



# PROBUS NEWS

Women's Probud Club of  
Cambridge Riverside

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## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Hello Ladies

Well, we have said good-bye to 2021 and we are looking forward to a brighter future in 2022. Hopefully, this new year will bring us back to our normal activities that we enjoyed pre-Pandemic,

The Management Team has decided that our meetings will continue on Zoom as we have to follow the protocols set out by the Federal and Provincial governments. We are also thinking about your health and safety so the activities and interest groups sponsored by our Probud Club have been once again put on hold. Probud Canada has also advised us to do so.

I hope you have enjoyed your holiday season visiting with family and friends following COVID restrictions. As the year progresses, we are looking forward to many interesting speakers chosen by our Program Committee.

See you at the next meeting, Wednesday January 12th on Zoom. In the meantime, stay safe and think positive.



*Yvonne Yersh*



## MANAGEMENT TEAM 2021-2022

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

*Virtual Meeting  
is 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
of the month at  
9:30 am*

*Next Meeting*

*January 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Zoom*

*(meeting ID &  
passcode will be  
emailed the day  
before)*

# PROBIAN REFLECTIONS

## BARB CAMILLERI



Since April 2020 the Women's Probus Club of Cambridge Riverside has been challenged by many covid related issues as it continues to offer fellowship and opportunities to its members. As in many social groups or organizations, in-person meetings have been replaced by virtual tools, email blasts, website, phone communication and newsletters. This has resulted in ongoing changes to our policy and procedures. Fortunately, we have had the knowledge and commitment of Barb Camilleri, whose background in Human Resource and past experiences with the Club have been a grounding force to management and members alike. Barb is currently in the position of Member-at-Large on the Management Committee, but she has had to assist in several different roles over the past year and a half. Barb's attention to detail and her loyalty have encouraged positive change when needed. We thank you, Barb, for stepping up and helping to keep the club organized and moving forward.



# January's Guest Speaker

## Heather Kocsis

Heather Kocsis is a Canadian artist with an Honorary Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. She has been working solely as a visual artist since 1999. She is recognized internationally with her signature style of wooden architectural wall-sculptures, she has named: "wooden assemblages".

In 2001 Kocsis's first solo exhibition consisted of fourteen wood assemblages and yielded critical acclaim, with the purchase of the entire collection by a private art collector. The art collection remains on loan for the public to view at Kitchener City Hall. Since then, Heather has participated in over fifty solo and group exhibitions. Her work is a topic in the curriculum of the Philadelphia School for Creative and Performing Arts and other distinguished post-secondary institutions. She is the focus of two documentary series, "Making Art Toronto" and "The Willful Project". She is identified as an "Artist to Collect" in Arabella, an international art, architecture and design publication. Ms.Kocsis's work is displayed in collections around the world. She has gratefully received grants from the Canada Council of the Arts, The Ontario Arts Council and The Waterloo Region Arts Fund.

She is currently collaborating with artists in Russia, Iran, Mexico, Toronto and Kitchener, creating innovative performance videos with her sculptures. Her studio is based in Cambridge, ON, Canada.

[www.heatherkocsis.com](http://www.heatherkocsis.com)

Karen Barber

Barb Fiddler

Jutta Kunze

Patricia Brunel

Karen Fleming

Sharon Murphy

Jane Cipolla

Laura Graf

Lyn Pinnington

Gloria Coppes

Judy Himes

Barbara Post

Donna Dolotowicz

Nita Hunton

Janet Simms-Baldwin

Ellen Duggan

Julie Kinder

Bonnie Wheeler

Joan Fairley

Patricia Kittleson

# January's Birthdays

### Thinking of You Cards



Five "Thinking of You" cards and one "Bereavement" card was sent this month. If you know of a Probus member in need of a card, please contact

**Marg DeBrusk**

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





Dear Members,

Due to the current change in directives from the Ontario Government and Local Health Unit and the fluidity of the Omicron variant, the Management Committee of the Women’s Probus Club of Riverside Cambridge thinks it is prudent to curb all inside activities and interest groups at this time. It is our intention to continue our part in keeping our members healthy and safe. Therefore, we no longer support any in-person activities. We will continue to actively follow all government protocols and guidelines and plan to send out a survey in the new year to determine your level of comfortability for gathering in groups in the future.

Sincerely,

The Management Committee

## 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
Purls 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 member for more information.

Final Submissions for February’s newsletter is January 20<sup>th</sup> 2022.