



PROBUS NEWS

Women's Probus Club of Cambridge Riverside

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

Next Meeting

January 13

Zoom

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Ladies **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

All members of the Management Committee wish a happy, healthy 2021 to you and yours. The year 2020 has been a very difficult one, one we are happy to see ending and hope that this year will bring many positive changes to our lives, starting with the introduction of a vaccine.

Our Christmas meeting was a huge success as 99 ladies participated in our Zoom meeting. Many other ladies viewed the recording of our meeting later on video at their leisure time. Our entertainer, Michael Kelly Cavan, was delightful and got us in the holiday mood with his rendition of many familiar Christmas carols. Many thanks to Moraig Waite and her Committee members for organizing this event and for the 4 beautiful baskets that were raffled at the meeting. Congratulations to the winners. Enjoy.

Barb Camilleri is happy to announce the names of the ladies who are celebrating a birthday the month of our meeting, but she does need your help. Please email her your name and birthday month so we can acknowledge you.

Our membership list has been finalized and has been sent to you by email. Thanks to Anne Cher and Aline Chan for working on this onerous task. At our January meeting we will be inducting all our new members. We ask that these inductees send a picture to Anne and then we can display it at our meeting as we call your name.

Many thanks to Barb Fiddler for organizing our team members into groups, according to our membership list, so that we could make phone calls to all the ladies. We had many conversations about how our members are coping during this pandemic and discussing their plans for the holiday season. We intend to call again in the near future —end of January or beginning of February.

The Program Committee has decided to include a five minute "Wellness and Being Well" segment at each meeting to help keep people positive at home. So keep tuning in.

Hopefully, we will meet again in person, soon. We will be working on our budget for 2021-2022 in February and will keep you informed of our decisions.

Take care. Stay safe. Stay healthy and see you on January 13th.

Yvonne Yersh

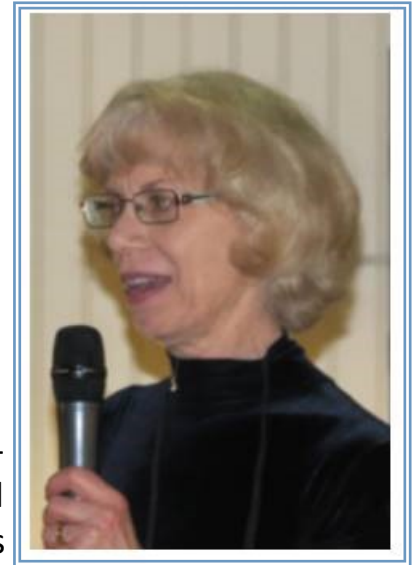


JANUARY'S GUEST SPEAKER

NANCY SILCOX

Nancy Silcox taught with the Waterloo District School Board for twenty years before becoming a counsellor/consultant at WLU. She started her writing career with the Waterloo Region Record, writing a column on schools for ten years. She also contributes to Grand Magazine, MOST, Arabella Design, Canada's History, Canadian Antiques and Vintage.

She is the author of fifteen books, primarily historical biography and art. She has written about Dr. Vera Good, TVO's first producer of Children's programming and first female school inspector in Ontario, writer Edna Staebler, midwife Elsie Cressman and histories of Elmira, Waterloo-Oxford and St. Mary's/St. Jerome's secondary schools.



She will be speaking to us about Paul Frey, a Waterloo Region Old Order Mennonite farm boy who followed a dream to become a world famous opera singer.

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

The day before our meeting, you will be sent the Zoom info to log into the meeting room.

You will be given the direct link which you click and you will enter the room directly. You will also be given the Zoom ID and Passcode.

If you click the link and cannot enter directly, you will go to Zoom on your web server and type in:
<https://zoom.us/>

You will join a meeting. You will key in the Zoom ID.

You will be asked to key in the Passcode.

This should bring you into the meeting room.

If you still need to practice on Zoom the day before our meeting, email Aline Chan or Lynda Berg.

You will be muted when the meeting starts. Only unmute yourself when you need to speak. We cannot unmute you. The sound is better when everyone is muted.

You can use the Zoom chat to send us a message.

Aline



PROBIAN REFLECTIONS



Throughout the years The Riverside Probians have been fortunate to be serenaded by The Sharps and Flats under the direction and accompaniment of Marg DeBrusk. The thirteen-member choir commemorates our birthdays every month and also leads us in the singing of "Oh Canada". Their spirit and fun can be seen during our Festive occasions such as Christmas or St. Patrick's Day. Marg indicated that the ladies have been invited to sing in the community at such venues as the Hospital and are willing to sing at Probus meetings or in the Community when called upon. We look forward to being entertained in the future by our Probian Choristers, The Sharps and Flats.

Thinking of You Cards

Six Probians received get well cards or cards of condolences.

If you know of a Probus member in need of a card, please contact **Marg DeBrusk**



NEW INDUCTEES

Susan Bolton Hull

Janet Eberhardt

Yvonne Richardson

SPECIAL EVENTS CHRISTMAS BASKET



#1 "Girls Just Want to Have Wine" Congratulations Jane Cipolla.

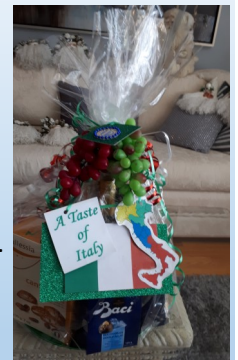


#2 "Girls Just Want to Have More Wine". Congratulations Kathryn Perry.



#3 "All Things Lavender". Congratulations Margot McCurry.

#4 "A Taste of Italy". Congratulations Joyce Hall.





THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Barbara Fiddler, Mary Jo Murray, Gloria Coppes, Nita Hunton, Jane Cipolla, Joan Fairley, Judy Himes, Lyn Pinnington, Barbara Post, Julie Kinder, Patricia Kittleson, Jutta Kunze, Karen Barber, Muriel Bell, Pat Brunel, Donna Dolotowicz, Ellen Duggan, Karen Fleming, Janet Simms-Baldwin and Bonnie Wheeler.

PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS*

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

COMMITTEE

CONTACT

Book Club #1	Marg Johnstone
Book Club #2	Helen Baker
Bridge	Elizabeth Long
Euchre	Norma Johnston/Brenda Innanen
Sharps & Flats	Marg DeBrusk
Walking Club	Merrily Walker
Purls Craft Group	Dot MacMillan
Quilting	Aline Chan
Cards & Paper Arts	Aline Chan

* These Interest Groups are currently still meeting via e-mail, Zoom or social distancing. This list may change as of December 26, 2020. Contact Committee member for more information.

Final Submissions for February's newsletter is January 20th 2020.

* Women's' Probus Newsletters are posted on Aline Chan's website <https://www.alininspirations.com/probus-cambridge-riverside.html>