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Tuesday, December 14, 10am, via ZOOM*

James Jordan: Celebrating over 100 years of The War Amps in Canada

James Jordan will speak about the rich 100 year history of The War Amps supporting amputees in Canada, from their beginnings after WWI, all the way up to the modern day organization and the support offered to Canadian amputees through various programs and services.



James, an amputee himself, will also speak about his experience growing up through the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program and how this greatly benefitted his life, as it does for child amputees across the country. This will include a showcase of the various standard and recreational prosthetic devices he uses daily.

James began his employment at The War Amps in 2007 and today is a Public Awareness Officer. In this capacity, James continues to spread the Association's safety message across Canada by hosting and organizing safety exhibits and conducting presentations.

* ZOOM meeting details will be emailed to members on December 12th.

The Prez Sez



With the pandemic, every day is another day and every month is another month. But wait, this is December and Christmas and the holiday season is on the horizon. My outdoor lights are being turned on tomorrow.

While COVID is still with us, let us take the time to reflect on some positives.

On the personal side I have been able to read more and discover new authors. With masking and restrictions, the flu and coughs have eluded me for 18 months. As things have been opening up, we have been able to occasionally enjoy a meal out and just last week my seniors' discussion group resumed meeting in person at the Seniors Centre. Even going to the Dollar Store is now considered a real outing.

There were good things affecting our Probud family as well. Last year, after not meeting from April to December, we retooled, discovered Zoom and since January we have had 9 informative and engaging speakers at our monthly meetings. We have stayed in touch, regularly published *The Probud Pilot*, and maintained our website. We have conducted outings and had a number of lunches where we could meet in-person once more. The future looks promising as well, and we will return to our regular meetings as soon as our venue becomes available to us.

On behalf of your Management Committee, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a pandemic free New Year.

Peter van Boeschoten,
president@probudwesternottawa.ca

November in Review

Speaker: Our speaker in November was Nick McCarthy, Director of Marketing, Communications and Community Outreach at Beechwood, speaking on “Beechwood’s 200 Year Journey to Becoming Our National Military Cemetery”.

Nick approached this topic by sharing stories of some individuals who were considered heroes in conflicts dating back to the war of 1812 and who are currently buried at Beechwood.

If you were unable to attend the live stream event or merely wish to revisit Nick’s presentation, a recording of the meeting has been posted on YouTube (see link issued in our November 13th email).

The recording will be available until Tuesday, December 14.



November 15th Outing – Beechwood Cemetery

Our November outing to Beechwood coincided with the first snowfall of the year. We still had 15 participants for an informative and enjoyable visit to this historical cemetery. Nick McCarthy started our tour in the Sacred Space and then to the Hall of Colours with its magnificent stained-glass window.

Outside we saw Prime Minister Robert Borden’s grave and those of many families whose names may be seen today on our downtown streets. Each monument has a history and Nick filled us in on many published and unpublished details.

After the Beechwood visit a number of participants headed over to a nearby Perkins Restaurant for a delightful lunch.



November 24th Luncheon

Twenty members turned up for our luncheon at The Three Brewers restaurant in Kanata Centrum. Good food and good conversation!!



We Need Your Help!

To keep our Probus Club going we have a Management Committee that does a lot behind the scenes to keep our club going during the pandemic. Unfortunately, we have been shorthanded and will need help so that we can resume a more active program as we prepare to open up. Specifically, we urgently need to fill the following positions.

- Vice President
 - Outings Coordinator(s)
 - Member at large
- | Job descriptions for these roles can
| be found in our June 2021 newsletter
| on our web page [here](#)

Please let any member of the executive know if you are interested or if you know of someone who might be.

Future speakers

The Kanata United Church (KUC) Board has not made a decision on allowing rentals, but we are hopeful that a February in-person start is possible. At a future executive meeting we will need to look more closely at the COVID protocols and how we will manage them.

We are continuing our discussions with speakers for future membership meetings as we respond to KUC announcements since some of our speakers do not wish to use Zoom.

