



PROBUS Club of Guelph & District
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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022

We invite you to join our Monthly PROBUS program via Zoom on Thursday, March 10, at 10:30 a.m. Please refer to the Speaker's Support section for login details.

Dr. Charlene Pauls, Artistic Director and Conductor, Guelph Chamber Choir, will be our March guest speaker.

President's Message

While things are opening quickly, we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are a club of retired seniors who need to be more cautious than the general public. With the safety of our members as our paramount concern, we have elected to continue Zoom for our March General Meeting. We will return to a hybrid meeting in person in April at the Arboretum with those members who choose not to come physically having the option to watch on zoom. Going forward we plan to continue meeting in person reviving the essential social element of our club. We simply need to return to normal. The feasibility of continuing the Zoom component option of the hybrid meetings will be evaluated prior to the May General Meeting. That will only happen if we get additional volunteers to support the process. In the meantime, I wish you well in easing back into a less restricted life and I look forward to seeing you on Zoom on Thursday, March 10.

Fred Dawkins
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Membership Committee

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

PROBUS Club of Guelph and District is at 156 members! We welcome two recent new members, **Marion Loree**, and **Marianne Vinton**.

We encourage anyone interested in joining PROBUS to review our website at www.probusguelph.ca for more information. We have a wide variety of monthly events that provide opportunities for members to meet others with similar interests and take part in fun activities.

Please share my email with anyone interested in joining. I would be happy to discuss all the benefits of joining PROBUS with them and answer any questions.

Jacquie Seall-Seabrook
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Program Committee

Guest speaker for March, Dr. Charlene Pauls has enjoyed a long and varied musical career, as a choral conductor, vocal soloist, clinician, adjudicator, arts administrator, academic, and pedagogue.

Drawing on this extensive experience and training, Dr. Pauls' approach focuses on developing a beautiful and well-crafted choral sound through a deep understanding of healthy vocal technique.

Dr. Pauls has appeared as a Soprano soloist on concert stages across Canada and internationally in Germany, England, France, and Spain, under the baton of conductors such as Robert Shaw, Bramwell Tovey, and Helmuth Rilling. Drawing inspiration from these and many others, she has developed a collaborative leadership approach which she has further honed conducting community, university, youth, and church choirs. Successful performances at national and international conferences and competitions, including recent appearances at "Podium" and the World Choir Games, are a testament to the effectiveness of her approach.

Dr. Pauls has long been an advocate of building community music, with church programs (currently as Music Director at the Church of the Incarnation in Oakville, Ontario) and youth choirs (currently as Associate Director of the Oakville Choir for Children and Youth. A recent initiative called the Mosaic Music Collective was established to use music to create connections between recent newcomers and their new communities.

In 2018, she was awarded the prestigious Leslie Bell Award, which "recognizes excellence in emerging conductors".

After several seasons as Artistic Director of London's Pro Musica, Dr. Pauls was delighted to accept an appointment as the Artistic Director of the award-winning **Guelph Chamber Choir** starting with the 2019/2020 season. This organization has been a stalwart of the Canadian choral scene for forty years, presenting a four-concert main season including the highly anticipated period performance of *The Messiah* each Christmas.

The February General Meeting guest speaker for Black Heritage Month Marva Wisdom's presentation on "Securing Our Collective Heritage" was very personal and very well received by our members.

Kathy Stephens
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Activities Committee

ROMEO AND JULIET BALLET – Our Group of 22 are off to the River Run Centre on Tuesday, April 5 to see Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. One of the greatest love stories of all time. Music, dance, and spring – looking forward to a great evening!

GUELPH STORM HOCKEY PACKAGE – GO STORM GO! So far, the Storm have responded with two resounding WINS! Really exciting and getting dropped off right at the door of the Sleeman Centre is the BEST! One more game this Sunday, March 6. The March 6 game starts at 4pm, Storm vs. Flint Michigan Firebirds. We have already notified the Storm office that we would be interested in another package for the PLAYOFFS.

MONTHLY TED TALK - I hope you enjoyed Architecture That's Built to Heal. Michael Murphy has a quite a story to tell. Here's one of my little

secrets! I have a goal of receiving, maybe, ten very short messages from members about what you thought of the TALK - praise or criticism, doesn't matter. (This is also a test to make sure my instruction, "Click on Link below", is as clear as I can make it.)

WALKING & HIKING GROUPS - Linda and I continue to lead the Walking Group on local trails within Guelph. We meet every other Monday afternoon 1:00 to 3:00ish. Nice weather is coming soon. Just let me know if you wish to be included on my email list. Anne Bradley and John Holt lead our biweekly Hiking Group for more experienced hikers. The Walkers and Hikers meet on alternate Mondays. This way members can join in either group at their convenience. Hikers, contact Anne at mab310848@gmail.com.

UPCOMING PLANS:

MONTHLY LUNCHESES – Our PROBUS meeting will be in-person in April. The plan is to start after General Meeting lunches beginning Thursday, April 14. Linda and Lenore Ralph, lrsidebyside@hotmail.com, will be making the reservation, so just let them know you are ready "to do lunch" on April 14!

HIKE ON BRUCE TRAIL – Rich Moccia has indicated he is happy to lead us on a Spring Hike on the Bruce Trail. Date and location to be confirmed soon.

OTHER – The pandemic is, hopefully, behind us. Yeah! Now we need to hear from you. Please let us know specific outings you would enjoy. Are you ready for an out-of-town bus trip?

Barb Moldenhauer & Linda Denny
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Webmaster Committee

You will receive a link via email to our next meeting, the day prior to the meeting. Feel free to log in at 10:00 a.m. for social time with your fellow PROBUS members. Our meeting will start at 10:30 sharp.

Judy Carrick
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Management Team

Our goal is to provide Fellowship, Friendship and Fun for men and women in their retirement years. We are a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian fellowship group with over 4,000 clubs worldwide, 255 being Canadian clubs made up of over 38,000 members who are all about encouraging healthy minds and bodies and socializing with other retirees in the community.

You are welcome to join our energetic and enthusiastic Management Team. We are always looking for fresh ideas.

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Newsletter Committee

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.
Norman Vincent Peale