



Women's Probus Club of Cambridge

Holiday Edition – December 2025



Next Meeting

December 19, 2025

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am

Portuguese Club
870 Townline Rd
Cambridge, ON
N1T 2G3

Festive Luncheon Event

Please Remember:



Last Chance for
Festive Luncheon Tickets:
December 12th

Please contact Anne Groulx
Agroulx519@sympatico.ca
519.740.2084
for ticket and payment.

Anyone wishing to donate to the
Salvation Army's "Toy
Mountain", your generosity of
an unwrapped toy or gift
certificate for older children is
most appreciated.

December Greeters:

Norma Dobson
Liz Jeans



Welcome New Members: November 2025



Jane Malczewski, Jeanette MacKenzie, Kate Berg, Lillian Goodenough, Marcia Renner, Bonnie Jensen, Nancy McHugh, Kelley Guizzo and Alice Schweizer.

Committee Updates

Note: You will find contact details on the last page of the Newsletter.

Book Club #1: For December each member is to read a favourite Classic and share the synopsis and their recommendations with the group.

Book Club #2: December's book is *Light a Penny Candle* by Maeve Binchy.

Culture Club: Wonderful plans to visit Dundurn Castle in Hamilton, morphed into an equally wonderful coffee club with great conversations at Monigram's. Ask one of the members for more details about the change in venues!



Hiking Club: This newly formed club is looking for help in planning and organizing the hikes. If you are interested in assisting, please reach out to Angela Dietrich.

December Birthdays:

Yafa Aburaneh
Deborah Bannerman
Kate Berg
Carol Bonnett
Jeanette Chippindale
Susann Garlick
Melissa Halvorsen
Gayle Houle
Shelia Johnston
Loretto O'Brien
Jennifer Taylor



Luncheon Ladies: December 12, 2025.

This month's lunch and chatfest will be held at The Four Fathers. There will be a gift exchange for those attending. Bring a gift you have received or something you have purchased and have not used. Please bring it wrapped so it can be "gifted" to someone else.

Last month (November 28) a good time was had by all at Montana's! Yeeha!



Mah Jongg: For January the group will meet on Tuesday January 20, 2026 from 1:30 to 3:30 with Liz Jeans acting as the mentor. In February, the club will revert back to the 2nd Tuesday on the month, February 10, 2026.

New Members: Thank you for all the friends and guests you brought to our November meetings – a total of 12 new potential members. The energy in the room was electric. Please remember to advise Marilyn Parkinson-Crump in advance so name tags can be prepared and ready for their arrival and welcome.

Technology Booster Club: There are a few spots remaining for the January to March 2026, session. Please reach out to Kay. Also if you have not signed your photo release form, please see Kay at the registration table in December to do so.

Last Month's Speaker

Barbara Dickson, author of **Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo** lead us through a dramatic and detailed review of the contributions of women in one such munition plant in Scarborough, Ontario. It was an eye-opening and emotional account for members as many learned for the first time about the heroic contribution of so many women who truly are unsung heroes. Their contributions and the horrific impacts of working with dangerous chemicals with little or no safety precautions are stories that need to be elevated to honour them and how they helped save and reshape our nation.



Connie's Comments (President's Update)



As we are nearing the end of another wonderful year, December reminds us of the joy this season brings through friendship, celebration, and reflection.

The holidays are a time to cherish traditions, create new memories, and treasure the bonds we share with family and friends.

May this festive season fill your hearts with happiness, peace, laughter, and gratitude, and may the coming year bring renewed energy and inspiration to all our endeavours.

In whichever way you choose to celebrate this wonderful season, wishing everyone a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON, a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, and a HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We look forward to celebrating together at our Festive Luncheon on Friday, December 19 th! Thank you in advance to anyone contributing to the Salvation Army's "Toy Mountain" – your generosity helps spread the spirit of the season to those in need.

Best wishes, Connie

December Recipe Must Try - Lindor Brownie Cupcake

12 Milk Chocolate Lindor Truffles
½ cups Butter
1 cup White Sugar
2 Eggs
1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
½ cups All-purpose Flour
½ cups Unsweetened Cocoa Powder
¼ teaspoons Salt
¼ teaspoons Baking Powder



Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 F Line 12 cupcake holders

Unwrap Lindor truffles and drop one into the center of each liner.

1. In a large saucepan over medium low heat, melt 1/2-cup butter. Remove from heat and stir in sugar, eggs, and vanilla.
2. Beat in the flour, cocoa powder, salt and baking powder.
3. Pour batter over each Lindor truffle, filling the cupcake liners almost 3/4 of the way up.
4. Bake in preheated oven for approximately 12-15 minutes

Do not overcook. They should be a little gooey. Remove from oven, set pan on a rack and let them cool

Chocolate Buttercream

½ cup butter, softened
1 cup icing sugar mixture, sifted
¼ cup cocoa, sifted – 1/3 cup cocoa for darker
1/2 tsp milk
Add the icing sugar, cocoa and milk and beat until fluffy.

Please share your comment on this recipe and forward your Must-Try to Linda.

Samples are always welcomed! v.linda.rodrigues88@gmail.com



Committee Connections

Increase your fun by joining!

Learn more by reaching out to the welcoming Convenor

Committee	Where	When	Convenor
BOOK CLUB #1	Galt Country Club 750 Coronation Blvd Cambridge	First Monday of the Month at 10:30 am	Marilyn Parkinson-Crump 519 653-9743
BOOK CLUB #2	Rotating Homes	Third Wednesday of each month	Carol Bonnett 519 573-9076 cduffieldbonnett@rogers.co
CULTURE CLUB <i>Expanding our awareness</i>	Varies based on venue	Varies based on venue	Carol Harvey 519 619-9512 harveyce@bell.net
CRAFTING CLUB	Under Development – Stay tuned!		
EUCHRE	180 Grand Avenue S. Cambridge	First Wednesday each month	Gaenor Williams 905 802-0494
HIKING CLUB	Various Locations in the region	TBD	Angela Dietrich angelad@tutamail.com
LUNCHEON LADIES	Variety of venues	Fourth Friday of each month, 12 noon	Paulette Bissonnette 519 651-1772 pauletteplb2020@gmail.com or sign-up at monthly meetings
MAH JONGG	180 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge	Second Tuesday of the month, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Loretta Alonzo 519-623-0575 lalonzo.999@gmail.com
POSH <i>enjoying food, drink and conversation</i>	Rotating homes	First Saturday of the month, 5 – 9 pm	Heather Cooper 519 404- 4432 hicooper@hotmail.com
TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB <i>Learn how to maximize your tech</i>	On-Line – Zoom	First Tuesday of each month, 1:00 pm	Kay Crawford, 519 616-8704 advisorkay@gmail.com