



PROBUS NEWS

Women's Probud Club of
Cambridge Riverside

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good day Ladies

It's spring!! Warm temperatures, longer daylight and less snow. All is hopefully going back to normal times. So, in saying that, the Management Committee has decided to go back to in-person meetings. It will be a treat to meet up with new and returning ladies. We will have much to discuss and chatter will be the on-going thing at the tables. As Barb Fiddler has mentioned in her article in this Newsletter, we will be meeting in-person for our May meeting. The April meeting will continue to be on Zoom since there are many decisions to be made before we meet at the Portuguese Club on Townline.

One decision already made is that we will still follow the mandate requiring proof of vaccination and the wearing of masks when you are walking around. For the first meeting, you will be met at the door by a few of our members and will have to show your proof of vaccination. Only those with proof will be allowed to attend the meeting. If you have forgotten your mask, there will be some provided by our Club. As Barb has stated, we are wanting to make you comfortable in this situation.

It will be a pleasure to see you at this meeting and to be able to greet each and every one of you at this time. We do believe that we have to be very careful with this reopening as there could be another outbreak and we would be locked down again. If only I had a crystal ball to tell the future.

But for now, the April meeting will be on Zoom. See you Wednesday, April 13th at 9:30. Till then, stay healthy and safe.



Yvonne Versh

New Inductee

Karen Baird



Karen is sponsored by Joanne MacKinnon. Karen is a retired teacher. She enjoys bridge, dancefit, hiking and travel. Karen was born and raised in St Catharines, Ontario. She graduated from the University of Toronto in 1963. She spent her entire teaching career at Galt Collegiate where she met her husband, Jim Baird. In 1978, Jim and Karen spent a year in Perth, Australia. She retired in 1998 and has enjoyed many years of travel.



Thinking of You Cards

Two Bereavement card was sent on behalf of the Probud Club. If you know of a Probud member in need of a card, please contact

Marg DeBrusk

MANAGEMENT TEAM 2021-2022

President	Yvonne Yersh
President Elect	Barb Fiddler
Past President	Alison Sanders
Treasurer	Suzanne Cline
Secretary	Aline Chan
Program	Lyn Pinnington/Jan Woynarski
Membership	Anne Cher
Travel	Lynda Berg
Facility	Patrice Wappler/Linda Stoltz
Newsletter	Germaine Graves
Special Events	Moraig Waite
Public Relations/Archives	Gloria Coppes
Member-at-Large	Barb Camilleri

Virtual Meeting is 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am

Next Meeting April 13th

Zoom

(meeting ID & passcode will be emailed the day

EXCITING NEWS!

After two years, the Women’s Probus Club of Cambridge Riverside is excited to announce that a date has been set to resume in-person meetings and special interest activities. On May 11 our General Meeting will be held at the Portuguese Hall where we can visit with returning and new members and enjoy a live presentation. At this time, for the comfort of our Members, all Members must show proof of vaccination upon entering the Portuguese Hall. As well, masks must be worn in all common areas unless sitting at your table. Each table will seat 6 ladies rather than our usual 8 members and sanitizer will be placed at each table. Water, coffee and tea will be available as usual.

In addition, we ask co-ordinators of each Special Interest Group to survey their members to determine that the vaccine and mask guidelines put forth by the Women’s Probus Club of Cambridge Riverside will be exercised and that they, as co-ordinators, are comfortable resuming activities beginning May 1.

The June 8th meeting has been set aside, not only as our AGM, but as our Celebration back to in-person meetings. More information about our Celebration will be available in the future. Stay tuned!

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Transition Committee: Lynda Berg, Barb Fiddler, Linda Stolz, Patrice Wappler, Yvonne Yersh.

UPDATE FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE THESE ARE THE CURRENT POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED FOR 2022-2023, AND THE CORRESPONDING NOMINEES:

President-Elect.....Stasia Macleod

Public Relations Co-ordinator..Ellen Nelson

Given that General Meetings will be conducted on May 11 and June 8 in person, the floor will be open at the May Meeting for any further nominations. A vote will be conducted at the June AGM meeting if there are any additional nominations. The 2022-2023 slate of officers will be installed at the AGM in June.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Marilyn Armstrong | Kriss Gandier | Marguerite Power |
| Judy Bayer | Luanne Hancey | Mary Poweska |
| Lynda Berg | Audrey Hoskins | Alison Sanders |
| Julia Boyd | Brenda Innanen | Margie Stasiuk |
| Mary Crawford | Sue Laurin | Marilyn Wells |
| Linda Dreher | Jean Leu | |
| Joyce Fraser | Kathryn Perry | |



Please send birthday corrections or omissions to Helen Baker. Notification only. Replies are not necessary.

March's Guest Speaker

Dr. Larry Martin



Larry Martin is a principal in Agri-Food Management Excellence Inc. (AME) a management training company and Dr. Larry Martin and Associates, a consulting operation. He is lead instructor for AME's CTEAM and Price Risk Management programs and provides coaching to managers of farms, agribusiness and food companies. He has worked with a wide array of companies and organizations in developing their strategic, operational, and/or risk management plans.

