



Women's Probus Club of Cambridge

General Meeting

March 21, 2025, 9:30 am

Portuguese Club, 870 Townline Rd. Cambridge



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

SPEAKER FOR OUR MARCH 21st MEETING

NATIONAL SERVICE DOGS:



Lynne Davidson: Fund Development Specialist

Lynne has over 15 years of experience in the non-profit sector in various roles including, volunteer management, public and community relations, grant writing, special events fundraising and as a Deafblind Intervenor. Outside of work, Lynne enjoys live music, movies, travel and loves spending time with family and close friends. Lynne is a rookie dog enthusiast and the only member of the NSD that has never had a dog but is happy being an Aunt to the many beautiful dogs that she is lucky to be surrounded by every day. Lynne

looks forward to a long career at NSD and to working closely with members of the community, and the amazing team of staff and volunteers to make an impact on the lives of our clients.



INTEREST GROUPS:

Euchre: 1st Wednesday each month. Call Gaenor Williams, 905 802-0494 if interested.

Culture Club: Call Carol Harvey, 519 619-9512; harveyce@bell.net March 25th we will be heading to The Royal Botanical Gardens to view Alice in Bloomland tour, other displays and lunch. Cost: Adult = \$24.04
Seniors 65+= \$20.65. Arrival window 10:00 – 10:30 am.

Book Club #1: Book Club – meets on the second Friday of each month at the Galt Country Club at 10:30 for book discussions and sharing of recent “reads”. Phone Marilyn (519 653 9743).

Book Club #2 – meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Leslie Bansen’s house: if interested call Carol Bonnett; 519 573-9076; cduffieldbonnett@rogers.com

Luncheon Ladies: Ladies luncheon: March 28, Arabesque Lebanese/Middle Eastern 869 Victoria St Kitchener @ 12 noon please contact Paulette Bissonnette 519 651-1772 or pauletteplb2020@gmail.com:

POSH: gather first Saturday of the Month (food and drinks in tow) at rotating homes: if interested please contact Heather Cooper: 519 404-4432: hjcooper@hotmail.com

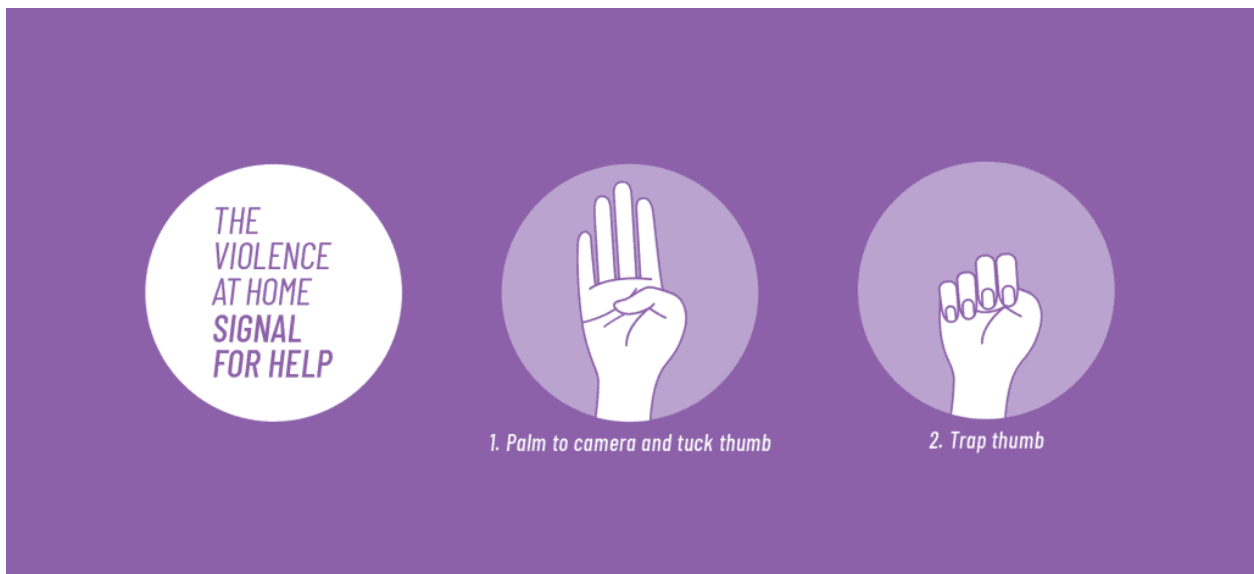
Teck Booster Club: Meet 1st Tuesday of each month for a 2 hour Zoom meeting from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Upcoming Topics include but are not limited to:
April 1st is digital photographs from phones and tablets, with a focus on Google Photos.
May 6th: TBA. June 3rd TBA.
Bring along all the technology questions you have but have been afraid to ask.
Email Kay Crawford at advisorday@gmail.com if you'd like to join us.

