



September 2023

### Message from the President

So Summer is starting to wind down which is bad news maybe but also good news as our Lakeside club is starting to wind up again. Lots of activities are now reappearing on the Calendar so make sure you check the website or app regularly. I want to thank all those volunteers who are coming back again after their summer break. I'm sure you will find leading your activities again equally rewarding as before.



One of the highlights of the summer was our annual BBQ so many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it so successful. They are the main organizer **Candice Blake** and then in no particular order: **Gudrun Franc, Gail Gobeil, Valerie Rodrigues, Pauline Field, Wendy Swerbrick, Vicki Trusdale, Peter Green, Scott Smith, Nick Caviola, Jim and Sharon McMinn, Terry and Pat Martell, Ron Simick, Janet Fleming, Laura Green and Debbie Bilinski**. If I forgot anybody then I most sincerely apologize. Great job everyone - it takes a village!

Some PROBUS Administrivia: Over the summer there have been some changes within PROBUS Canada and:

- Our club is no longer part of District #2. I want to personally thank the outgoing District #2 Director (and President of PROBUS Canada), Brenda Andrews, for the excellent leadership she has provided in all things PROBUS over the last 5 years.
- Lakeside is now part of District #9 and I welcome Doug Byers as the incoming District #9 Director. Doug has had extensive PROBUS leadership experience as President of PROBUS Oshawa and as the first President of Durham Central. I look forward to working with him.
- PROBUS Global continues to grow and develop in leaps and bounds so I encourage you all to check out all the latest news on their website: [PROBUS Global](https://www.probusglobal.org/). 'Twinning' with another club in another country seems to be a thing these days - does anybody have any contacts in any non-Canadian PROBUS clubs that we could talk to?

- October is PROBUS Month and the management team will be looking to set up some special events and activities to commemorate this. Any suggestions will be gratefully received.

So, what does September hold for us? For starters, it's actually my favorite month climate wise because of the cooler nights. Our grandchildren will be going back to school in early September and some other notable dates in September include Labour Day on the 4th followed by 'National Hug Your Hound Day' and 'National Grandparents Day' on the 10th - I encourage you to liberally share that information! September 11th is 'Patriot Day' in the US. - a day that was set up after the horrors of '9/11'. Then we have September 21st which is recognized as the annual '[International Day of Peace](#)'. I wish we had another 364 of those.



Finally, 'Fall' officially starts on the September Equinox; which is September 23rd this year; and September 26 is '[Johnny Appleseed Day](#)', celebrating everything apple (the fruit, not the tech company). Yes, lots of Apple Pies will be baked this month. Yummy!

Take care,  
[Peter Green](#)

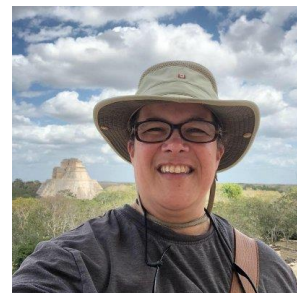
## Membership Report

PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is happy to welcome two new members that joined recently, Mary Cosgrove and Paula Murray.

[Sharon McMinn](#)

## Speakers Report

It seems like a long time since we last had a speaker but never mind, the BBQ was just as enjoyable. I'm pleased to report that our September speaker, Amy Barron, has received rave reviews from other clubs she has presented to, and I think you'll find the subject interesting. Plus the really good news - we are back in the Rec Center. So, I hope to see you there.



[Laura Green](#)

## Events

Our Annual BBQ-Picnic was a huge success this year with almost 200 people in attendance. See later in the newsletter for some photos of our fun day.



The Napanee River Boat Tours on August 23rd and 28th were a great success as well. The weather remained good on both days. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.



We still have spots available for the following events:



- October 19th – Fallsview Casino. Cost is \$47 with \$35 slot play money. There is still lots of room to sign up.
- October 27th – Halloween Dinner/Dance at Milos Greek Restaurant. Cost is \$45.00 - includes a Souvlaki dinner. A live band will be performing to entertain us and get us on our feet for some dancing.
- November 7th, 14th and 21st – Bruce Bell Walking Tours. We have arranged for three dates as these walking tours are always popular and fill up quickly. We will explore the University of Toronto campus this time. There are still spots available for all three dates. Cost is \$26.
- December 5th – Niagara Festival of Lights. 14 spots available. Cost is \$132.00.

