



The PROBUS Pilot



Probus Club of Western Ottawa – serving the western half of the National Capital Region

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Join us at 10 am on Tuesday, April 8 to hear Lola Reid Allin speak on

Highway to the Sky: Women in Aviation History

In 1980, Lola Reid Allin earned her commercial pilot license and became one of very few Canadian women licensed to fly for hire. Lola will highlight the careers of several female pilots and explain the rewards of an aviation career and the challenges faced by women, then and now. She offers several possible reasons why women remain under-represented in commercial aviation (only 5%-7% of pilots are female!) and why aviation or other STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) careers attract few women.

Our Speaker:

Lola Reid Allin is a former Airline Transport pilot, pilot examiner, the first female flight instructor at two flight schools (British Columbia and Ontario), and the first woman to fly the Twin Otter for a scheduled air service. She is also a SCUBA Dive Master, and an award-winning author and photographer. To promote the role of women in aviation and to encourage other females to consider aviation careers, Lola is co-lead for the Education and Outreach Committee of the First Canadian Chapter, Ninety-

Nines International Organization of Women Pilots and a speaker with the Northern Lights Aero Foundation and the Eastern Ontario 99s Education and Outreach Committee.

In 2022, she and Robin Hadfield, the president of the International 99s, created the New Track Scholarship, an annual award for female pilots.

She has explored more than 65 countries in depth, lived with four different Maya groups in Central America and Mexico and trekked across Baffin Island and around Manaslu (Nepal), the world's 8th tallest mountain. She has summited Africa's Kilimanjaro and Toubkal mountains as well as Machu Picchu in Peru.

Her memoir, *Highway to the Sky: An Aviator's Journey* was released in September 2024.



Who we are:

The Probus Club of Western Ottawa is part of the international organization of Probus Clubs designed to serve retired and semi-retired people. Our club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, except for July and August.

The meeting begins at 10:00 am with coffee and a time for socialization followed by a guest speaker. Topics are varied, interesting and stimulating. Special social events occur throughout the year.

Western Ottawa Probus meets at Kanata Baptist Church, 465 Hazeldean Road (west of the Farm Boy plaza). Visitors are welcome.

Website: www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Don't Miss Our Upcoming Speakers

May 13 : Mike Bulthuis, "How can we preserve and expand affordable housing in Ottawa?"

June 10: Victoria Woodhouse: "Reviving the Route: Pollinator Habitat Restoration on Rights-of-Way"

September 9: Laurence Wall: "Twentieth Century Canadian History Through the Magic of Radio"

GUEST SPEAKER



The Prez Sez

We are getting a new Director for Ontario District #1 as of May 1, Craig Greenwood has supported us for three years and did a great job. It was a pleasure working with him. The Director's position will be assumed by Bernetta Starkey, a member and past president of the Alta Vista club.

If you have questions about what each role requires, check out the role descriptions [here](#). If willing to help, please contact me either in person at meetings or via email to

president@pobuswesternottawa.ca.

Ray Jones

Hello everyone.

At our March meeting we had 7 visitors and 9 new members bringing our membership count to 195. Our thanks to those of you who encourage others to give our club a try.

Below is a preliminary view of next year's Executive Committee. Many of the present members have agreed to stay on for another year, but there remain vacancies to be filled. Some, like Secretary, Outings and Setup Crew are really critical to our club functioning. Please consider a position, even if you can't be available all the time.



Executive 2025-2026

President	David Lee
Vice-President	Vacant
Past-President	Ray Jones
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Bryan Wakeford
Membership	Ruth Wakeford
	Annette Lindsay
Speaker Program	Tom Lukowski
Lunches	Suma Abraham
	Vacant
Outings	Vacant x2
Newsletter	Peter Weir
Website	Peter van Boeschoten
	Vacant
Policy Advisor	Peter Doyle
SetupCrew	Vacant x 2 (Audio/Visual)
Euchre	Barbara Bole
	David Stafford
Coffee Service	Shanna/Walter Lucas
	Stan/Anne Senkowski
Member-at-Large	Ruth Brydon (Book Swap)
Cards and Letters	Betty Jean Bone
Publicity	Vacant

[Details of these position responsibilities may be found On our website here](#)

Book Swap Table



**Bring a book ...
...Take a book
Check it out at every meeting**

After the meeting

Join us for lunch

Join us for lunch after our April meeting.



Often our speaker agrees to join us. This month we will be at : Busters Bar and Grill, 420 Hazeldean Road

www.bustersbarandgrill.ca/

Upcoming April 2025 Events

We expect to tour of the Karsh - Masson Gallery and the City Hall Art Gallery on **Wed. April 23rd. at 10:30 am** as well as a tour of the Ottawa Sport Hall of Fame. Registration forms will be available at our April 8 meeting.

Karsh - Masson Gallery



City of Ottawa

This 1,500 square-foot gallery is proudly named after photographer Yousuf Karsh and painter Henri Masson in honour of their contributions to Canadian art. Exhibitions are selected once every two years by a peer assessment committee.

