



**PROBUS Club of Guelph & District**  
*Our Strength is Fellowship, Our Success is Participation*

<https://www.probusguelph.ca>

## MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

We invite you to join our Monthly PROBUS program via ZOOM  
on **Wednesday, May 12** at 9:10 for our 9:30 am meeting.

See Webmaster's Corner for login details.

Our Guest Speaker will be:

**Ross McKenzie who is the Managing Director of WatCAR, the University of Waterloo Centre for Automotive Research. He will be speaking on "Autonomous Driving" (self-driving cars).**

With deep sadness we report the recent passing of Betty Shirton, wife of the late George Shirton. Betty and George were charter members of PROBUS Guelph and are remembered fondly. In early days of this club, Management Committee meetings were held at their home and they were instrumental in initiating several of our ongoing activities. Our sympathy goes out to Betty's family.

### President's Greeting

If you haven't participated in zoom meetings or the 'Staying Connected' activities offered by PROBUS Guelph, check out the opportunities in this newsletter. There are lots of exciting events coming up and we would love to see you there.

Starting in June, Fred Dawkins, our First Vice President, will be leading our transition back to Cutten Fields. As incoming President, he will be keeping you up to date on this transition.

Donna Sunter

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## Membership Committee

Probus Guelph is at 165 members and counting!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: This month we would like to welcome **Wendy and Graham Ford** to Probus Guelph. We look forward to meeting them “live” on Zoom on Wednesday May 12th.

Please share my email with a friend who would enjoy all the community and connection that Guelph Probus brings!

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## Program Committee

This month’s talk “Autonomous Cars” will be by Ross McKenzie, Managing Director of WatCAR, the University of Waterloo Centre for Automotive Research. The centre engages industry in research projects with the university. WatCAR is Canada’s research leader in automotive and mobility with 415 campus researchers, including 125 faculty.

For the last decade, Ross has served on the board of Intelligent Transportations Systems Canada. In 2017, he co-founded Open High-Definition Maps, a precision mapping platform for autonomous vehicles. He has been widely quoted in Canadian and international media on connected and autonomous vehicles.

In June we are having a Kitchen Party. Andrea LeBlanc will share her music with us. Hopefully we can all participate (maybe play the spoons or the washboard)!! Please forward any music requests to Kathy by May 30/21.

In light of the effects of COVID on us, we will continue meetings in July and August this year. In July, Heather from Sweet Cheeses will present on Canadian cheeses. In August, we have planned an outdoor activity to Robert Pavlis` Garden. Details to follow.

In April, Rich Moccia returned to give an excellent presentation on, The Bruce Trail. His speech “Take a Hike. An Incredible Journey Along the Bruce Trail”

made us all want to strap on our walking shoes and get going. He has kindly offered to provide a hike for our group in the Orangeville area on a new part of the trail. Details to follow.

He was introduced by John Holt and thanked by Anne Bradley.

Kathy Stephens

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## Activities & Staying Connected Committees

Our fourth virtual event is coming up soon!!! On May 13 expect your invitation! The link included in your email will take you directly to a You Tube travel presentation, "RICK STEVES TOUR OF BURGUNDY." Relax and watch this travelogue at your leisure anytime over the next week. A tour of the Burgundy area of France obviously makes us think of French Wines! Enjoy our 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! We have a Special Guest joining us as well to tell us about various French wines. Sit back and enjoy!

Linda and I are so pleased to welcome Lenore Ralph as a new member of the Activities Committee. Lenore has lots of great ideas and you will see her influence in the fall.

Two upcoming Activities to look forward to:

1. Tour of Robert Pavlis' GARDEN on Wednesday, August 11. Our members can go anytime between 10 and 3pm. Remember all those pictures he showed us in his presentation in March! And, his garden is right here in Guelph, so we don't have to drive far.
2. Hike on the Bruce Trail. Rich Moccia has confirmed he would be happy to lead a Probus Group on a hike on the new Split Rock Narrows Trail just north of Orangeville. This property was recently acquired by the Bruce Trail Conservancy. We are looking at September, and the date will be confirmed later in the summer.

The walking group will commence after the lock down has been lifted.

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## Webmaster's Corner

Expect to receive a link to the May12th meeting via email, a day or two prior to the meeting.

Would love to see you for, "**COFFEE TIME**", at 9:10 before the start of our regular 9:30 program.

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

David Churchill & Judy Carrick  
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## Management Team

Our goal is to provide Fellowship, Friendship and Fun for active men and women in their retirement and semi-retirement years.

We are a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian fellowship organization with over 4,000 clubs worldwide, 255 being Canadian clubs made up of over 38,000 members. Our clubs are all about encouraging healthy minds and bodies and socializing with other retirees in the community.

### SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

Please consider joining our energetic and enthusiastic Management Team. We have a lot of fun and are always looking for fresh ideas.

### Have a say in our Clubs' Operations!

- Second Vice President - This position is active on the Program Committee and supports the President and First Vice President when required.
- Newsletter co-editor - This is a small monthly commitment to assist in getting news out to our members.
- Webmaster - Anyone interested and comfortable with the digital world. No need to be an expert. We could use some help with Zoom as well as our website. Training is provided.

**For further Details, please contact**

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**WE NEED YOU!!!**

**Many Hands make light work.**

**Happy to Serve YOU!**

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

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