



# The PROBUS Pilot

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## THE PREZ SEZ:

As my term as President of our Club comes to a close, I want to tell you what a privilege it has been to serve in this capacity. I have had a super Management Team this year which has made my job very easy! Thank you to all the Management Team for doing your jobs so well.

I also want to thank Peter Durose for managing the sound system so faithfully and to Dick Murray from Kanata United Church for setting it up for each meeting.

Lastly, I am proud of our membership! You have provided a warm and friendly atmosphere and asked some very intelligent and respectful questions of our Guest Speakers.

I am looking forward to next year as we host the 2013 Spring Fling.

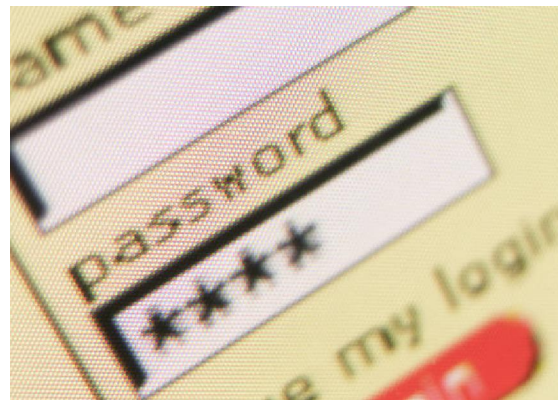
Respectfully,  
Ruth Howes, President

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Note: This month's meeting is on Tuesday, June, 12 but starts earlier than usual. Please see page 2 for further details.....

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## THIS MONTH'S SPEAKERS TOPIC:



## THE ABC's OF FRAUD

Whether through the internet, by telephone, someone at your door or even by a "friend" offering you "an opportunity", you could unwittingly become the victim of fraud or a scam. At our June meeting speakers from the Rotary Club of West Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service will show us some of the methods that scammers use and provide tips as to how to avoid becoming a target.

"The objective is to help seniors avoid being victimized by these fraudsters and scammers," said Rotary member

Arthur "Bud" McGinnis, who was president of the club at the time of the program's launch in 2002.

This helpful program celebrates its 10th anniversary this year with over 500 presentations having been made to more than 16,000 audience members.

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**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THIS MONTH'S MEETING!**

For a number of reasons we have decided to start this month's meeting at **10:15 a.m.** (rather than 10:30).

Why? Well, not only are we 'eating in', (see details below) but we also understand that our guest speakers may need some extra time too. In addition, the nature of the topic will likely elicit a greater number of questions than normal. (We must clear the premises entirely by 12:15 p.m.)

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**INTRODUCING THE PROBUS 'TRAVEL+MORE' BENEFIT PLAN**

Probus Canada is proud to announce that Probus Club members can now be eligible, by individual choice, for a number of coverage options available through a voluntary benefit program called Probus 'Travel + More' at **an affordable cost**. It includes the following options:

- Medoc Emergency Out-of-Country Travel Insurance;
- Health & Wellness Benefits – Extended Health Care (with or without Travel Insurance), Dental Care, and Life Insurance; and
- Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance.

Note: Each of these voluntary coverage options is available separately or combined based on the particular needs of the individual member and his/her spouse.

For more information from the national insurance provider, Johnson Inc., please contact toll-free either Gary Sawatzky at 1-800-661-1973 ([gsawatzky@johnson.ca](mailto:gsawatzky@johnson.ca)) or Lisa Hansen at 1-888-412-8822 ([lhansen@johnson.ca](mailto:lhansen@johnson.ca)).

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**Fun things to do in June:**



**The Probus Annual Golf Tournament:**

**When:** Thursday, June 14 at 10:00a.m.

**Where:** Madawaska Golf Course (just outside Arnprior)

**Cost:** \$30 for 18 holes or \$15 for 9 holes on the Executive course.

And remember... Even though prizes are awarded it's all in fun and anyone who wishes to play may do so. A sign-up sheet is available during coffee.

