



# The PROBUS Pilot



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## Peter Rohe: My Experiences in Israel Serving in a UN Mission.

Peter Rohe had a full career as a Logistics Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces. He retired in 2018 at the rank of Lieutenant-Commander. Throughout his career there were many opportunities for worldwide travel including three deployments to the Middle East region. Peter spent a year in Jerusalem in 2015 with the U.S. State Department, he worked for the United Nations in the Golan Heights in 2011, and he had a six-month tour in Dubai in 2004, supporting Canada's mission in Afghanistan.

With Israel being a very timely topic, Peter agreed to provide some insights into his experiences there.

He will present a selection of his photos from the Golan Heights region as well as from Jerusalem, discussing aspects of life in the region that are not often covered by the media.

Since retirement, Peter and his wife Joanne continue to enjoy travelling, photography, playing pickleball and other hobbies.



### Upcoming Speakers

**March 12:** Peggy Blair  
"Experiences Publishing a Book"

**April 9:** Dr. Tim Puchyl  
"Procrastination"

**May 14:** Dr. Ian Mackay,  
Professor and Linguist

### New Probus Members in January:

Geoff Delaunay

Mary Hawkeye

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, Kanata Ontario

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](mailto:cards@probuswesternottawa.ca).



# The Prez Sez

Hello everyone.



## A New Meeting Agenda Item

This month your management committee would like to try a new activity. The idea is to have members share something about themselves in our meetings as a way of encouraging more connections among our members. If people know a little bit about you, they are more likely to discover common interests or experiences.

For our February meeting, members of the board have volunteered to showcase the process. At each future meeting, no more than three volunteers will be selected from a show of hands. Presenters are asked to stand where they are seated so people can see them properly. They will be given a microphone, and their presentation should not exceed two minutes in length. Content is at the discretion of the volunteer and could cover such topics as career, family, hobbies, interests and life experiences.

Any comments about the process itself are welcome and may be directed to me.

## Newsletter Editor Wanted

Our newsletter editor, Kathleen Kelly, needs to relinquish her role after the March issue. We've prevailed on past editors to take on the April and May issues.

We need someone to take on this position for June and next year. A basic familiarity with a word processing application is required. By volunteering early, you can work with the current editor and ease into the role. A "tips and tricks" document is available as well as support from past editors.

## Speaker Coordinators Wanted

Beth Sweetnam, our Speaker Coordinator, will be leaving this role after June. 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 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](mailto:speaker@probuswesternottawa.ca). (Religious or political topics should be avoided.)

## Other Open Positions

Your current management team is shown (above right). It's not yet known in all cases what their plans are for next year, but most positions would benefit from having multiple leaders. So, if you are interested in exploring a possibility, please contact me or the current position leader.

Ray Jones

[president@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:president@probuswesternottawa.ca)

## Your 2023-2024 Executive

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

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

\*New to the committee



January 25 lunch at Hard Stones Grill (above) followed by Glow in the Dark mini golf at The Putting Edge (below).



Lunch at the Village Café on January 18, (below), organized by Suma Abraham, (front right).



## Euchre Players!

Welcome to new and returning players!

Hope to see you on:

Friday, February 16, 2024!

(\*please note change from our usual date)

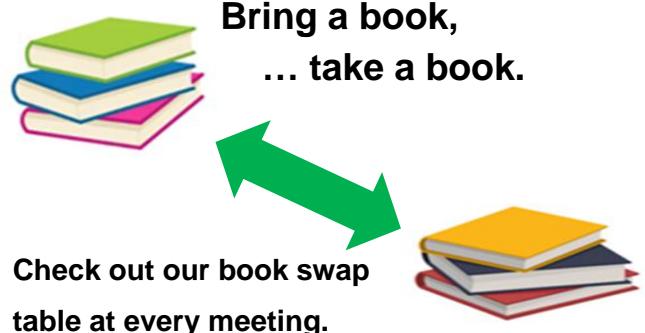
12:30 p.m. Social time, coffee, light snacks

1:00 p.m. Let the games begin!

