



**Women's Probus Club of Cambridge
General Meeting
November 21, 2025, 9:30 am
Portuguese Club, 870 Townline Rd,
Cambridge**



**SPEAKER FOR OUR NOVEMBER MEETING
BARBARA DICKSON
HISTORIAN / AUTHOR / SPEAKER**

Most Canadians are unaware over 800,000 Canadians, mostly women, worked on the home front to satisfy the need for munitions and other materiel during World War II. Scarborough, Ajax, Brownsburg, Valleyfield and many other towns across Canada hosted these workers during this turning point of our history. Barbara Dickson's book, *Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo* describing one such plant in Scarborough, Ontario has remained in print since 2015. Her follow-on book, *Courage and Grit: The Legacy of Canada's Bomb Girls*, scheduled for an October 2026 release, chronicles almost 100 Bomb Girls' personal stories that helped save and reshape our nation.

In her presentation, Barbara delivers a dramatic and detailed review of their incredible contribution so long ago. What was it really like to work in a munitions factory? Did anyone die? What were working conditions like? How closely did bomb girls resemble "Rosie the Riveter?" Barbara draws from over 25 years of archival research and personal interviews to answer such questions.

About Barbara

Barbara Dickson is a sought-after award-winning best-selling author, historian, public speaker, and documentary film producer who has entertained and educated audiences for over 25 years.

Vision

Through her new Bomb Girls Legacy Foundation, Barbara strives to educate Canadians about the phenomenal work carried out by women across the nation whose invaluable contribution helped win the Second World War. The foundation wants to establish a museum, erect plaques, teach schoolchildren and build a national monument in Ottawa all to commemorate Canada's bomb girls.

Milestones

- Release of Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo, Dundurn Press (2015);
- Finalist of Ontario Legislature's Book Award (2016);
- Release of "Bomb Girls: A Documentary," Bell Media (2017), short-listed for the Annie Potts award at the prestigious Imperial War Museum's Film Festival (2018);
- Two Scarborough streets commemorating GECO and Canada's bomb girls named (2020);
- Founder and Chair of Bomb Girls Legacy Foundation (2023);
- Featured as World War II expert in Season 3 of TV show, "Secret Nazi Bases" (2024);
- Plaques erected in Scarborough and Brownsburg, Quebec (2025);
- New Book: Courage and Grit: The Legacy of Canada's Bomb Girls Dundurn Press (October 2026)



GREETERS FOR OUR NOVEMBER
MEETING

Mary Eby
Sharon Bird



Thank you to all that donated to the food bank at our
October meeting, greatly appreciated by Food Bank

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

BOOK CLUB #1:

If you would like to join us on November 5th at 10:30 at the Country Club please call Marilyn at 519 653 9743.

BOOK CLUB #2: meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at rotating homes. Contact: Carol Bonnett 519 573-9076;
cduffieldbonnett@rogers.co

CULTURE CLUB: contact: Carol Harvey, 519 619512; harveyce@bell.net
Below are the pictures from the Fredrick Art Walk, October 18





POSH: group of Ladies enjoying food, drink and conversation together on the 1st Saturday of the month, 5 – 9 pm at rotating homes: If interested to go on the list please contact Heather Cooper, 519 404-4432; hjcooper@hotmail.com

TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB: meets on Zoom 1st Tuesday of each month, 1:00 pm: contact Kay Crawford, 519 616-8704; advisorkay@gmail.com for information.

LUNCHEON LADIES: Monthly ladies luncheons @ 12 noon, 4th Friday of each month. November, Montana's BBQ 40 Pinebush Rd Hespeler Rd @ 12 noon.
Sign-up sheets will be on the table at our November Meeting: or If interested please contact Paulette Bissonnette 519 651-1772 or pauletteplb2020@gmail.com.



Above pictures, Ladies Luncheon October 24th at Moose Winooski's



INTEREST GROUPS: Let's Play **Mah Jongg!**

The results are in from our table-talk survey, and we have our first new interest group! Thanks to Loretta Alonzo, we now have a Mah Jongg group, and she has graciously volunteered to be the leader.

The group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month to learn how to play. Join them for their first meeting in December.

Details:

When: Tuesday, December 9, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: The Social Room, 180 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge

Want to join the fun? Contact Loretta directly to sign up:

Phone: 519-623-0575

Email: lalonzo.999@gmail.com

Keep an eye out for more groups forming soon!

New Member Pinned in October!



L to R: Marilyn, Barb Roberts, Connie.

Welcome, Barb to our Club

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members who will be celebrating their day during the month of November

**Loretta Alonzo
Nancy Dickson
Alina Homen
Pam Lake
Donna Rossi**

**Irene Anderson
Mary Eby
Rose Jiricka
Marcia Renner
Rita Westbrook**



PLEASE MAKE NOTE:



REMINDER TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS
EVENT TICKETS NOW!!!!
THEY WILL BE FOR SALE AT OUR
NOVEMBER MEETING!!!

YOU CAN BRING CASH, CHEQUE OR YOU
CAN E-TRANSFER \$45.00 TO ANNE GROULX
AT agroulx519@sympatico.ca

GOOD TIME TO TREAT A FRIEND FOR A
LOVELY DAY OF ENTERTAINMENT AND
FOOD.

**THE MORE THE MERRIER, HOPE YOU CAN JOIN IN THE
FUN!!**



**If able, bring an unwrapped toy to our
Christmas Meeting for our local toy drive.
Keep in mind the older Kids 13-16 are also in
need.
Thank you!**



Recipe of
the
month

Shortbread Meltaways submitted by Cathy Button

1 cup butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup icing sugar
2 tsp vanilla
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup cornstarch
3/4 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1 cup SKOR toffee bits

Pre-heat oven to 350F.

Line cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Beat butter, icing sugar and vanilla until creamy.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, cornstarch, baking powder and salt. Stir half this mixture into butter mixture.

Stir in toffee bits, then remaining flour mixture.

Roll heaping tablespoons full of dough into balls. (alternatively, use a small cookie scoop if you have it).

Place on prepared cookie sheets, spacing about 2" apart. Bake in pre-heated oven for 15 minutes, or until lightly golden. Let cool on pan for 5 minutes.

If desired, dust with a little icing sugar.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone has been keeping well since our last meeting.

As we approach Remembrance Day on November 11th, let's honour our veterans by wearing a poppy at our next Members' Meeting.

Autumn's beauty gave way to our first snowfall last Sunday—a reminder that winter is near! Stay warm and safe as we embrace the season's charm. The Christmas spirit is already in the air, and so are the festive markets! Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday, November 21st.

Warm wishes,
Connie (519-277-1738)

Make Note: if you are aware of a fellow Probian who is in need of a card for illness, sympathy or 'thinking of you', please contact:

***Kay Mattear
519 623-3241***

BE A FRIEND BRING A FRIEND