beautiful place" Frances Howse

"The ambiance, the delicious food and the lovely ladies, what a faulous afternoon being treated royally. Thnx so much for organizing" Olga Green

"Such a wonderful afternoon!" Jan Herdman

"Let's go again" Lorna Aspinall



We strongly encourage our members to let us know how you enjoy the many activities and events that your Social Committee makes happen. Post your comments on our Facebook page or send to pplc.webmaster@gmail.com and we will publish it in the next newsletter.

The Names of Things You Probably Didn't Know

A word that means one thing forward and another backward is called **semordnilap**, for example, desserts and stressed

Your little toe or finger is called **digitus minimus**

The sheen of a light that you see when you close your eyes is called **phosphenes**

The metal thing used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called **Brannock Device**

The day before yesterday is called **ereyesterday**

A cup holder for hot drinks is called **zarf**

The indent on the bottom of a wine bottle is called a **punt**

A letter or a combination of letters used in spelling the word but not pronounced is called an **aphthong** like "gh in knight"

The paragraph mark (¶) is called a **pilcrow**

The cry of a newborn or small child is called a **vagitus**

When your stomach rumbles, that's a **wamble**

A word or a phrase that is used mistakenly but in a plausible way for another word or phrase is called **eggcorn**

A person who has the same name as you and is found by searching it on Google is called a **Googleganger**

The wired cage that holds the cork on a bottle of champagne is called an **agraffe**

The chart you look at while taking an eye exam is called the **Snellen Chart**

A group of crows is called a **murder**

The small strips of wood, plastic or metal in between separate panes of glass on a window are called **muntins**

The tiny plastic thing placed in the middle of a pizza box is called a **pizza saver**

A person who never laughs is called **agelast**

A word or phrase that reads the same way forward as it does backward is called a **palindrome**, for example radar, level, madam

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