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#### THE PREZ SEZ:

We had the unfortunate surprise of finding road construction near the Kanata United Church at last month's meeting. I know this caused problems for a lot of our members. I will visit the area a few days before the next meeting to assess the situation and will have an e-mail sent to you within a few days of the meeting. Please check your e-mail for the update and I hope there is a good turn-out for our Christmas Meeting and Luncheon.

Respectfully, Ruth Howes, President

This month's meeting: Tues., Dec. 13

## A FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THIS YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP FEES

The cost of your 2011/12 membership is \$20 per person and **is now due**!

If you haven't paid your dues and you wish to keep your membership in good standing, please visit the membership table before the meeting on Dec. 13 and make your payment(s) in cash or by cheque.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:**

### JAMIE LUNN -WAR AMPS OF CANADA



The speaker for our December 13 meeting will be Jamie Lunn of the War Amps of Canada who is a "C.H.A.M.P." program graduate.

Jamie was born missing part of her right arm and was enrolled in The War Amps Child Amputee (C.H.A.M.P.) Program.

Through C.H.A.M.P. Jamie received financial assistance for artificial limbs, counselling and regional C.H.A.M.P. seminars. An active participant in C.H.A.M.P., Jamie participated as a Safety Ambassador spreading The War Amps PLAYSAFE/DRIVESAFE message.

She later became an active member of Operation Legacy which passes on the remembrance message from war amputee veterans to the younger generation.

Jamie works at The War Amps National Headquarters as a Public Awareness Officer. She ensures that Operation Legacy Members represent the Association at events all across Canada.

# Upcoming Guest Speakers:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012: Canada's Information Commissioner, Suzanne Legault

Tuesday, February 14, 2012: "Horizon 2067-The 50-Year Plan for Canada's Capital." Presented by Marie Lemay, CEO of the National Capital Commission

#### Find Probus on the Web

To find us on the Web please go to <u>www.kanataseniors.ca</u>, click on "Activities, then "Outside Activities" and then "Probus".

# Plan to come to the Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon!!



Immediately following the Tuesday, December 13 meeting our annual Probus Christmas <u>Pot Luck Luncheon</u> will take place. It's always a lot of fun and 'great eats' so, if you're interested in joining other members in this seasonal event, please bring along finger food of your choice. Several excellent prizes will also be drawn.

# After-meeting volunteers needed for cleanup.....

We can always use a hand to put away tables, chairs and coffee materials at the close of each meeting. So, following this month's meeting and the speaker, please drop by the hall and lend a hand. Many hands mean only a few minutes to clean up and put things away.

# **Probus Web Site Planned**

Our club is looking at having our own web site in the next few months. There is a lot of talent among our members and we are hoping that there is someone who can help set it up and maintain it as webmaster. If you have some background, and are interested, please contact Peter van Boeschoten at 613-591-5610.

This is a great opportunity for our club, as the web site will provide space for news, speakers, photos, newsletters, events and historical materials – all on line.

Do you like to play Euchre or Bridge? ...or would you like to learn to play?

Probus Club members host a Euchre and Bridge group on the first Friday of each month at 1 p.m. at Bell's Corners United Church. <u>Please Note: *The December 2 event*</u>



#### The Chuckle Corner

#### **Deep Thoughts**

- A day without sunshine is like.....night.
- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have film.
- How many of you believe in psycho-kinesis? Raise my hand.
- Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened.

#### will feature a Pot-Luck Luncheon of both hot and cold foods..... and it all starts at 11:30 a.m.

For more information please contact Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174.

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# Do you know something that you feel would be of interest to our membership?

For instance, if you know someone we should congratulate or with whom we should sympathize, please contact Maggie Sheehan (613-825-4035), who will take appropriate action on behalf of the Club.

#### Got a good idea for a guest speaker?

Please contact Zdenek Kvarda (613-592-2921) or another member of the Program Committee.

**Know of a great social outing?** Please talk to Isabel Balon (613-831-0057) or another member of the Social Committee.

The PROBUS Club of Western Ottawa meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June, at the Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Drive in Kanata.

- 10:00: coffee and social time
- 10:30: VERY brief business meeting
- 10:45: speaker
- Following each meeting members and guests are invited to gather for lunch (at their own expense) at D'Arcy McGee's, corner of Robertson Road and Moodie Drive in Bell's Corners.

#### VISITORS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME.

#### How do I find you?

Exit Highway 417 at Eagleson/March Road. Just north of the exit take Campeau Drive west. At the first light turn right (north) onto Teron Road. At the first light, turn left (west) onto The Parkway. At the first (and only) stop sign, turn right onto Leacock Way. Follow Leacock Way to its end at Leacock Drive. **Kanata United Church** is in front of you, across the street.

**PARKING** at the church is limited. If full, please park in the large lot of the school next to the church or on the side of Leacock Drive where parking is permitted. *In fact, unless you have difficulty walking, please consider parking away from the front of the building in order to allow those who may be physically restricted easier access and exit.*