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This newsletter was created by the combined efforts of Team members [Debbie Bilinski](#), [Patricia \(Pat\) Smith Robertson](#), and [Peter Green](#).

Please feel free to share your ideas and comments about the new format and let us know what else you might like to see.

Message from the President

So here we are in February and it promises to be a lot colder than January. In my last Newsletter I reported that the coldest ever temperature recorded was -62.2°C in Alaska in 1971. Well guess what - A new record of -80.0°C was set last month in Siberia. This record low was due to a Polar Vortex and this is now coming to Canada. Yeah! Climate Change is real. I hope you all stay warm and safe through it.

On a brighter note, I was pleased to be able to introduce our new management team at our AGM last month. For 2023, our MT is 11 members strong and the full team list can be found later in this newsletter. I think we have a great team and I'm looking forward to working with them over the coming months.

I was even more pleased to be able to introduce our 3 new 'Lifetime Members'. Jim McMinn, Lynne Stewart and Elaine Phipps are truly deserving of this recognition and I'm so glad they will continue to be part of the club for a long time yet.



I want to wish everybody a 'Happy Valentine's Day' (is that a thing?) and a 'Happy Family Day' although every year I wonder what exactly is Family Day. Do we have a Turkey Dinner to look forward to? Parades? Presents? Big Sports Day? Anything? In fact, being a curious soul I googled 'Family Day activities in Ontario'

and the item that was top of the list was to 'try a Family Ice Fishing Day'. Hmmm!

The other interesting thing is that Family Day is not a National holiday - so not sure why the graphic I found features a Canadian flag. Family Day falls on the 3rd Monday of February each year and Alberta was the first province to observe it starting in 1990. Ontario followed suit in 2007 as a result of a campaign promise/bribe made by Dalton McGuinty. Today most provinces and territories have some kind of holiday on or around this date but remember these are only Provincial holidays, not a national Statutory Holiday - so rest assured that the Post Office will still be able to deliver your bills!

Take Care, [Peter](#)

Membership Report



PROBUS Pickering Lakeside would like to welcome 24 new members that joined recently: Steven Black, Phil Fraser, Beverley Keller, Murray Corson, Barbara Corson, Cathy Ross, Darrell Babcock, Ange Berlin, Paul Warrilow, Pamela Warrilow, Aileen Sullivan, Anil Sanwalka, Janet Mainprize, Phil Booth, Flo Booth, Bill Zerter, Louise Zerter, Bernadine Taylor, Morene Fairborn, Carol Waugh, Pat Martell, Marcia Dixon, Terry Martell and Cathie Jackson.

This brings our club total to 388.

Some of the many people who have joined us over the last few months are shown opposite.

I do have some badges for members that joined before December. An update on badges: the production of our club badges is on hold for now. Once they are ready to print the name badge we will put our order through.



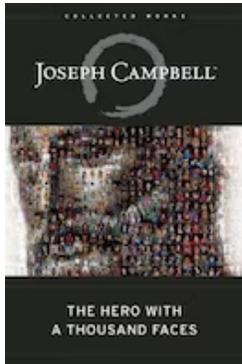
We are currently taking memberships from Pickering residents.

[Sharon](#)

Speakers Report

Our next speaker is Dr. Christopher DiCarlo. He has presented to us before and is terrific. You will not want to miss this. His presentation to us at this meeting will be on 'The Abridged History of Love'. Click [here](#) for more information.

In January we had almost 200 people at our meeting and I had great feedback about our speaker. However some of them might have only come for the wine. 🤔



Part of Lianne's presentation was about fairy tales which I found totally fascinating. In conversation with her after her presentation to us I asked what her favorite fairy tale is. It happens to be Beauty and the Beast which I do think is a popular one.

She also mentioned a couple of related books of interest which I thought I would pass on: Joseph Campbell - The Hero with a Thousand Faces which is about myth and man and Bruno Bethelheim - The Uses of Enchantment. This book is on fairy tales which he uses in his practice as a child psychologist.

