



April 2023

Message from the President

First off, I want to announce some great news, we have been given a \$25,000 grant from the City of Pickering!!! Oh no, wait a minute, I did this April Fool's thing last year didn't I? OK so moving on, it's spring and winter is now officially behind us!

On that topic, I saw a stat the other day that says this past Canadian winter has been the darkest one in 80 years. Looking back it sure seems like we were deprived of our normal share of sunshine these last few months; although from what I remember, that whole Polar Vortex thing we were promised was a bit of a bust. But whatever - it's spring and winter is now officially behind us!



We had an amazing turnout at our last meeting - close to 200 members which is terrific. Trouble was, not everybody had registered beforehand. 24 members and 8 guests just showed up at the door which meant that we were not fully prepared for 200 people. We did not have enough chairs out initially and we ran out of some other supplies. Our team and the facility staff handled that very well though but I can't emphasize enough how much it would help our volunteers and helpers if you pre-register for any event on the club's Wild Apricot system if you plan to attend. Preferably, at least 24 hours beforehand. If you need any help with this do not hesitate to [contact our webmaster](#) who will be glad to assist you.

I want to take this opportunity to once again commend and thank all our many volunteers. As we continue to grow we get more volunteers and more opportunities to socialize and more events and excursions to enjoy. You all do an amazing job and now that it's spring and winter is now officially behind us; things will only get better and maybe more outdoorsy.

April of course is Easter month and I hope you get to enjoy some family time over this holiday. But what else is April about? For instance is the saying "April showers bring May flowers." true, or is it just something to say because it rhymes? Turns out that it is true. Meteorologists confirm that April is traditionally a rainy month. On the plus side though, animals will start to come out of their hibernation, flowers will bloom, bees will start doing bee stuff and birds (inc. the Blue Jays) will start coming back after their winter vacations in the south.

On that theme, I also noticed that April 22nd is Earth Day and being a curious soul I googled that. I discovered that Earth Day started in the US in 1970 after people witnessed the damage caused by a massive oil spill off the coast of California. In 1990, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries to finally elevate environmental issues onto the world stage. One outcome of that was the start of coordinated recycling efforts worldwide.



Earth Day is now observed by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local environmental policy changes.

Earth Day can happen at all levels and indeed the City of Pickering has already set up several Earth Day events. [Click here to see what Pickering is planning](#) plus you can see the details of their tree planting and litter cleanup initiative on our website. If anybody has any ideas for something our club can do for Earth Day please [let me know](#).

But hey, it's Spring and winter is now officially behind us (or have I already said that)!

Take Care, [Peter](#)

Membership Report



PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is happy to welcome 19 new members that joined recently: Kimberly Edwards, Maureen Indarjit, Louise Onofreychuk, Yvonne Nunes, Ivan Hunte, Mali Fonseka, Roland Pauksens, Sue Geddis, Sue Underhay, Donna Bergles, Lynn Bowers, Cathy Hayhow, Barbara Sullivan, Lucy Ross, Kevin Graham, Della Smith, Denise Klammer, Peter Klammer and Jane Brown. This brings our club total to 418.

To the 100 or so new members that have joined since last fall, the quickest way to meet new friends and feel a part of PROBUS Lakeside is to volunteer in some aspect

of our community. Many of you have great life experiences that would benefit us all. Please consider helping out in any part of the club. See one of the Management team members to discuss how you can help. "It takes a village" for our club's success and enjoyment.

Any member who has not received their badge please come see me at the next meeting to pick up your badge. We are continuing to take new members at this time, but only for Pickering residents.

[Sharon](#)

Speakers Report



Wasn't our speaker, Matt Anderson, terrific last month? I was thrilled that such a busy and important man took the time to come and talk to us. He was such a natural speaker as well wasn't he?

We have a similar situation this month as Dan Carter is still actively employed as the Mayor of Oshawa and yet he is taking the time to visit with us which again I'm thrilled about. I have researched Dan's background and it's very sad in parts. So having come from that to where he is today is quite remarkable and from what I hear he is an exceptional speaker. So I'm looking forward to his talk very much..

In regards to future meetings, a number of Speaker Coordinators from other local PROBUS Clubs have recently banded together to share ideas and recommendations for speakers. So I feel confident that we can continue to provide quality speakers for our meetings for the foreseeable future. Stay tuned! PS You should also know that I am always open to any recommendations or requests you may have.

