



# The PROBUS Pilot

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## THE PREZ SEZ:

I am pleased to welcome members back to our Club after a short summer recess in Club activities. This is my first opportunity to communicate with you as Club President for 2013-14. For those of you who have been members for some time, you may be excused if you have a sense of *deja vue*, as I am again occupying the President's Chair, having previously been Club President in 2005-06. Since then I have been active on a broader basis, having served as Director of Ontario District 1 and a Probus Canada Director for the past five years, and last year as Board President. Now as past President, I will still have some involvement in national matters for the next year.

At our Sept. 10 Club Meeting, we are privileged to be visited by Harold Miller, now Director of Ontario District 1. Harold will present our Club with a Certificate, celebrating our 15th Anniversary. Also, several Club members will be presented with a pin, recognizing their 10 year membership in our Club.

Probus Club members may apply to Johnson Insurance/Medoc, on an individual basis, for a choice of coverage, including health and travel insurance (also available are general health

insurance and dental insurance). Johnson is providing an open period, Sept.15-Oct. 31, 2013, during which members under age 75 may apply for and receive health and travel insurance without having to pass a medical test. Further information is available from Johnson at [www.johnson.ca/probus](http://www.johnson.ca/probus) or 1-888-412-8822.

I would like to thank the members of last year's Management Committee for their excellent and dedicated service, and look forward to an exciting year ahead of Club activities and working with my colleagues on this year's Management Committee.

Peter Doyle, President

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## The Probus Executive Committee membership for fiscal year 2013/2014:

**President:** Peter Doyle;  
**Vice President:** Vernon Sulway;  
**Membership/Secretary:** Barbara Bole;  
**Treasurer:** Gerry Sutherland;  
**Speaker Program:** Beth Sweetnam;  
**Social Program (co-chairs):** Micky Walker and Sandra Ponech;  
**Publicity:** Pat Thompson;  
**Newsletter:** Warren Scott;  
**Past President:** Peter van Boeschoten.

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## THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

### William (Mac) Evans His topic: "Canada's Space Program"



William (Mac) Evans

A 35 year veteran of the Canadian Federal Public Service, Mac worked for more than 30 years in the Canadian Space Program. He led the development of the 1985, 1994 and 1999 Space Plans that defined and obtained approval for the Canadian Space Program and worked on the legislation for the creation of the Canadian Space Agency (CSA). Mac led the negotiation with NASA for Canada's participation in the International Space Station. In November, 1994, he was appointed President of the Canadian Space Agency, a position he held for seven years until his retirement from the Public Service of Canada in November, 2001. Following his retirement from the Public Service, Mac was a consultant to the Canadian Aerospace industry.

Mac holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Queen's University and a Master's of Science degree

in Electrical Engineering from the University of Birmingham in England which he attended as an Athlone Fellow. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute (CASI) and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering.

In 2001 CASI awarded Mac its prestigious C.D. Howe Award for overall leadership in Canadian aeronautics and space activities. In the same year, the Association of Professional Executives of the Public Service of Canada (APEX) gave Mac special recognition for his exceptional contribution to the Public Service. In 2001 he also received NASA's Distinguished Public Service Medal in recognition of his dedicated and exceptional efforts in support of US/Canadian cooperation in space. In 2002 Mac was the recipient of the Prime Minister's Outstanding Achievement Award for his contribution to the Public Service of Canada.

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**Right after our meeting why don't we all get together for lunch** at The Three Brewers Restaurant in Centrum (near the theaters) for good food and interesting conversation. Hopefully Mr. Evans will be available to join us as well.

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## UPCOMING SPEAKER:

In October: Bob Slack, Pres. of the Can. Snowbird Assoc. His talk will be "*The Voice of the Travelling Canadian*".

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### MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE BEGINNING THIS MONTH

As a reminder, the annual cost for a PROBUS membership remains at **\$20 per person**. Please visit the finance table during coffee and make appropriate arrangements as soon as possible.

**This month's meeting: Tues., Sept. 10**

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## Lunch Outs

This month's lunch-out will take place on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Why not come out to "**La Cucina**" **Restaurant** at 474 Hazeldean Road (that's in the small mall on the South East corner of Hazeldean and Castlefrank in Kanata). A sign-up sheet will be available at the September PROBUS meeting.

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## Probus has a web site

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

[www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca)

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

The left side menu lets you go to any of the featured pages.



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## UPCOMING FUN EVENTS

**BONNECHERE CAVES TOUR**  
**Thursday, September 26 at 1:00 pm**

The cost is \$15.00 and the caves are about a 2 hour drive from Kanata. More details will be available on the sign-up sheet at the September meeting. Directions will also be available then.

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Upcoming activities for the rest of 2013 include a visit to the **Alpaca Farm in Lanark** for their 10th anniversary on Saturday, October 19th.

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Also, on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, we plan to take a tour of **Upper Canada Village** to see the Christmas light display and enjoy a festive buffet dinner. Transportation is included in the price of \$110.00 per person.

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In January, 2014, we plan to attend a matinee performance of "**Rumours**" at the **Ottawa Little Theatre** (tickets will be \$22.00 per person) and we hope to follow this with a backstage tour.

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Are you a Euchre or Bridge player?  
Or would you like to be?

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 6 at 1:00 p.m.

After that the dates will be Fridays, October 11, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6. (Dec. 6 is the Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon which starts at 11:30 with games starting at 1.)

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

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**Do you know of 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 **Beth Sweetnam** (613-831-9955).

### **Know of a great social outing?**

Please contact **Micky Walker or Sandra Ponech** (613-270-0312; 613-492-1687) or another member of the Social Committee.

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## **The Chuckle Corner**



### RETIRED HEALTH MESSAGE

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I rapidly realized that I don't really give a rat's hiney. It's the tortoise life for me!

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, and is fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.

4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing, yet it lives for 450 years.  
And you tell me to exercise? I don't think so.

I'm retired. Go around me.

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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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

VISITORS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE A 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.