



## PROBUS Club of Guelph & District April 2021 Newsletter

### Apr. 14 PROBUS Meeting Online via Zoom

We invite you to join our Monthly PROBUS meeting via ZOOM on Wednesday, April 14 between 9:00 and 9:15 for our 9:30 am meeting. See **Zoom Masters' Corner**, below, for login details. Our April speaker will be Professor Rich Moccia whose talk is entitled, Take a Hike! An Incredible Journey Along the Bruce Trail.

With deep sadness we report the passing of Anna Stachnyk, wife of Walter, on March 30, 2021. She was a Charter member of PROBUS Club of Guelph. We extend our deepest sympathy to Walter and his family.

Many of you knew Shirley Ann Holmes, who was Chairperson of our Activities Committee for many years. Her two children, Cindy & Brent Holmes, invite friends who knew her to a Celebration of Life Service, VIA ZOOM, hosted by Harcourt United Church, on Friday, May 28, 2021, at 3:00 pm. If you would like to join in this service, please contact Barbara Moldenhauer, [bmoldenhauer2014@gmail.com](mailto:bmoldenhauer2014@gmail.com).

### President's Greeting

April is National PROBUS month. Membership Chair, Jacquie Geall- Seabrook got our celebration started by designing and mailing postcards to all our members. We continue the celebration at the April 14th meeting with a short presentation by Bill Greenaway on the history of PROBUS Club of Guelph and District. Bill is a Charter and Life member.

Your Management Committee has heard you tell us how much you miss socializing at meetings. We hope that day will soon return but in the meantime, we have tried to offer some alternatives such as the Zoom breakout chat rooms before meetings. This month's breakout room chat theme is Funny stories about our new relationship with our children, grandchildren, and children in general.

The Activities Committee, with the help of Vice President Fred Dawkins, planned a series of three Zoom events. The first, and highly successful event, was watching a TED talk by Brene Brown with a follow up discussion. Now, twenty-seven members are reading 2020 Hindsight, a book written by Fred in 2012. A discussion will follow later this month. Make sure you sign up for the virtual tour of the Burgundy region of France with a follow-up discussion led by an LCBO wine expert. (see Activities Committee Report, below, for details).

Summer meetings will involve some Covid-safe socializing & outings, so be sure to join.

For questions about our club, email Membership Committee Chair, Jacquie Geall Seabrook at [probusmembership@gmail.com](mailto:probusmembership@gmail.com).

President

Donna Sunter

## Webmaster's Corner

Submitted by Judy Carrick and David Churchill

- You will get a link to the April 14th meeting via email, **prior to the meeting**. The email will include 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. If you're new to our zoom meetings you will be required to sign in as a first-time guest. 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.
- 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 any time after **9:00 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.
- 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.
- If you have any questions regarding, Zoom email us at probusguelph133@gmail.com.

## Membership Committee

Submitted by Jacquie Geall Seabrook

Our club is happy to welcome a new member, Marion Wells. We all look forward to meeting Marion in person hopefully soon.

As of March 31, 2021 we have 164 active members.

## Program Committee

Submitted by Kathy Stephens

April's presentation is **Take a Hike! An Incredible Journey Along the Bruce Trail** by Professor Rich Moccia, retired from the Department of Biosciences, Past Associate Vice-President, Research, University of Guelph.

The Bruce Trail is a 1300+ kilometer ribbon of wilderness beauty that connects the Niagara Gorge to Tobermory, ON Inspired by a small, visionary group of naturalists, the trail has been built and maintained by a huge team of enthusiastic volunteers. This presentation will describe the remarkable journey of effort that created a world-class hiking route for all to enjoy for generations to come. Young and old, novices or seasoned trekkers, all can enjoy the wonders of Ontario's outdoor paradise. It's also a story about the role of volunteerism in society and how a common goal can bring people together to create incredible things.

Our January speaker was Robin-Lee Anne Norris who spoke on communication and transparency in the planning process, providing tips and tools to avoid the minefields in the inter-generational transfer of wealth.

Robin-Lee was introduced by Bill Greenaway and thanked by Ruth Slavin.

## Activities Committee

Submitted by Linda Denny

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – “STAYING CONNECTED”

-Our virtual April event is our new Book Club! First discussion is happening Wednesday morning, April 28 at 9:30! The book is **2020 HINDSIGHT**, written by our own Vice-President, Fred Dawkins!

-Worrying about your level of fitness? Our first Strength & Balance class started April 6. Designed for seniors – **with no Jumping Jacks!** There is still time to sign up.

-In early May you will be invited to watch **RICK STEVES TOUR OF BURGUNDY**. Followed by a Zoom **HAPPY HOUR** on Wednesday afternoon, May 26, at 4:30. Imagine sitting in the sunshine on your deck/balcony with a glass of wine! A Special Guest will be joining us as well.

-Our Walking Group will be out on local trails again as soon as these “stay-at-home” days are over.

Something to look forward to: TOUR of Robert Plavis’ GARDEN on, Wed. Aug.11.

Contact Linda, [verndenny@gmail.com](mailto:verndenny@gmail.com) or Barbara, [bmoldenhauer2014@gmail.com](mailto:bmoldenhauer2014@gmail.com) for further information

Walking Club March 22. Photos taken by Roger Ellis.





## Management Committee

The Management Committee is searching for someone to co-edit the newsletter with Ruth. If you are interested, please contact John Theis at [probusquelp133@gmail.com](mailto:probusquelp133@gmail.com).

President: Donna Sunter, Vice-President: Fred Dawkins, Second Vice-President: Kathryn Greenaway, 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 Chair: David Churchill; Newsletter Editor: Ruth Slavin; Webmasters: Judy Carrick & David Churchill

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