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Well Known Ottawa Personalities from the Past.

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In addition to writing for newspapers, magazines, and federal government departments, Valerie has taught history and worked as an archivist. She has published twelve works of non-fiction, four of which are trade books, available online and in stores.

From her Ottawa base, Valerie Knowles continues to write independent non-fiction books and to accept commissioned writing work. Her focus remains on Canadian and Ottawa political and social history. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two dogs, Katie (on the left) and Robbie (right).

Valerie has a web site at: <http://valerieknowles.com>

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The Meaning of Christmas

Far away in Bethlehem, a baby Boy was born;
Born with neither riches, nor fame,
Yet Wise Men came from all around to bring Him their gifts,
And peace was felt by all who heard his name.
Angels watched Him as He slept, and gently rocked His bed;
Their voices singing softly in His ear;
His Mother and His Father both gave thanks to God above,
For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear.
They knew His life upon this earth would not be filled with wealth;
They also knew that he would encounter strife;
But most of all, they knew that he would be a loving Child,
And teach the love of God throughout His life.
At Christmas, as we celebrate this Birth of Jesus Christ;
Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day;
For it's not the Christmas wrappings, nor the gifts that lie within,
But our gift of love to others in every way.

The Probus Club of Western Ottawa is part of the international organization of Probus Clubs designed to serve retired and semi-retired professional, business and like-minded people. The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for coffee and socialization followed by a guest speaker at 10:30 am.

Western Ottawa Probus meets the
2nd Tuesday of each month at
Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Dr.
Visitors are welcome.

Probus has a web site

Our club has a web site to keep you up-to-date. There you can find a history of speakers and activities going back to 2011, photo albums of all events, a description of our organization, useful links and other information. The site is:

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

If you bookmark this location you won't have to keep typing it in.

At our November Meeting

Peter Doyle, Past President of PROBUS Canada, presented a certificate from PROBUS Canada in recognition of our Club's 20th Anniversary, to the Founding Members and our club's Past-President Barbara Bole Stafford.

Pictured from the left are: Gerry and Kay Sutherland, Barbara Bole Stafford, Peter Doyle, Don and Beth Davis, Jack Dymont, Ian Howes, and Gus Nelson. Kathy Pope (not shown) was also a Founding Member.



Brian Tackaberry, in WWI uniform, recounted the sacrifices and events experienced by some of our local and forgotten heroes.

Fee Deadline – Dec. 11 Meeting

If you are unable to attend, but wish to retain membership status, please contact Desna Sulway at

treasurer@probuswesternottawa.ca

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out.



Christmas luncheon registration now closed!

Restaurant International, in Nepean, Ontario, is a restaurant that is part of Algonquin College's culinary school. The students of the school present the delicious dishes that are served for lunch and dinner.

11:30 am sharp, Tuesday, December 4

Address: H101 - 1385 Woodroffe Ave

Phone: 613-727-7691

Cuisine: Turkey dinner with all the trimmings

Website: restaurantinternational.ca

Parking: Parking lot 4 is immediately outside the Hospitality (H) Building. Parking is free for Restaurant International guests. Space is limited.

Directions: Coming from the 417

Take exit Woodroffe South, continue on Woodroffe past Baseline and take a left on Navaho. You will then take a right at the next lights and the restaurant will be directly in front of you. There will be a gate where you will enter and press the green button. Parking is free in this parking lot only. Otherwise you have to park in parking lots 8,9 or 12.



Kanata Location Now Open

Noon sharp, Thursday, January 17

Address: 150B Katimavik Road,

Phone: (613) 271-6000

Cuisine: Chinese Buffet (\$19.99)

Seniors 65+ receive 20% off the buffet when they show a valid ID.

Website: <https://mandarinrestaurant.com/kanata/>

Sign up at the December or January meetings or via email to Ron Armstrong at

hospitality@probuswesternottawa.ca



Welcome to the following new members who joined in November

Charles & Wendy Boole

Janelle Jones

Bill Steadman

Anne & David Kahn

Outings

December – No outing

January 24 – Lee Valley



The trip to **Lee Valley's machine shop** (next to their store) is confirmed for January 24 in the morning (time TBA). There is no charge for this tour but we will be required to wear safety glasses which the company will provide.

Following the tour, lunch will be at Big Rig's Kitchen and Brewery close by on Iris Street.

We are continuing to maintain a sign-up sheet in case of cancellations but also in the hopes of organizing a second tour later in the year depending on the ability of the company to accommodate us. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list for either tour, contact Ruth Wakeford at social@probuswesternottawa.ca or speak to her at our December or January meetings.

February 26 - NAC Backstage tour

This guided tour will be in the morning (time TBA) and will look at various areas and jobs behind the scenes at the theatre with a view to helping us understand how theatre is made.

Stop by the Outings table at the next meeting for more information and to sign up.

Quote of the Month

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

- Mark Twain



After the meeting

**Join us for lunch
At the Brew Table**

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

Our amazing lineup of future speakers

Here are some of our upcoming speakers (subject to change). If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to Beth Sweetnam at program@probuswesternottawa.ca

January 8 - Story tellers Dean and Ruth Verger: "**Connecting Through Story**"

February 12 - Jennifer DeBruin: "**In Search of Home, the Loyalist Experience**"

March 12 - TBA

April 9 - Sydney Elizabeth Porter: L'Arche in Canada

May 14 - Pam Thompson: Canadian Art 101

June 11 - Terry Colfer
Experiences of a past Canadian ambassador to Kuwait and Iran

Chuckle Corner

Buy Your Own Gift

Grandpa was feeling his age and found that shopping for Christmas gifts had become too difficult, so he decided to send cheques to everyone instead.

In each card he wrote: "Buy your own present!" and mailed them early.

He enjoyed the usual flurry of family festivities, and it was only after the holiday that he noticed that he had received very few cards in return. Puzzled over this, he went into his study, intending to write a couple of his relatives to ask what happened. It was then, as he cleared off his cluttered desk, that he got his answer. Under a stack of papers, he was horrified to find the gift cheques which he had forgotten to enclose with the cards.

Newsletter comments or submissions may be sent to newsletter@probuswesternottawa.ca



Probus has an active euchre group. The group meets monthly at the Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road (at Moodie). Meetings are usually held on the **first Friday of the month**.

This is mostly a casual and social occasion, starting at **12:30 pm** for refreshments and conversation followed by cards at 1 pm.

Following are the dates for our upcoming meetings:

December 7*	January 4	February 1	March 1
April 5	May 3	June 7*	September 6

(* The December and June sessions are pot luck meals starting at 11:30)

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

November Events



Lunch at Lapointe – Nov. 6



New Member Meet & Greet – Nov. 13.



National War Museum Tour – Nov. 21.

General inquiries may be sent to info@probuswesternottawa.ca