[Laura](#)

Webmaster Report

Stronger password requirements are coming!

Passwords will now need to have 12 characters and include both upper & lower case letters, at least one number, and least one of the following special characters:
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You may get an email asking you to reset your password because of this change. Please contact our [webmaster](#) if you need any help.

[Scott](#)

Facebook Report

Much thanks to Valerie Rodrigues who has stepped down from running our Pickering Lakeside Facebook group to focus on all the other wonderful things she does for our club.

There are 140 club members who belong to our Facebook group. It is a private group meaning you must join our Facebook group to see the posts. We share club information, photos and other posts of interest to members, and all club members are welcome to join.

Click on [PROBUS Pickering Lakeside | Facebook](#) if you would like to join.

[Debbie](#)

Annual General Meeting/4th Anniversary

We had a record turnout for our January AGM/4th Anniversary. We marked the occasion with a great speaker, wine & cheese, cake, and even found time to conduct club business! By all accounts, everyone had a great time. See the full photo gallery [here](#).



Events

First of all I want to say “WOW”. Our Christmas Luncheon was totally amazing. None of this would be possible without our volunteers. Special shout out to Candice Blake who coordinated the event along with the members of the Social Committee and other volunteers.

Who knew Elvis lived in our backyard! Yes, it’s true Johnny Cigan and his family are Pickering residents. Our dancers kept the show rolling and got many others involved. We have set the bar high for our Christmas Luncheon for 2023. Not sure we will be able to surpass this one, but we will try.

We have a couple more events coming up soon. On March 16th we are going to tour the Briars Resort and Spa. This will be a fun filled day as we travel to Simcoe County and enjoy a fabulous lunch at Briars Resort. Then we will be learning about the Anishinaabe Circle Teachings and Medicine Pouch Making. Sign up today. Cost is \$145.00 which includes everything.



On April 27th we are heading to Niagara Fallsview Casino. We have already filled one bus. We are trying to fill a second bus. If you and any of your friends would like to join us, please put your name on the waitlist. We still need 14 more people to fill our second bus. Cost is \$40.00. You will receive \$35.00 in Slot Play.



Next, we have the Georgian Bay Boat Cruise on June 19th. We will take a luxury coach bus and head to Penetanguishene! We will board the Georgian Legacy for a 2 ¾ hour cruise through the many inlets and islands. While cruising we will enjoy a buffet lunch. Cost is \$155.00 which includes everything. (excludes alcohol beverages)

Another date to keep in mind is July 10th. We will be heading to Niagara-on-the-Lake where we will tour a Lavender farm and then tour some wineries for tastings. Lunch will be included as well. This event is a work in progress. Stay tuned for more details to come.



Does a cruise excite you for 2024? Let us know where you would like to go. What kind of budget would be suitable.?

We are always looking for new volunteers/new ideas for our Social Committee. JOIN US today!

[Valerie](#)

Meet our new Team Member



Greetings from one of your two new Members-at-Large. My name is Debbie Bilinski and my husband and I heard about the Probus Pickering Lakeside club through friends who were already members. We joined in March 2021 and found the club's shift to all the online offerings to be one of the bright spots in the midst of all the pandemic restrictions. Of course, it's even better now that we are back to in person activities and events that get us out of the house and meeting new people! I've joined the team as member-at-large to see what I could do to help keep our great club going and have quickly been drafted into the role of Facebook Administrator and a shared role on the Newsletter Team. I promise to not knowingly spread any fake news! 😊

The Social Scene

A big thanks to Lynne Stewart for creating such a vibrant social scene for Pickering Lakeside.

It has taken a lot of hard work, dedication and leadership to get us here. Thank you.

I also want to thank Jim McMinn for his time on the Social Committee, he will be missed.