Watch for these upcoming events:

- 12 Days of Christmas Wine Event – Grand Prize draw will be held at our Christmas Luncheon.
- December 13th – Our annual Christmas Luncheon will take place at the Ajax Convention Center. This year we will be entertained by John Cigan and his son, Mason Cigan. Double the Elvises – double the fun! Cost \$50.00 for members and \$65.00 for guests.



Do you have any suggestions that you think would be a fun event for us? Send an email to: [valerievrodrigues13@gmail.com](mailto:valerievrodrigues13@gmail.com)

[Valerie Rodrigues](#)

## MOBILE APP

Access our directory and event calendar from your mobile phone or tablet.



The app is called *Wild Apricot for Members*. You can also use it to register for events and update your contact information!

Once you have downloaded the app, sign in using the same email (logon-id) and password that you use to access the Probus Pickering Lakeside website.

Questions about the App? [Click here](#) to contact Scott.

## The Social Scene

I can't believe it is September already! Hope everyone had a good summer.

We have a lot of activities starting up again this month. Ladies Let's Talk is back, as is Not a Book Club. Later in the month we have Trivia starting up – let's see if Peter Davidson continues on his winning streak. Ladies Lunch will be at Amici on September 20th. Euchre starts up on September 21st. Please note the change in start time **1:15pm**. This month Happy Hour will be at Sabina's (September 27th).



In the Kitchen on the 28th will be featuring Vicki Trusdale's Ground Beef Soup – this sounds suspiciously like winter food.....



Crafters can start prepping for Christmas with Linda's Quilled Christmas Tree Workshop. And of course continuing, are the Weekly Walks, Golf, Breakfast at Kathryn's, Billiards, and In Stitches. Bowling will start up again in October as will the Movie Club. Strategic Board Games will restart in November.

## Social Bridge and Bridge Bidding Lessons:

Harvey Brodhecker from Ajax PROBUS is once again offering bridge and bridge bidding lessons at the Ajax Library (FYI: You do not have to belong to the Ajax library to participate). Bridge is held every Thursday at the Main Branch of the Ajax Library (55 Harwood Ave. South) from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in the Rotary Room.

September dates:

- September 7 - Social Bridge
- September 14 - Social Bridge
- September 21 - Social Bridge

- September 28 - Bridge Lesson (No Trump Openings and Bidding Sequences when Responder has a Balanced Hand)\*

Note: \*This is the first in a series of lessons which cover Bridge Bidding. The lessons will continue until the spring on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The lessons will build on material from previous lessons. Contact Harvey Brodhecker at: [hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca](mailto:hbrodhecker@yahoo.ca) for more information.

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

[Linda Black](#)



### [In Stitches](#)

3rd Monday of the month

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



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

2nd Friday of the month

[Elaine Phipps](#)



### [Cover to Cover Book Club](#)

Last Monday of the month

[Pauline Field](#)



### [Movie Club](#)

No gathering Sept. due to holiday Mon. See you in October!

[Elaine Phipps](#)



### [Lakesides Ladies](#)

#### [Let's Talk](#)

1st Friday of the month

[Janet Babcock](#)

## Groups - Food & Drink



### [Lakeside Happy Hour](#)

Click the group name to check

[Gail Gobeil](#)



### [Lakeside Ladies Lunch](#)

3rd Wednesday of the month

[Gail Gobeil](#)



### [Breakfast Out](#)

3rd Monday of the month

[Susan Simpson](#)



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

Last Tuesday of the month

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



## Groups - Games



### Bridge

Check our website for venues, dates and times.

[Peter Green](#)



### Euchre

3rd Thurs. this month.  
Back to 1st & 3rd  
Thursday in October.

[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

On hiatus - see you in  
Oct.

[Gail Gobeil](#)



### Lakeside Walking Group

Every Tuesday

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



### Lakeside Hiking Group

Click the group name  
to check

[Jeff Bowers](#)



### Golf at Spring Creek Golf Club

The 1st & 3rd Thursday  
of the month

[Peter Lewarne](#)

## Did You Know?

BARRELS OF OIL - When the first oil wells were drilled, there was no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

HOT OFF THE PRESS - As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press, it's hot. The expression means to get immediate information.





