



## The PROBUS Club of Guelph and District

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### January 2021 Newsletter

#### Jan 13th PROBUS Meeting Online via Zoom

We invite you to join our Monthly PROBUS meeting via ZOOM on Wednesday Jan. 13th at 9:30 a.m. Our speaker is Tom Watson, whose topic is "Life In Our Town ". We suggest you join early and enjoy some on-line visiting.

**To join the meeting** log on using the link below under "To Join Zoom Meeting". You can use any device, but a device with a large screen is preferable.

**See more details below**

#### President's Greeting

Happy New Year!. Let's hope the COVID vaccine will bring more stability to our lives in 2021.

Your management committee is planning an activity as part of the general meeting, hopefully in February but March for sure. Anyone wanting to participate will be assigned to a breakout room on an ad hoc basis to discuss whatever you want, meet new people and have a little fun.

Don't forget to join your fellow PROBIONS on January 13th at 9:30 a.m. on zoom for the general meeting.

Your President,

Donna Sunter

#### Program Committee

## **Our January speaker is Tom Watson speaking on “Life In Our Town “**

Many of you already know Tom, but here's a short bio to fill in the gaps.

After growing up on a small farm in southwestern Ontario, he went on to live and work in ten different cities or towns, in three of our Canadian provinces, all of which gave him a taste of the rich variety of cultures that make up our country.

He considers himself to be a pretty lucky guy, in that he had three careers, the last of which was becoming a United Church minister, and that is what brought him here to Guelph in 1991, when he came here as minister at Trinity United Church.

He says that during his lifetime, he has received many gifts.

One has been a love of music. He began playing the drums at the age of 15 when he and his chums decided to form a dance band—and he's still playing a few gigs a year. And for the past 15 years he has been an active member of the Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph, and acting as emcee for their concerts.

Another has been a love of writing. Especially humorous stories, and scripts for musical comedy productions. Oh yes, and some very humorous sermons. He loves to laugh. Both to laugh himself and to hear other people laugh. Tom figures that a day without music and laughter is not a very good day at all.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89134345028?pwd=QU5tK05Pc1IUeVFKV3hrU0NVWlBaQT09>

**NOTE :If the link does not work** for you, you can open the Zoom app and click on "*Join*". Enter the Meeting ID number and password.

Meeting ID: 891 3434 5028

Password: 839143

**If you don't have the Zoom** app you will be prompted to download the app. If you do have Zoom but a newer version is available you will be prompted to update to the newest version.

**Please use your actual names.** Once you are logged in, check your identification. (bottom left corner). If it is not your actual name, right click on it (PC) and select "*Rename*"

Alternatively, you can join by phone by calling 1-647-558-0588 and entering the Meeting ID. Please note that long distance charges may apply if you use the phone option.

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

### **December Meeting**

Our Christmas Zoom was an excellent opportunity to extend Greetings to each other and to toast a New Year... 2021!

Keith Conrad and Steve Hendrickson performed a wonderful "Christmas in The Village" concert. So much work, creativity and talent was evident in the production. Unfortunately, everyone experienced technical difficulties. This did not deter from the Spirit of the Season amongst our group. Fortunately, the YouTube video was distributed to all members the next day, for all to enjoy!

Thank you to Keith and Steve for their talents and to Bill Greenaway for his dedication to support all of our Zoom meetings.

Submitted by Kathy Stephens

### **Activities Committee**

Our Walking Group enjoyed being out on the trail in November and December. See photos, below, by Robert Ellis. My eye is on the weather, and if a January thaw gets rid of the ice, we will be out again soon.

Just for fun, would you be interested in a Cooking Class? We are talking with Donna-Marie Pye of Relish Cooking Studio and hope to offer such an experience in the next few weeks.

And, I know for many, staying home means reading books. Might we have a booklover who would be willing to lead a Probus Book Club?

Let us know! Barbara Moldenhauer, [bmoldenhauer2014@gmail.com](mailto:bmoldenhauer2014@gmail.com) Linda Denny, [verndenny@gmail.com](mailto:verndenny@gmail.com)

Submitted by Barbara Moldenhauer



### **Membership Committee**

We have 163 members fully paid and enjoying this club to the fullest. 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

submitted by Jacquie Geall

### Management Committee

The Club needs a Second Vice President, a Newsletter Co-editor and a Zoom moderator. Being a Zoom Moderator may sound onerous, but you'll get lots of instruction and support and it's a skill worth having, both in this ongoing COVID era and beyond.

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**