He is a Fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, was presented the Wilson Loree Award for Excellence in Farm Business Management, and the Ontario Agricultural College Alumni Award for Excellence in Research. He was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 for contributions to Canada, and was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2018.

Larry holds Bachelors, Masters, and PhD degrees in agricultural economics. He was Professor and Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business at the University of Guelph and CEO of the George Morris Centre, an independent national think tank on agricultural issues and policies. He has over 200 refereed and non-refereed research on economic issues in the agri-food sector, and has provided expert testimony in international trade, and other disputes.

Larry is or has been a director of Synergy Dairy, Ridley Canada, Lake Erie Farms, Taps Breweries Incorporated, Big Sky Farms, Belwood Poultry, Coldspring Farms and a member of advisory boards for the Macdonald-Laurier Institute, Agriculture and Biotechnology Division of the Saskatchewan Research Council, Burnbrae Farms, and the Simpson Centre at the University of Calgary. He is also a number of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Probian Reflections

DONNA CAMPBELL



We are delighted to present DONNA CAMPBELL to you as our Probian Profile member of the month.

Donna is a fairly new member and was inducted into our club in January of 2020.

She writes, "I'm impressed with the enthusiasm of the Probus group – to carry on with good spirits during all of this lockdown time. I like being part of a group that is committed to stimulating everyone's interest."

She was born and raised in King City, Ontario, just north of Toronto and has lived in Cambridge since 2004. She previously made her home in Australia, London (Ontario) and Ayr.

Donna has had a varied work experience – in Toronto she worked in the main legislative building in Queens Park; in Australia for ABC Television Network; in Paris Ontario, at a printing company; then for Farmers Mutual Insurance company in Ayr.

Donna has a son and daughter-in-law living in Kitchener who have an adorable 10-month old baby called Gus.

Tragically, Donna's 17 year-old daughter, Jaclyn, was killed in an accident in 2005.

Our wish for you and your family, Donna, is that you will be sustained by the many cherished memories of your beautiful daughter who was sadly taken much too soon.

Donna does some very intriguing volunteer work, and has recently become the Registrar for the Contemporary Cayce of Canada group.

By way of explanation, their focus is to present free programs as an opportunity for people to explore their spiritual growth, holistic health, and the mysteries of the world. These are based on the readings of Edgar Cayce, the 20th century psychic known as "the sleeping prophet" and "father of holistic medicine".

Donna is a member of the Galt Horticultural Society. She also likes to sign up for programs or author events at the Cambridge and Kitchener libraries, as well as with the Cambridge Third Age learning.

She also enjoys yoga and walking.

Of all her accomplishments, Donna is most proud of, when she was in her early twenties, having travelled on a shoe-string through South East Asia by herself, and having the wherewithal to keep safe and have fun while being intrepid.

In Memoriam

NADIA JARVIS. Nadia Jarvis passed away on February 14, 2022. She was born October 16th, 1930, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and eventually moved to Ontario. Nadia was a strong, independent, intelligent woman. She lived her life to the fullest and took pride in her family. There was no funeral, only burial in the spring. If you wish, a donation can be made to the local food bank, a charity she supported. Messages and condolences may be left at www.cremationalternatives.com Nadia was often a greeter at our Probus meetings. She would arrive early to Probus meetings and put out the table numbers – and she stayed back to help clear the tables. As a member of the special events committee, she would cut and serve cake, hand out door prizes or direct the lunch line. Nadia loved joining the lunch bunch for their lunches. A few years ago, Probus had a speaker who showed us how to preserve our memories in written form. Nadia immediately began working on her book, 'Letters to my Daughters'. The book was carried by a few local book stores. Our Club made a donation to her charity of choice.



ETHEL CRAIG. Ethel passed away on December 28, 2021 at the age of 72. She was born in Quebec and raised in Stoneham. She touched the lives of many and will be missed by the community. She enjoyed her bridge groups, her board games group, and her faith community. She 'zoomed' with a Probus coffee club. We enjoyed her attendance at the Breakfast Club and the Lunch Bunch. She received the gift of life with a single lung transplant in September 2013. It gave her eight extra years of life. A donation was made by our Probus Club to one of her charities.

PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS*

COMMITTEE	CONTACT	MEETING TIME
Book Club #1	Marg Johnstone	
Book Club #2	Helen Baker	Zoom
Bridge	Elizabeth Long	Zoom
Cards & Paper Arts	Aline Chan	Zoom
Euchre	Norma Johnston/Brenda Innanen	Zoom
Hiking Club	Cathy Coyle (Merrily Walker)	In-person following provincial guidelines
Purl's Craft Group	Dot MacMillan	Zoom
Quilting	Aline Chan	Zoom
Sharps & Flats	Marg DeBrusk	
Travel	Lynda Berg	Cancelled till further notice
Walking Club	Patricia Heffernan	In-person following provincial guidelines

Only current members of the Probus Club of Cambridge Riverside may participate in Interest Groups under the auspices of the club.

* These Interest Groups are currently meeting via Zoom or following provincial guidelines. Contact Committee Leader for more information.

Final Submissions for May's newsletter is April 20th 2022.