



October 2023

### Message from the President

So here we are in October, the 1st full month of the Fall season - which started a week or so ago. As such, I encourage all of you to get out as much as possible while you still can and especially to take in our spectacular Fall foliage. Don't forget we have two Hiking or Walking groups in our club, one run by Linda Borg and the other by Jeff Bowers, and there is no better time to join one of these groups than now. Their schedules are always available on the website or in our app.



October is also 'PROBUS Month'. Three years ago, PROBUS Canada established that PROBUS Month would be set as October every year. One reason is that it aligns with ["National Seniors Day"](#) in Canada and the ["International Day of Older Persons"](#). Both of these days are always celebrated on the 1st day of October. The IDOOP is a 'holiday' proclaimed by the

United Nations back in 1991 that was designed to: 'increase awareness of the impact of having an aging population. Their motto is: *"We want people in society to be able to grow old with dignity"* and this year their theme is *'Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations'*; or in English: *'To increase global knowledge and awareness of the human rights of older persons around the world'*. I wish them well and wish you all a happy National Seniors Day and IDOOP!

Coming back to PROBUS Month, we are planning some extra special events for you in October as a result. One example is that we will declare our next meeting to be a 'Make a New Friend' event in which you will be encouraged to accept a random table assignment when you sign in. Then there will be some ice-breaker activities designed to help you to get to know your new tablemates.

Stay tuned for other PROBUS Month happenings! You should also know that PROBUS Month is being fully supported by the City of Pickering and Mayor Kevin Ashe has proclaimed October as PROBUS month in Pickering.

Two additional key dates in October are, of course, Halloween on the 31st and Thanksgiving. The latter is always celebrated on the 2nd Monday in October so it falls on October 9th this year. I always like Thanksgiving as it is the only National holiday without any political or religious background. Which means it is purely a day to celebrate being Canadian. I hope you all get to properly share Thanksgiving and Halloween with family and friends.



October is actually a very busy month when it comes to special dates with over 160 such days 'celebrated' around the world. Some examples are: ['You Matter to me Day'](#), ['National Grouch Day'](#), ['National Pasta Day'](#), ['World Singing Day'](#), ['United Nations Day'](#), and ['National Chocolate Day'](#). Another example is ['Internet Day'](#). What is Internet Day you may ask? Well, October 29th, 1969 was the first time ever a remote connection between two computers was achieved. Yes, this month the internet will have its 54th birthday. I guess it has grown up a bit since then!!



One bit of PROBUS Lakeside business: We are starting to prepare for our Annual General Meeting in January 2024 when we will announce the Management Team for the upcoming year. I'm not sure yet what vacancies we might have but if you have any interest in joining the team (or want to nominate any other club member to join the Team), please let me know. Being a volunteer with our club is very rewarding so don't be shy!

Take care,  
[Peter Green](#)

## Membership Report

PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is happy to welcome five new members that joined recently: Shirley Woodard, Don Woodard, Harvey Brodhecker, Marie Pacheco and Barbara Twiner.

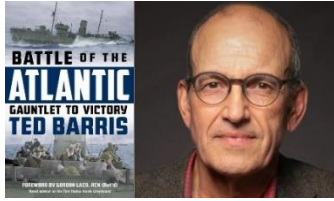
Many members ask questions about the renewal procedure. As a reminder, you will receive an email three weeks before your renewal date. If you miss the date, you will receive another email on the actual renewal date. You can find out your renewal date by logging into your PROBUS account and clicking on the little man at the top right hand of the screen. This will give your profile information including your renewal date. As well that is where you can change your password if you are wanting to do so.



[Sharon McMinn](#)



## Speakers Report



Our October speaker is Ted Barris, a Canadian writer, journalist, professor and broadcaster. Ted will talk to us about his latest book, 'The Battle of the Atlantic: Gauntlet to Victory' which focuses on Canada's longest continuous military engagement of WWII. The story of Canada's naval awakening in the bloody battle to get convoys to Britain, is a Canadian wartime saga for the ages. Ted is a renowned orator so this is a talk you will not want to miss.

[Laura Green](#)

## September Meeting

Dr. Amy Barron gave a fascinating talk about prominent archaeologists who became spies in the Middle East during the First World War. She was a very dynamic speaker – informing us about a piece of history that many of us did not know. And there's always time to chat and get the latest club news!



