



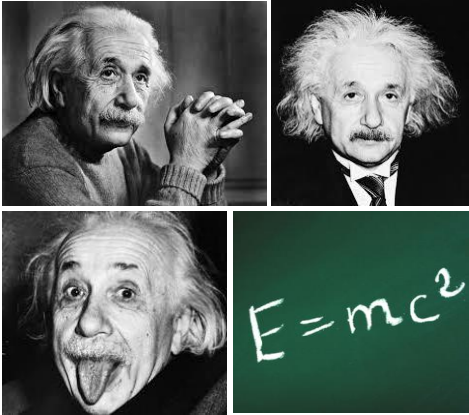
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Tuesday 10 October **Einstein: His life and major works**

We all have a mental image of Albert Einstein - more a caricature than a man. We regard him as a genius with wild white hair and mathematical formulas floating around his headspace, a pacifist who helped inspire nuclear weaponry, an eccentric who didn't like to wear socks. But who was the real man behind the brainy persona?

Ask people to explain Albert Einstein's contributions to modern day science, and the expression $E = mc^2$ readily leaps to mind. But what does this oft-cited formula really tell us? And what else did Einstein's works reveal? This famous equation is actually only a small part of the gems of wisdom Einstein offered to the scientific world.

We are thus delighted that club member David Smith has come forward to fill in the many blanks about Einstein's work, some 60 years after Einstein's death.

David will review some of Einstein's activities, with special focus on his full and varied life and his most famous scientific works – the concepts of Special Relativity and General Relativity.

In addition, we will learn that



David Smith

Einstein was indeed a well-travelled world citizen, who met famous members of the entertainment and political industries. David will expand on these relationships and also discuss how Einstein made some significant political statements, which complemented his scientific contributions.

And of course, we can't help but recognize Einstein's wonderful mop of hair in every picture we see of him.

David Smith is an Engineer, most recently working as a civilian with the Department of National Defence.

David has lived and worked in England, New Zealand and Canada in a wide variety of fields, including Marketing and Engineering. He has a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from Leeds University, England, and an MBA from the University of Ottawa.

He is married with 2 children and has called Ottawa home for the last 20 years.

1st of 2 volunteers for Speaker Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Sylvia McGee has decided to return to the Board, to fill The Speaker Coord position and take over from the fine work done by Gord and Heather Walt.



Sylvia McGee

Sylvia is looking for an assistant to share this duty and of course she would welcome any suggestions for potential future speakers.

The speaker program has always been the core of our Probus meetings and we are indeed fortunate that Sylvia has stepped in to help.

The Probus Club of Western Ottawa is part of the international organization of Probus Clubs designed to serve retired and semi-retired professional and business and like-minded people. The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for coffee and socialization followed by a guest speaker.

**Western Ottawa Probus meets at
Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Dr.**

Visitors are welcome.



The Mosaicanada 150 visit featured sunny weather and many floral exhibits to see. The tour was punctuated with lunch at the Green Papaya Restaurant.



10 year pins were presented to 9 long time members of our Club. Front: Pat Stoate, Nancy Lusk, Wanda Jarvis, Keith Lusk, Ron Tugham. Back: Roger MacPherson, Mary MacPherson, Ruth Hitchcock, Boyd Hiscock.

Probus parking can be hard to find

Parking in the Church lot can be a challenge as it fills up quickly. Now that we have winter and shortly more snow it will likely get worse.

Please do not park in the marked Church Reserved slots or in the "Speaker" slot which is the first one on the left.

We do have an arrangement with the school which permits us to park in their lot. Make sure that you pick the second entrance to enter or you will end up in the bus drop off lane.

Dues are Due

Bring your cheque book

It's time to renew your membership. Dues are unchanged from last year and remain at \$20 per member.

Payment can be made in cash or with a cheque made out to Probus Western Ottawa. The treasurer will be there before and after the meeting to accept your donation

This is also a good time to update your email address and other particulars.

After the meeting

We go out for lunch

Join us for lunch after our meetings to socialize and discuss the meeting topic.

This month we will be at:

The Brew Table

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

Often our speaker is able to join us. At the beginning of the meeting we ask for a count of those wishing to attend.

Group travel

insurance is available

As a member of Probus you are eligible for Group Travel insurance through the MEDOC program from Johnson Inc.

Find out more by going to our club web page and click on links or go directly to

<http://www.probus.org/instrvl2.pdf>



Past Presidents all. Vernon Sulway and Beth Sweetnam received their pins from Peter Doyle.



