



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

It was wonderful seeing so many out to our first meeting this Fall. Our membership is growing steadily with 5 new members in September. The programs and social outings are getting off to a great start. Attending social events is a great way to get to know new people and I would encourage everyone to look at the items proposed to see what might interest you.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 11th of October.

Respectfully,
Ruth Howes, President

This month's meeting: Tues., Oct. 11

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP FEES.....

As you may be aware, a new fee structure for Probus membership dues has been put into place. Effective immediately the cost of membership will now be **\$20 per person**.

Although a great many persons have paid their 2011/2012 dues, there are still quite a few who haven't.

If you are one who hasn't, you are respectfully asked to come to the Membership table at this month's meeting and make your payment(s) either in cash or by cheque. Thank you very much.

The Executive

GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH: HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA- JIM WATSON



At this month's meeting (October 11) we are honoured to have Mayor Watson speak to the group about the "Older Adult Plan for the City of Ottawa" as well as highlights of the recently held "Seniors Summit".

The end result of these initiatives will be a new 'Older Adult Action Plan' for the City of Ottawa beginning in 2012.

Jim Watson was elected Mayor of the City of Ottawa on October 25, 2010. Mayor Watson had dedicated most of his career to public service in Canada's capital.

First elected as a Councillor in 1991, he was re-elected in 1994. Three years later he was elected as the youngest Mayor in Ottawa's history with 82% of the popular vote.

Following the amalgamation of Ottawa and surrounding communities, Mayor Watson was appointed the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Tourism Commission, a federal crown corporation.

In 2003, he was elected as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa West- Nepean and immediately appointed to cabinet as Minister of Consumer and Business Services. In 2005, he was appointed as Ontario's first Minister of Health Promotion and he successfully implemented the Smoke Free Ontario Act. Re-elected as MPP in 2007, he was promoted to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Our annual Probus Golf Tournament took place on Thursday, September 15. It was a beautiful, sunny, crisp day and it was a small, enthusiastic group of golfers that attacked the Madawaska Golf Course.

Al MacDonald was the top prize winner but there were prizes for all, (and there were some very nice prizes indeed) and everyone had a good time.

Some exciting news from our Social Committee:

Isabel Balon, the head of this year's Social Committee, has happily reported that enough members have now signed up for the Orpheus Production of *"White Christmas"* to now go ahead and reserve tickets.

The performance will take place on Friday, November 18.

If you have not yet provided us with a cheque (\$37.00 per ticket) you are urged to do so as soon as possible in order that we can pick up and distribute the tickets well in advance.

Cheques should be made out to the 'Probus Club for Western Ottawa.'

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A Luncheon Invitation

A sign up list will be available at this month's meeting for those interested in joining other Probus members for a delicious luncheon at the **Heirloom Café**, situated right next to the falls in **Almonte**this to take place on Thursday, October 20th.

Once it's clear how many are interested, the Social Committee will make the required number of reservations immediately after this month's meeting.

THE DUFFERS REPORT



On the Road Again.....

The Social Committee is also proposing a bus tour, via Ottawa Valley Tours, to visit the beautiful **Chateau Montebello** on Friday, December 9th.

Those interested are asked to sign up at the October meeting. The cost for this event is \$139.00 per person and includes transportation, dinner at the Chateau, and a tour of the major lighting displays around Ottawa!

Probus Spring Fling 2013

It is our club's turn to host the district Spring Fling of 2013. This will mean hosting over 200 members from 10 Probus clubs for a luncheon, entertainment and a fun get-together.

While it is more than a year and a half away we need to start preparing now. This activity will require a great deal of planning and coordination with the major elements of venue, date and programme to be finalized by next spring.

To prepare for this event a number of committees will need to be struck including invitations, programme, set-up, sponsors, displays, decoration, publicity, name tags, registration, etc.

If you are interested in helping please contact Peter van Boeschoten at 613-591-5610 or email him at pvanb2009@gmail.com. (Perth Probus will be hosting Spring Fling 2012 on May 15 and we should be able to pick up some pointers from them.)

Post meeting clean-up help wanted.....

We need a few hands to put away tables, chairs and coffee materials in the hall at the close of each meeting.

