



The PROBUS Club of Guelph and District

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December 2020 Newsletter

**Our Christmas PROBUS meeting/party will be
via Zoom on**

Wednesday, December 9,, 2020

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING/PARTY
WILL BEGIN at 7:00 P.M.**

**Have your favourite festive beverage at hand
to toast the holiday with your Probus friends.**

See more details below

Sincere sympathy to the family of Probus member Jean Julien who passed in early December from ALS. A virtual service will be announced.

President's Greeting

We are almost at the end of one of the most challenging years many of us have known. Probus meetings have been held on zoom with COVID-19 rolling by our side. We remember members who have passed under difficult circumstances as well as members who have lost loved ones while not being able to be supported by friends due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The management committee wishes you a happy Christmas with family and friends however you are able to connect. May 2021 be a brighter year.

Your President,

Donna Sunter

Membership Committee

Even during these crazy Covid times we are 179 members strong. It is wonderful to be part of such a strong organization full of folks dedicated to keeping the community alive and well. Thanks for your continued interest and support.

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

submitted by Jacquie Geall

Program Committee

Our December Zoom meeting will be a special program. Steven Henrikson and Keith Conrad are planning a medley of Christmas and contemporary seasonal music and stories to entertain us. They have named it "Christmas in the Village."

Steven is a bass-baritone with a stellar career as a singer, actor, teacher, clinician, and therapist in North America and Europe. In his retirement he is experimenting with more popular music styles such as Elvis, Johnny Cash and Frank Sinatra.

Keith has played the piano since he was a child. He worked as principal of several Wellington County high schools, and superintendent for the Board of Education. In retirement he held many important community roles including executive director of Hospice.

How to attend this presentation: Members will receive an email the day before the meeting, Tuesday, December 8, 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 on Tuesday 8th, 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.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER: JIM SANDERS on "War Blinded"

At our November 11 meeting, Jim Sanders gave an excellent presentation on War Blinded and their significant contribution to education and skills training.

Submitted by Kathy Stephens

Activities Committee

Interest in re-activating the Walking Group was raised at our November Management Meeting. With a lot of help and knowledge from Anne Bradley (former leader of the Walking Group) a poll was created on Wild Apricot, asking members of the Walking Group if they would be interested in participating in the Group at this time. As a result, we have a list of 13 members who wish to be a part of an active walking group. We will meet every other week on Monday, on an outside trail, 10 a.m. to noonish, with no driving outside the City. Walking will depend, to some extent, on the weather over the winter.

Our first walk took place on Monday, November 23. Six of us walked Robbie's Path on the Speed River Trail from Woodlawn Road to Victoria Road. Next walk will be Monday, December 7, 2020.

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Submitted by Barbara Moldenhauer



Management Committee

The Club needs a Second Vice President and a Newsletter Co-editor. Being on the Probus Management Committee is interesting and worthwhile work, as well as a lot of fun!

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