Here is our confirmed speaker for January...

January 11 - Michèle Vinet (via Zoom)

Topic: Writing Behind Bars

Here is a sampling of some of the other meeting topics planned...

Money Laundering and Human Trafficking

Risk Management

When Tobacco was King

British Home Children

All Zoom meetings start at 10 am on the second Tuesday of each month. To allow time for informal socialization or just to ensure you have no technical issues with the ZOOM application, you will be able to join the call after 9:30 am.

A link to the ZOOM session and further instructions will be emailed to the membership on the Sunday prior to each meeting. More information about each speaker will be provided in the newsletter for that month.

Please pass ideas on to Charles Boole via program@probuswesternottawa.ca.

For past speaker info, see our newsletters at: www.probuswesternottawa.ca

No December outing is planned. ☹

Please submit requests or suggestions to outings@probuswesternottawa.ca

Wednesday, December 8 - Luncheon Opportunity

Join us at the [Milestones Grill & Bar](#), 435 Kanata Avenue, in Kanata Centrum on December 8th at **noon**. Register via email to lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca by **December 5**. Limited to 25 persons.

Proof of vaccination is necessary as we will be inside.



Welcome to the new members who joined since our last newsletter:

Carmel & Bob Griffin

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Prospective new members: please first contact Barbara Bole at membership@probuswesternottawa.ca

Spot the Difference?

maybank2u.com is not the same as maybank2u.com

citibank.com is not the same as citibank.com
(the first one is correct, the second one is from hackers)

The "a" in the later url is a cyrillic alphabet.

An average internet user can easily fall for this. Be careful for every mail requiring you to click on a link.

Please Stay Alert

Chuckle Corner



Did I read that sign right?

- TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.
- AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.
- BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS...
- WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.
- AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.
- WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?
- ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.
- FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
- THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.
- IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.

Clever Witticisms

- A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.
- I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

Final call for annual Probus membership fees - due by December 15th *

If you do not renew your membership by December 15, your name will be dropped from our mailing list in January. ☹️ If for any reason you are unable to meet this deadline but wish to remain a member, please contact Barbara Bole at membership@probuswesternottawa.ca.

** This date allows us to pay annual fees to Probus Canada by year end. The amount is based on the membership count at that time.*

PAYMENT METHODS

Annual dues are \$25 per renewing member. Dues can be paid either

1. by e-transfer as set out below or
2. by cheque mailed to our Treasurer at the following address...

Desna Sulway
2 Harwick Cres.,
Nepean, Ont.
K2H 6P9



USING E-TRANSFER



We have set up an account to accept e-transfers via Auto-deposit so that your transfer will be deposited automatically without the need for a security question and answer. A confirmation email is sent automatically to the sender and an email notice of deposit is also sent to the recipient.

Auto-deposit has the same security features as the regular Interac e-transfer service, one of the safest digital money transfer services in the world. The money is transferred through established and secure banking procedures that financial institutions have used for years to settle cheques, bank machine deposits and withdrawals.

To use e-transfer, the financial institution the member uses must support Interac e-transfer. Please follow the steps below:

1. Sign into your online banking (speak to your bank about setting up online capability if required)
2. Go to Interac e-transfer
3. First add the new recipient
4. When asked for a recipient name - enter **Probus Club of Western Ottawa** or, if you encounter character limitations, enter **PROBUS West**
5. For the recipient's email - enter membership@probuswesternottawa.ca, then **next**.
6. If you have more than one account, select the one from which you wish to withdraw funds.
7. Enter the amount you are withdrawing then click **send**.
8. You should see a notice that the recipient has enabled automatic deposit so that no security question is required.
9. In the message box, put the names of all persons for whom you are submitting fees (e.g. John and Jane Doe). Do not use any special characters such as "&".
10. Confirm your details and then **send**.
11. You will receive a confirmation email with a reference number should follow-up be required.



**Wishing all of you a very
happy, safe & healthy
holiday season**

