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Johanna Lemke: author of *Enemy Under Our Roof*

A childhood memoir from the Nazi occupied Netherlands, 1940 – 1945

Johanna Lemke lived through the horrors of WWII and is the author of a riveting, inspiring, and informative memoir. *Enemy Under Our Roof* is based on the author's experiences in war-torn Hengelo, the Netherlands. She endured nights of terror spent in the cellar during air raids and during the dreaded razzias, when friends and neighbours were taken away to the camps, but she also found joy in billeting three Canadian soldiers for four months after the liberation, one of whom encouraged her family to immigrate to Canada.

Johanna is a graduate of Ottawa Teacher's College. After eleven years of teaching elementary school both in Lyn and Ottawa, she took writing courses at Algonquin College and the University of Ottawa. At Carleton University, she studied Children's Literature as part of her combined English/German major. She's a member of the online WriteforKids/CBI organization and a regular contributor of articles and children's stories to her church's quarterly magazine. When she's not writing, Johanna enjoys reading, research, nature, architecture, science, classical music, theatre, art, and travel.



Upcoming Speakers

Dec 12: Karen McMorine & Rick Johnston
"Refugees in Canada"

Jan 9: Dr. Irwin Waller
"Reducing crime in Ottawa/Canada"

Feb 13: Peter Rohe
"My Experiences in Israel"

Probus clubs provide regular gatherings for semi-retired and retired people who appreciate and value opportunities to meet with others of similar interests. The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for coffee and socialization followed by our meeting at 10:30 which includes a guest speaker.

Probus Western Ottawa meets the second Tuesday of the month at
Kanata Baptist Church,
465 Hazeldean Road

The Prez Sez



Hello everyone.
At our last Management Committee meeting it was pointed out that five of the 11 people present had been President of our club. This illustrates a long term problem we've had – the same group have been supporting Probus Western Ottawa for many years.

They have done so for the comradery and fun it has provided, but fatigue is setting in. We need new volunteers to come with fresh ideas and perspectives and to relieve those who have contributed so much. Even having people just willing to assist or step in should illness or accident sideline an existing coordinator would be helpful in maintaining and improving our offerings.

You may not have noticed any impacts but that is only because existing and past committee members have taken on additional responsibilities to fill in where possible. In the last month, two of our committee members have had hip surgery requiring an extended recovery period. As a consequence, our planned November Outing has been deferred and we have no one to look after Publicity again. Lunch Outings have also been cut back. If uncertain where you might be able to help, you are welcome to attend a monthly Management Committee meeting to see how we operate. Please speak to me or email me if you would like to attend. Of course, you could also approach any member of the committee at member meetings for more information. (Our pictures and roles are described in the September newsletter on our website.)

Our most critical need is for a vice-president. This position is largely a learning period requiring a commitment to attend Management Committee meetings and to take on the presidency in the following year. Even a co-presidency would be of help.

Being on the Management Committee is a great way to meet new people and be part of the workings of our Probus Club. The committee meets monthly on the Tuesday following our regular meetings.

Ray Jones,
president@probuswesternottawa.ca

Your 2023-2024 Executive

President:	Ray Jones
Vice President:	Vacant
Past President:	Peter van Boeschoten
Secretary:	Marg Demers
Treasurer:	Bryan Wakeford
Membership:	Ruth Wakeford & Annette Lindsay
Speaker Program:	Beth Sweetnam
Lunches:	Vacant
Outings:	George Steeves
Newsletter:	Kathleen Kelly
Website:	Vacant
Policy Advisor:	Peter Doyle
Coffee Coordinators:	Shanna & Walter Lucas
Member-at-Large:	Vacant
Setup Crew:	Peter Durose & David Stafford
Euchre Club:	Barbara Bole & David Stafford
Cards and letters:	Betty Jean Bone
Publicity:	Vacant

Details of these position responsibilities may be found on our web site [here](#).

Membership Fees are Due November 14 - \$25

After our November 14 meeting those who have not renewed will be removed from our mailing list and will no longer receive our newsletter. Payment may be made either by cheque, cash or e-transfer. Make cheques payable to Probus Western Ottawa. Detailed e-transfer instructions can be found here:

[e-transfer-instructions.pdf \(probuswesternottawa.ca\)](#).

