Women's Probus Club of Cambridge

October 2026– Blessing and Gratitude

Next Meeting

Friday October 16, 2026

Portuguese Club
870 Townline Rd
Cambridge, ON
N1T 2G3

Women's Probus Club Of Cambridge **Website** (Crtl +click)

https://womensprobusclubofcambridge.ca/

Please Remember:

Should you be aware of a fellow Probrian who may welcome a gentle connection, whether through a card of support for illness, sympathy, a hospital visit or simply a "thinking of you", please contact Kay Mattear (519 623-3241)

October Greeters:

Kay Crawford

Carol Bonnett

Welcome to our Newest Probus Members:
Donna Fowler, Nancy Sinclair and Edwina Hourahine, with outgoing President Connie.

September is the start of many things, including the handover of the President's role and the enrollment of the new Board. We extend gratitude to **Connie Titizian** for all the guidance, support and energy she gave to the club as our President. We are blessed that **Cathy Button** will be assuming the President role for the next year. Let the good times roll!

Cathy and Connie showing off their President Pins!

October Days of Acknowledgement

October 1- 31

- Canadian Islamic History Month
- Women's History Month

October 4

- National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

October 10

- World Mental Health Day

Connie thanked the executive team and the leaders of all the clubs for their support and a job well done. She presented each of these members with red roses.

September 18th Guest Speakers

- **Patrick Gaskin President and Chief Executive Officer Cambridge Memorial Hospital**
- **Lisa Short President and CEO Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation**

Patrick and Lisa joined us and gave us an update of what is happening at our hospital – Cambridge Memorial Hospital, including the new MRI which was delivered on Saturday September 19th, 2026. Insightful questions were asked from the Probus members, including what is being done to ensure the health of the aging population is taken into planning and there is on-going support.

Cathy and Connie expressing thanks to Patrick and Lisa.

October Birthdays

Diana Algie
Michelle Hughes
Cheryl MacInnes
Marion McKersie
Sheila Medland
Dorothy Redwood
Alice Whittaker

50+ Active Living Fair

Active Living Fairs are a public education initiative, developed in partnership between the Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario and the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility (MSAA). The objective is to increase awareness about available programs and services for older adults and share knowledge about healthy aging and active lifestyles. This reduces social isolation, improves their overall health and wellbeing and helps them maintain their independence.

We would like to thank the following people who helped out with the planning and/or being at the booth promoting our Probus Club:

- Cathy Button
- Heather Cooper
- Carol Harvey
- Carol Bonnet
- Kay Crawford
- Gaenor Williams
- Lesley Banson and
- Linda Jellett

It was a great day, and we have 8 women interested in joining Probus.

Committee Updates

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

"Who Am I?": At the start of our meetings, it is always a pleasure to get to know both our new and long-standing members. While you may have been part of Probus for many years, our newer members may not yet know your story, so please don't hesitate to share. Please let a member of the executive know if you are interested.

December's Holiday Festive Meeting will be held

Friday December 11th

Vendors will be at our Christmas Market and will be taking cash or cheques only as payment.

Stay tuned for a list of vendors!

Join the Fun!

Some of our groups have reached their current capacity such as the Book Clubs, & POSH. If you would like to be a part of the fun, please contact the Convenor to be placed on a wait list.

Books R Us: In October we will be doing our popular Book Share and finding copies of "There Are Rivers in the Sky" to prepare for our meeting on November 13 when it will be presented. Call Marilyn for more information at 519 653 9743.

The Page Turners: The club read ***The Art Thief: A True Story of Passion, Obsession, and A Monumental Crime Spree*** by Michael Finkel. The book chronicles one of the most outrageous crime sprees in history: Stéphane Breitwieser stole from more than 200 museums and galleries across Europe, amassing a collection worth an estimated $2 billion. He never resorted to violence – his thefts all occurred during daylight hours, most with the aid of his girlfriend, Anne-Catherine Kleinklaus, who served as lookout. Unlike nearly every other art thief, Breitwieser did not steal for money. He displayed his treasures in a secret lair where he and his girlfriend could admire them. The events that brought everything crashing down, and the alleged destruction of many of the pieces of art by his mother, are the most fascinating part of the story.

The book for next month is **Land** by Maggie O'Farrell.
The Page Turners meet the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm at members' homes.

Culture Club: Currently on a break.

Hiking Club: The Hiking Club has been discontinued until further notice. If there is someone who would like to lead this group and start it up again, please let our management team know. The Hiking Club had some amazing hikes and fun experiences.

Theatre Club: Next on the agenda is **INTO THE WOODS** on Saturday, October 17th @ St. Jacobs Playhouse Theatre. **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN TENORS: A PANTO** is scheduled for December 12th at 1:00pm, St. Jacobs Country Playhouse. **Please see back page for 2026-27 schedule.**

Mahjong Club – Express Your Interest: One member has offered to host, most likely on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon, every second week, come September. If anyone is interested in learning or playing, please reach out to Liz Jeans at liz@jeansfamily.ca

Euchre Club: Always a good time, and there is an open invitation for more card players! The convenor going forward is now going to be Louise Bartolloni. Her contact information is on the Committee Connection page.

Technology Booster Club: The Club starts again for the fall in October. Stay tuned for further details.

ArtC : On September 10th the craft was birdhouses. Lee Morrell led this group and helped us with this project. Incredible work Ladies. Home Depot is looking for your skills!

