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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good Day Ladies,

On Friday July 31 some members of our Management Committee joined other Probud Clubs on Zoom to meet with Martin Capper our District Director, to share and discuss our plans for the year 2020-2021.

This is a difficult time as we have never had to deal with these issues. For our Club, our Management Committee has decided to hold our September General Meeting on Zoom. The general meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 9th at 9:30 am**. Our special speaker will be Patrick Gaskin CEO at the Cambridge Memorial Hospital. The topic will be "A Conversation with Patrick Gaskin". There will be 15 minutes after the conversation for questions.

Prior to this meeting, an email will be sent to initiate members in the setting up of this site. Following that a trial meeting will be held on Zoom on **Thursday, September 3rd at 9:30 am**. For those new to the format, assistance will be given as required. See notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

A sincere thank you to all who have renewed their membership. The Management Committee is looking forward to reconnecting with members through Zoom. Also some activities can start again through Zoom or other on-line sites (i.e., bridge, euchre, cribbage, book clubs) . Golf and the Walking Club can also continue.

We are trying to follow our motto which is "Stay Connected:" as much as possible. Keep calling those that you feel need a little pick me up. Stay safe, stay healthy.



Yvonne Yersh



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our regularly scheduled Probud meetings for September, October, November and December have been cancelled. However, in keeping with the social distancing mandate, Zoom meetings are a viable alternative. The meeting will follow the format of a regular meeting as close as possible, including guest speakers. A recording will be available on Youtube for two weeks afterward for members that were unable to view the original. Our regularly scheduled meeting will be held **September 9th at 9:30 am**. Meeting number and password will be sent via email prior to the meeting. **A practice session will be held September 3rd at 9:30 am.** If you need assistance, or are unsure how to access Zoom, please contact **Aline Chan**.

SEPTEMBER'S GUEST SPEAKER

Patrick Gaskin

Patrick Gaskin is the president and chief executive officer of Cambridge Memorial Hospital (CMH). Patrick is an experienced health care executive with a career that spans more than 30 years as a healthcare executive, consultant and planner. After completing his Masters of Health Administration, he started as a nascent executive at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto that led him to varied roles at teaching and community hospitals across Canada.

Along the way, he completed a Fellowship with the Canadian Services Research Foundation. His research focused on engaging hospital leaders to improve performance measurement and management. His expertise is in demand as he has been asked to support organizations under provincial supervision five times, working with senior leadership to help improve their hospital's performance.

At mid-career, Patrick and his family moved to Waterloo Region, where he worked at Grand River Hospital in a number of executive capacities, including vice-president and regional vice-president for Cancer Services and acting president and CEO.

After nearly two years as an integrated vice-president for London Health Sciences and St. Joseph's Health Care-London, Patrick joined CMH in 2009 to help transition it from provincial supervision. He was appointed president & CEO of the hospital in 2010.

Patrick is married to Fiona and they have 3 children.

THANK YOU

Barb Camilleri has purchased a thank-you gift for Alison Sanders on behalf of the members, for her term of presidency in 2019-2020—a more public presentation is not possible during the pandemic. It will be presented to her on the morning of Friday, August 7 at her condo.

TRAVEL UPDATE

All Probian trips are cancelled until further notice.



The Club will be sending out a survey on **Survey Monkey** to see how many can use the Zoom meeting room platform.



Happy Belated Birthday
to all our members who celebrated birth-
days
during the pandemic

