



June 2023

### Message from the President

Hello fellow Lakesiders and welcome to June, the (almost) first day of Summer. It sure feels like summer has started but the 'official' starting day is actually June 21st which marks the Summer Solstice or the longest day of the year in terms of daylight hours. But whatever, I'm OK with thinking summer is now here! Let's enjoy it.



Today is also "[National Say Something Nice Day](#)". So in that spirit I want to say what a tremendous group of volunteers we have who make our club so great. Some of our regular activities will be taking a few weeks off for the summer so on behalf of the club I want to say a huge **Thank You and Well Done** to the people who run those. I sincerely hope we'll see them all start up again in the Fall.

By the way, this does not mean we won't still have a lot of options for you over the summer. There will still be plenty of opportunities for you to socialize and keep active with lots of outdoorsy activities and of course our summer BBQ in August. As of today we have around 130 people registered for that but there is still lots of room left so don't be shy. Many thanks to Candice and her team for organizing this, I'm sure it will be fantastic (see - Something Nice again).



So what else does June hold for us? Well to start, I hear it is a great month for all you Gardeners. I have heard that it is:

*The month of leaves and roses,  
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,  
And pleasant scents the noses.*

June 5th is [World Environment Day](#). This is a United Nations program that has been held annually since 1973 and this year the focus will be on finding solutions to plastic pollution. A very worthwhile cause indeed.

Then on June 18th we have the most important Day of the year - Father's Day! 😊

Finally, June 21st is also National Indigenous Peoples Day which was established to remind Canadians of the contributions of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. Laura and I attended our granddaughter's school play recently and before it started the children named and paid tribute to all the different indigenous groups who are part of the history of the Toronto Area and they recognised over 40 such groups. So being a curious soul, I googled that and according to the 'Canadian Encyclopedia' there are in fact 111 different Indigenous Groups & Peoples nation-wide who are such a key part of the history and fabric of Canada. So I guess [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) is indeed something to recognize!

Take care and don't forget to say something nice today.

[Peter Green](#)

## Monthly Meetings Reminder

Remember that our Members Monthly Meetings have switched to the second Wednesday of the month. See you on Wednesday, June 14th!

## Membership Report



PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is happy to welcome 21 new members that joined recently: David Toswell, Frances Portener, Jim Portener, Catherine Corman, Paul Hazlett, Sue Mathieson, Mary Inniss, Jim Clarke, Susan Dysart, Carolyn Koivisto, Duncan Mathieson, Michelle Lantaigne, Greg Robinson, Wendy Robinson, Connie Speirs, Dawna Matton, Mary Helen Barnes, Imelda MacNeil, Nancy King, Glen Wood and Carmen Vandersluis.

When your membership is up for renewal you will receive three emails over a month of time, the first being three weeks before the renewal due date. A link is provided which you will use to pay your yearly membership.

We have started a wait list for non-Pickering residents to eventually become members of PROBUS Pickering Lakeside. They can give me their name and email and I will contact them when an opening becomes available.

[Sharon McMinn](#)

## Speakers Report

Our next speaker on June 14th is Riley Moynes and as part of my research into him, I discovered this description of a course he teaches and thought it very appropriate:



*“If you are like most people, you probably are focusing (or have focused) your retirement planning almost exclusively on finances and estate-planning. After all, what everyone says is true: you do need to get ready financially. But that’s not all. Many people look forward to retirement, only to find that before too long they feel a bit bored, disappointed, and even a little depressed. You may not realize it, but you **need to get ready for retirement psychologically, as well.**” Based on extensive research and the personal journeys of hundreds of others, this talk explores and explains the four phases of retirement almost everyone experiences. By interviewing hundreds of retirees, Professor Moynes has discovered a framework that can help make more sense of this challenging chapter of our lives...one that, for many, could last for 30 years or more: about one-third of our lives! If you’re retired, this talk will make things much clearer for you. If you’re not, you’ll have a better idea of what to expect when that time comes”.*



I don't yet know what the 4 phases are, but I would like to think that all of us, just by being so active in PROBUS, are probably already beyond Phase 1 - but let's find out!

I also want to thank our last speaker Joyce Perrin once again for sharing her 'retirement' stories with us last month. I wonder what retirement phase she is in - Phase 5 maybe?

[Laura Green](#)

## Events

We have been very busy with all the activities that have been planned by our volunteers. Two of our three Yorkville Walking Tours with Bruce Bell took place in May. The final group will explore Yorkville with Bruce on June 6th. Our second group had a perfect day to enjoy Bruce's informative and entertaining commentary.





Now it's time for our first trip for this year as we do our Georgian Bay Boat Cruise on June 19th. This event is sold out, however if you are interested in driving yourself you may join us on the boat and for lunch. Contact Valerie for details at 647-216-5379.

Wednesday, August 9th – Come out and join us for our Annual BBQ at Kinsmen Park. There will be lots of games and a great BBQ. Cost \$20.00 members \$25.00 guests.



Wednesday, September 10th – We have just reserved 50 spots for Herongate Barn Theatre's last performance. Yes, you read that right! Herongate will be closing their doors after 50 entertaining years. We will be seeing "Dirty Work at the Crossroads". Tickets are available for

\$72.00 each.

Thursday 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. Waitlist only available.

Friday, October 27th - 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 22nd/23rd. We will stay overnight at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel. We will enjoy two shows: "Bittergirl" and



"Brigadoon". Some meals will be included. Cost \$600 double/\$725 for single room.

Tuesday, December 5th – Festival of Lights Niagara Falls. Start the day off browsing in Niagara-on-the-Lake, where you're sure to find plenty of ideas for your holiday gift giving. Then, enjoy a delicious dinner at the Skylon. After dinner, enjoy the breathtaking colours of the Festival of Lights. Cost \$132.00. Book today!