All Probus members who have some knowledge of the game are welcome. Don't know how to play but would like to learn? Try getting started with an App.

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](mailto: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 **February meeting**

## Images from Our January Meeting



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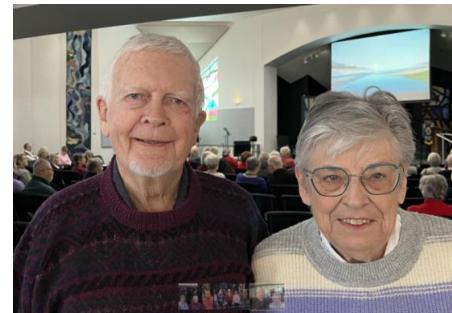
Dr. Irvin Waller discussed steps to reduce crime in Ottawa.

Dr. Waller joined us for lunch at Busters to continue the conversation.

20-year pin recipients Peter and Dawn Doyle.

20-year pin recipients (L-R) Peter Durose, David and Barbara Stafford, Peter van Boeschoten.

10-year pin recipients Heather and Gordon Walt.



## Chuckle Corner



If you are addicted to the hokey pokey, you can turn yourself around.

A road sign reads "Watch for Children". That seems like a fair trade.

## Upcoming events:

### Visit to The Royal Canadian Mint, February 22, 10 a.m. sharp, 320 Sussex Drive, Ottawa Ontario.

This will be a guided educational tour of approximately 45 mins. We will walk through the numismatic coin making process and also get a closer look at state-of-the-art gold refining technology.

Metered parking is available on adjacent streets. Underground parking is also available at the National Gallery of Canada.

Following our tour, lunch will be at **Milestones-Sussex Restaurant located at 700 Sussex Drive, Unit 201.**

Reservations will be made for 12:15 p.m.

Sign up at the February meeting or contact George Steeves at [outings@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:outings@probuswesternottawa.ca)

More details on our website, (see link at bottom of page).

### Lunch in Stittsville, Café Napoli, February 29, 12 noon, 1300 Main Stittsville Ontario.

Sign-up at the February meeting or contact Suma Abraham at [lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca)

### Visit to Temple's Sugar Bush and Pancake House, March 21, 1700 Ferguson's Falls Road, Lanark Ontario

Brunch at 11:30. More details on our website, (see link at bottom of page) and at the February and March meetings.

### Visit to Sun Tech Greenhouses, March 28, 11:30 a.m., 5541 Doyle Road, Manotick Ontario.

Sun Tech Greenhouses is a hydroponic greenhouse providing high quality local produce free of GMOs and spray pesticides. This is a family owned greenhouse supplying the Ottawa region with 3 types of tomatoes and seedless cucumbers.

Following the tour we will enjoy lunch at **The Swan on the Rideau, 2730 River Road, Manotick Ontario.**

Reservations will be made for 1:30pm. Sign up at the February or March meeting or contact George at

[outings@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:outings@probuswesternottawa.ca)

More details on our website, (see link at bottom of page).

## Rotary-Stittsville Film Festival Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Ottawa-Stittsville is showing four Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) films at Landmark Cinemas, Kanata this Winter. The dates are February 26, March 25, April 29, and May 27. Information about their club and its many activities, including detailed descriptions of the films and how to order, may be found on their website: [stittsvillerotary.com](http://stittsvillerotary.com). Each film is shown twice, at 4 pm and 7 pm. Passes for the series are \$60.

Rotary Clubs around the world have, for many years, helped launch Probus clubs. The major difference between Rotary and Probus is that Rotary is a Service Club which engages in fund raising and community sponsorship, while Probus encourages socializing with other retirees through special events and monthly meetings with interesting speakers.

Locally, the Rotary Club of Ottawa sponsored Probus Western Ottawa in 1998 and Probus Alta Vista in 1999.

**Membership inquiries may be sent to:**

[membership@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:membership@probuswesternottawa.ca)

**Our website:**

[www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca)

**Newsletter comments or submissions:**

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**PROBUS Canada Connections, our National Newsletter:**

<https://www.probuscanada.ca/news>