



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE NEW PREZ SEZ:

Our September meeting kicks off another year of education, social and entertainment opportunities for our members. Your new Management Committee is almost unchanged from last year so we are in good hands.

I would like to thank Ruth Howes for a highly successful term as president last year. She will stay on the Committee as Past President and has also taken on responsibility for the coffee logistics.

This year will be a busy one with our hosting Spring Fling on May 7 as well as providing you with an engaging speaker and social program each month. We cannot do it alone and welcome your suggestions and help.

Our web site is now working well and we are slowly adding more photographs. Do be sure to visit www.probuswesternottawa.ca and add it to your bookmarks.

Respectfully,
Peter van Boeschoten, President

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

Note that for this meeting only, to accommodate our speaker's time restrictions, we will conduct the business meeting at the end rather than the beginning.....

GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:



Dr. KENT MacDONALD
New President of Algonquin College

“ALGONQUIN COLLEGE...THE WAY AHEAD.”

Dr. MacDonald brings a breadth of proven leadership experience to the role of President. He has served as Vice President, Academic, since 2008, expanding the College's program mix by adding over two-dozen new academic programs ranging from

postgraduate certificates to
baccalaureate degrees.

Over this period of time, enrolment has
increased by over 19%.

The College's vision is to transform
hopes and dreams into skills and
knowledge, leading to lifelong career
success. Applied learning is an essential
component of virtually all of Algonquin's
programs. Dr. MacDonald says that we
need to continue to trumpet that type of
learning.

Dr. MacDonald has an extensive
academic background having completed
studies at St. Francis Xavier University,
the University of Ottawa, Harvard
University, MIT, and the University of
Pennsylvania.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Tuesday, October 9
Nutrition and Seniors
Karen Bell, RHN, Stittsville Integrative
Medical Centre

Tuesday, November 13
The Sir Winston Churchill Society
Ronald Cohen

UPCOMING FUN ACTIVITY:

Thursday, September 25

*The Magic of Lanterns Festival– (A short
notice trip with Ottawa Valley Tours)*

Thursday afternoon we depart for Montreal
to experience the Magic of Lanterns Festival
in the Chinese Garden at the Montreal
Botanical Gardens. Upon our arrival, we'll
enjoy a guided tour of Montreal followed by
a delicious dinner. That night, witness over a
thousand traditional lanterns and dozens of
enormous figures representing popular

Chinese art. This will be a spectacular
evening event to remember.

\$108 per person covers transportation, tour,
dinner and admission to the Festival.

(A Sign-up sheet will be at the September
meeting)

Peter Doyle wishes to report that the annual
Probus golf tournament that took place in
June at the Madawaska Golf Course was a
great success. Prizes were awarded and a lot
of fun was had by all.

The Probus Executive Committee membership for fiscal year 2012/2013:

President – Peter van Boeschoten;
Vice President – Maureen Donaghy;
Membership & Secretary – Barbara
Stafford;
Treasurer – Gerry Sutherland;
Programming – Zdenek Kvarda;
Social – Isabel Balon;
Newsletter – Warren Scott;
Publicity – Pat Thompson;
Past President – Ruth Howes.



It's a club tradition that we lunch
together at a local restaurant right after our
morning meeting and, quite often, we are
joined by the guest speaker.

So, once again we're off to **Scores
Rotisserie and Ribs** at the Kanata
Centrum after this month's meeting.
Why not come along and join us at
Scores after the meeting for great food and
stimulating conversation.

On Tuesday, October 25.....

Join us for an October lunch at **Rare Restaurant and Bar** in the Kanata Centrum Plaza.
(Sign up at this month's meeting.)

Spring Fling 2013

Our club will be hosting Spring Fling 2013 on Tuesday, May 7. Planning is progressing well and we can now confirm that "illusionist" Chris Pillsworth will be our feature attraction. He has come highly recommended, which will allow us have an entertaining and enjoyable event.

The venue will be the Tudor Hall, located near the Hunt Club Golf Course, and we anticipate a minimum of 250 attendees from the 12 Probus Clubs across eastern Ontario.

Over the next few months we will need to start putting our hosting team together and make some decisions on decorations, theme, program, sponsorship, speakers, door prizes and a host of other things.
(Watch for future updates.)

Our busiest time will be next March and April as we prepare for the registration and complete many of the final details.

We have a web site

Our club now has a new web site to keep you up to date on speakers, activities and our organization. It can be found at:

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Make sure that you bookmark this location so that you don't have to keep typing it in.

Note that the left hand column lets you go to any of the featured pages.

Many thanks to Bill Johnston for helping to get it on line.

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

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. The first Probus Euchre/bridge date for this season is Friday, September 7 at 1:00 p.m.

After that the dates will be Friday, October 12, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7.

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

Congratulations to Ruth Howes, Barbara Farmer and Jackie Mutch who will be presented with 10 year pins at our September 11 meeting.

Kanata Expo 55+

Expo 55+ will once again take place at the Mlacak Centre on Friday, September 21st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lots of seniors' info from health, social and community agencies. Free refreshments and door prizes. Our Probus Club will be represented at this event.

The Social Committee would like to thank club members who attended the House and Garden Tour in June for their co-operation with regard to parking.

We were so lucky to be able to step back in history at the home of Grete Hale and Gay Cook and to present Grete with a cheque for \$920.00 for her charity in Uganda.

A QUICK NOTE ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP FEES

A new fee structure for membership dues was put into place last year. The cost for membership will now be simply \$20 per person with no spousal discount. Membership fees will be collected by the Club's Treasurer, Gerry Sutherland, over the next few meetings. Cheques are the preferred method of payment.

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.

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

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



The Chuckle Corner

A kindly, old priest was walking down the street one day when he noticed a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the way. However, the boy was very small and the doorbell was too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the priest moved closer to the boy's position. He walked up behind the little fellow and placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leaned over and gave the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiled benevolently and asked, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replied, "Now we run!"

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

A long-time member of the club, Mary Mills, needs someone to pick her up to go to the meetings each month. Mary lives in the seniors' lodge in Beaverbrook on Walden Drive and requires transportation with large enough trunk space to accommodate her walker. (Returning to the lodge is not required as she has made other arrangements.) If you are interested in helping out, please call Mary directly at 613-435-8896. Thank 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 Scores Rotisserie and Ribs in the Kanata Centrum complex.

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.