## Annual BBQ-Picnic

Our annual BBQ-Picnic was held on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Kinsmen Park and we had a perfect, warm, sunny day. Our wonderful volunteers have been deservedly thanked in Peter's report at the beginning of this newsletter. We enjoyed a delicious lunch under the picnic shelter. Afterwards, there was lots of time for catching up with friends, games (putting contest, bocce, corn hole, and bingo), and our draws for Share the Wealth and door prizes. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners of the games and draws!







## A Little Humour:

Fred was in his early 60's, retired, and had started a second career in catering. However, he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 2, 3, 5 minutes late. However, he was a good worker, really clever, so Bob, the owner, was in a quandary about how to deal with it. Finally, one day he called Fred into the office for a talk.

'Fred, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a top class job, but your being late so often is quite a worry,' said Bob.

'Yes, I realize that, sir, and I am working on it,' replied Fred.

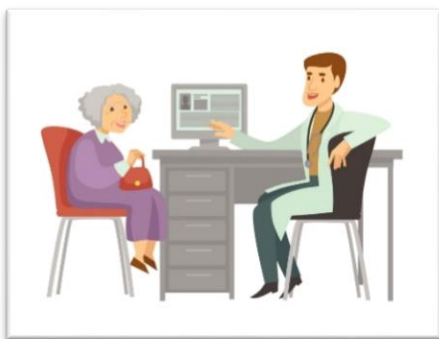
'I'm pleased to hear that you are a team player. It's odd though, that you're coming in late. I know you retired from the Navy. What did they say if you came in late there?' asked Bob.

'They said, "Good morning, Admiral".'



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While visiting Doctor Ross last month, Paula, a long retired schoolteacher, explained in some detail her problems while he listened very patiently.



'Now, Paula,' said Doctor Ross, 'you say you have shooting pains in your neck, aching knees, frequent dizzy spells, and constant nausea. Just for the record, how old are you?'

'Ah, yes,' Paula spoke brightly, 'I'll be 49 on my next birthday.'

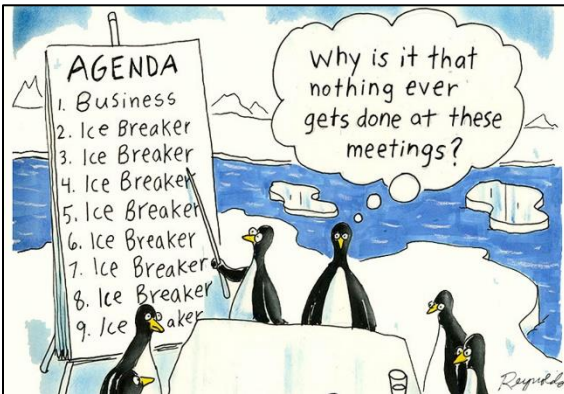
'Really?' commented the doctor quietly, 'I see you have slight memory loss, too.'



## More Napanee River Tour Photos



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## Your Club Calendar: September 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <a href="#">Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk</a>	2
3	4 	5 <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a>	6	7 <a href="#">Golf</a>	8 <a href="#">Billiards</a> <a href="#">Not a Book Club</a>	9
10 <a href="#">Herongate Theatre</a>	11	12 <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a>	13 <a href="#">Members Monthly Meeting</a> <a href="#">Lunch after Monthly Meeting</a>	14	15	16
17 <a href="#">5th Annual Golf Extravaganza</a>	18 <a href="#">Breakfast Out</a> <a href="#">Quilled Christmas Tree Workshop</a> <a href="#">In Stitches Club</a>	19 <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a>	20 <a href="#">Shaw Festival - GYPSY</a> <a href="#">Lakeside Ladies Lunch</a>	21 <a href="#">Golf</a> <a href="#">Euchre</a>	22 <a href="#">Billiards</a>	23 
24	25 <a href="#">Cover to Cover Book Club</a>	26 <a href="#">Weekly Walking Group</a> <a href="#">Trivia</a> <a href="#">Tastes of the World</a>	27 <a href="#">Happy Hour</a>	28 <a href="#">In the Kitchen</a>	29	30 