Our Social Committee organizes tours, trips, BBQs, parties and much, much more. We are looking for some new members to complement our team: Linda Black, Candice Blake, Pauline Field, Gudrun Franc, Greg Garber, Gail Gobeil, Vicki Trusdale, Virginia McKay, Valerie Rodrigues and myself.

If you are interested in joining please let us know: PPLC.social@gmail.com

Breakfast Out has a new lead - Susan Simpson has volunteered to organize this activity. Welcome, and thank you for volunteering!

Did you know that making Art is good for your health? The act of creation can reduce stress and anxiety and improve your mood. It has also been linked to improved memory, reasoning, brain plasticity and resilience in healthy older people. So, sign up for an upcoming workshop.

If you have a suggestion for an art/craft workshop or if you are interested in leading a workshop, please let us know: PPLC.social@gmail.com

Do you have grandchildren, great nieces and nephews? Would you be interested in doing an arts & crafts workshop with them one Sunday afternoon? It could be fun! Let us know: PPLC.social@gmail.com

In the works: The Technology Group will be providing training on Wild Apricot (our website and associated app) for new members (and a refresher for existing members) some time in February. Keep your eye out if this is of interest to you.

We are thinking about starting a wine tasting group, but we need to know if anyone is interested. Please let us know if you would be interested in participating. Email us at PPLC.social@gmail.com

Do you have any ideas, suggestions for a new activity? What about a photography club? Do you have a hobby that you would like to share/teach to others? Would you be willing to lead an activity? Let us know at: PPLC.social@gmail.com

Below is a table of all the many interest groups that are currently active (click on the activity name for more info and/or click on the Coordinator's name to email them). A handy list of upcoming events and activities is provided in the next section of the newsletter.

[Julia](#)

Groups - Crafts, Culture & Chat

 <p>Arts & Crafts Click the group name to check on upcoming activities</p> <p>Linda Black</p>	 <p>In Stitches 3rd Monday of the month</p> <p>Fran Sancroft & Elaine Phipps</p>
 <p>Not a Book Club 2nd Tuesday of the month</p> <p>Lynne Stewart</p>	 <p>Cover to Cover Book Club Last Monday of the month - there is a wait list for this group</p> <p>Pauline Field</p>
 <p>Movie Club 1st Monday of the month</p> <p>Elaine Phipps</p>	 <p>Lakesides Ladies Let's Chat 1st Friday of the month</p> <p>Lynne Stewart</p>

Groups - Food & Drink



Lakeside Happy Hour
Click the group name to
check for the next one

[Gail Gobeil](#)



**Lakeside Ladies
Lunch**
Click the group name
to check
[Gail Gobeil](#)



Breakfast Out
3rd Monday of the month

[Susan Simpson](#)



Tastes of the World
Click the group
name to check
[Maureen Kelly &
Virginia McKay](#)

Groups - Games



Bridge
Check our website for
venues, dates and times.

[Peter Green](#)

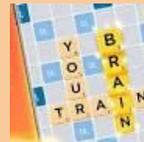


Crack the Case
4th Wednesday of the
month

[Roy Pettitt](#)



Euchre
The 1st and 3rd Thursday of
the month
[Nancy Agostino](#)



Scrabble
Last Friday of the month
[Marilyn McLaughlin](#)



Trivia
4th Tuesday of the month

[Peter Green](#)

Groups - Physical Activities



Billiards
The 2nd and 4th Friday
of each month

[Bill Phipps](#)



Bowling
1st Monday of the
month

[Gail Gobeil](#)



**Lakeside Walking
Group**
Every Tuesday

[Lynda Borg & Barb
McGrath](#)



**Lakeside Hiking
Group**
Every Other Friday

[Jeff Bowers](#)

