

## W@K January & February 2024

**January 17th: Barbara Robinson**, a professional engineer and founder of Norton Engineering, will share a lively and engaging talk about sanitary sewers. She will explain how your sewer works, how to operate and maintain it, and simple best practices to reduce the risk of basement flooding at your home substantially. She will share her newest research finding (2023) – women’s toilet stalls are not required to contain trash cans – meaning tonnes of garbage are being flushed across Canada every day, for want of this basic woman’s need.

**January 24th: Bovas Abraham**, author of the book **The Clash of Heavens**, the fruition of his childhood dream to write fiction. Growing up in a Travancore village, Bovas witnessed pivotal historical events, including India’s independence from British colonial rule. **The Clash of Heavens** delves into the spiritual conflicts that can both unite and divide us as human beings.

**January 31st: Sean Wraight** from the **Ministry of Transportation**: Does winter driving have you in a tailspin? Sean will give us driving tips for winter weather including preparing our vehicle for winter, how to manage various winter driving conditions, and how to find out more about Ontario road conditions before you travel. He will discuss choosing tires for winter driving and will also touch upon renewing your driver’s licence at age 80.

**February 7: Richard Daugherty on Estate Planning**: Richard will discuss some of the misunderstood and unknown aspects of estate planning. This will include topics about executors’ duties, the value of naming beneficiaries, techniques to have assets bypass probate and estate fees, and the proper use of investments such as Tax-Free Savings Accounts in estate planning. He will also discuss charitable

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giving as part of planning and the benefits of using some unique investment strategies for this.

**February 14th: Knox's Music Director Mary-Catherine Pazzano** will speak on the value of music-making and creative expression, through the lens of the varied community music programs she directs, and from her own experiences as a jazz vocalist and bandleader.

**February 21st: Dave Fish from the Perimeter Institute**: Science is a powerful force in society and yet there are many misunderstandings of what science is and isn’t. Come explore scientific thinking and hear about the latest discoveries in Physics from a member of the Perimeter Institute’s outreach team. Bring your questions about black holes, quantum mechanics and all things Physics-related.

**February 28th: Elena Haskell speaking about Raw Carrot**. The Raw Carrot through soup making, helps people who WANT to work have the opportunity for a Hand Up in life! We partner with churches and nonprofits across Ontario to create meaningful employment for amazingly talented individuals with disabilities and mental illness. We’re “stirring up” change in local communities through our delicious, handcrafted gourmet soup. Starting originally in Paris Presbyterian Church, we now have locations in Mount Forest, Innerkip and Stirling Ave Mennonite Church in Kitchener.