



## **PROBUS Club of Guelph & District**

Our Strength is Fellowship, Our Success is Participation

<https://www.probusguelph.ca>

**NEWSLETTER**

### **DECEMBER 2021**

We invite you to join our Monthly PROBUS program **Thursday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m.** Come at 10:00 for Meet and Greet. You can be there either in-person at the Arboretum Centre or on Zoom. Please see the President's Greeting and Zoommaster Corner below for what to do.

Keith Conrad and Steven Hendrickson will entertain us with Music, Carols and Stories. Come and enjoy!

### **President's Greeting**

The first two hybrid meetings have gone quite well as we continue to learn and improve.

With the new variant creating some level of uncertainty it's important that we stay vigilant. We do not want to go backwards. That means wearing your mask throughout the meeting on December 9th except when enjoying your drink and cookie, even when singing your favourite Christmas carols. We have a great Christmas season program planned featuring Steven Hendrickson and Keith Conrad, this year in person or on Zoom, your choice. In person you will have the choice to sit around a table or in an area of socially distanced individual chairs. Keeping our members safe is a priority. We still need you to follow the protocols set out by the province and the University and to sign up for the meeting by next Monday, if possible. If not, come anyway.

The club thrives and survives on the efforts of volunteers. Need I say more. Believe me, participation will expand and improve your PROBUS experience.

So with that in mind, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a much more normal 2022 during which we bring COVID to its knees. Looking forward to seeing many of you on December 9th and most of you sometime next year

Fred Dawkins

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## Membership Committee

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

This month we would like to welcome **Linda Yates** to PROBUS Guelph. We look forward to meeting Linda before long.

Probus Guelph now has 150 members, but we can accommodate more, so please share my email address with a friend who would enjoy all the community and connection that PROBUS Guelph brings!

Jacquie Geall Seabrook

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## Program Committee

Keith Conrad and Steven Hendrickson will entertain us at our December meeting with Music, Carols and Stories.

Steven is a bass-baritone with a stellar career as a singer, actor, teacher, clinician, and therapist in North America and Europe. In his retirement he is experimenting with more popular music styles such as Elvis, Johnny Cash and Frank Sinatra.

Keith has played the piano since he was a child. He worked as principal of several Wellington County high schools, and superintendent for the Board of Education. In retirement he held many important community roles including executive director of Hospice.

To further celebrate this HOLIDAY SEASON, we will be giving every member a small gift. For those attending the Arboretum, you will receive your gift at the exit doors. All others will have their gift from PROBUS delivered to your home and mailbox, a few days after the meeting.

The **January** meeting will present Mike Daley, Musicologist. His topic is "Elvis." Mike Daley is a guitarist and singer based in Toronto. A professional

musician for over 30 years, Mike has toured Canada, the United States and England and has recorded extensively in a variety of musical styles. This promises to be a very special, exciting program so come and enjoy!

Our November speaker was Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto.

He was introduced by his sister, Catharine Collins, and thanked by Val Morrell.

Very best wishes for a Happy Holiday!

Kathy Stephens  
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## Activity Committee

As we say goodbye to 2021, we look forward to 2022! As we all know, activities will look a little different, however, we are so pleased to participate in the events we are able to offer.

**GO STORM GO!!!** We invite you to join our own GUELPH STORM FAN CLUB. The STORM are offering a special 3-game package at a cost of \$75 plus HST. This includes the following games:

**Sunday, January 2, 2022, at 2:00 vs Kitchener**

**Sunday, February 27, at 2:00 vs Kitchener**

**Sunday, March 6, at 2:00 vs Flint Michigan**

**PLUS, RED CAR SERVICE** pickup at a designated location in both north end and south end of Guelph. **PLUS**, a special gift from the Storm Hockey Team. All games are at the Sleeman Centre downtown. We will be dropped off and picked up at the front door of the arena. **Now, how exciting is that!!!** If you wish to join us, contact Lenore Ralph as soon as possible at [lrsidebyside@hotmail.com](mailto:lrsidebyside@hotmail.com)





Walk in the Arboretum November 29. Photos by Lisa Arntz.

Our **Walking and Hiking Groups** have been active this fall, and will continue throughout the winter months as weather permits. If you would like to join us, here's who you contact: EXPERIENCED HIKERS - contact Anne Bradley at [mab310848@gmail.com](mailto:mab310848@gmail.com); CASUAL WALKERS - contact Barbara Moldenhauer (email below).

I have just posted our December **TED TALK** interview. I am piquing your interest by not revealing the topic, however, I'm sure you will enjoy it with two very famous people talking about their lives and experiences. The interview is about an hour long, so enjoy a cup of tea while you listen. **When you get your**

**email invitation, just CLICK on the link.** We would like your feedback. Did you really CLICK on the link? Let me know.....

**LET'S DO LUNCH** - We are planning to get together for lunch after our monthly meetings. Our first post-meeting lunch will be **Thursday, January 13, 2022**, at the **Bread Bar** downtown, 105 Gordon Street. Lots of adjacent parking. These monthly lunches will provide a great social time for members. If you would like to join us, let Linda Denny know so she can book the reservation.

Linda, Lenore, and I will be available to chat about Activities at our upcoming PROBUS Christmas Meeting on Thursday, December 9.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON, AND MANY BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR!

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## Webmasters' Corner

The email invitation to the December 9 meeting includes the link and instructions for Zoom, should you wish to attend remotely.

Log into ZOOM at 9:30 to chat to 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.

If you are experiencing a problem registering for any of our activities or events online, please send your request in an e-mail to [probusquelph133@gmail.com](mailto:probusquelph133@gmail.com) and we will do the registration for you.

We are pleased with the increased use of our webpage for registrations; it makes for a very efficient process and saves much volunteer time. The webpage, <https://www.probusquelph.ca/> has a member directory, event listings, archived newsletters, our constitution, bylaws, and a lot more.

Tips:



When you log in to the webpage, check the “Remember Me” box, and your login information will be filled in for you next time.

If you have forgotten your password, clicking on “Forgot Password” will allow you to enter a new one.

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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.
- Anyone interested and/or comfortable with learning Zoom. Training will be provided.

**For further Details, please contact Fred Dawkins**  
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