Wednesday, December 13th - we will be having our Annual Christmas Luncheon. Cost\$ 55.00 for members and \$60 for guests. We will enjoy a beautiful lunch at the Ajax Convention Center along with fabulous entertainment.

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 Rodrigues](#)

## Meet our New Team Member



Hi - my name is Nancy Agostino. PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is an outstanding organization. I joined in February 2019 and enjoyed participating in many activities. It wasn't until I became more involved, that I reaped the full reward of club membership. Currently, I am part of the Management Team through my role as House Coordinator for our monthly meetings (that means make the coffee). I also organize Euchre twice a month, and have just begun co-hosting In Person Movie Night. The result of all this is a wealth of new friends and a very full calendar!

## The Social Scene

Finally, it's patio weather! And this month's Happy Hour will be on the patio at the Symposium Café Restaurant in Ajax.

Lots of fun was had at Linda's Spring Box Card crafting activity. Take a look at the beautiful cards that everyone made. This month Linda will be showing us how to create a Mandala Garden Rock.



Congratulations to "The Beastie Boys", winners of the Trivia at the Falcon Brewery event. "The Beastie Boys" are Greg Garber, Peter Davidson, Gary Crease and Ron Simick. Hey, Peter Davidson was on the winning team last month!!

If you have never tried lawn bowling come out and give it a go! It's a lot of fun. The Pickering Lawn Bowling club will be giving us a lesson, followed by a tournament. For those who lawn bowl or who were at last year's training session come out for the tournament – there will be prizes!

In the Kitchen is back this month, with Val showing us how to make her delicious short ribs.

Heads up for some schedule changes:

- Bowling on June 5th – Start time 2pm. As this is our last bowling event until September, we will be going to Magwyers Pub for dinner and drinks after we play.
- Not a Book Club is cancelled for June.

A number of activities will be going on hiatus in July and August, so get out and enjoy them this month!

- On hiatus: Happy Hour, Tastes of the World, Not a Book Club, Bowling, Euchre, Trivia, Strategic Board Games, Arts & Crafts, Ladies Let's Talk.

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

[Julia Tonks](#)

## Groups - Crafts, Culture & Chat



### [Arts & Crafts](#)

Click the group name to check on upcoming activities

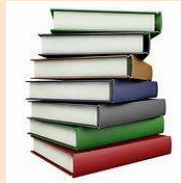
[Linda Black](#)



### [In Stitches](#)

3rd Monday of the month

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



### [Not a Book Club](#)

2nd Tuesday of the month

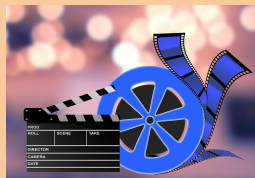
[Lynne Stewart](#)



### [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](#)

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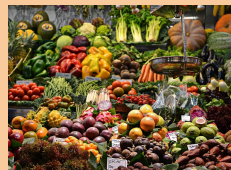
[Gail Gobeil](#)



### [Breakfast Out](#)

3rd Monday of the month

[Susan Simpson](#)



### [Tastes of the World](#)

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[Maureen Kelly](#) & [Virginia McKay](#)

## Groups - Games



### [Bridge](#)

Check our website for venues, dates and times.

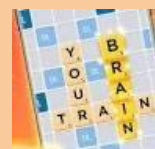
[Peter Green](#)



### [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, Joyce Perrin, picked the winning tickets for our Share the Wealth draw at our May monthly meeting. Lucky winners were Patricia Smith Robertson and Catherine Colman. Congratulations ladies!

## Things that make you Hmmm...



'A SHOT OF WHISKEY' - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.



'SHIP STATE ROOMS' - Travelling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.



## A Little Humour:

Two men go on a fishing trip. They rent everything they need for the trip including the cabin.

The first day they go fishing they don't catch anything. It goes on like this until finally, on the last day of their vacation, one of the men finally catches a fish.

As they are driving home, one of them turns to the other and says "Do you realize that this one lousy fish we caught cost us fifteen hundred bucks?"

The other guy says, "Wow! Then it's a good thing we didn't catch any more!"



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## Your Club Calendar: June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <a href="#">Golf</a> <a href="#">Euchre</a>	2 <a href="#">Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk</a>	3
4	5 <a href="#">Hiking Group</a> <a href="#">Bowling</a> <a href="#">Movie Club</a>	6 <a href="#">3rd Yorkville Walking Tour</a> <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a>	7	8	9 <a href="#">Pickleball - 2nd session (1 of 4)</a> <a href="#">Billiards</a>	10
11	12 <a href="#">Garden Tour</a>	13 <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a>	14 <a href="#">June Members Monthly Meeting</a> <a href="#">Lunch after Meeting</a> <a href="#">Lawn Bowling - Lesson</a>	15 <a href="#">Golf</a> <a href="#">Euchre</a>	16 <a href="#">Pickleball - 2nd session (2 of 4)</a>	17
18 	19 <a href="#">Georgian Bay Cruise</a> <a href="#">Breakfast at Kathryn's</a> <a href="#">Hiking Group</a> <a href="#">In Stitches Club</a> <a href="#">Mandala Garden Rock Workshop</a>	20 <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a> <a href="#">Taste of the World</a>	21 <a href="#">Lakeside Ladies Lunch</a> <a href="#">Lawn Bowling Tournament</a>	22 <a href="#">In the Kitchen</a>	23 <a href="#">Pickleball - 2nd session (3 of 4)</a> <a href="#">Billiards</a>	24
25	26 <a href="#">Cover to Cover Book Club</a>	27 <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a> <a href="#">Trivia</a>	28 <a href="#">Happy Hour</a>	29	30 <a href="#">Pickleball - 2nd session (4 of 4)</a>	