Karsh-Masson Gallery and City Hall Art Gallery are located on the main level at Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West. Both galleries are open daily 9 am to 5 pm (excluding holidays) and are wheelchair accessible. Admission is free.

Exhibitions at Karsh-Masson Gallery and City Hall Art Gallery feature the work of professional artists working in all media and include solo, group and curated exhibitions, exhibitions from the diplomatic sector, and circulating exhibitions from other institutions.

Both galleries present a combined total of approximately 8 exhibitions annually, each of which lasts approximately eleven weeks. Annual programming consists of artist talks and tours and an exhibition featuring the City of Ottawa Art Collection. An exhibition related to the Karsh Award is presented every two years at Karsh-Masson Gallery and the next one will occur in 2026.

Ottawa Sport Hall of Fame



<https://ottawasporthall.ca/>

The Ottawa Sport Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization, which documents, curates and celebrates outstanding achievement in local sport heritage. The Sport Hall is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors to maintain and preserve our rich sporting legacies. Each year, the Hall of Fame Board receives nominations from the public and selects new inductees to be honoured in the Hall. Over 270 of Ottawa's finest athletes, builders and teams have been welcomed into the prestigious Hall of Honour. In 2005, the Hall was moved to the second level concourse at Scotiabank Place where it resided for six years before moving to Ottawa City Hall in 2023. Admission is free.

Lunch afterwards will be at Johnny Farina Italian Restaurant located at 216 Elgin St.

<https://www.johnnyfarina.com/>



We like to send a card when someone is ill, hospitalized, in need of a comforting word or on the occasion of 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

Our Website www.probuswesternottawa.ca

April 2025 Events

Breakfast Club SIG News

The Breakfast Club is a group of like-minded individuals who enjoy getting together to experience great food and conversation in a welcoming environment. Engaging members in light conversation will encourage social interaction and proliferate the benefits of being a Probud club member. Each member will take turns planning one breakfast event per month. They are responsible for selecting the restaurant, date and time, notifying the SIG membership and for making the reservation.

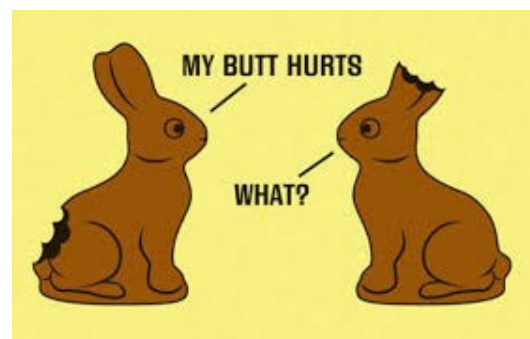
Friday April 11

Probus Euchre Players

12:30 for social time – coffee and snacks
1 p.m. – the games begin!

Hope to see you on the 11th!
Barbara and David Stafford

If you're a Probud member and would like to learn how to play Euchre, Please contact Barbara & David at bbole@sympatico.ca for more information.



Ray Jones our president, presented Bev Wilcox and Bill Eng with 10 year pins, congratulations to them both



New members who joined / rejoined in March.

Cathy Dawson, John Farley,
Joan and Conrad Gregoire, Chen Lui,
Walter Martens, Karen Saer,
Ann Swanwick and Caroline Whaley

Thursday April 24 - 12 pm

Join us for lunch at Cyranos on 2039 Robertson Road (in Bell Mews) Nepean at 12 pm

All interested parties should sign up for the event at the next Probud Meeting

<https://www.cyranos.ca/>



***** NEW *****

Probus Members 20% Discount

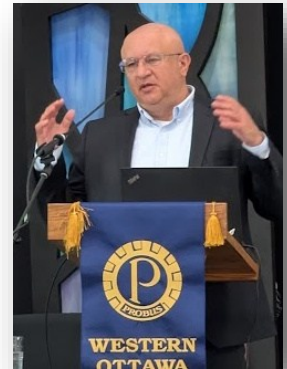
for printing at **Staples**
Details may be found [here](#)

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

Looking Back

March Speaker

At our March meeting, members enjoyed an informative presentation by Tom Zagon about Arctic ice. He explained how its extent varies over time and season, its importance to shipping and the methods used to monitor and forecast its extent. He then used that as a basis to speculate how ice conditions affected the Franklin expedition of 1846. When we think of Arctic ice, we often associate it with icebergs, but Tom explained that sea ice is quite smooth and used by the Inuit for transportation. You can find a lot of relevant information on the Canadian Ice Service [website](#).



**"If anyone wants to contact Tom, they can through email or by phone.
tom.zagon@ec.gc.ca / Tél. : 613-290-7682**

Wednesday, 26 March

The Casa Mexico.

Our Monthly Luncheon was held at The Casa Mexico. Great food and even better company.



Thursday, 20 March

Temple's Sugar Bush visit.

A sweet spring visit to the Temple's Sugar Bush, was enjoyed by all that attended.



