

Management Reports, Year-End June 2022



PRESIDENT'S REPORT **Yvonne Yersh**

Another year of many changes and challenges. Since COVID-19 continued to present itself with different variants, we, as a club, had to continue meeting through Zoom. The Management Team had decided that our May meeting would be an in-person one at the Portuguese Club but unfortunately it was cancelled as there were too many cases being reported and we were looking to protect our membership.

During my two years as President, Probis has provided me with wonderful new friends and the opportunity to listen to great speakers. More than that, it has given me the opportunity to work with amazing people. Aline Chan, our Secretary and technical adviser, has made these Zoom meetings a reality and updates our website on a regular basis. She also keeps our members up to date with our decisions by sending out e-blasts and our monthly Newsletter. All the other members of the Management Team continue to work diligently to keep our club vibrant and as active as we are allowed. Barb Fiddler, our President Elect, Suzanne Cline, our Treasurer, Lyn Pinnington/Jan Woynarski, our Program Co-directors, Anne Cher, our Membership Chair, Germaine Glaves, our Newsletter Editor, Moraig Waite, our Special Events Chair - have all been working with their committee members in order to make our club a successful one even though we can not meet in-person. Lynda Berg, our Travel Chair, keeps in touch with Kelly Fields to continue organizing outings for when we will be permitted to do so. Patrice Wappler/Linda Stoltz, our Facility Co-Chairs, keep in touch with the Manager of the Portuguese Club. Gloria Coppes, our Public Relations/Archives Chair, is always at our meetings to assist in the planning. Barb Camilleri, our member-at-large, makes sure our club is following the Policies and Procedures.

A big thank you to all these ladies and their committees. They have guided me throughout these last two years with their many skills, dedication, energy, humour and most importantly their support, guidance and friendship.

Finally, it has been a privilege to lead this club these last two years. In spite of the challenges of COVID-19, I am grateful to have had this opportunity. Also, I am grateful for the trust the executive and the membership have shown in me. Thank you. Be safe. Be well. It is an experience I will take with me in my new endeavours, as I leave for my new home. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Respectfully submitted by:

President

Yvonne Yersh



PRESIDENT ELECT **Barbara Fiddler**

What a noteworthy year 2021-2022 has been! It has been filled with both paradox and stability, sprinkled with lots of discussion and adaptability. Fortunately, I have had the opportunity to be part of such a proficient Management Team and also on a few Committees. Each and every resourceful individual has been working carefully to enrich our Probis members during such an unpredictable year. Through my Probis Reflection articles, I wanted to highlight the Teams so that others could see how their abilities and willingness were the glue keeping our club connected, learning and moving forward safely. Thank you!

As guidelines began to change and Covid cases were decreasing, we thought it would be wise to organize a Transition team to look at some of the solutions and do the leg work to move us to in-person meetings. As part of this Transition Team, I am aware of the many ideas, research and hours that were put into accomplishing this goal only to have either new guidelines or variants spiking, augmenting our concerns for safety and peace of mind. Decisions were altered for both our General Meetings and Special Interest Activities. The support of the Program Committee whose role depended on attaining either zoom speakers or in-person speakers was paramount! Thank you for adjusting as needed and providing us with such great programs!

A sincere thank you to Yvonne Yersh, as President, for her unwavering commitment. Over the last two years, Yvonne has Chaired every meeting while encountering many new challenges and learning situations. Her dedication to the members of Probis Riverside has been significant and her decisions, when called upon, have been thoughtful and careful. May you enjoy your new adventure. All the best!

As we go into next year, my hope is that we can find flexible solutions to our new evolving and fluid reality so that we can get together in person without interruption. Until then, please stay healthy and well.

Respectfully submitted by:

President Elect

Barb Fiddler



Member-At-Large Barb Camilleri

This is the second year that I have taken this position, effectively to fill the role of Past President. Integral to the Past President role is chairing the Nominating Committee. In addition, arranging a “get-together” of all past Presidents.

I sincerely express my admiration for the Management Team as Covid continued to upset all plans, but they kept looking forward to better times!

Respectfully submitted,
Member-at-Large

Barb Camilleri



TREASURER Suzanne Cline

We have survived a second year of not meeting in person. Our Special Event and Program Committees have again done an amazing job making our Zoom meetings interesting and entertaining. The 2021-22 budget had allowed for in-person meetings as of January. Not meeting in-person has resulted in savings of \$4,000 rent in the current year financial results. Other various items have brought our income to a total of \$4,253 over budget.