Upcoming Events

Euchre

2 Feb 2023 1:00 PM - Royal Canadian Legion - 1555 Bayly St Pickering

Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk

3 Feb 2023 11:00 AM - Zoom

Ajax 5 Pin Bowling Centre

6 Feb 2023 1:00 PM - 172 Harwood Avenue, Ajax

Movie Club

6 Feb 2023 2:00 PM - Online Zoom meeting

Lakeside Weekly Walking Group - Lynde Shores Conservation Area

7 Feb 2023 10:30 AM - Lynde Shores Conservation Area, Ajax/Whitby

The Old Curiosity Tea Shop

8 Feb 2023 12:00 PM - 91 Main Street North, Markham

Lakeside Ladies Lunch at Chucks Roadhouse

8 Feb 2023 12:00 PM - 780 Kingston Rd., Pickering

Valentines Gingerbread House Workshop

9 Feb 2023 12:30 PM - Legion -1555 Bayly St.,Pickering

Lakeside Biweekly Friday Morning Hike

10 Feb 2023 10:00 AM -Rouge Beach

Not a Book Club

10 Feb 2023 11:00 AM - Online Zoom meeting

Billiards

10 Feb 2023 11:00 AM - Petrina Billiards, 21 Harwood Avenue South, Ajax

Jersey Nights

12 Feb 2023 3:00 PM - Regent Theatre - 50 King St E

Lakeside Weekly Walking Group - Rouge Beach, Pickering

14 Feb 2023 10:30 AM - Rouge Beach, Pickering

Crack the Case

14 Feb 2023 1:00 PM - Zoom

February Members Monthly Meeting

15 Feb 2023 10:00 AM - Don Beer Arena, 940 Dillingham Rd, Pickering

[Euchre](#)

16 Feb 2023 1:00 PM - Royal Canadian Legion - 1555 Bayly St Pickering

[Wild Apricot Refresher](#)

17 Feb 2023 10:00 AM - Zoom

[Breakfast at Kathryn's](#)

20 Feb 2023 10:00 AM - 376 Kingston Road, Pickering

[In Stitches Club](#)

20 Feb 2023 1:00 PM - In Event Details

[Lakeside Weekly Walking Group - Ajax Rotary Park, Ajax](#)

21 Feb 2023 10:30 AM - Ajax Rotary Park, Ajax

[Happy Hour at Fox Goes Free](#)

22 Feb 2023 3:00 PM - 339 Kingston Rd, Pickering

[Lakeside Biweekly Friday Morning Hike](#)

24 Feb 2023 10:00 AM - Mast Trail Rouge Park

[Billiards](#)

24 Feb 2023 11:00 AM - Petrina Billiards, 21 Harwood Avenue South, Ajax

[Tour Pickering Nuclear Power Station](#)

27 Feb 2023 9:15 AM - 1675 Montgomery Park Road, Pickering

[Cover to Cover Book Club](#)

27 Feb 2023 2:00 PM - Zoom

[Lakeside Weekly Walking Group - Carruthers Marsh Pavilion, Ajax](#)

28 Feb 2023 10:30 AM - Carruthers Marsh Pavilion, Ajax

[Trivia at the Falcon Brewery](#)

28 Feb 2023 2:00 PM - Falcon Brewing Company, 30 Barr Rd, Ajax

A Little Humour



An older man, living alone, decided he wanted to add a pet to his life. After thinking long and hard about the decision, he buys a parrot and brings it home. However, the parrot almost immediately starts insulting the older man and gets really rude. In a moment of frustration, the man picks up the parrot and tosses it into the freezer to teach it a lesson. But when the bird stops squawking, the man panics and opens the freezer. The parrot walks out, looks at the man and says, "I apologize for offending

you, and I humbly beg your forgiveness." The man replies, "Well, thank you. I forgive you, and I'm sorry too." The parrot then says. "If you don't mind my asking...what'd the chicken do?"

A very self-important college freshman attending a recent football game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one," the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear. "The young people of today are much more advanced than people your age. We grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon and the internet. We have cell phones, nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers, automated manufacturing, amazing technologies...and," pausing to take another drink of beer. The senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young... so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little putz, what are YOU doing for the next generation?" He got a standing ovation!

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