



July 2023

Message from the President

Now that summer is here, I will keep this message brief. I hope you all plan to enjoy summer as I plan to.

Some of our activities are now on a summer hiatus so I want to take this opportunity to **thank** those members who ran these so successfully over the last several months - your efforts were very much appreciated and I look forward to seeing your plans for the new year in a few months' time.

By the way, even though a few groups have shut down for the summer there is still much going on - please check the website regularly.

So to all our members and volunteers, enjoy the sunshine and Happy Canada Day!

[Peter Green](#)



Membership Report



PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is happy to welcome 7 new members that joined recently: Michael Samarelli, Belinda Vandervoort, Christine Lavery, Alex Kenny, Brian Mathie, May Poon and Gwen Campbell.

Welcome everyone!

[Sharon McMinn](#)

Speakers Report

Our July Speaker is Dennis Grimm. He enjoyed a very successful career in the business world. After retirement, Dennis fulfilled a lifelong ambition when he purchased land in Argentina and started a vineyard. He will talk to us about his 'adventures' in the wine industry and Argentina.



Just to let everyone know - we have great speakers lined up for the rest of the year, so stay tuned and I hope everyone is enjoying this great weather.

[Laura Green](#)

Treasurer's Report

It has been over 4 ½ years since I became Treasurer for our club. While it has been interesting to be involved with the management of this exciting and lively organization, I feel it is now time for me to step back and allow someone else to take on the role.

In preparation for that, I would enjoy talking to any members who may have an interest in becoming the club Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact me at: pplc.treasurer@gmail.com to set up a meeting at which I can explain what is involved.



On another matter, the online payment system for our activities originally accepted only VISA and MasterCard. At the request of a few members we began accepting AMEX as a payment method in April 2022. The processing of those transactions is much more involved than for the other cards and very few members use AMEX. This notice is to advise that, at the end of July, we will no longer accept AMEX as a method of payment.

[Peter Davidson](#)

Facebook Report

166 PROBUS Pickering Lakeside club members currently belong to our Facebook group. It is a private group for club members only and all club members are welcome to join. Thanks to the following members who contributed posts in June and helped make our Facebook page more dynamic: Jeannie, Lynne, Laura, Virginia, Valerie, and Elaine.

If you already use Facebook, why don't you join us? Click on [PROBUS Pickering Lakeside | Facebook](#) and then click on the blue "Join group" button. I will approve your membership request as long as I can match your Facebook name with your name as entered in our membership directory. Send me an email at my PROBUS club email address: pplc.fbmgmt@gmail.com if you've asked to join and your Facebook name is different from your member name (e.g. JaneD vs Jane Doe). What happens if you send a "Friend request" by mistake? A friend request doesn't allow you to join the group and the request will be declined. I will then respond to you with an email via pplc.fbmgmt@gmail.com with instructions on how to join the group.

[Debbie Bilinski](#)

Events

Isn't it nice to get outside now that the warmer weather is here? Our third group enjoyed Bruce Bell's Yorkville Walking tour on June 6th.



On June 19th, club members travelled to Penetanguishene to cruise around the 30,000 islands in Georgian Bay. It was the perfect day for a boat tour - sunny but not too hot with calm water. Our captain expertly navigated the waters and provided an interesting history about the area. The lunch was great too. And what about those cool little metal trays that clipped on to the back of the seating so we had a stable place to put our plates and drinks? Ingenious! We topped the day off with a surprise shopping stop at the Tanger Outlet Mall at Cookstown. It was a productive opportunity judging from the number of shopping bags in the bus. 😊



Wednesday, August 9th - It's not too late to sign up for our annual BBQ-Picnic at Kinsmen Park. Click on [Annual/Picnic BBQ](#) for more information and to register if you have not already done so.

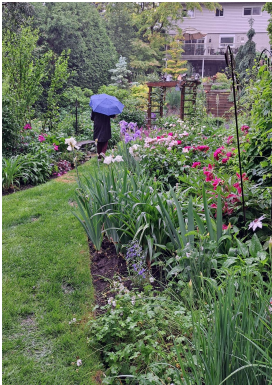
Thursday, October 19th - there are still spots available for our next Niagara Fallsview Casino bus trip. This is a popular trip so don't wait too long to sign up. Click on [Niagara Fallsview Casino](#) for more information and to register.

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

[Valerie Rodrigues](#)

The Social Scene

This month there will be fewer words and more pictures!



The Garden Tour was a rain or shine event, but we were not expecting the deluge that came that day! A few hardy souls made it out to explore an absolutely amazing garden. The tour was followed by lunch on the patio (it was under cover).



It seems to rain at the most inopportune times – the lawn bowling lesson was underway when it had to be called due to, guess what, rain! The tournament went ahead the next week (that was the day of the traffic jams); everyone who managed to make it had a lot of fun. It was a beautiful sunny day. The winning team was made up of: Joyce McLindon (Skip), Bill Melvin (Vice), Ron Chatterton (Lead). To the right is Gudrun presenting the winners with their prize (Ron is missing – guess he was trying to get ahead of the traffic).



