



**PROBUS Club of Guelph & District**  
*Our Strength is Fellowship, Our Success is Participation*  
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**OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER**

October 14, 2021, PROBUS Monthly Meeting and AGM

We are now meeting the second Thursday morning of the month. Because of COVID, we will be meeting both in-person at the Arboretum, University of Guelph, and virtually via Zoom. The AGM starts at 10:30, followed by the program, with registration/login beginning at 10:00 for some online chat or in-person social time.

See the recent email from the Transition Team, for details on how to get together with your PROBUS friends, either in person or through Zoom.

This month's talk is called Chalmers Today, by Vicki Olatundun.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice that the Annual General Meeting will be held on the regular meeting date of THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021, at 10:30 am.

The yearend reports are on our website filed under the respective Management Chair. Please log into:

<http://www.probusguelph.ca/page-18119>

President's Report, Nominating Committee Report, Treasurers Report, Membership Report, Program Report and Activities Committee Report

**PRESIDENT**

This past year and a half has been very challenging for the PROBUS Club of Guelph and District, as with everything else in our lives as we cope with COVID-19. We have had to find new ways to hold meetings and communicate with you, our members. Thank you so much for your patience and flexibility and most of all for supporting your Management Committee through this difficult time.

Thank you to your Management Committee for being innovative in finding new ways of doing things: planning extra meetings and events to keep us connected when we couldn't meet face to face. Thank you for always following

through on commitments. It has been a real pleasure working with this talented group of people.

John Theis, president when the pandemic started and Bill Greenaway, Life Member, quickly pivoted meetings to Zoom. Fred Dawkins, vice president, offered a series of events through the activities committee they called “Staying Connected” and later Fred volunteered to lead the transition from Zoom to in-person meetings. Beth Harris, a first-time secretary, did a marvelous job recording minutes at virtual meetings. Judy Carrick, besides being treasurer, updated Wild Apricot, our organizational software, and worked with David Churchill and Kathryn Greenaway on Zoom technical support.

Jacquie Geall-Seabrooks, a new member, did an admirable job as Membership Chair, learning a new system and welcoming new members. Another new member, Ruth Slavin, has been keeping us informed with great newsletters.

Kathy Stephens and the Program Committee have worked very hard to bring us wonderful meetings on Zoom, even during the summer. Kathy and her committee did impressive work!

Activities Co-chairs, Barbara Moldenhauer and Linda Denny, found lots to interest our club membership such as the walking group, a garden tour and a most enjoyable hike on the Split Rock Narrows section of the Bruce Trail.

House Co-chairs, Jarka Rasper and Barbara Stevens, will soon be busy with the badges and arranging for members to welcome you to our new venue for meetings.

We continue to navigate our way through changing provincial, municipal and University of Guelph regulations, as we struggle with adapting to our new venue and hybrid meetings. But we can be confident under the leadership of our soon-to-be new president, Fred Dawkins, we will make it to the end of the pandemic.

**Donna Sunter**  
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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: This month we would like to welcome **Aline McGregor** and **Treba Garret** PROBUS Club of Guelph and District. We're looking forward to meeting you in person (at least virtually!) soon.



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

Jacquie Geall Seabrook  
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## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Our October speaker will be Vicki Olatundun, the Executive Director of Chalmers Community Services Centre in Guelph. She recently moved from Manitoba where she worked for many years with the homeless and marginalized populations and those experiencing poverty.

A former attorney turned social justice advocate. She has a passion for people and enjoys finding new effective ways to alleviate suffering.

Her goal is to be a millionaire, a people millionaire.

She continues to make a difference as she works with her team in Guelph.

Our September speaker was Fred Dawkins who gave an interesting and informative talk, "My Unique Experience Walking the Camino with My Grandson!" He was introduced by J. Cameron and thanked by Grace McEwen.

Kathy Stephens  
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## ACTIVITY COMMITTEE



Hikers on Split Rock Narrows section of Bruce Trail

The first hike, enjoyed by 20 members, was at the Splitrock Narrows on the Bruce Trail. We wrapped up our outing with a lunch in the parking lot. It was so good to laugh, be with people and enjoy drinks.



**Walking Group St. Ignatius grounds (above)**

Our first walk was at St Ignatius grounds. The walks will be biweekly and the next one will be October 25<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow in emails.



**Our fearless leaders for the Splitrock Narrows hike, Rich Moccia of the Bruce Trail Conservancy, and Barbara Moldenhauer, who chairs the Activities Committee, along with Linda Denny.**

Starting in November we will be sending out recommended TED TALKS to view at your leisure. Each month there will be a different topic such as climate change, history, science, education, biographies, pandemic, and health.

As Ontario continues to get back to normal, we will be checking with theatres, travel, hockey, restaurants, and other venues as to when they will be open to larger crowds and fewer restrictions.

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## WEBMASTER CORNER

Although you now have the option of in-person meetings, you can still attend virtually and will receive a Zoom link to the **October 14** meeting via email, prior to the meeting.

Log in at 10:00 for, virtual "**COFFEE TIME**", before the start program which will begin at 10:30.

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 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.

- Webmaster – For anyone interested and comfortable with the digital world OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN. We could use some help with Zoom as well as our website. Training is provided.

**For further Details, please contact John Theis**  
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**WE NEED YOU!**  
**Many Hands make light work.**

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, Webmasters.

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