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March 2021 Newsletter

Mar. 10th PROBUS Meeting Online via Zoom

We invite you to join our Monthly PROBUS meeting via ZOOM on Wednesday, March 10 between 9:00 and 9:15 for our 9:30 am meeting. See **Zoom Masters' Corner**, below, for login details. Our March speaker will be Robin-Lee Norris on Communications regarding inter-generational transfer of wealth.

President's Greeting

Spring is on its way and with it, the expectation that more of us will be vaccinated against COVID. All good news!

I am also excited about the ideas our management committee is working on for the spring and summer. Many of us enjoyed the crepe demonstration in late February and you will discover upcoming events in this newsletter. Our Activities Committee has dreamed up interesting ways to stay connected with fellow PROBUS members.

If you are still a little hesitant using Zoom, Judy Carrick would be happy to help you out. Email her at probusguelph133@gmail.com.

For questions about our club, email our Membership Committee Chair, Jacquie Geall Seabrook at probusmembership@gmail.com.

President

Donna Sunter

Zoom Masters' Corner

Submitted by Judy Carrick and David Churchill

You will get a link to the March 10 meeting via email. The email will also have a meeting ID and Password. If the link does not work for you, you can open the Zoom app click on "Join " and enter the ID and Password.

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.

If Zoom is not installed on your computer, you will be prompted to download the application. If you do have Zoom but a newer version is available, you will be prompted to update to the newest version.

- Please log in between 9:00 & 9:15 am for a social time before the 9:30 meeting. Whether you want to socialize or not, join early so tech glitches can be solved before the meeting starts. You will be required to sign in the first time you log onto our new Zoom account. You will be asked for your name(s) and e-mail address. Please enter both your first name (as per your badge i.e., "Bill"), and last name. If you are a couple, enter both of your names so that they will both be displayed with your video picture.
- As you sign in, you will be assigned to a 'Breakout Room" with a few others to chat prior to the start of the meeting. It will be the Zoom equivalent of sitting at a round table at Cutten Fields.
- ☐☐☐Once out of the 'Breakout Rooms', PLEASE turn off your audio and make sure your microphone stays muted during the meeting. Other members would rather not hear you munching your lunch or your dog barking.

Membership Committee

Submitted by Jacquie Geall Seabrook

As of February 28, 2021, we have 163 active members who can look forward to many new PROBUS activities to help us get through COVID constraints. How fortunate we all are to have this excellent club during these trying times!

Program Committee

Submitted by Kathy Stephens

Our March speaker will be Robin-Lee Anne Norris on the role of communication and transparency in the planning process, providing tips and tools you can use to avoid the minefields in the inter-generational transfer of wealth.

Ms. Norris is a native of Guelph, a graduate of John F. Ross CVI, who went on to complete an undergraduate degree in sociology at the University of Guelph, and a law degree at Osgoode Hall Law School. She and her husband, David Halls, are avid curlers, scuba divers, and hikers. They have raised over \$60,000 for our local shelter for abused women through three challenging 5-day hikes in Machu Pichu, Peru, the mountains in Iceland and last December in the Sahara Desert in Morocco.

Robin-Lee teaches a business law course to undergraduates at Ivey Business School at Western University and runs a consulting business focused on mediation and succession planning. She assists families work through the often emotional and divisive minefields triggered by the transfer of wealth, including businesses, farms, and cottages, from one generation to the next.

Our February speaker was Robert Pavlis who inspired us all with his Gardening presentation. He was introduced by Wendy Tosh and thanked by Charlie Tosh.

Activities Committee

ANNOUNCING 'PROBUS - STAYING CONNECTED'

Submitted by Fred Dawkins

Every problem creates an opportunity and COVID has certainly been a major challenge requiring innovation and imagination. As a club we have used Zoom to run our monthly meetings and keep our speaker series alive and vibrant. Some PROBUS clubs have simply suspended meeting altogether. But there is more to PROBUS than the speakers. Last month our club invited you to join the monthly meeting early to recreate the social aspect of our meetings by joining a chat room and greeting other members. Initial feedback has been positive so please sign in early on March 10th and take the opportunity to talk to other members and support our chat rooms. Unfortunately, you have to provide your own coffee/tea and cookies but seeing and greeting friendly familiar faces is worth it.

The last missing element of our club is a series of ongoing activities. Enter our latest program: **'PROBUS - Staying Connected'**. So, what is it? Hopefully, one more element that strengthens our club and stimulates and engages our members. Every month we will schedule an 'event' for you to experience at a time of your choice but for you to do within two weeks after our monthly meeting. At the end of the two weeks, we will schedule a Zoom forum, announced well in advance, to which we hope many members will join to discuss, question, give feedback and more. We will make these events user friendly and with two weeks or more to do your part and enjoy the event you can always email the club for support if you need it. We can guarantee diversity and interesting programs. COVID has limited us all but the opportunity is to broaden our horizons. The first three months activities are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter. So please give it a try for all three months as we work out all the bugs and **do** give us feedback.

Submitted by Barbara Moldenhauer

NEW UPCOMING VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES!!!! The COVID 19 pandemic has literally forced us to learn and try new things.

As Fred Dawkins noted, we are excited to tell you about three new events we are planning to offer. Each event will come to you via Zoom. The initial part of each event, you do yourself – on your own time. Then we meet on Zoom to discuss, chat, and enjoy seeing each other. I encourage you to join us. Every time we participate in these new computer adventures, we find it gets easier. (I am getting rather proud of myself!) And always remember, **we are happy to help you – just contact us**. There will be full information and instructions sent to everyone via email as we proceed with each event. These events are happening on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Here is what's coming up!

1. TED TALK by Dr. Brene Brown, THE POWER OF VULNERABILITY. On **March 11**, you will receive an invitation to participate. This invitation will include all the instructions as to how to find Dr. Brown's presentation on TED TALKS. You can do this at your convenience anytime over the next two weeks. You will be invited to join us on Zoom on **WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 24 at 9:30** to bring up questions/thoughts regarding her Talk.

2. BOOK CLUB – 2020 HINDSIGHT, F.C. DAWKINS, Author. A dystopian novel written by our own Vice-President! Fred is happy to deliver a free copy of his book to everyone who wishes to participate. Again, an initial invitation email will be sent to all our members by **March 25**. Zoom Book Club forum will take place **WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 28, AT 9:30**.

3. HAPPY HOUR WINE TOUR – RICK STEVES TOUR OF BURGUNDY. Same process as No. 1. An initial email will be forwarded to membership on **MAY 13**. Join our Zoom **HAPPY HOUR** on **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 26 AT 4:30**. Imagine sitting on your deck, patio, or balcony, glass of wine in hand! **HAPPY HOUR** will include a Special Guest to discuss a variety of French wines.

Another upcoming surprise, in addition to the above, is a real live **GARDEN TOUR** of Robert Pavlis' garden!!! You will recall Robert spoke to us at our General Meeting last month. Tentative date is early August.

Lots of exciting events to look forward to! I know most of you have mastered Zoom technology and have joined our General Meetings over the past year. And then, we had "Chat Rooms" last month, with very positive feedback. I encourage you to try the next step. "Find" Dr. Brene Brown's lecture on www.ted.com .

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Management Committee

The Management Committee is searching for someone to co-edit the newsletter along with Ruth. If you are interested, please contact Fred Dawkins at probusguelp133@gmail.com.

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