Women's Probus Club of Cambridge
September – Welcome Back!



Next Meeting

Friday September 18, 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)

September 18th Greeters:

Cathy Button

Gaenor Williams

June's Special Year End Wrap-up!

*A big Thank You to the **Gift Shop at the Cambridge Memorial Hospital**, **Melanie Lyne** and **Northern Reflections** for the fashions and to our members for strutting their stuff on the runway!*

There were 23 models from the Probus Club of Cambridge wearing outfits from the three stores. Everyone had a fun time modelling, and the audience members enjoyed the show. After the fashion show, gift prizes were drawn for each store by the store representatives.

Clothes from Melanie Lyne and the CMH Gift Shop were on sale following the show. Members then enjoyed a delicious lunch served by the Portuguese Club. It was a wonderful way to wrap up another exciting year!

Please watch this fun video of the event provided by the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association:
CLICK Probus Fashion Show

For more photos, please go to the end of the newsletter







September Days of Acknowledgement

September 21 – 27

Gender Equality Week

September 23

National Day of Sign Language

September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



September 18th Guest Speakers



Patrick Gaskin President and Chief Executive Officer Cambridge Memorial Hospital

Patrick started his health administration career over 35 years ago, first working at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto after completing a Masters in Health Administration. In his career, he has worked in both teaching and community hospitals and has spent time as a health care consultant and health planner. In 2007, he completed a fellowship through the Canadian Health Research Foundation focused on the attributes of a high performing organization. Twenty-five years ago, he and his family moved to Waterloo Region to take a role at Grand River Hospital. There he served in various capacities for 9 years – as a Vice-President, then Executive Vice-President and Regional VP for Cancer Services, and as Acting CEO for a time. During his career, Patrick has been asked to support organizations under provincial supervision 4 times. In each of these assignments, Patrick has worked with the senior leaders in improving the hospital's performance.

Patrick Gaskin joined Cambridge Memorial Hospital over 15 years ago and serves as the hospital's President and Chief Executive Officer. Patrick is married to Fiona, and they have 3 children and an English Springer Spaniel named Sable. The kids are all grown up and "off the payroll" – the dog not quite yet!



Lisa Short President and CEO Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation

Lisa Short brings over 20 years of fundraising and not-for-profit leadership to her role as President and CEO of the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation. Known for her ability to build lasting relationships and connect people to meaningful causes, Lisa has led her passionate team in raising over $40 million since 2017—supporting everything from a new hospital wing to a new MRI.

Lisa's mission is more than meeting campaign goals; it's about making donors feel truly connected to their community hospital. Through creative initiatives like the WeCareCMH Campaign, she's helped show how generosity fuels healthcare—one meaningful gift at a time. Cambridge born and raised, Lisa remains passionate about building a sense of community in the place she calls home and enhancing the lives of all residents by strengthening local healthcare.

July Birthdays

Barb Armstrong
Louise Bartolloni
Livia Davis
Angela Dietrich
Lillian Goodenough
Pat Harmer
Kathy Leslie
Kay Mattear
Chandra Moti
Sherry Smith

August Birthdays

Laura Christopherson
Michelle Collins
Heather Cooper
Beth Fleming
Kelly Guisso
Carol Harvey
Anne Hastings
Liz Jeans
Mary Jane Marshall
Lee Morrell
LeeAnn Post
Laura Purdy
Ariel Walker
Shirley Warren

Committee Updates

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

Please note that over the summer some groups had a hiatus. Stay tuned for more updates at the September 18th meeting.

"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.

Books R Us (Formerly known as Book Club #1): The "Books R Us" book club is keeping KOBO, Indigo and local used bookstores in business! We met in the summer to share what we had been reading and to trade some of our books around. Last Friday we brought a varied collection of biographies and autobiographies to the table and learned a lot about many historic and modern-day people of note. 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.

