



November 2023

Message from the President



How was your Halloween yesterday? Were you visited by lots of little (or maybe not so little) goblins? Have you been noticing an increasing number of elaborately decorated homes? Some people take their Halloween very seriously which is fun to see!

We ended October on a high note. We had a very successful Halloween party in conjunction with the other Pickering Club on the 27th and then on the 30th we had an interclub PROBUS Euchre tournament. Five clubs from PROBUS District #9 participated (Lakeside, Pickering, Durham Central, Ajax & Oshawa) and at time of writing I'm not sure who the winners were but be sure to check out our website for the results and photographs.

We have one General meeting left in 2023, on November 8th, and we have one of the best ever PROBUS speakers lined up for it so I hope to see many of you there.

Then as per usual for December, we will not have a General Meeting but will have our Christmas Luncheon instead. This year we will feature the same Elvis impersonator who wowed us last year but with a new twist this time. He will be formally joined by his son who did an impromptu appearance last year and was just as outstanding. We have over 260 people registered so far but there is still room for more.

Our first meeting in January will be our AGM where our new Management team will be introduced. I'm pleased to say that most of our current team will be signing on for another term which is great news. They are a great team and a pleasure to work with.

Also in January, we will honour all our volunteers who work so hard to make our club so successful. In drawing up the list of people we will be celebrating with, we came up with 52 names. That's right, 52! I had no idea there were so many, but now I see why we are able to stage so many events and activities month after month so successfully. Remember that the success of our club is entirely dependent on our volunteers and that these 52 people find it very rewarding to boot.

I wrote the following in the November Newsletter last year and with all the craziness currently going on worldwide, I think it is even more relevant now: "One of the key dates coming up in November is of course Remembrance Day and I'm sure most of you have some parents and grandparents who have memories, probably very unpleasant, of the World Wars. My grandfather was in the trenches but could never talk about it so at the 11th hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month, I will be 'remembering'. I hope you will join me." Let's take time to remember those who have served.

On a less serious note, being a curious soul, I googled 'November'. One curious fact is that William Shakespeare apparently wasn't all too fond of November. He wrote 154 sonnets and 37 plays and in all of those works the word November isn't used a single time. Huh, who knew (or cares?)? November is of course also home to the US



Thanksgiving and we also have Movember. The idea is for men to raise money for charity by growing a mustache. Participants must shave on the first morning of November and grow their mustache throughout the month, with the ensuing amusement as an incentive for others to donate to a good cause. Any of you men up for that? Maybe we can have a vote for the best effort at our Christmas Luncheon?

Take care,
[Peter Green](#)

Membership Report

PROBUS Pickering Lakeside is happy to welcome 9 new members that joined recently: Jill Saito, Cheryle Arnott, Penny Milne, Liz Schlee, Rob Schlee, Janice Garnett, John Garnett, Wendy Gillespie and Margaret Sherwood.

If you have not received your membership badge, please come see me at the next meeting, at the Membership table.

[Sharon McMinn](#)



Webmaster's Report

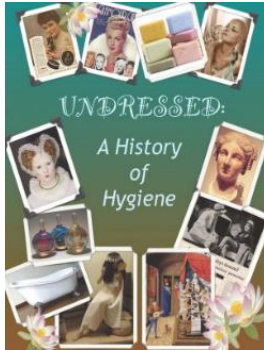
PHOTOS - take a look at our new **Photos** menu option on our website's home page when you [sign in](#). We have organized all of our photos into albums, in chronological order - just click on the link to view the pictures. If you have some photos you would like to add to an existing album, there are instructions on how to do that at the bottom of the Photos page. If you have photos from an event not included yet, just email the webmaster (pplc.webmaster@gmail.com) and we can set up an album for you.

Our team is also working on a refresh of our website to give it an updated look and feel - so stay tuned.

[Scott Smith](#)

Speakers Report

I received a lot of very positive feedback about Ted Barris, our speaker last month. I love feedback like that! I am not really that much into history and wars but putting that aside, I personally was very impressed with his obvious passion for his subject, his great delivery, and all the research and digging he had obviously done. As a reminder, Ted is a very accomplished author. [His books are on Amazon](#) and all have at least 4.5 stars.