This is something we always did when we had our meetings in the hall itself. Everyone chipped in and it was quick work.

So, after the meeting and the speaker, please drop into the hall and lend a hand. Many hands mean only a few minutes to clean up and put things away.

Find us on the Web

To find us on the Web please go to www.kanataseniors.ca, click on "Activities", then "Outside Activities" and then "Probus".

A Report on "RENDEZVOUS 2011"

Rendezvous 2011 was held in Vancouver Sept. 13-15, hosted by several Vancouver area Probus Clubs. This was the third national gathering of Probus members from across Canada and our own Peter Doyle, Director of Ontario District 1, was in attendance.

About 150 Probians attended from all regions of Canada as well as 12 Probus members from Australia.

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in two Workshops, the first dealing with Vision and the second with Club Operations. Many ideas were presented, and the reports will be distributed to all attendees and all Probus Clubs.

There were several outstanding speakers covering such subjects as: The Past and Future of Advertising; Estate Planning; Enhancing Your Brain Fitness; and Theatre and Shakespeare.

At the banquet we were entertained by the 'Double Exposure' team of Linda Cullen and Bob Robertson, who delivered hilarious political satire, including impersonations of Prime Ministers from John Diefenbaker to Stephen Harper. The final luncheon included

remarks and virtuoso piano playing by the conductor of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Bramwell Tovey, who composed an impromptu piece by ear based on the "letter musical notes" in one person's birthday!

Peter Doyle
Director, Ontario District 1
Vice President, Probus Board of Directors

Do you like to play Euchre or Bridge?
..or would you like to learn to play?

Normally, Probus Club members host a Euchre and Bridge group on the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. at Bell's Corners United Church.

Please note that this month, like last month, will be an exception in that we'll be playing on the 2nd Friday in October (i.e., Oct. 14).

It's fun and open to all - - - beginner to expert. For more information please contact Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174.

Coming in November.....

At next month's meeting (Tues. Nov. 8) Veterans Ombudsman, Guy Parent, will be our guest speaker. Guy's topic will cover the duties and mandate of his office.

Do you know something that you feel would be of interest to our membership?

For instance, if you know someone we should congratulate or with whom we should sympathize, please contact Maggie Sheehan (613-825-4035), who will take appropriate action on behalf of the Club.

Got a good idea for a guest speaker?

Please contact Zdenek Kvarda (613-592-2921) or another member of the Program Committee.

Know of a great social outing? Please talk to Isabel Balon (613-831-0057) or another member of the Social Committee.

The Chuckle Corner



This 60 year old woman was walking along 5th Avenue when she heard a voice from above:

"You will live to be 100."

She looked around and didn't see anyone. Again she heard: "You will live to be 100."

Boy, she thought to herself, that was the voice of God. I've got 40 more years to live!

So off she went to the plastic surgeon. She got everything fixed from head to toe.

When she left the plastic surgeon's office, she got hit by a bus, died, and went up to heaven.

There, she said to God, "You told me I would live to be 100. I was supposed to have had 40 more years. So why did you let the bus kill me?"

God said: "I didn't recognize you".

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The PROBUS Club of Western Ottawa meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June, at the Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Drive in Kanata.

- 10:00: coffee and social time
- 10:30: VERY brief business meeting
- 10:45: speaker
- Following each meeting members and guests are invited to gather for lunch (at their own expense) at D'Arcy McGee's, corner of Robertson Road and Moodie Drive in Bell's Corners.

VISITORS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME.

How do I find you to get this warm welcome?

Exit Highway 417 at Eagleson/March Road. Just north of the exit take Campeau Drive west. At the first light turn right (north) onto Teron Road. At the first light, turn left (west) onto The Parkway. At the first (and only) stop sign, turn right onto Leacock Way. Follow Leacock Way to its end at Leacock Drive. Kanata United Church is in front of you, across the street.

PARKING at the church is limited. If full, please park in the large lot of the school next to the church or on the side of Leacock Drive where parking is permitted.

In fact, unless you have difficulty walking, please consider parking away from the front of the building in order to allow those who may be physically restricted easier access and exit. Thank you for your consideration.