



The PROBUS Club of Guelph and District

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**JULY 2020 Newsletter**



**A July PROBUS meeting will be offered as an online ZOOM meeting on**

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020**

**The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.**

**Enjoy connecting with fellow members online as you drink your morning beverage.**

**See more details below**

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RE: PROBUS CLUB OF GUELPH MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It's July, and who would have ever thought we would still be in the middle of this COVID-19 Pandemic. I trust you are well and keeping safe as we live our new "normal".

At our meeting today, our Management Committee made the decision to move our upcoming meetings on-line for the duration of 2020. We are hopeful to be able to resume in-person meetings again in January 2021. What a celebration that first meeting will be! All of us are missing meeting in person; however,

with the ongoing uncertainty pertaining to the virus, on-line meetings are the only safe way to go.

To acknowledge the fact, we are unable to meet together in person this fall, we are reducing our membership fee for 2020/2021 from \$60 to \$45. We will be offering three meetings on-line (September, October & November), and five in-person meetings (January, February, March, April, & May) in 2021. Our December and June meetings remain "special". Your \$45 fee entitles you to attend all meetings. We trust you are planning to renew your membership in Guelph PROBUS Club for the upcoming year. 2020/21 renewal fees are due by August 31, 2020.

We held our first zoom Meeting in June and we had great feedback from you. Our next zoom meeting is on Wednesday, July 15, and we encourage you to join us. Let's try out this new technology!!! Zoom is free to you, and it will install itself when you attend your first meeting.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe and healthy!

John Theis

President, PROBUS CLUB OF GUELPH and DISTRICT

### News from the PROGRAM COMMITTEE



**JULY 15th SPEAKER on [zoom](#) with TAUNI SHELDON - "Sixties Scoop: A Personal Story"**

Tauni Sheldon was born to Inuit parents from Nunavik; however, she was taken at birth as a Sixties Scoop baby. She was raised by her qallunaat (white people) parents in Milton, Ontario.

Tauni has spent her lifetime reconnecting with her biological family while growing up in the "south". She became the first female Inuit pilot, having flown in the Arctic for Air Inuit Ltd. and has worked with federally incarcerated Inuit and Aboriginal men.

Currently she works in a social capacity for all Inuit and shares her Inuit culture. Tauni and her son embrace the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit way of learning and is reconciling her Inuit Rites of Passage.

Tauni will be introduced by Jim Sanders and thanked by Lisa Arntz.

### **How to attend this presentation:**

Members will receive an email on Sunday, July 12th that will include the link to the **zoom** meeting and instructions on how to attend.

You can open the email about 15 minutes before the meeting begins and click on the link. The link will take you to a web page for the meeting. If you do not have **zoom** installed it will install it for you. If you do have **zoom** installed and a newer version is available, it will perform the update for you. Once the meeting begins you will see the speaker and the other members that have joined the meeting on your screen. **zoom** is free for you to use. We hope that if you are hesitating that you will give it a try and see what you think.

If you: do not receive an email before Monday, July 13th, have any problems with the link or have any questions, please contact [probusmembership@gmail.com](mailto:probusmembership@gmail.com).

If you did not receive an invitation to the meeting, you should check your junk/spam folder.

### **JUNE 10TH SPEAKER: TOM WATSON - "We Can Make A Difference!"**

Our first online meeting was very well received by members. Some of their feedback included comments such as: "It was great to see so many of the members in attendance." "We enjoyed seeing our PROBUS friends." "Tom's message was so inspirational." and "Humour and Hope do keep us going!"

## News from the ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The COVID-19 Pandemic has thrust us into a different world. So many unknowns. About the only thing we do know is we all must stay safe. Small groups, wear a mask, wash hands, stay home. The Activities Committee must follow the rules, too. We will look forward to being together when it is safe to do so. I strongly encourage you to turn on your computer and join in our PROBUS **zoom** meeting on Wednesday, July 15. You will see our faces on the screen and hear a wonderful speaker. It really is an amazing way to keep connected.

Enjoy these hot summer months, hopefully, with a few family members and friends. Stay safe and well.

Barbara Moldenhauer, Activities Committee



## News from MEMBERSHIP

The membership currently stands at 189.

Another new member is awaiting induction once General Meetings are resumed: Susan Yates.

The membership fee for 2020/2021 has been reduced from \$60 to \$45 with renewal fees due by August 31, 2020.

Members have three payment options available to them:

1. **Online:** If you choose to renew online, Sign in at [probusguelph.ca](http://probusguelph.ca). View your profile; Select the “renew to 1 Sep 2021” button. This will take you to a

secure page where you can safely enter your credit card information. If you have lost your password or have trouble with the website, please email Heather Brighton at [probusmembership@gmail.com](mailto:probusmembership@gmail.com)

**2. Pay by Credit Card:** If you would like to renew by credit card without using the on-line system, please email Heather at [probusmembership@gmail.com](mailto:probusmembership@gmail.com). Our Treasurer, Judy Carrick will contact you to process your payment together.

**3. Send cheque by mail:** If you would like to renew by mail, please send a cheque to Heather Brighton, 83 Cambridge Street, Guelph, Ontario N1H 2V3

If you have any questions, please contact Heather at [probusmembership@gmail.com](mailto:probusmembership@gmail.com).

### News from the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee appreciated the feedback provided by members who "tuned into" our first **zoom** meeting.

#### **Your Management Committee Is Seeking for 2020-21:**

The Management Committee would like to thank members who have volunteered to fill positions for the 2020 - 21 year. The club is still seeking volunteers for the following positions:

2nd Vice-president: Sits on Program Committee.

Newsletter Co-chairs (2): Keep members informed.

Please contact Anne Bradley to find out more: [mab310848@gmail.com](mailto:mab310848@gmail.com)

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