Just as passionate about her material is our November speaker, Lianne Harris. Lianne has presented to us twice before; the first time on 'The Roaring 20s' and her last talk was about 'Fairytale, Fables & Rhymes'. Both were incredibly interesting and great fun to boot and I've had many requests from our members to bring her back again soon. So here she is! This time around she will talk on the subject of 'Undressed: A History of Hygiene' and I've heard from other PROBUS clubs that this is very enlightening and funny. I've often wondered what people did before soap, toilet paper, deodorant etc. so I'm looking forward to finding out. As a reminder Lianne always dresses up for her talks so I'm also intrigued as to what she will wear while presenting this month.

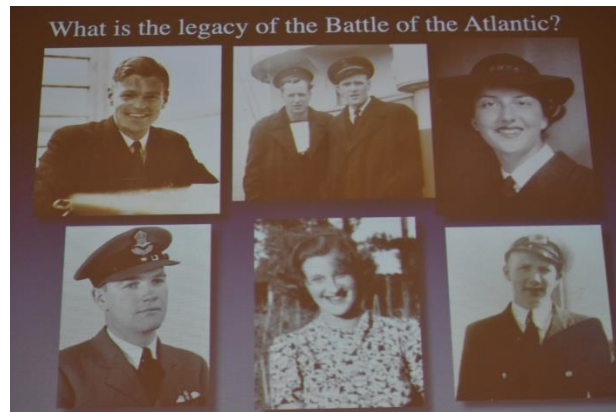
Hope to see you there.

[Laura Green](#)

October Meeting

In addition to Ted Barris, an amazing speaker as Laura mentioned in her report above, we held a 'Make a New Friend' event in honour of PROBUS Month. Members were assigned to a random table when they signed in. There was an ice-breaker trivia contest help everyone get to know their new tablemates. Table 24 won the contest with 9 out of 10 correct answers. The winning Team was Lynda Dionne, Jim Portener, Julia Osborne, Ed Eriksson & Darlene Johnson. Well done! There are more pictures in the Photos section of our website and posted in our Facebook group.





Events

The Halloween Party was an absolute success. There were so many great costumes, and a fabulous band that played all night with lots of dancing. It was great to share an event with the Probus Pickering club.





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.

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

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



This year we will once again be holding the 12 Days of Christmas Wine Event. Daily draws will be held starting on December 1st. The final draw will be held at our Christmas Luncheon. Please remember to bring your bottle of wine to the November 8th meeting or drop it off at Lyn Capps' home (86 Ravenscroft Dr., Ajax). Cutoff date will be November 30th. We already have more than 100 people registered. It is your responsibility to get your

bottle of wine to the Capps' home. The Grand Prize will be drawn at our Christmas Luncheon on December 13th.

December 13th is our annual Christmas luncheon which will take place at the Ajax Convention Center. This event always proves to be a popular one. This year we will be entertained by John Cigan along with his son Mason. Cost is \$ 50.00 for members and \$65.00 for guests. We still have some spots available however we are filling up quickly.



I have just scheduled our first event for 2024. We will be heading to Flato Theatre in Markham on February 1st to see Humans 2.0 by Circa. Tickets are \$55.00 each. Book early so you are not disappointed. We have a limited number of seats available.

Do you have any suggestions that you think would be a fun event for us? Send an email to: valerievrodriques13@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

Strategic Games starts up again this month. If you are interested in playing games of strategy, or fantasy-based adventure this activity is for you! The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Next session is on November 9th - Come out for an afternoon of fun!

For November's "In the Kitchen", Barb will be showing us how to make her lasagne. Looking at the list of ingredients it should be very tasty.

Just a heads up, we are looking at moving Happy Hour to a bit earlier in the month. We're trying to spread out the activities a bit better.



Tastes of the World (seen here at last month's outing to the Symposium Café in Ajax) may be moving to a Wednesday – just for this month - as the restaurant being considered is not open on a Tuesday. (Things may change by the time the invitation comes out).