This picture on the left was taken at Greenwood Conservation area in Ajax. It's some of the weekly walking group taking a break before finishing the final leg of the walk.

This month, the Arts & Crafts group created Mandala Rocks. Check them out - they are beautiful! Below to the right are the artists who created these masterpieces.



Now for something a bit more cerebral – Scrabble! It can be very loud and chatty, it can be very quiet and focused, but it's always lots of fun playing Scrabble at Marilyn's. Thank you Marilyn and Doug!

Our Billiards group will stay active through the summer months. Coordinators Bill Phipps (from our club - PROBUS Pickering Lakeside) and Don Voorhees (PROBUS Pickering), both pictured here, invite you to join them. Other activities to look forward to in July include: Golf, Weekly Walks, Breakfast Out, Movie Club, In the Kitchen, Lunch at Perkins, In Stitches, and Lakeside Ladies Lunch.



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

[Julia Tonks](#)

Groups - Crafts, Culture & Chat



[Arts & Crafts](#)

On hiatus - see you in Sept.

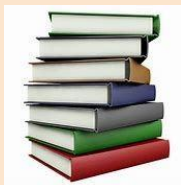
[Linda Black](#)



[In Stitches](#)

3rd Monday of the month

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



Not a Book Club

On hiatus - see you in Sept.

[Lynne Stewart](#)



Cover to Cover Book Club

On hiatus - see you in Sept.

[Pauline Field](#)



Movie Club

1st Monday of the month

[Elaine Phipps](#)



Lakesides Ladies Let's Talk

On hiatus - see you in Sept.

[Lynne Stewart](#)

Groups - Food & Drink



Lakeside Happy Hour

On hiatus - see you in Sept.

[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

On hiatus - see you in Sept.

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

Groups - Games



Bridge

Check our website for venues, dates and times.

[Peter Green](#)



Euchre

On hiatus - see you in Sept.

[Nancy Agostino](#)



Scrabble

Last Friday of the month

[Marilyn McLaughlin](#)



Trivia

On hiatus - see you in Sept.

[Peter Green](#) & [Roy Pettitt](#)

Groups - Physical Activities



Billiards

The 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

[Bill Phipps](#)



Bowling

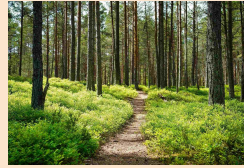
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[Gail Gobeil](#)



Lakeside Walking Group
Every Tuesday

Lynda Borg & Barb McGrath



Lakeside Hiking Group
On hiatus - see you in Sept.

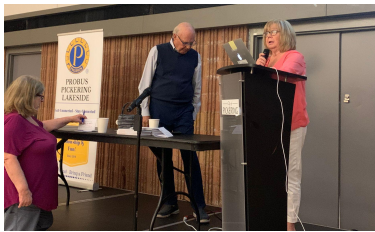
Jeff Bowers



Golf at Spring Creek Golf Club
The 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

Peter Lewarne

Share the Wealth!

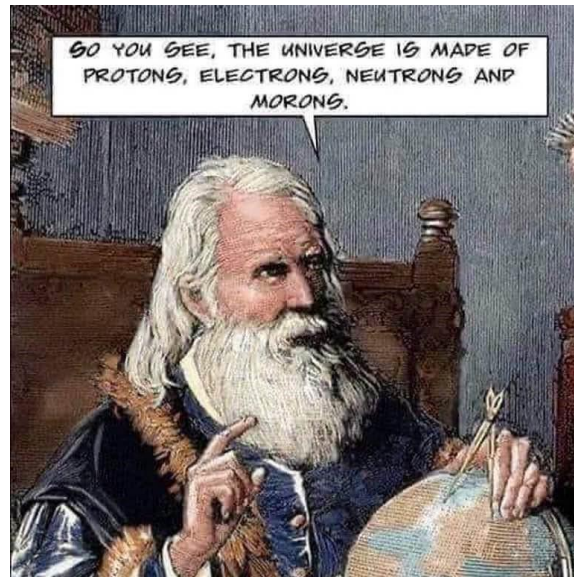


Valerie announced the Share the Wealth winners picked by our guest speaker, Riley Moynes, at our June monthly meeting. Lucky winners were Gillian Griffiths and Sandra Roach. Congratulations ladies!

A Little Humour:



Feeling inspired by our June speaker!



Lesson of the day!

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Your Club Calendar: July 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Movie Club	4 Weekly Walking Group	5	6 Golf	7	8
9	10 Niagara on the Lake - Wine Tour	11 Weekly Walking Group	12 July Members Monthly Meeting Lunch after Meeting	13	14 Billiards	15
16	17 Breakfast at Kathryn's In Stitches Club	18 Weekly Walking Group	19 Lakeside Ladies Lunch	20 Golf	21	22
23	24	25 Weekly Walking Group	26	27 In the Kitchen	28 Billiards	29
30	31					