



May 2023

### Message from the President

It is now one month closer to Summer and there are signs of that everywhere - with leaves starting to appear on the trees, we are on Daylight Savings Time and the evenings are getting longer, flowers are blooming, and birds are chirping. Golf is back (thanks for doing this again this year Peter). The Blue Jays are back (and doing very well so far) and just maybe the Leafs might even be playing summer hockey for the first time in a long while.



A bit of administrivia: Our next meeting is on May 17th which is on the standard 3rd Wednesday of the Month. However, after that we will be switching our meetings to the **2nd Wednesday of the month - starting on June 14th**. We are making this change to avoid any future conflicts with School breaks and Christmases, etc.

Some celebrations for May include Mother's day on May 14th and Victoria Day on May 22nd. I hope all you mothers get suitably recognized and that you get to enjoy both days with your families and friends.

So Today is May 1st which is May Day and being a curious soul I googled that. May Day has a very interesting background: First off, in Italy it is considered the happiest Day of the year (for some unknown reason) which is great but elsewhere it is also considered the last day that fairies can travel to earth, which is sad I guess?

Then, in the late 19th century, leaders of the 'Socialist Second International' were fighting for an eight-hour work day and they called for a global day of protest to be held on May 1, 1890. It has lived on as an International Workers' Day ever since.

But this is a relatively new side of the date, which in the Middle Ages marked the beginning of spring and was celebrated to mark vitality and fertility - which means that

early incarnations of the holiday involved all kinds of raucous debauchery. Now we're talking!



Probably the most famous of these celebrations is the Maypole Dance which is still performed in the UK and parts of Europe today. It is where pairs of boys and girls (or men and women) circle a tall pole decorated with flowers weaving together patterns of ribbons in the process.

Maybe next year our Social Committee can organize one of these for us?

So Happy May Day and take care,

[Peter](#)

## Membership Report

PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is happy to welcome 25 new members that joined recently: Clive Hayhow, Monica Turi, Janet Martin, Sharon Hopkirk, Kathi Moyer, Lynn West, Caroline Honsberger, Gerry Downes, Karen Downes, Bob Johnston, Lesley Johnston, Leonora Benjamin, Anne Skeete, Inge Rust, Art Reid, Ron Chatterton, Angela Chatterton, Sandra Sproule, Lynda Sanz, Sam Sanz, Najma Lalani, Jane Eilidh Samarelli, Debbie Magder, Denise Valleau and Sherry Fraser. This brings our club total to 437.



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

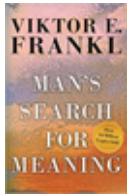
We have had some previous members who let their membership lapse during COVID that have rejoined us again. Welcome back to those members. If you have a friend that lives in Pickering and is interested in joining our PROBUS club please let them know there are 2 Pickering clubs - PROBUS Club of Pickering and ours - PROBUS Pickering Lakeside. Let them know the Pickering Lakeside Club is the correct club.

[Sharon](#)

## Speakers Report

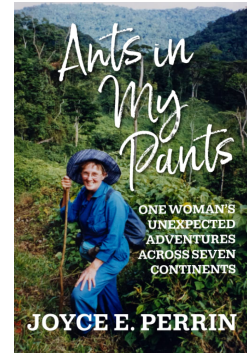
I think that Dan Carter was one of my all time favorite speakers. What an inspirational story! And talking about inspiration, Dan mentioned a couple of books that had helped him during his very personal and difficult life 'journey'. I took down the details of those books and found that they are both available on Amazon.





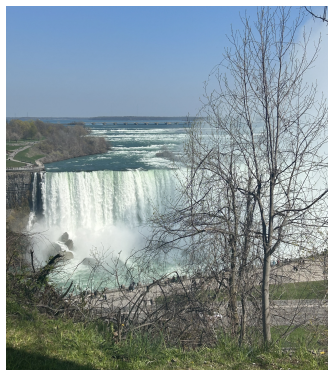
They are [The Message](#) by Eugene H. Peterson and [Man's Search for Meaning](#) by Viktor E. Frankl. Dan also mentioned that he had authored a book of his own and that he could send us a pdf of it if we were interested. It will be made available through our website.

[Click here to see a news clip by Susan Hay](#) on Global News where she talks about one of our members, Joyce Perrin, and what an incredible life she has led and how amazing it is that she has just penned her first book at age 86. What Susan failed to mention is that as well as being a first-time author, Joyce has also joined the speaker circuit and will be making her first of many PROBUS club talks and book signings to our club at our next meeting. Peter and I were pleased to attend her book launch here in Pickering and we can assure you that she has indeed had an incredible life and is a great storyteller.



[Laura](#)

## Events



On April 27th we went to Niagara Fallsview Casino. We had two full buses of members attend. Lots of fun and laughter were had by all.

Our Yorkville Walking Tours with Bruce Bell are coming up. We have spots left for all three dates: May 16th, May 23rd and June 6th. You can register for any of the three dates on our [May Calendar](#) page.

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. SOLD OUT!

On July 10th we will be heading to Niagara-on-the-Lake where we will tour a Lavender farm along with two wineries for tastings and a wine tour. Lunch will be included as well. This event is now SOLD OUT.

Our Annual BBQ/Picnic will be held at the Kinsmen Park this year on August 9th. Registration is now open. Cost is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for guests.

Next we are off to Napanee where we will board a pontoon and cruise along the Napanee River. A second date was



added due to the overwhelming response for this cruise. Both the August 23rd and August 28th dates are now SOLD OUT.