[Laura](#)

Facebook Group Report

Currently 149 PPLC club members belong to our Facebook group. It is a private group for club members only. Our goal is to complement our website and newsletter. We share club information, photos &/or activity write-ups, humour, nostalgia and other posts of interest to members. All club members are welcome to join.

Thanks to the following members who contributed posts in March and helped make our Facebook page more dynamic: Jeannie, Lynne, Virginia, Valerie, Linda, and Elaine.

If you already use Facebook, why don't you join us? Click on [PROBUS Pickering Lakeside | Facebook](#) to join our group.

[Debbie](#)

Events

What a fabulous evening we had on March 25th! After dinner at Wendel Clark's Bar & Grill, we went to the Regent Theatre to listen to songs from ABBA and the Bee Gees.

On April 21st we will be enjoying the Just for Laughs Road Show. Tickets are sold out.

On April 27th we are heading to Niagara Fallsview Casino. We have filled two buses with just a few spots remaining. Cost is \$40.00. You will receive \$35.00 in Slot Play. I have 6 spots available.

Time for some theatre – May 7th Herongate Barn Theatre where we will see "There Goes the Bride". Tickets are \$72.00. They are selling fast. Register now so you don't miss out on this show. Only 3 spots left! See Pauline Field if you are interested.



Next, we have the Georgian Bay Boat Cruise on June 19th. We will take a luxury coach bus and head to Penetanguishene and 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 alcoholic beverages) This event is sold out.



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 we will head to Château des Charmes for 4 wine tastings and a wine tour. After this tasting we head to Queen's Landing Lunch. We then head to Bella Terra Vineyards for three more wine tastings. 5 spots left!

On September 28th we head to the Shaw Festival. Gypsy Rose Lee was the world's most famous striptease artist; Momma Rose the ultimate stage mother. Follow their extraordinary story in Stephen Sondheim's timeless musical about sex, power and longing. With legendary songs, including "Let Me Entertain You" and "Everything's Coming up Roses," Gypsy remains the greatest American musical. Tickets are \$190.00. Order your ticket today.

Save the Date: August 9th will be our Annual BBQ/Picnic. It will be held this year at Kinsmen Park.

On August 28th we are heading to Napanee to take a River Boat Cruise. This event has already SOLD OUT.

Things are getting a bit SPOOKY as we plan our first Halloween Dance. Details will follow soon. Stay Tuned.

You asked so we have put together an overnight trip. We will be heading to St. Jacobs and Shaw Festival on November 22/23. We will stay



overnight at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel. We will enjoy two shows: Bittergirl and Brigadoon. Some meals will be included. Stay tuned for more details on this event.

In December we will be having our Annual Christmas Luncheon. Date is December 13th. Add this date to your calendar.

Do you have any suggestions that you think would be a fun event for us? Send an email to: valerie_rodrigues@bell.net

[Valerie](#)

Meet our new Team Member



Hi there, my name is Scott Smith and I've been retired for the last 4.5 years from the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) after 36 years. I started off as a flight instructor and ended up managing the emergency operations centre at the GTAA. My wife (Sandra) and I joined PROBUS last November and I volunteered to be part of the Management team and take over the Webmasters position in January. I'm thrilled to be part of Probus, such an active group with lots of exciting and different events. We have 2 daughters who both live within 10 minutes of us and 5 grand kids, which keeps us very busy.

I'm also the President of the local Tennis Club, Ajax Tennis Club so if I'm not working on the Probus website helping with one of the grandkids you will find me on the tennis courts.

The Social Scene

March has been a busy month, lots of activities, lots of people coming out – new members and old. It's been great to see everyone out participating and having fun!

The weekly walks are becoming very popular now that the weather is getting nicer. It is so beautiful walking by the lake in the sunshine hearing all the birds. Opposite is the intrepid Group who did the last hike with Jeff. There will be a wider variety of trails to walk now that the snow and ice have just about gone.



Linda's Quilling session was a big hit. Everyone had fun creating beautiful, colourful birds. We hope to have some on display at the next monthly meeting.

It was a close finish at the Trivia at the Falcon Brewery event but the ultimate winners were the team most inappropriately named the "Know Nothings". Congrats to David LaRoche, Laura Green, Lorraine Moore, Gary Crease, and Brenda Molony.



Our ever popular Taste of the World group enjoyed two outings in March - Mumbai Grill and the Portly Piper. Good food and great times were had by all.



Even though the snow has almost gone and spring is in the air, it is still too early for golf.....but it is on the horizon. We know it's coming.....