The Page Turners *(Book Club #2):* The Page Turners continued to meet over the summer. In June, the book discussed was *The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus* by Emma Knight. The story is set mainly in Edinburgh and is **not** about octopuses. This is a story of sexual awakening, motherhood, the shock of becoming an adult and friendship. The consensus was that this was a very good read. The July book was *Chasing Daylight: How my Forthcoming Death Transformed My Life* by Eugene O'Kelly. Written in just three and half months, the author was given a diagnosis of brain cancer and about three months to live. During that time, he took the time to do "winding up" with his colleagues, friends and family, and he wrote this memoir. Although the book is inspiring on some levels, the group felt that the author should maybe have spent more time with his family than writing a book in his last few months! The August choice was *In Winter I Get Up at Night* by well-known Canadian author Jane Urquhart. This is the "memoir" of Emer McConnell, a music teacher in rural Saskatchewan. The novel explores some of the overarching themes of the twentieth century -- colonial expansion, scientific progress and the dark forces that seek to divide societies along racial and cultural lines. A wonderful and haunting book. The September book will be *The Art Thief* by Michael Fi.
The Page Turners meet the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm at members' homes.

Culture Club: On June 25th, the Culture Club ventured out on a Scavenger Hunt. There were multiple tasks and puzzles to complete along the route,

September Birthdays

Carol Ariss
Donna Gill
Diane Goodwin
Bonnie Jensen
Jo Murphie
Barb Roberts
Gloria Ann Rozen
Sherri Wilker



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.



and even a little bit of rain didn't dampen the fun. Stops included Tim Hortons and Dollarama to buy coffee/snacks for the road; an assignment at a grocery store; finding a playground to pretend we were "playing"; a visit to Apple Land Station; a lunch gathering; and finally ending up at Heeman's Garden Centre in Thorndale where everyone enjoyed some shopping time and a fresh strawberry sundae.

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. Thank you to Angela Dietrich who did a marvelous job organizing and leading this group. Thank you as well to all those who participated, and to those who filled in for Angela when needed.



Theatre Club: The members of this Club enjoyed two great performances over the summer: **SISTER ACT** on July 12th at Drayton Festival Theatre (followed by lunch at State and Main in Cambridge), **and ODD COUPLE** on August 29th at St. Jacobs Country Playhouse Theatre. Next on the agenda is **INTO THE WOODS** on Saturday, October 17th @ St. Jacobs Playhouse Theatre. Tickets must be ordered by September 16th. Those wishing to join in an adventure, please reach out to Sylvia by September 15th. The cost will depend on how many tickets are ordered. If more than 10, it will be $63.28, and if less than ten, the cost will be $70.06. **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN TENORS: A PANTO** is scheduled for December 12th at 1:00pm, St. Jacobs Country Playhouse.







Cranberry Maple Cranberry Chutney

1 (12-ounce) bag frozen or fresh cranberries
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup (about 2 1/2 ounces) chopped crystallized ginger
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon honey Dijon-style mustard
1 teaspoon minced fresh garlic
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients in heavy medium saucepan.

Bring to boil on medium heat, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, uncovered, 10 to 15 minutes or until cranberries begin to pop and mixture thickens. Allow to cool at room temperature, then refrigerate, covered, for at least 2 hours to chill and flavors to blend.



Editor's Note:
Fabulous with goat cheese on a rustic cracker!

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.



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 last session wrapped up on June 2nd, and the Club starts again for the fall in October. Stay tuned for further details.

ArtC: On June 11th, the group got together to "Learn How to Cross-Stitch". Everyone chose a different kit to work on. Connie Titizian led the group by sharing instructions and tips. After a few unsuccessful attempts, and a couple of lost needles, all participants ended up learning this new skill with positivity and patience. Kits were taken home to complete, and photos were received from two eager cross-stitchers who managed to finish their masterpieces. It's never too late to learn something new in our Golden years. Good job everyone!!!



Luncheon Ladies: This is another club that kept meeting over the summer. They truly believe that there is nothing better than good food and lively conversations!





The Boathouse Tea Room in Guelph

June 26







Crowsfoot Smokehaus and Sittler's Bakery in Conestogo

July 24





Latinoamerica Unida Cambridge

August 28



Keeping you in the Know!

