



PROBUS Club of Guelph & District

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NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

We invite you to join our Monthly PROBUS program **Thursday, November 11 at 10:30 a.m.** Come at 10:00 for Meet and Greet. You can be there either in-person at the Arboretum or on Zoom. Please see the President's Greeting and Zoom Master Corner below for what to do.

Our special Remembrance Day speaker will be Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto talking about the importance of applying what we have learned from that past, to our present and future.

President's Greeting

Things are looking up for a return to the essential social nature of our PROBUS Club. The first hybrid meeting went well, especially in our new venue at the Arboretum. We are still learning how to make hybrid technology work best for us, particularly the Zoom component. Now we have no restrictions on numbers so our full club membership can attend events at the Arboretum if they wish. BUT you will still have to sign up on the website as we need to know numbers in advance AND you will have to follow the instructions in the invitation regarding COVID protocols. If you have any difficulty registering for the meeting, please

contact either Judy or Jacquie as indicated on your emailed meeting invitation. We all owe a vote of thanks to David Churchill, Judy Carrick and Jacquie Geall-Seabrook for their effort and determination to make these hybrid meetings work.

For your convenience here is the link for those who have not yet arranged for their COVID passport:

<https://wdgpublichealth.ca/your-health/covid-19-information-public/covid-19-vaccine-information/ontario-proof-vaccination>

Now it's time for me to be a little heavy handed. Too many of our committees have a chair and no members. If our members want to receive a newsletter or enjoy these hybrid meetings, we need volunteer involvement. We have been asking for months for a backup person to produce the newsletter and for at least two members to assist on the tech side of speaker support. No experience required just a willingness to learn and help. PLEASE approach me either before or after next week's meeting to discuss this need and sign up to give it a try.

We have an excellent speaker for next week's meeting, our Remembrance Day meeting. We have a solid lineup of programs arranged well into next year thanks to the Program Committee chaired by Kathy Stephens, we have a growing and interesting list of activities under the direction of the activities committee co-chaired by Barbara Moldenhauer and Linda Denny.

Things are indeed looking up. I look forward to seeing all of you soon at the Arboretum

Fred Dawkins

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Membership Committee

PROBUS Guelph continues to grow!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

This month we would like to welcome Raija Sakarya, Lynda Davenport, and Darlene Allison to our club. This makes seven new members who have not been officially inducted into the club. We were waiting to get back together in person so we could all meet 'properly', but since the Remembrance Day program is rather lengthy, we're going to hold inductions to the December meeting.

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 Remembrance Day talk will be by **Cardinal Thomas Collins** the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto. He says, "On **Remembrance Day** we think of the past and remember with gratitude the sacrifice of those who died in war. But we also need to reflect on the present significance of their sacrifice, and how that helps us to move into the future. Past, present, and future – these are the dimensions of time, which is the most important environment in which we live. There is much wisdom regarding time in the human tradition, from the wisdom books of the Bible to thinkers such as Augustine, Jean-Pierre de Causade and Samuel Johnson. On Remembrance Day it is especially appropriate to ponder

that tradition of wisdom, and learn from it, as we inexorably glide on the knife edge of the present moment from the past that we leave behind and the future that is ahead."

Cardinal Collins was born in Guelph in 1947 and was educated at St. Agnes and St. Stanislaus Elementary Schools, and Bishop MacDonell High School. He received a B.A. In English and Philosophy from St. Jerome's College at the University of Waterloo and an M.A in English from the University of Western Ontario. In 1973 he was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Hamilton, and after two years serving in a parish and teaching in a High School, he was sent to Rome where he received a Licentiate in Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in 1978. After teaching Scripture and English at St. Peter's Seminary in London, he returned to Rome, and in 1986 completed a Doctorate in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, with a dissertation on the Book of Revelation. After several more years as a professor and Rector at the seminary, in 1997 he was ordained a Bishop. After serving in Alberta in Bishop St. Paul and Archbishop of Edmonton, he was named by Pope Benedict as Archbishop of Toronto in January of 2007. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 2012 and participated one year later in the Conclave that elected Pope Francis.