INTEREST GROUP SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE ON THE ENTRY TABLES



FYI: as a followup from our Speaker Lillie Proksch from the Women's Crisis Services. A good tool to teach our family.

The "help hand sign," also known as the "Signal for Help," originated in Canada and was created by the Canadian Women's Foundation in April 2020, as a response to the rise in domestic violence cases during the COVID-19 pandemic; it was designed to be a discreet way for people to signal they need help during video calls or in person when they might be unable to speak freely





Pictures of our Ladies Luncheon, February 28th:



Picture of new members receiving their pins in January, 2025



From L to R: Carol Bonnett, Yafa Aburaneh, Terry Anne Howard, Sharon Bird, Marilyn, Linda



HISTORY OF IRELAND

According to various sources the name of Ireland comes from Old Irish Ériu, a goddess in Irish mythology, first recorded in the ninth century.

Ireland is the second-largest island of the British Isles, the third-largest in Europe, and the twentieth-largest in the world. Geopolitically, the island is divided between the Republic of Ireland (officially named Ireland), and Northern Ireland, which is part of the United Kingdom.

Gaelic Ireland had emerged by the 1st century AD. The island was Christianised from the 5th century onwards. In the late 8th to early 11th century AD, Viking raids and settlement took place culminating in the Battle of Clontarf in 1014 ending Viking power in Ireland. Following the 12th-century Anglo-Norman invasion, England claimed sovereignty but English rule did not extend over the whole island until the 16th–17th century Tudor conquest.

Later with the Acts of Union in 1801, Ireland became a part of the United Kingdom. As a result of the Great Potato Famine (1845 - 1849) the population of Ireland was cut in half from both death and emigration.

A war of independence in the early 20th century was followed by the partition of the island, leading to the creation of the Irish Free State, until it declared a republic in 1948 and Northern Ireland, which remained a part of the United Kingdom.

Ireland is known for its landscapes, music, history, and mythology. Irish culture has had a significant influence on other cultures, especially in the field of literature. Alongside mainstream Western culture, a strong indigenous culture exists, as expressed through Gaelic games, Irish music, Irish language, and Irish dance. The flag colours of the Republic of Ireland are green, white and orange. Ireland is also renowned for its wealth of folklore, from tales of tiny leprechauns with hidden pots of gold to that of the patron Saint Patrick who in legend was believed to have rid the island of snakes. The three-leaved shamrock which he reputedly used as symbol for the Christian Trinity has become a symbol of Ireland.



Submitted by Marion Bale

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEW MEMBER TEA



DATE: April 10, 2025: 10:00am

WHERE: Seasons Retirement Home
15 Fraser St., Cambridge

Coffee, Tea, Water and of course our homemade bake goods supplied by Marilyn and Cathy.

Invitations will be sent out shortly.

Hope to see all our new members there, a good chance to meet and greet our Management Team and other members like yourself.



!PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR OUR JUNE EVENT!

It is looking like a fun morning, I think you all will enjoy.

We will be having a family style lunch and of course the bar will be open at 11:30am.

Tickets will be available at our April and May meetings at the cost of \$40.00. (of course you can pay Anne Groulx at our March Meeting , she will save a ticket for you).

Hope you plan on attending and please bring a friend to help celebrate the beginning of Summer!

“The More the Merrier”



March 1st was the CFUW's Breakfast, held at the Cambridge Golf and Country Club, to celebrate Women's Day and fund raise for the Scholarship Fund which help Women in our area with their Acedemic advancement. It was a very sucessful morning and enjoyed by many including Probus members many of whom were the organizers of the CFUW Event.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members who will be celebrating their day during the month of **MARCH**:

Kay Crawford
Sandie Halyk
Leona Roe
Elaine Seeley


Audrey Gillespie
Mary Mitchinson
Diana Schell
Sandra VanPatter



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Here we are in March already, it has been a real Canadian Winter this year, with more snow in our area (186.0cm) that has been seen for a few years, actually since 2008 (289.2cm). If you are like me, I loved it, but wish I still had my “Snowsuit” so I could go out and play???? Or at least do “Snow Angels”.

March 9, Daylight saving time, when we turned our clocks ahead and lost an hours sleep!

March 17, St. Patrick Day, where even the non-Irish celebrate


March 20th, at 5:01 am, what were are all waiting for 1st Day of SPRING!!!!!!!

I hope you all attend the March Meeting and enjoy the comraderies made with our other Probian.

BE A FRIEND BRING A FRIEND