Volunteers needed

Join Our Audiovisual (AV) Team!

We have two exciting vacancies in our AV team. As a team member, you will be responsible for setting up, operating, and troubleshooting audiovisual equipment for our monthly speaker presentations. Your role will be crucial in ensuring a high-quality AV experience for our audience. We provide one-on-one training to ensure your success and continued participation.

Key Responsibilities:

- Set up and operate AV equipment, including video projectors and sound systems.
- Perform routine maintenance and troubleshooting to ensure optimal performance.
- Collaborate with speakers and team members to understand AV requirements and PowerPoint presentations.

We have also developed comprehensive self-study documentation that covers all aspects of our AV setup, providing many opportunities to acquire new skills.

If you are a motivated individual, please consider joining our AV team.

David Lee lee.david2421@gmail.com

Looking for Webmaster

Our website is important to keep our members informed but also to recruit new members. As such, it is our primary communication tool and needs to be regularly updated.

We are looking for a new webmaster. This is an opportunity to work with all members of our executive team. Using a limited knowledge of the HTML language, together with a WYSIWYG application, web pages can be updated and uploaded to our website.

If you are interested or wish to learn more, please contact a member of our executive or email webmaster@probuswesternottawa.ca



Year-end Luncheon, Tuesday 10 June

On Tuesday, 10 June we will be holding our Year-end luncheon in the Church Hall after our regular meeting. Our caterer will be from Leatherworks, offering a variety of wraps, salads, desserts and coffee. The luncheon will be in the Church Hall on the other side of the foyer from the sanctuary. This event is a great opportunity to close out our year and socialize with other club members before summer. Tickets are \$25 (tax and tip included) and will be available at the April and May meetings. Please pay with cash, cheque or via e-transfer to membership@probuswesternottawa.ca

([E-transfer instructions can be found here](#))

Please add "June luncheon" to the message field. Reservations close on June 1st and no refunds will be available after that date.

let's do
lunch

Special Interest Group (SIG) News

Hello everyone.

I've removed Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Potlucks, Ukulele Group and Wine Making entries from the chart at right (due to no signatures in 4 months). And, with warmer weather on the way, I am adding new signup sheets for Canoeing, Gardening, Golf, Kayaking and Paddleboarding to see if there is any interest shown before our summer break.

Prime Contacts

Very few groups have identified a Prime Contact, so to clarify the role again, it is NOT to be responsible for all activities within the group. Rather it is to:

- maintain the email list of current SIG members
- be aware of activities taking place
- be the contact person for any request for more information about the group

Meeting People

If you are in a SIG with 4 or more people, you have everyone's contact information, but likely have not met most of them. The point of a SIG is to facilitate making new acquaintances. Following are some suggestions that, with minimal effort, may help put faces to those names.

During our monthly coffee time (10-10:30 am) look for names that appear on your group's list and strike up a conversation about your common interest.

Email everyone in your SIG group and suggest a meeting in the sanctuary or foyer at 9:30 on the day of the next regular meeting.

Be specific about location (e.g. just outside the cloak room or beside the band area in the sanctuary). Remind everyone to wear their badge if they have one or acquire a stick-on at the welcome centre.

Email everyone and suggest meeting at a coffee shop at a quiet time. Out of courtesy to the owner, be prepared to order food and drink. Four at a table is optimum for conversation; six is probably the limit.

With the warmer weather, email everyone and suggest a meeting in a park for a picnic, or just a

get together. Everyone brings their own chair, food and drink. Again, be as specific as possible about the meeting location.

If you are planning an outing for yourself, you can invite others to join you at your specific time and place, say at a theatre 30 minutes before the performance (everyone coming buys their own ticket) or at a launching site for kayaks or canoes for a group paddle.

It's unusual for people's schedules to align so do not expect a huge turnout. Anyway, a low turnout may be desirable as you can get to know people better in small groups.

Ray Jones, President

Special Interest Groups			March 11, 2025	
SIG Name	# Participants	Participants Notified	Prime Id'd?	Prime Contact
Art Appreciation	4	Y	Y	June Stewart
Billiards	1	N	Y	Ellen Clare O'Gallagher
Bird Watching	6	Y	N	
Book Club	6	Y	N	
Bowling	1	N	N	
Breakfast Club	18	Y	Y	David Lee
Bridge	2	N	Y	Surinder & Bonnie Khana
Canoeing	0	N	N	
Cycling	5	Y	Y	George Steves / Peter Weir
Games Night	4	Y	Y	Nicola Jarvis
Gardening	0	N	N	
Golf	0	N	N	
Hiking	20	Y	Y	Peter Weir
Kayaking	0	N	N	
Knitting	1	N	N	
Paddleboarding	0	N	N	
Pickleball	5	Y	N	
Snowshoeing	2	N	N	
Sommelier & Wine Tasting	3	Y	N	
Theatre Nights	18	Y	N	
Travelers Club	22	Y	N	
Walking	23	Y	Y	Peter Weir
Total # Signatures:		141	Red text indicates a change from February	