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Dr. Irvin Waller: Reducing Crime in Ottawa

Influencing change in Ottawa to halve violence by 50% within five years.

A respected authority on victim support and rights, Dr. Waller has played key roles in establishing and leading the World Society of Victimology and the International Organization for Victim Assistance. He has been a member of numerous national and international commissions and task forces focused on safety and security around the world. Among them is South Africa's Task Force on Safety and Security during the Mandela administration.

Dr. Waller will discuss international *success stories to model and secrets to halve violence in Canada by 50% within 5 years. He is an advocate of stopping violence before it happens by addressing causes. The science and secrets that address causes reduce violence significantly, cost-effectively, and within 5 years. Social outreach, youth development, stop now and plan, trauma therapy and mentoring, positive parenting, and improving norms are important examples of prevention that stops violence before it happens and gets results within 3 years.*



Dr. Waller is emeritus professor of criminology at the University of Ottawa and a popular public speaker in English, French and Spanish. His M.A. and Ph.D. are from the University of Cambridge in economics and criminology. Among Waller's too-numerous-to-name international accolades are awards for his role in pioneering the United Nations' Victim Magna Carta, which has influenced the International Criminal Court and changed crime policy from Japan to Mexico. He received recognition from governments in Europe, North America, and Mexico for his contributions in shifting the world agenda to embrace prevention.

Dr. Waller is the author of three influential books written for public libraries and politicians, including *Less Law, More Order, Rights for Victims of Crimes*, and *Smarter Crime Control*. Each of these shares in simple language the solid violence prevention science of effective solutions and best practices to support justice for victims. His latest book is *Science and Secrets of Ending Violent Crime*.

Probud 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.

Probud Western Ottawa meets the second Tuesday of the month at

Kanata Baptist Church,
465 Hazeldean Road

Upcoming Speakers

Feb 13: Peter Rohe
"My Experiences in Israel"

March 12: Peggy Blair
"Experiences Publishing a Book"

April 9: Dr. Tim Pychyl
"Procrastination"

The Prez Sez



Happy New Year everyone.

I hope you all had a great time during the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

This month, I would like to welcome 3 new members to our Management Committee as listed to the right.

- Suma Abraham is willing to coordinate those club members who volunteer to arrange any restaurant excursions during the coming months.
- David Lee is still exploring his role but has agreed to help with the website and is considering the VP role.
- Ruth Brydon is considering managing the book swap table.

Many positions would benefit from having helpers assist the Committee member coordinating that role. So please consider helping your club by putting your name forward for such assistance. It's also a great opportunity to make a new friend.

We are pleased that our Outings coordinator, George Steeves, is now back on his feet. See page 5 for details about our January Glow in the Dark mini golf event. Future outings being considered include:

- the Canadian Mint or the National Art Gallery
- Temple's Sugar Bush
- the SunTech greenhouses
- the Brockville Railway Tunnel
- the Almonte Textile Museum
- the Marshes nine hole executive course
- Fletcher's Gardens at the Experimental Farm

Be sure to check each month's newsletter for the latest details.

Speaker Ideas Wanted

Beth Sweetnam, our Speaker Coordinator, will be leaving this role after June. Currently, she has speakers lined up through May. This position is vital to our club's continuation. Please consider working alongside her for one or more months so you can see what's involved. Ideally, we'd like to have a committee working in this area. If this role on the Management Committee does not interest you, you can still contribute by supplying suggestions. These may be merely topics, but providing contact info for a particular speaker is even better.

Submit any ideas to speaker@probuswesternottawa.ca. (Religious or political topics should be avoided.)

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Your 2023-2024 Executive

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Euchre Club:	Barbara Bole David Stafford
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Details of these position responsibilities may be found on our web site [here](#).

*New to the Committee



The Euchre Group enjoyed their final game of the year after a Christmas Potluck lunch.



On December 8, Club President Ray Jones presented Olly Chuchryk with her 10-year membership pin at the Euchre meeting.

Bring a book,
..... take a book



Check out our book swap table at every meeting.



Euchre Players!

Welcome to a new year of Euchre Games!

Hope to see you on Friday, January 12, 2024!

12:30 p.m. for social time – coffee, light snacks

1 p.m. – Let the games begin!

All Probus members who have some knowledge of the game are welcome.

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.



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 January meeting



Images from Our December Meeting

Clockwise from upper left -

Speakers Panel from Kanata Baptist Church Refugee Support Network and Matthew House Ottawa.

Brynn Brieda, Fundraising & Communications Coordinator, Matthew House Ottawa.

Rick Johnston, government interface with Kanata Baptist Church Refugee Support Network.

Karen McMorine, Chair of the Kanata Baptist Church Refugee Support Network.

Our members found the presentation very informative.



January Indoor Mini Golf Event

Please join us for an experience like no other. Let's play 18 holes of Glow In The Dark Fun. From the moment you enter one of the "Black lit" courses you will be immersed in a kaleidoscope of dazzling "Glow-in-the-Dark" colors, images and sounds.

- Where:** Glow in the Dark Mini Golf, The Putting Edge,
5 Roydon Place,
Unit 1, Nepean
www.puttingedge.com
- When:** January 25th
Tee off time 1 p.m.
(lunch at 11:30, before golf, see location below)
- Cost:** \$14

Plan to join us for lunch **PRIOR** to participating in the golf event.

- Where:** Hard Stones Grill,
1 Roydon Place (off Merivale Road)
- When:** 11:30am



In order to get reservation numbers, George will have signup sheets at the January meeting where you can indicate your intent to attend one or both of the lunch and mini golf. If you can't attend the meeting, email George at outings@probuswesternottawa.ca to let him know.

Remember to wear your Probus membership badge if you have one!

Clever Signs

At the Electric Company:

We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."

At a Propane Filling Station:

Thank Heaven for little grills.

In a Veterinarian's waiting room :

Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!

On a Plumber's truck :

We repair what your husband fixed.

Chuckle Corner 

In a Non-smoking Area:

If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action.

On a Maternity Room door :

Push. Push. Push.

At a Car Dealership :

The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment.

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