



The PROBUS Club of Guelph and District

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AUGUST 2020 Newsletter



**An August PROBUS meeting will be offered as an online ZOOM meeting
on**

Wednesday, August 12, 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

News from the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**AUGUST 12th SPEAKER on [zoom](#) with Susan Garrod-Schuster - "Telling
the Stories of People's Lives"**

Born in Brighton, England and arriving in Canada twice, Susan was uprooted and displaced so her immigrant parents' dream of having access to higher education that was financially reachable could be fulfilled. Susan attended McMaster, McMaster Divinity School, Hamilton Teachers' College, Emmanuel

College at the University of Toronto, and York University earning a B.A., B.Ed., M.Div., Reverend, and Cert. CFM along the way – all of which served to open doors and create a living.

Over the years she taught all levels of students from elementary school right through to college and university, served numerous United Churches as a minister, worked on the University of Toronto campus as an Ecumenical Chaplain, and taught internationally on behalf of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). But it is in the moments of true connection with people that Susan was able to see the impact of her work and feel the full circle of love. The written and spoken word has been the constant thread that weaved itself through all these roles.

Susan has now embarked on a different path; one where she can tell stories that showcase people's lives; one where she helps people organize and write their own history in a story form to share with the world.

"Words can soothe us, comfort us, uplift us and inspire us." Join us to hear Susan's words!

Susan will be introduced by Kathryn Greenaway and thanked by Kathy Stephens.

How to attend this presentation:

Members will receive an email on Sunday, August 9th 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, August 10th, have any problems with the link or have any questions, please contact probusmembership@gmail.com.

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

JULY 15TH SPEAKER: TAUNI SHELDON - "Sixties Scoop: A Personal Story"

Tauni shared her very moving experiences. During a period between the 1950's and 1980's, the federal government took an estimated 20,000 Indigenous children out of their families for adoption by non-Indigenous families - now infamously known as the Sixties Scoop. Tauni was one of those children. Her adoptive parents were thrilled to welcome an Inuit baby into their home in Milton, Ont., in 1970 and provided a loving home. By the time she was just three, however, she wondered why she looked different from her parents.

She didn't want anything to do with her Eskimo heritage back then and it wasn't until her early twenties that she decided she wanted to know more. Tauni went on to forge a unique connection to her home region of Nunavik. Following her adoptive father's lead, she worked for years as a pilot flying for Air Inuit. That work allowed her to visit and connect with other relatives. Tauni eventually met her birth mother and father - very emotional experiences! Her birth mother remains a close part of her life. Her birth father has since passed away.

Her 15-year-old son has met his Nunavik family. He has really embraced it; it is his right of passage, a passage that did not happen for her.

Tauni is one of thousands of Indigenous people awaiting settlement from a Sixties Scoop class action lawsuit launched to compensate Indigenous people for being separated from their families.

Tauni said she doesn't think the Sixties Scoop was done in malice, but it still altered the course of her life.

News from MEMBERSHIP

The membership currently stands at 189.

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. 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

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. 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.

News from the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

President: John Theis; Vice-President: Donna Sunter; Second Vice-President: Vacant; Past-President: Anne Bradley; Treasurer: Judy Carrick; Secretary: Beth Harris; Membership Chair: Heather Brighton; House Committee: Jarka Rasper; Programme Committee Chair: Kathy Stephens; Activities Committee Chair: Barb Moldenhauer; Speaker Support Committee Chair: David Churchill; August Newsletter Editor: Heli Kich