



The PROBUS Club of Guelph and District

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November 2020 Newsletter

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

Wednesday, November 11th, 2020

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING WILL
BEGIN at 9:30 a.m.**

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

See more details below

President's Greeting

I am writing this under a black cloud of Covid-19 and US election results, thinking about how you must be feeling under the threat of the virus; your concern when shopping for supplies and your challenge of keeping connected with family and friends.

Our club's carefree days at Cutten Fields seems to get further away as Covid cases continue to rise and restrictions to control the virus tighten. Cutten Fields is holding our slot, giving us first refusal, they can welcome groups again. In the meantime, our club continues via Zoom. Please try to join us for the Remembrance Day program November 11th and the Christmas celebration December 9th.

In the meantime please stay safe.

Your President
Donna Sunter

News from the PROGRAM COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: JIM SANDER "Veterans with A Vision: Canada's War Blinded in Peace and War"

Jim Sanders is a Past president and continuing member of our Club. About 10 years ago he retired from a 42-year career with Canadian National Institute for the Blind, (CNIB). He has served as Executive Director for The Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded (SAPA) since 1989.

He represents SAPA on the National Council of Veteran Associations, an organization co-founded by SAPA along with the War Amputees of Canada some eighty years ago. Although, there are no War Blinded Canadian Veterans still living, SAPA continues to be an advocate through The National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada (NCVA) for Federal services and support to all disabled veterans.

Mr. Sanders will be introduced by David Churchill and thanked by Fred Dawkins.

How to attend this presentation:

Members will receive an email on Sunday, November 8th 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, November 9th, 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.

OCTOBER SPEAKER: Dr. A-M Zajdlik "Conquering 2 Pandemics"

She related the course of working through the AIDS Pandemic and how that learning has been useful in dealing with COVID-19. Feedback from the session was excellent. One member said "BRILLIANT". Others felt there was more information on AIDS than COVID and they had hoped for more on COVID. Over 70 attended. The recording was much appreciated.

A special evening Christmas program is being planned for our December Zoom meeting. Steven Henrikson and Keith Conrad are planning a medley of Christmas music to entertain us.



News from MEMBERSHIP

As of October 31st, 2020, the membership stands at 174.

If you missed sending in your membership and would like to join now, please contact: probusmembership@gmail.com.

News from the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Club needs a Second Vice President and a Newsletter Co-editor. Please contact the past president John Theis.

President: Donna Sunter, Vice-President: Fred Dawkins, Second Vice-President: Vacant, Past-President: John Theis, Treasurer: Judy Carrick, Secretary: Beth Harris, Membership Chair: Jacquie Geall-Seabrooks, House Committee: Jarka Rasper and Barbara Stevens, Program Committee Chair: Kathy Stephens, Activities Committee Chairs: Barb Moldenhauer and Linda Denny, Speaker Support Committee Chair: David Churchill; Newsletter Editor: Ruth Slavin