## Events

We have had an amazing summer with all of the wonderful events we attended starting with our Georgian Bay Boat Cruise and then our Niagara on the Lake wine tour. Next, we had our Annual BBQ followed by our trip to Napanee for a river boat cruise followed by the most recent trip to Shaw Festival to see Gypsy.



Our next upcoming event is National Seniors Day being held at the Mandarin Restaurant on October 1st.

On October 19th, we are heading to the Fallsview Casino. The cost is \$47 with \$35 slot play money provided by the Casino. Still lots of room to sign up.

On October 27th we will be holding our first Halloween Dinner/Dance at Milos Greek Restaurant. Cost is \$45.00. This includes Souvlaki/Pork Dinner. A Live band will be performing to entertain us for some dancing.

Bruce Bell Walking Tours - the University of Toronto campus (3 tour dates). Nov. 7th is fully booked, but there is one spot left for Nov. 14th and spots available for the Nov. 21st date. Register now! Bruce's tours are always informative and entertaining. Cost is \$26.

On November 18th, we are heading to the Regent Theatre where we see will Rod Stewart. Tickets are sold out for this event. Put your name on the waitlist. We always have someone who cancels for whatever reason.

We have another event at the Regent Theatre on December 1st – A Very Motown Christmas – Sold Out. Get your name on the waitlist.

On December 5th we are heading to the Niagara Festival of Lights. Here we will enjoy dinner at the Sklyon Restaurant and view the beautiful Christmas lights. We still have spots available. Cost \$132.00.



We will once again be holding the 12 Days of Christmas Wine Event this year. Daily draws will be held starting on December 1st. The final draw will be held at our Christmas Luncheon. Bring your bottle of wine to the November 8th meeting or drop off at Lyn Capps' home. Cutoff date will be November 30th. We already have more than 100 people registered.



December 13th is our annual Christmas luncheon which will take place at the Ajax Convention Center. This year we will be entertained by John Cigan along with his son Mason. Cost \$ 50.00 for members and \$65.00 for guests.

I have already started looking into events for next year. Do you have any suggestions that you think would be a fun event for us?

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[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

This month we catch a glimpse of the In Stitches group - Fran, Helen, Julia, Ange and Angela – working on their knitted projects.



And, here we have the crafters working on their quilled Christmas tree cards. Below, Barb, Erika and Candice show us their beautiful cards:

Heads up, bowling starts up on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This time around we will be playing just two games, for a cost of just **\$10**. (Plus \$2 to rent shoes). This is always a lot of fun!



Movie Club also starts up on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The movie being discussed is "The Windermere Children". Sounds very interesting.

Our inaugural wine tasting session will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup>. For this first month the theme is Wines from Spain.

This will probably be the last month for golfing, so get out and enjoy! The weekly walks for October have been chosen with Fall in mind... each walk should provide a "scenic fall colour" experience.

For "In the Kitchen" this month, Gudrun will be showing us how to make her Lemon Loaf.

Hopefully you have all received and completed the Tastes of the World survey - Maureen and Virginia are very interested to receive your feedback as it will help them plan future dinners. If you have suggestions/recommendations for restaurants you would like us to try, please drop a note to Maureen and/or Virginia at: [PPLC.social@gmail.com](mailto:PPLC.social@gmail.com)

This month's Taste of the World will be at Symposium Café Restaurant and Lounge, watch your inbox for details.

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

[Julia Tonks](#)

## Social Bridge and Bridge Bidding Lessons:

Every Thursday in the Rotary Room, Ajax Library (55 Harwood Ave. South) from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

October dates:

- October 5 - Social Bridge
- October 12 - Bridge Lesson: No-Trump Openings and Stayman Major Suit Response Sequences
- October 19 - Social Bridge
- October 26 - Bridge Lesson - Major Suit Openings and Response Sequences When Responder has a Fit

Note: 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.