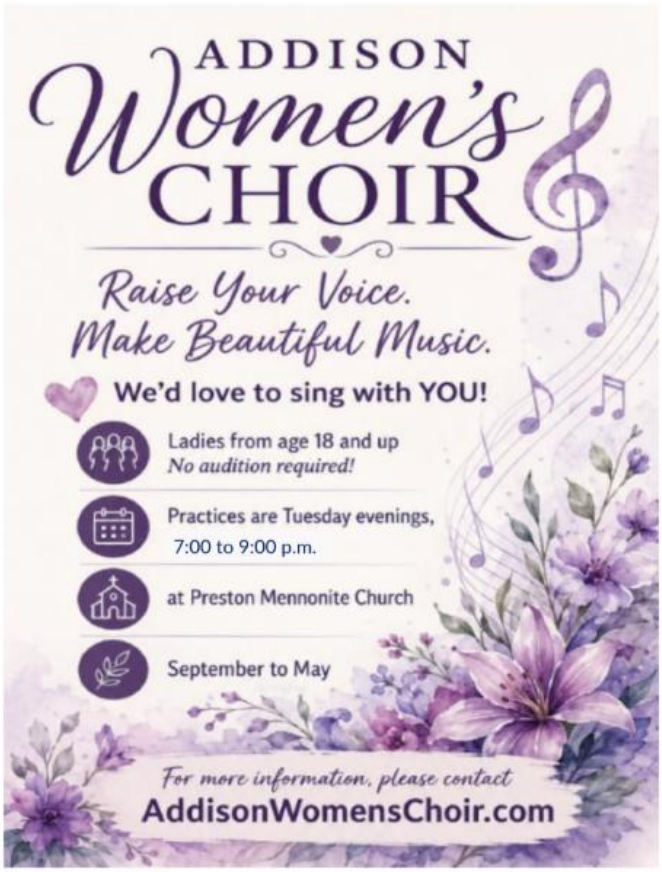
From our member: Rita Westbrook

Like many of us, there is a good chance of having accumulated a small mountain of paperwork over the years (and perhaps a few old electronics hiding in the basement!) This is a great opportunity to dispose of those items ***securely and in an environmentally friendly way*** *— and reclaim a little space while you are at it!*

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rita.

From our member: Mary Eby

If you are looking to raise your voice in song, please reach out to Mary.



Renewal of PROBUS Membership

You can pay your annual dues of $75 by:

- Cash
- Cheque: made out to WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB of CAMBRIDGE

Thank you …. Marilyn





Janet Huber

January 26th, 1951 -
September 6th, 2026



It is with great sadness to share the news of the passing of our former fellow PROBUS member, Janet Huber, on September 6, 2026, following an eighteen-month long struggle with brain cancer.

Here is a link to her obituary: Obituary - Janet Huber

There will be a Service at Trinity Anglican Church at 10:00am on Tuesday, October 20, 2026; followed by a Reception from 11:00am-12:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate your consideration of a donation to:

- the Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation
- the Hamilton Health Sciences (Hamilton General Hospital – in honour of Dr. A. Omar)
- or the Juravinski Cancer Centre – In honour of Dr. R. Ramos

Deepest condolences to her sister, our fellow PROBUS member - Mary Eby, and let us all keep Janet's husband and family in our thoughts during this difficult time as we honour her memory.

May Janet rest in peace.

Connie's Comments (President's Message)

It has been a pleasure serving as your Club President this past year. My sincere thanks to our management team, activity leads, and all volunteers who help keep our Club running so well.

Thank you also to our Probians for your ongoing commitment and monthly participation.

I hope you've enjoyed a wonderful summer. During the social portion of our meeting, you might consider sharing how you spent your time. Our newsletter also welcomes submissions—travel highlights, interesting experiences, or anything fellow Probians may enjoy.

I look forward to welcoming you back as we begin the 28th year of our Probus Club. We have an excellent line-up of speakers ahead, and our activity groups have plenty of fun planned. Our Annual General Meeting will take place during the September 18th Members' Meeting. We will elect our new Management Team, and I will be passing the gavel to Cathy Button as your 2026–2027 President.

With your involvement and enthusiasm, let's make this year our best yet!



Warmest wishes,
Connie



Committee Connections

Increase your fun by joining!
Learn more by reaching out to the welcoming Convenor

Committee	Where	When
Books R Us **BOOK CLUB #1**	Galt Country Club 750 Coronation Blvd Cambridge	Second Friday Morning of the Month
The Page Turners **BOOK CLUB #2**	Rotating Homes	Third Wednesday Afternoon of the Month
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
EUCHRE	180 Grand Avenue S. Cambridge	First Wednesday each Month
HIKING CLUB	Various Locations in the region	TBD
LUNCHEON LADIES	Variety of venues	Fourth Friday of each Month, 12 noon
THEATRE GROUP	Various locations	Various Times
POSH *enjoying food, drink and conversation*	Rotating homes	First Saturday of the Month, 5 – 9 pm
TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB *Learn how to maximize your tech*	On-Line – Zoom	First Tuesday of each Month, 1:00 pm