Welcome to the following new members who joined in September:

Susan Schultz
Wayne Kerr
Janet Kerr
Joan Sigler
Jane Campbell
Patricia Hunter
Nancy Reid
Gail O'Reilly
Dennis Phillips
Christine Phillips
Herman McCarthy
Geraldine McCarthy

Fall speaker lineup shows variety

November:

Greg Matte, BGen (Rtd)
 "Helmets to Hardhats"

December:

Charlotte Gray, Author
 "The Promise of Canada"

January:

Peter Harmer, Ex. Dir. OVHT
 "A guide to your personal Health information"

Christmas Luncheon

Christmas Luncheon set for Tuesday 5 December at Algonquin College

This year, to celebrate the Christmas season, we are again going to Algonquin College's *Restaurant International* for lunch.

We have reserved for Tuesday December 5th at noon and will adjust the numbers according to the interest. Doors open at 11:30 and this year we hope to have the venue all to ourselves.

The cost is \$30.00 per person (\$60.00 per couple) which includes a three course holiday meal, coffee, tax and gratuity. Drinks are extra.

Algonquin will accommodate dietary restrictions provided they know of them when the reservation is finalized, so please remember to indicate these on the sign-up sheet.

Sign up in October and November... don't forget your chequebook!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday 30 October Haunted Walk

Join us for a haunted walk from Sparks St. to the Bytown Museum. A spooky tale or two will be told enroute and at the museum. Dress for the weather and assemble at 46½ Sparks St. The cost will be between \$20-25 and we expect to begin our walk about 8 p.m.

Sign up at the October meeting.

Thursday 26 October Pumpkininferno

There will be an info sheet at the travel desk. Book directly with Ottawa Valley Tours.

www.uppercanadavillage.com/events/pumpkininferno/



The Green Papaya Restaurant was the venue for our September lunch-out. A large contingent of club members joined those coming from the MosaiCanada tour.

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

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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

Einstein



Come out for our Friday Euchre group

Probus has an active euchre group. They meet monthly at the Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road (at Moodie). Meetings are usually held on the first Friday of the month at 1 p.m. (But see below for exceptions).

This is mostly a casual and social occasion and we hope that you will join us.

Following are the dates for our upcoming meetings:

Friday, 6 October

Friday, 3 November

Friday, 1 December

(Note that the December meeting is the Christmas potluck starting at 11:30)

For further information call Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174

Wednesday 25 October

Fall colours walking tour

Fall is finally here and we hope that some of the fall colours will still be there for our walking tour on 25 October.

Join Judy Makin for a walk on the Makin Trail which was recently officially named by the City in honour of Judy and her late husband David.

The trail is located in the Sheila McKee riverfront park. The Makin Trail meanders through the woods and joins a trail going down to the Ottawa River where the trail continues along a rocky beach.

The Park is located on 1730 Sixth Line, just up from the YWCA camp. Take March Road north to Dunrobin Road then an immediate right on Cameron Harvey which will take you to Sixth Line.

We will begin our walk at 10:30 and then go for lunch at a local restaurant. This is a rain or shine event. Sign up at the October meeting.



Aviation hangar visit set for November



Plans are underway to visit the Vintage Wings Museum in Gatineau on Wed. 15 November. We will have a 90 minute guided tour of the hangar and the rare and historic aircraft they repair, rebuild, care for and fly.

The cost is only \$10 and more information will be available at the October meeting.

Check it out at:

www.vintagewings.ca

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out

Wednesday 18 October

Pocopazzo Restaurant

854 March Road (in the Sobey's mall)

Flavours of Italy



sign up at the Oct. meeting.

Thursday 9 November

Red Lobster

1595 Merivale Road, meet there at noon

New England themed seafood



sign up at the Oct. meeting.

Chuckle Corner



SENIOR GOLF GAME

An eighty-year-old man's golf game was hampered by poor eyesight. He could hit the ball well but he couldn't see where it went. So his doctor teamed him up with a ninety-year-old man who had perfect eyesight and was willing to go along to serve as a spotter.

The eighty-year-old man hit the first ball and asked his companion if he saw where it landed.

"Yep," said the ninety-year-old.

"Where did it go?" the eighty-year-old demanded.

The ninety-year old replied, "I don't remember."



At our September meeting Bruce Di Labio provided an entertaining and informative talk on birds in our region. Among other tidbits he explained that the Cardinal only recently established itself here in Ottawa.