If there are any issues, please email membership@probuswesternottawa.ca for assistance. When e-transferring, please do not include any other payment amounts with your membership fees, and please include your full name in the message box.



New Home and Auto Insurance Available to Probus Members

Probus Canada has teamed up with Belairdirect to score special deals on insurance that's tailored just for you. Belairdirect helps simplify insurance for you, to make your life easier.

You'll also enjoy enhanced home coverage and the option for great car insurance add-ons with their Affinity Plus endorsement. Plus, a suite of helpful digital tools that make managing your insurance a breeze!

Get your quote today and be sure to mention you are a PROBUS Canada member. Visit belairdirect.com/en/savings or call 1-833-887-4626.



We like to think our Probus Club is much like a family. As such, we like to send a card when someone is ill, hospitalized, in need of a comforting word or experiencing a significant milestone. If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving a card, please call Betty Jean Bone at 613-721-5536 or email: cards@probuswesternottawa.ca

Welcome to our New Members

The following new members joined Probus Western Ottawa in October:

Nora Georgekishwatt
 Sydney Georgekishwatt
 Joy Leacock Pelletier
 Mark Podolak
 Jean Stabler
 Ken Stabler
 Eric Staidler



Euchre Players!

A reminder to regular members and an invitation to new members...

You just have to be a Probus member. We're a friendly group and play for enjoyment!

Hope to see you on **Friday, November 10 at 12:30** for coffee and light refreshments plus a social time. Games begin at 1 p.m.

The Probus euchre group meets monthly at Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road (at Moodie).

For further information, please contact Barbara or David Stafford at bbole@sympatico.ca or phone 613-592-0296.

Bring a book, ... take a book.



Check out our book swap table at every meeting.



After our meeting

Join us for lunch at [Busters Bar and Grill](#)
 420 Hazeldean road
 at noon

Sign up (via show of hands)
at the November meeting

Images from Our October Meeting



Elliana Kleiner of the Credit Counselling Society spoke to us about Living Well on Retirement Income. The talk included the role of the Credit Counselling Society and a discussion of the various types of retirement income. Also explained were challenges and strategies in today's financial landscape.



President Ray Jones (far left) and Membership coordinator Ruth Wakeford (far right) present 10-year pins to (L-R): Betty Jean Bone, Marie Armstrong and Ron Armstrong at our October meeting.

Probus Pre-Christmas Luncheon

Algonquin College, Restaurant Internationale [website](#)
Tuesday November 28, or Wednesday November 29, 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$40.00 per person which includes a 3 course meal, coffee, tax and gratuity. Cash bar will be available.

Tickets can be purchased at the November meeting.

E-transfers can be made by following the instructions at: [e-transfer-instructions.pdf \(probuswesternottawa.ca\)](#).

Please indicate your name and choice of lunch date in the message section.

Parking lot 4 is immediately outside the Hospitality (H) Building. Parking is free for Restaurant Internationale guests. Space is limited. [Map here](#)



Visit to Vintage Wings

On October 26, 14 members visited Vintage Wings, a collection of historically significant aircraft, including the Hawker Hurricane, Supermarine Spitfire and North American P51 Mustang, all of which are in pristine flying condition. Even the floor of the museum hangar was highly polished. We were split into 3 groups, each with a very knowledgeable tour leader.

The accompanying photo shows a group discussing a Westland Lysander, a WWII unarmed short-takeoff-and-landing craft designed for extracting spies from behind enemy lines.



Following the tour, 11 members went on to the Mill St. Brew Pub for lunch.

Chuckle Corner

Did I read that sign right?

In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

Outside a second-hand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR SPOUSE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)

Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Membership inquiries may be sent to:
membership@probuswesternottawa.ca

Our Website:

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Newsletter comments or submissions:
newsletter@probuswesternottawa.ca

PROBUS Canada Connections, our National Newsletter:
<https://www.probuscanada.ca/news>