September 20th - 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. This event is now SOLD OUT.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Christmas luncheon will take place on December 13th at the Ajax Convention Center.

Do you have any suggestions that you think would be a fun event for us? Send an email to: [valerie\\_rodrigues@bell.net](mailto:valerie_rodrigues@bell.net).

[Valerie](#)

## Meet our new Team Member



Hi Everyone, I'm Julia Tonks. I joined Probus in March 2019, shortly after I retired. At that time I was thinking about what I should do, what classes to take, what activities to sign up for, and I recalled my parents belonging to some group called Probus 😊. Not really knowing what it was all about I did some poking around and discovered the Probus Pickering Lakeside Club had recently started up. The activities looked interesting so I became a member! Some time that first year I started helping out at the monthly meetings, first as a Greeter, then on to the registration desk – a great way to meet everyone! This year I joined the Management team and head up the social committee. Lots of learning and lots of fun!

## The Social Scene

The very popular Crack the Case will be coming to an end this month. All you sleuths have finally cracked all the cases! A big thank you to Roy for hosting and moderating this activity.



We had lots of people attend Linda's Iris Folded Bugs crafting activity - in fact we had a waiting list! Take a look at the beautiful cards that everyone made.

We now have a room at the Rec Centre for the Arts & Crafts activities – thank you Peter for arranging this with the City.

For the next crafting activity, Linda will be showing us how to create Spring Box Cards. Keep an eye out for this activity, we are just finalizing the details.

This month's winners of the Trivia at the Falcon Brewery event were the "The Window People" consisting of John Stitt, Peter Davidson, Cathy Hayhow and Marilyn Stitt. Congratulations!



Golf was able to start at the end of April. It's taking place every first and third Thursday of the month at the Spring Creek Golf Club.

Just a heads up for those who go on the walks and hikes: waterfront parking permits are once again required from May 1st to October 1st . For information on how to get a permit click on this link to the City's website: [Waterfront Parking](#)

Have you wondered about lawn bowling? Now is your opportunity to come out and learn. The Pickering Lawn Bowling club has offered to give us a training session, with a tournament the following week. This is being planned for June, details to follow. (It's lots of fun).

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

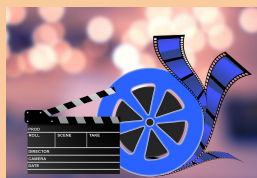
[Lynne Stewart](#)



### [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 the month

[Bill Phipps](#)



### [Bowling](#)

1st Monday of the month

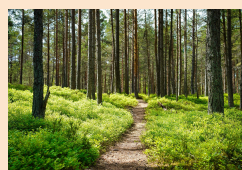
[Gail Gobeil](#)



### [Lakeside Walking Group](#)

Every Tuesday

[Lynda Borg](#) & [Barb McGrath](#)



### [Lakeside Hiking Group](#)

Every Other Friday

[Jeff Bowers](#)





## Golf at Spring Creek Golf Club

The 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

Peter Lewarne

## Share the Wealth!



Our guest speaker, Dan Carter, picked the winning tickets for our Share the Wealth draw at our April monthly meeting. Lucky winners were Heidi Linton and Angela McMullen. Congratulations ladies!



## A Little Humour:

Two Canadians die and end up in Hell. Satan decides to pay them a visit, so he walks into their room and sees them talking and laughing. Confused, he asks them why they're happy.

They tell him, "Well, we're so sick of the cold where we're from, and this place is nice and toasty."

Satan, annoyed, storms away and goes to Hell's boiler room, where he turns up the temperature.

He goes back to the Canadians' room, along the way being begged by all sorts of people to put the heating back down. He enters the room to see the Canadians having a barbecue. Furiously, he asks them what they're doing.

"Well, we can't pass up this wonderful weather without getting out the barbecue!"

Satan realizes he's been doing the wrong thing. He goes to the boiler room and turns it down until it's at a colder temperature than ever seen on earth.

He knows he's won now, so he goes back to the Canadians' room, only to see them jumping up and down in excitement. He shouts at them in fury, "WHY ARE YOU STILL HAPPY?!?!?"

They look at him and shout at the same time, "Hell froze over! That means the Leafs won!"



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## Your Club Calendar: May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <a href="#">Gardening Group</a> <a href="#">Bowling</a> <a href="#">Movie Club</a>	<b>2</b> <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a> <a href="#">MiniBridge (4 of 4)</a>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <a href="#">Golf</a> <a href="#">Euchre</a>	<b>5</b> <a href="#">Pickleball (4 of 4)</a> <a href="#">Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk</a>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <a href="#">Herongate Theatre</a>	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Hiking Group</a>	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a>	<b>10</b> <a href="#">Lakeside Ladies Lunch</a>	<b>11</b> <a href="#">Strategic Board Games</a>	<b>12</b> <a href="#">Not a Book Club</a> <a href="#">Billiards</a>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> <a href="#">Breakfast at Kathryn's</a> <a href="#">Hiking Group</a> <a href="#">Spring Box Card</a> <a href="#">In Stitches Club</a>	<b>16</b> <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a> <a href="#">1st Yorkville Walking Tour</a> <a href="#">Crack the Case</a>	<b>17</b> <a href="#">May Members Monthly Meeting</a>	<b>18</b> <a href="#">Golf</a> <a href="#">Euchre</a>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a> <a href="#">2nd Yorkville Walking Tour</a> <a href="#">Trivia</a>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <a href="#">Strategic Board Games</a>	<b>26</b> <a href="#">Billiards</a>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <a href="#">Cover to Cover Book Club</a>	<b>30</b> <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a>	<b>31</b>			