Thursday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m.  
House and Garden Tour of the  
Grete Hale residence.

Please keep in mind that parking near the Hale residence is very limited. The Civic Hospital is fairly close so 'No Parking' signs seem to be everywhere. Therefore, if you plan to attend, we strongly suggest that you try to make arrangements to car pool or perhaps have someone drop you off and pick you up later.

**House and Garden  
Tour & Tea**

**The Bayne House**  
(oldest home in Ottawa)

**Home of GRETE HALE**  
**40 Fuller Street**

**June 28, Thursday 1:30 p.m.**

**\$20 each** (proceeds to CANHAV in Uganda)

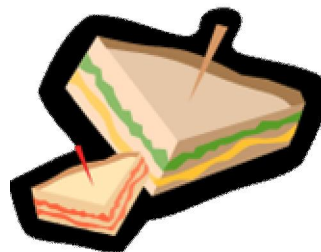
Please sign up & bring a cheque (payable to Probus)  
to the April or May meeting

**\*\* This unique outing limited to 50 people \*\***  
(We will try to arrange a car pool)

(For directions to the Bayne House  
please refer to our website for a map:  
[www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca).)

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**REMEMBER: It's Pot-Luck  
Lunch on Tuesday, June 12!!**



Before we break for the summer we always enjoy our traditional end-of-year **pot luck luncheon** after the final meeting. This year is no exception. For this fun occasion you are asked to provide finger food only please. Draws for prizes are also a popular feature of this event.

(Please clearly identify any dishes or containers that you wish to take back with you. That way, should you forget to take them home, we'll know not to have them discarded.)

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A very warm welcome to the  
club's newest member:  
**Joyce Blackburn.**

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**Don't forget to check out  
our newly launched web  
site....**

Any club news can now be easily and quickly brought to the attention of all those members who have access to the internet.

Our website will keep you up to date on Probus speakers, important dates, upcoming events and our organization in general. It can be found at:

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

(Make sure that you bookmark its location so that you don't have to keep typing it in each time.)

Similarly, our own private email account has been activated so that Probus members may, electronically, ask questions or submit comments to the executive anytime they wish to do so.

The e-mail address is:

[probuswesternottawa@gmail.com](mailto:probuswesternottawa@gmail.com)

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### **Proposed Slate of Officers for 2012/2013**

Kudos to Past-President Larry Durst and his committee, who have now finalized a list of proposed names for the fiscal year Sept. 2012 through August, 2013. These names will be officially presented to you, the members, for approval at this month's June 12 meeting. Thank you committee members for the excellent work done on this and to those who have agreed to serve on next year's Executive. They are as follows:

President – Peter van Boeschoten;  
Vice President – Maureen Donaghy;  
Membership Secretary – Barbara Stafford;  
Treasurer – Gerry Sutherland;  
Programming – Zdenek Kvarda;  
Social – Isabel Balon;  
Newsletter – Warren Scott;  
Publicity – Pat Thompson;  
Past President – Ruth Howes

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### **Spring Fling 2013 volunteers needed**

Our Club will be hosting the eastern Ontario district Spring Fling next year. This will be a major undertaking as we anticipate 250 to 300 attendees.

Indeed, we want to put on a memorable and enjoyable event.

This is where we need your help in putting this together. We have already picked the date and venue – **Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Tudor Hall**, but starting this Fall we will need to start putting the various pieces together. As we near the event, more and more help will be needed.

***To get the ball rolling there will be a sign-up sheet at this month's meeting*** where you can indicate your interest in helping with one or more of the various tasks required.

No activity is planned for over the summer but we wish to be able to use the list to quickly get underway in the Fall.



**HOW TO BATHE THE CAT**



1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. At this point the cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this!
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a 'Power-Wash' and 'Rinse'.
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand well back, behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Yours truly,  
The dog.

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## VISITORS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME AT PROBUS

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 Scores Rotisserie and Ribs in the Kanata Centrum complex.

To find us 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. *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.*