We have some new activities for you to check out:

- **Three Hour Urban Walk:** Jeff is trying something new, an urban walk. This walk will be mainly along sidewalks, so a fairly easy walk. It might sound like a long walk, but there will be a break at a Tim Hortons so you can get a drink or snack or bio break. This walk will take place on April 7th, check the website for details.
- **Bridge Lessons:** For those who want to learn how to play Bridge Peter & Jim will be running some Bridge introduction/practice sessions based on the game 'MiniBridge'. These lessons will take place over four sessions in April/May. Again, check the website for details.
- **Pickleball:** This is a very popular activity. For those interested in learning how to play, Val has organized some instruction. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a fast-paced, competitive game. These lessons will take place over four sessions in April/May. Again, check the website for details.

Below are the interest groups that we currently have and at the end of this newsletter you will find a calendar of all our events this month. Click on any blue text to register.

Ideas? Suggestions? Questions? Comments? Feedback? You can reach us at: PPLC.social@gmail.com

[Julia](#)

Groups - Crafts, Culture & Chat



[Arts & Crafts](#)

Click the group name to check on upcoming activities

[Linda Black](#)



[In Stitches](#)

3rd Monday of the month

[Fran Sancroft](#) & [Elaine](#)

[Phipps](#)



[Not a Book Club](#)

2nd Tuesday of the month

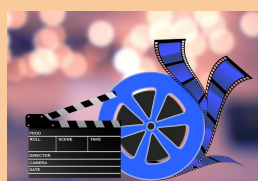
[Lynne Stewart](#)



[Cover to Cover Book Club](#)

Last Monday of the month - there is a wait list for this group

[Pauline Field](#)



[Movie Club](#)

1st Monday of the month

[Elaine Phipps](#)



[Lakesides Ladies](#)

[Let's Talk](#)

1st Friday of the month

[Lynne Stewart](#)

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 & Roy Pettitt

Groups - Physical Activities



Billiards

The 2nd and 4th Friday of each month

Bill Phipps



Bowling

1st Monday of the month

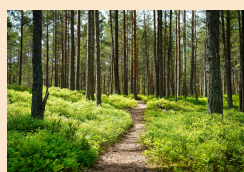
Gail Gobeil



Lakeside Walking Group

Every Tuesday

Lynda Borg & Barb McGrath



Lakeside Hiking Group

Every Other Friday

Jeff Bowers

A Little Humour:

A woman, cranky because her husband was late coming home again, decided to leave a note, saying, "I've had enough and have left you. Don't bother coming after me."

Then she hid under the bed to see his reaction.

After a short while, the husband came home and she heard him in the kitchen before he came into the bedroom.

She saw him walk towards the dresser and pick up the note.

After a few minutes, he wrote something on it before picking up the phone and calling someone.



"She's finally gone...yeah I know, about bloody time, I'm coming to see you, put on that French nightie.

I love you...can't wait to see you...we'll do all the naughty things you like."

He hung up, grabbed his keys and left.

She heard the car drive off as she came out from under the bed.

Seething with rage and with tears in her eyes she grabbed the note to see what he wrote...

"I can see your feet. We're outta bread: be back in five minutes."

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Your Club Calendar: April 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Bowling Movie Club	4 Weekly Walking Group - Rouge Beach, Pickering MiniBridge (1 of 4)	5	6 Euchre	7 Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk <i>Good Friday</i>	8
9 	10	11 Weekly Walking Group - Duffins Creek, Ajax Crack the Case MiniBridge (2 of 4)	12 Lakeside Ladies Lunch - Baton Rouge in Whitby	13 Biweekly Hike - Rouge Park, Scarborough Strategic Board Games	14 Pickleball (1 of 4) Not a Book Club Billiards	15
16 Sunday Afternoon Big Band	17 Breakfast at Kathryn's 3 Hour Urban Walk In Stitches Club	18 Weekly Walking Group - Carruthers Marsh Pavilion, Ajax MiniBridge (3 of 4)	19 April Members Monthly Meeting	20 Lakeside Biweekly Hike - Rouge Park, Scarborough Euchre	21 Pickleball (2 of 4) Just For Laughs Road Show	22 
23	24 Cover to Cover Book Club	25 Weekly Walking Group - Highland Creek - Old Kingston Rd & Military Trail Trivia	26 Happy Hour - Fox Goes Free Taste of the World - Thai Orchid	27 Niagara Fallsview Casino Strategic Board Games	28 Pickleball (3 of 4) Billiards	29
30	31					