The net result has a final bank balance of \$5,716. There are also three GICs for a total of \$24,282.

The management committee has decided that our fees will remain at \$75 for the coming 2022-23 year.

Respectfully submitted,
Treasurer

Suzanne Cline



SECRETARY Aline Chan

It has been quite a year! We survived a pandemic over two and a half years, and were quite adept meeting on Zoom. Thank you to our Program Committee who have kept us entertained with a variety of speaker and to our Special Events committee who have kept us entertained us - they outdid themselves during these unusual years. We had a committed management committee who were the spokes to our successful team work.

Besides the day-to-day secretarial duties, I handled the technicalities of Zoom meetings.

I also took it upon myself to connect with our guest speakers on Zoom to ensure equipment compatibility. Some speakers had cold feet while some were adept at using electronic means to convey their work.

I posted pictures and bio’s of new members on Zoom, for induction purposes.

We have had an average of 76 attend our Zoom virtual meetings, with an average of 120 viewing the YouTube recordings each month. The break-out rooms at the end of each meeting were interesting – some people spoke about our speakers; others spoke about life in general.

The Club’s website had many hits. Some new members found us in a search for a Probus Club. Some Probus Clubs asked if they could ‘case’ our website and copy information we have there.

We stopped meeting in-person in April 2020. The rest is history.

Respectfully submitted by:
Secretary

Aline Chan



MEMBERSHIP

Anne Cher

Chair: Anne Cher

Committee members:

- Judy Bayer – Name tags
- Jutta Kunze – Name tags
- Cathy Rose – Newsletters mailing
- Helen Baker – Membership Data Recorder

NO Management Report Year for June 2021 because of COVID pandemic lockdown.

Because of COVID pandemic, many of the PROBUS members attended the ZOOM Meetings.

There were 2 ladies inducted in 2020-2021.

There were 10 ladies inducted in 2021-2022.

During the 2021-2022 COVID pandemic, my role was:

- 1) Collect all printed copies of 2021-2022 Women's PROBUS Club of Cambridge renewal membership forms.
- 2) Membership Data Recorder was developed to record information on the Membership Lists, Hobbies and Interests lists.
- 3) There are 22 names on the Waiting List.
- 4) There were 10 ladies who were introduced and inducted into the memberships.
- 5) All new members submitted a picture and a short BIO to Aline. The pictures and short BIO's were presented at the Zoom meetings.
- 6) All new inducted members received the PROBUS pin and an information sheet by mail.

For the 2020-2021 year of the PROBUS Club of Cambridge Riverside, the total membership was increased to **210**.

There were 10 ladies who were 90 years or more.

There were 31 new members introduced and inducted into the PROBUS Club of Cambridge Riverside.

The membership fee was set at \$75 for returning members.

The membership fee for new members was \$100 = \$75 + \$25 (initiation fee).

The renewal membership form included "Methods of Payment which was by cheque or e-transfer".

Receipts are written for **payment upon request** from PROBUS members.

At the ZOOM Meetings, new members were introduced and inducted. New members submitted their pictures and a short bio to Aline, the Secretary.

Aline would record the pictures and short bio on the Zoom screen while Anne, the Membership Chair, would read the new member's information. Yvonne, the PRESIDENT would induct the new members.

Respectfully submitted by:

Membership Chair

Anne Cher



NEWSLETTER

Germaine Glaves

For the 2021-2022 year, we have gone back to 10 regular newsletters for the year (September to June) with meetings continuing on Zoom. Newsletters are sent out the last Friday of the previous month by Aline Chan (eblast). A few members receive their newsletters by mail if they have indicated this preference on their Probus Membership form. A copy of the newsletter is sent to Gloria Coppes who prints them and sends them in a self-addressed envelope provided by the member. I would like to thank Yvonne Yersh, Aline Chan, Barb Camilleri and Barb Fiddler for editing assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Newsletter Editor

Germaine Glaves



PROGRAM **Jan Woynarski and Lyn Pinnington**

Co-Chairs: Jan Woynarski and Lyn Pinnington

Committee Members: **Members:** Aline Chan, Cathy Everett, Patricia Kittelsen, Lyn Pinnington (co-chair), Annette Vaughan, Moraig Waite, Jan Woynarski (co-chair), President Yvonne Yersh and President-Elect Barb Fiddler.