Our inaugural wine tasting session last month (see photos to the right) was a great success. Everyone is looking forward to this becoming a regular activity.





What a great month for our club's weekly walks and hikes; the walkers and hikers got to experience some spectacular views. To the left, everyone is enjoying the view on the Vista

Trail at Rouge National Park. On the right above is our walking group at Greenwood Conservation Area looking down into the valley.

October's Trivia at the Falcon Brewery ended in a tie. The two winning teams were: 'By The Window' (Peter Davidson, Trevor Smith, Art Reid, and Joanne & Paul



Countryman) and the 'No Vowels' (Steve Black, Gail Aziz, Mary Innis & Julia Tonks). Both scored 70 points and shared the prize money.

Ideas? Suggestions? Questions? Comments? Feedback? You can reach us at: 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.

November dates:

- November 2 - Social Bridge
- November 9 - Bidding Sequences when Responder has less than 3 cards of partner's major suit but the other major suit
- November 16 - Social Bridge
- November 23 - Minor Suit Openings and Response Sequences when Responder has a major suit
- November 30 - Social Bridge

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 for more information.

Groups - Crafts, Culture & Chat



Arts & Crafts

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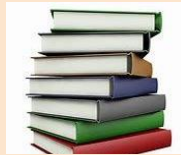
[Linda Black](#)



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

1st Monday of the month

[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.

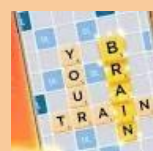
[Peter Green](#)



Euchre

The 1st & 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

Click the group name to check

[Jeff Bowers](#)



Golf at Spring Creek Golf Club

Our season is over – see you next spring!

[Peter Lewarne](#)



Share the Wealth



The Share the Wealth Winners were picked by our guest speaker, Ted Barris, at our October monthly meeting. The lucky winners were Catherine Corman and K.C. Mathew. Congratulations to both of you!

Members' Forum

Thank you to our member, Jim Hennie, for bringing the important information below to our attention to share with you. Too often, we don't know where to turn when we (or someone we care about) are dealing with mental health issues so this program might be a helpful resource.

Ontario Structured Psychotherapy (OSP) Program at CAMH

The OSP supports adults ages 18 or older who have depression, anxiety, and anxiety-related conditions. Through the OSP program, patients can access publicly funded, short-term, evidence-based cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT). CBT is a structured, time-limited therapy that is problem-focused and goal-oriented and teaches practical strategies and skills.

[Click here for more information.](#)

A Little Humour:

Jackie was standing at the rail of the cruise ship holding her hat so that it wouldn't blow away in the wind. Edward, a concerned gentleman, approached her and said, "Pardon me, madam, I do not intend to be forward but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this wind?"



"Yes, I know," replied Jackie firmly, "but I need my hands to hold onto my hat."

"But madam," remarked Edward, "you must know that your derriere is exposed."

Jackie looked directly at Edward, after a quick glance down and retorted, "Sir, anything you see down there is 75 years old, but I just bought this hat yesterday."

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Your Club Calendar: November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Euchre	3 Lakeside Ladies Let's Talk	4
5 	6 Hiking Group 5 Pin Bowling Movie Club	7 1st U of T Walking Tour - Bruce Bell Walking Group	8 12 Days of Christmas Wine Event Members Monthly Meeting Lunch after Meeting	9 Strategic Board Games	10 Billiards Not a Book Club	11 
12	13 Hiking Group	14 2nd U of T Walking Tour - Bruce Bell Walking Group	15 Lakeside Ladies Lunch	16 Euchre	17 High Tea at Chez Jacquie	18 Rod Stewart Experience
19	20 Breakfast at Kathryn's In Stitches Club Mandala Ornament Workshop	21 3rd U of T Walking Tour - Bruce Bell Walking Group	22 Happy Hour	23 Strategic Board Games In the Kitchen	24 Billiards	25
26	27 Cover to Cover Book Club	28 Walking Group Trivia	29 Tastes of the World	30		