Luncheon Ladies: An even dozen ladies enjoyed lunch & shopping at Anna Mae's in Millbank later in September. A drive in the country come fall is always a welcome treat.

Cathy's Comments (President's Message)

Hello Ladies!

First, I would like to thank you for electing me to be your President this year! I am looking forward to another year of fun and learning.

Our growing club has much to offer, with many ways to become more active with the growing number of special interest groups. These groups have formed through the interest of members, and they provide opportunities to learn and socialize beyond our monthly meetings.

We welcome you to connect with these clubs that reflect your interests. We also welcome you to share your ideas for new clubs. Note that many of these groups operate in members' homes, so the participation is somewhat limited by that capacity. This is why we now have three separate Book Clubs!

Feel free to share your ideas for anything that you may be interested in initiating. All ideas are welcome. This is your club, so you can personalize your experience. We hope that you will have a fun and educational year.

All the best,
Cathy

Please reach out to Cathy live at 519-501-1864, or via email at cathybutton76@gmail.com

Pumpkin Muffins- YUM!

- cooking spray
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree
- ¾ cup melted butter
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup water
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder

1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease 14 muffin cups or line with paper liners sprayed with cooking spray.
2) Mix pumpkin, butter, brown sugar, water, eggs, and vanilla together in a large bowl.
3) Mix flour, white sugar, pumpkin spice, salt, baking soda, cinnamon, and baking powder together in another large bowl; pour into pumpkin mixture. Stir until well combined.
4) Spoon batter into the prepared muffin cups
5) Bake in the preheated oven until muffins are golden and spring back easily when pressed, 25 to 30 minutes.

Variations: Stir in chocolate chips, chopped nuts, or dried cranberries for extra flavor and texture.

For a crunchy finish, top the muffins with streusel or a sprinkle of coarse sugar before baking. Add a teaspoon of sweetened cream cheese to the center of each muffin before baking. Delicious!

Probus Theatre Group: 2026 – 2027 Schedule

OCTOBER: Into the Woods – Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 2:00pm
- Drayton Entertainment
- Already booked – tickets purchased
- More are still welcome – sign-up sheet at September 18th members' meeting
- **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**

NOVEMBER: A Christmas Carol – November 27 to December 6, 2026
- Cambridge Community Players
- **Cambridge Arts Theatre**
- Sign-up sheet at September 18th meeting - *we will book on* ***November 28th at 4:00pm***

DECEMBER: Snow White & the Seven Tenors: A Panto – Sat December 12, 2026 1 pm
- Drayton Entertainment: **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**
- Already booked – tickets purchased
- More are still welcome – sign-up sheet at September 18th members' meeting

FEBRUARY: Always a Bridesmaid – February 12 to February 21, 2027
- Cambridge Community Players: **Cambridge Arts Theatre**

MARCH: To Kill a Mockingbird – March 24 to April 11, 2027
- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**

APRIL: School of Rock – April 7 to May 2, 2027
- Drayton Entertainment: **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**

MAY: Billy Elliott – May 19 to June 5, 2027
- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**
- *(we will try to book between May 19-June 2nd if possible – due to many of the Theatre Group going on a trip to Newfoundland from June 4-26th)*

JUNE/JULY: Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville – June 9 to July 4, 2027
- Drayton Entertainment: **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**
- *(we will try to book between June 27-July 4 if possible – due to many of the Theatre Group going on a trip to Newfoundland from June 4-26th)*

AUGUST: Come From Away – August 19 to September 5, 2027
- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER: High School Musical – September 21 to October 3, 2027
- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**
- *(starring 50 students from the Drayton Entertainment Youth Academy)*

NOVEMBER

Rapunzel – November 16, 2027, to January 2, 2028
- Drayton Entertainment: **St. Jacobs Country Playhouse**
- *(some of the Theatre Group will be in Quebec from November 27-28, 2027, so we will try to book before or after these dates if the show is in 2027)*

DECEMBER

Special Holiday Production to be announced – December 1, 2027, to January 2, 2028
- Drayton Entertainment: **Hamilton Family Theatre**

Committee Connections

Increase your fun by joining!

Learn more by reaching out to the welcoming Convenor

Committee	Where	When	Convenor
Books R Us	Galt Country Club 750 Coronation Blvd Cambridge	Second Friday Morning of the Month	Marilyn Parkinson-Crump 519 653-9743 mcrump@rogers.com
The Page Turners	Rotating Homes	Third Wednesday Afternoon of the Month	Carol Bonnett 519 573-9076 cduffieldbonnett@rogers.com
CULTURE CLUB *Expanding our awareness*	Varies based on venue	Varies based on venue	
ArtC *All things Creative*	Various Locations	Second Thursday afternoon of the Month	Sharon Bird 519-212-2368 birdiebirdxxx@gmail.com
EUCHRE	180 Grand Avenue S. Cambridge	First Wednesday each Month	Louise Bartolloni lbartoll@sympatico.ca 519-658-5230
HIKING CLUB	Various Locations	TBD	
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
THEATRE GROUP	Various locations	Various Times	Sylvia Brooks sbrooks963@gmail.com 416-669-6603
POSH *enjoying food, drink and conversation*	Rotating homes	First Saturday of the Month, 5 – 9 pm	Heather Cooper 519 404- 4432 hjcooper@hotmail.com
TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB *Learn how to maximize your tech*	On-Line – Zoom	First Tuesday of each Month, 1:00 pm	Kay Crawford, 519 616-8704 advisorkay@gmail.com