Committee Membership: This year, we sincerely thanked Patricia Kittelsen who moved to Victoria at the end of April. In March, we were very pleased to welcome new member Donna Campbell and President-Elect nominee, Stasia MacLeod, to our committee.

2021-2022 Program: Once again, for the second year, all our meetings were on Zoom and we are very grateful to the wonderful speakers who were so accommodating to do “virtual” presentations.

May 2021: Speaker: Dr. Nicole Didyk on Aging Brain Health

June 2021: Program committee members Cathy Everett, Annette Vaughan and Jan Woynarski gave suggestions for summer reading.

September 2021: Speaker: CBC St. John’s Newfoundland radio host, Heather Barrett, on her book “The Mill Girls”.

October 2021: Speaker: Bev Brown of the “Port Perry Girls” on shared home ownership.

November 2021: Speaker: Natalina Campagnolo from Natalina’s Kitchen on Italian cooking.

December 2021: Christmas Program by Special Events

January 2022: Speaker: Cambridge artist, Heather Kocsis.

February 2022: Speaker: Detective Constable Joshua Rhab from the Waterloo Regional Police Service on protecting ourselves from fraud and cyber scammers.

March 2022: Speaker: Jackson Hudecki from the Royal Botanical Gardens. The Probian Profile was Donna Campbell.

April 2022: Speaker: Dr. Larry Martin on Climate Change and its impact on Agriculture and Food Production.

Respectfully submitted by:
Program Committee Co- Chairs

Jan Woynarski & Lyn Pinnington



FACILITIES **Patrice Wappler & Linda Stoltz**

Co-Chairs: Patrice Wappler & Linda Stoltz

We have maintained contact with the Portuguese Club over the past year.

We have been on hold for the last two years due to covid restrictions. We are looking forward to meeting in person in September 2022.

Respectfully submitted by
Facility Chair

Patrice Wappler & Linda Stoltz



TRAVEL **Lynda Berg**

Chair - Lynda Berg

Committee Members: Laura Davis Cook
 Deb Swift
 Jan Sparrow
 Pat Brunel

- All trips were cancelled due to the pandemic.
- A trip to the McMichael Gallery in Kleinberg to view the paintings of the Group of Seven was planned for March 30, 2021. Because of the Covid lockdown, it was cancelled. A second trip planned for October to Kleinberg, is still going ahead.
- We are excitedly awaiting our trip to Niagara in November 2022.

Respectfully submitted by:
Travel Chair

Lynda Berg



SPECIAL EVENTS Moraig Waite

Chair: Moraig Waite

Committee Members: Peggy Rutherford
Gloria Coppes
Sandra Shantz
Sally Deleonardis
Barb Fiddler
Cathy Coyle

It was unfortunate that, due to on-going covid restrictions, we were unable to meet in person for a June 2022 luncheon.

DECEMBER 8, 2021 CHRISTMAS PARTY – ZOOM-STYLE:

Despite being again unable to meet in person, but due to the innovative ideas from a very cohesive S.E. committee, we were able to have a very successful Zoom Christmas party. We were gratified to receive many positive comments for our efforts.

Our entertainer, Magician Chris Pilsworth, was able to amaze us with his Zoom-style magic, and the Sharps and Flats, who met at my home, entertained us with a variety of Christmas carols. They also assisted in musically helping our guest, “Herself the Elf” draw the 12 names for our gift cards purchased from local businesses. Members were very appreciative to receive the gift cards. I suspect that the Christmas one-liners were also quite well-received – quite a challenge to tell jokes to dead air!!

Respectfully submitted by:
Special Events Chair

Moraig Waite



PUBLIC RELATIONS Gloria Coppes

No live pictures were taken this year because we were on Zoom for the whole year.

Some photos from prior year’s meetings and events were used in the PROBIAN PROFILE segment of the Newsletter and one obituary. Barb Fiddler wrote the prose and I scanned and sent her the pictures to support it.

We will be back at the Portuguese Club soon and I will be taking pictures of your happy faces...

Keep smiling!

CHEER

Marg DeBrusk made several phone calls on behalf of the club. She continued to send out cards to members and / or their families who experienced unhappy occurrences during the year. She also sent the following cards:

16 Thinking of You

10 Sympathy

2 Get Well

TOTAL: 28 cards

Respectfully submitted by:
Public Relations Chair

Gloria Coppes