At our October meeting, Vicki Olatunden, Executive Director of Chalmers Community Services Centre, gave an interesting, informative presentation, entitled *Chalmers Today*.

She was introduced by Wilma Churchill and thanked by Lu Eccles.

Kathy Stephens

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Activity Committee

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 2021

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO GET BACK TOGETHER AGAIN AND START THE CHRISTMAS SEASON! We invite you to join us at the River Run Centre, Friday evening, December 3, at 8:00 to hear local Guelph musicians, Tannis Slimmon, Katherine Wheatley and Angie Nussey sing **BOREAL'S SONGS FOR A SNOWY SEASON.**

We will enjoy a memorable evening of spell-binding harmonies, combined vocal prowess, and off-the-cuff storytelling. Tickets, \$27, including tax. This is a drive-yourself event. Also, a great opportunity to enjoy dinner before the Show at one of our downtown restaurants. Register on our PROBUS Club of Guelph website. Click on Events, scroll down to BOREAL'S SONGS....., then REGISTER. Use your credit card to pay for your ticket.

LOCAL WALKING GROUP

Easy nearby walks on local trails. Every other Monday afternoon, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00ish. Next walk, November 15, on the Speed River Trail. If you would like to join in the group, just let me know, bmoldenhauer2014@gmail.com.

HIKING GROUP

Our brand-new Hiking Group started just this week! This Group will appeal to more experienced hikers – longer distance, faster pace, more challenging terrain

& often out of town. Contact Anne Bradley at mab310848@gmail.com. Next hike will be the Waterloo Geo-Time Trail in Waterloo, on Tuesday, November 9.

MONTHLY “TED TALK”

Our first **TED TALK** was forwarded to our membership on October 31. With World Leaders currently at the UN Climate Conference in Glasgow, this discussion between Al Gore and John Kerry is a timely topic. Hopefully, you will listen over the month of November, on your own and at your convenience. No pressure. A direct link was included in your invitation email. Just click on it, sit back, and listen to their discussion. However, we hope you will email us with your comments regarding the monthly topic chosen. Possibly small discussion groups will evolve!

NEEDLEWORK GROUP

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, embroidery, etc. and getting to know each other better, contact Lu Eccles at lueccles72@gmail.com. This Group meets via Zoom, on the third Thursday of each month.

BRIDGE GROUP

Eleanor Shuh, our Bridge Co-Ordinator, says it is time to start playing bridge again. First game for the season starts January 4 at 1:00 p.m. The Group will play the first Tuesday of each month. If you are a bridge player, please contact Eleanor at ebshuh@rogers.com.

LUNCH GROUP

The Activities Committee will organize an outing for lunch at noon following our General Meeting on January 13. We are looking for a Co-Ordinator for the Lunch Group. Please contact Linda Denny.

GUELPH STORM HOCKEY – GO STORM GO!

All hockey fans - the Guelph Storm is offering group seating and transportation to games in January, February, March. More information to come. Contact Lenore Ralph at lrsidebyside@hotmail.com to let her know you are interested in learning more.

Please contact us if you experience any difficulty registering and paying online. We are happy to help. We have been practicing and finding ourselves getting a lot more comfortable with all this computer stuff.

Barbara bmoldenhauer2014@gmail.com & Linda verndenny@gmail.com

Web Masters Corner

The email invitation to the **November 11** meeting includes the link and instructions for Zoom, should you wish to attend remotely.

Log into ZOOM at 9:30 to chat to chat with new and old friends for a few minutes before the meeting starts.

If you did not receive an email invitation, please check your junk/spam folder.

Judy Carrick

Kathryn Greenaway

David Churchill

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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.

Have a say in our Club's Operations!

- Newsletter co-editor - This is a small monthly commitment to assist in getting news out to our members. **Please someone offer to help me.** I will be away for part of the winter and desperately need someone to do the newsletter. We have 2 months to train before I go. YOU can do it and will be HERO to the club and very much one to me.
- Anyone interested and/or comfortable with learning Zoom. Training will be provided.

For further Details, please contact Fred Dawkins at probusquelph133@gmail.com.

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

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