## 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](#)

 <p><b><u>Not a Book Club</u></b> 2nd Friday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Elaine Phipps</u></a></p>	 <p><b><u>Cover to Cover Book Club</u></b> Last Monday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Pauline Field</u></a></p>
 <p><b><u>Movie Club</u></b> 1st Monday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Elaine Phipps</u></a></p>	 <p><b><u>Lakesides Ladies Let's Talk</u></b> 1st Friday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Janet Babcock</u></a></p>
<b>Groups - Food &amp; Drink</b>	
 <p><b><u>Lakeside Happy Hour</u></b> Click the group name to check</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Gail Gobeil</u></a></p>	 <p><b><u>Lakeside Ladies Lunch</u></b> 3rd Wednesday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Gail Gobeil</u></a></p>
 <p><b><u>Breakfast Out</u></b> 3rd Monday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Susan Simpson</u></a></p>	 <p><b><u>Tastes of the World</u></b> Last Tuesday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Maureen Kelly</u></a> &amp; <a href="#"><u>Virginia McKay</u></a></p>
<b>Groups - Games</b>	
 <p><b><u>Bridge</u></b> Check our website for venues, dates and times.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Peter Green</u></a></p>	 <p><b><u>EuChre</u></b> The 1st &amp; 3rd Thursday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Nancy Agostino</u></a></p>
 <p><b><u>Scrabble</u></b> Last Friday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Marilyn McLaughlin</u></a></p>	 <p><b><u>Trivia</u></b> 4th Tuesday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Peter Green</u></a> &amp; <a href="#"><u>Roy Pettitt</u></a></p>
<b>Groups - Physical Activities</b>	
 <p><b><u>Billiards</u></b> The 2nd and 4th Friday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Bill Phipps</u></a></p>	 <p><b><u>Bowling</u></b> 1st Monday of the month</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Gail Gobeil</u></a></p>



### [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](#)

## Share the Wealth



The Share the Wealth Winners were picked by our guest speaker, Dr. Amy Barron, at our September monthly meeting. The lucky winners were Terri Abernethy and Trevor Smith. Congratulations to both of you!

## Special Events

### The Art Guild of Scarborough - **FALL ART SHOW & SALE**

November 4 and 5, 2023 - 10 am to 5 pm

Awards Presentation November 4, 10:15 am

Centennial Recreation Centre

1967 Ellesmere Rd (west of Markham Rd), Scarborough

Come and enjoy the beautiful paintings which are available for purchase. Free parking, admission and refreshments.

[Click here](#) for more information.



## A Little Humour:

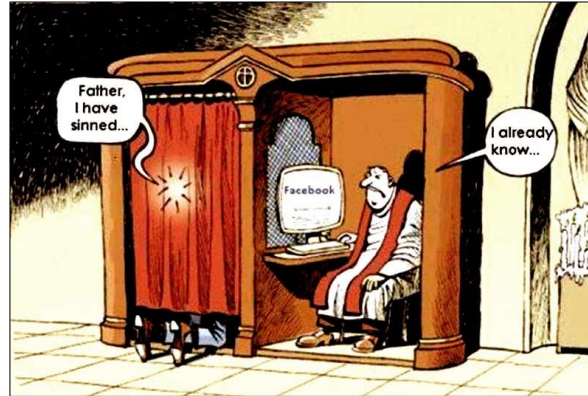
A priest was being honoured at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician, who was also a member of the congregation, was chosen to make the presentation and give a little leaving speech at the dinner. He was delayed so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited.



"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when stopped by the police, had almost murdered the officer. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his place of business, had an affair with his boss's wife, and taken illegal drugs. I was appalled. But as the days went on I knew that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the priest finished his talk the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and give his speech.

"I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honour of being the first one to go to him in confession."



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## Your Club Calendar: October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <a href="#">National Seniors Day - Mandarin Restaurant</a>	2 <a href="#">Hiking Group</a> <a href="#">5 Pin Bowling</a> <a href="#">Movie Club</a>	3 <a href="#">Walking Group</a>	4	5 <a href="#">Golf</a> <a href="#">Euchre</a>	6 <a href="#">Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk</a>	7
8	9 	10 <a href="#">Walking Group</a>	11 <a href="#">Members Monthly Meeting</a> <a href="#">Lunch after Monthly Meeting</a>	12	13 <a href="#">Billiards</a> <a href="#">Not a Book Club</a>	14
15	16 <a href="#">Breakfast at Kathryn's</a> <a href="#">Hiking Group</a> <a href="#">In Stitches Club</a> <a href="#">Christmas Box Card Workshop</a>	17 <a href="#">Walking Group</a> <a href="#">Wine Tasting - Wines from Spain</a>	18 <a href="#">Lakeside Ladies Lunch</a>	19 <a href="#">Fallsview Casino</a> <a href="#">Golf</a> <a href="#">Euchre</a>	20	21 
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