



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

WOW! 11 new members in April and several visitors besides - a warm welcome to each and every one of you. It's great seeing the growth in our Club at this time of the year. For those who had your names drawn to attend the Spring Fling in Perth on May 15th take note that, if for any reason you are unable to attend, give me a call at 613-726-9540. We have a waiting list so someone could take your place in which case your money would be promptly refunded. I am looking forward to another great meeting on May 8th.

Respectfully,
Ruth Howes, President

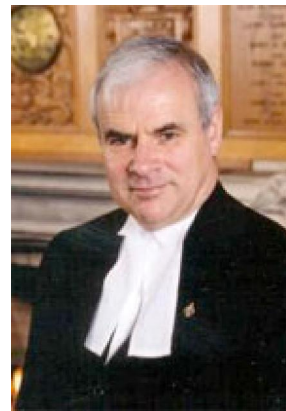
This month's meeting: Tues., May 8

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Last month 11 new members joined our club!!

A warm welcome to Ruth Wakeford, Sandra McLeod, Tony Parsons, Anita Nevins, Jan Innes, Cheryl Ferguson, Judy Makin, Margaret & Bill Beirsto, Gillian Sullivan and Charles O'Dale.

GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:



PETER MILLIKEN
Longest serving Speaker of
the House of Commons

Mr. Milliken was first elected Speaker of the House in 2001 and held the title until he retired from politics earlier this year. His high profile career as speaker was notable for the number of tie-breaking votes he cast, as well as several historic rulings. Mr. Milliken prevented a federal election by breaking a tie vote on an amendment to the 2005 federal budget. Mr. Milliken has also met with many

foreign dignitaries, including President Barack Obama.

Mr. Milliken has a Bachelor of Arts from Queen's University and an M.A. from Oxford University. In 1973 he was called to the Ontario Bar and enrolled as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Milliken practiced law from 1973 until 1988 when he was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands. He was re-elected in six consecutive elections between 1993 and 2008. His other parliamentary roles have included Assistant Party House Leader (House Business), Member of the Standing Committee on House Management, Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader, Deputy Speaker, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, and Chairman of the Committees of the Whole House.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is quoted as saying that Mr. Milliken would "go down in history as, not one of the best Speakers, but the best Speaker the House of Commons has ever had."

He presently contributes to the School of Policy Studies at Queen's teaching research and outreach activities, particularly in the fields of governance and policy-making in parliamentary democracies.

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Coming up in May and June:

Tuesday, May 8 –
GUEST SPEAKER Peter Milliken,

Sunday, May 27 -
A CONDUCTED TOUR of
Parliament Hill – (\$10 charge)

Thursday, June 28 -
HOUSE and GARDEN TOUR of the
Grete Hale residence (see details next
page). Note that 50 people are the maximum
for the tour and 40 have already signed up.

**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)

A social event heads up>>

At next month's Probus meeting (June 12) be prepared to enjoy our traditional end-of-year pot luck luncheon. For this fun occasion you are asked to please provide finger food only. Draws for prizes will also be a feature of this very popular event.

We have a web site!



Our club now has a new web site to keep you up to date on speakers, activities and our organization. It can be found at:

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Make sure that you bookmark this location so that you don't have to keep typing it in.

The left column lets you go to any of the featured pages. Not all are yet operational but as time goes on we will be adding more material.

The photos page will likely take a few months before we get it working. Many thanks to Bill Johnston for helping to get it on line.

Probus Spring Fling - May 15

The 2012 Spring Fling for the 12 Eastern Ontario Probus Clubs is being hosted by the Probus Club of Perth. This exciting event will take place on Tuesday, May 15th in Perth's historic Code's Mill. Please see the president's message on Page 1 about this popular event.

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SOUP'S ON!!

Once again we're off to *Scores Rotisserie and Ribs* at the Kanata Centrum after this month's meeting.

Let's all meet there for great food and stimulating conversation. Happily, Mr. Milliken has indicated he will have time to join us for a bite.

PROBUS E-MAIL ACCOUNT:

Our own private email account has recently been activated so that Probus members may, electronically, ask questions or submit comments to the executive should they wish to do so. Members who wish to be heard concerning Probus matters that interest or concern them are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

The e-mail address is:

probuswesternottawa@gmail.com

**Do you like to play Euchre or Bridge?
.....or want to learn to play?**



This month the Euchre and Bridge group will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11th (rather than on May 4th) at Bell's Corners United Church. For more information please contact Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174.

Note that on Friday, June 1, at 11:30 a.m. the Euchre/Bridge groups will enjoy a hot and cold sit-down pot luck luncheon at Bell's Corners United Church. The groups will then proceed to their tables for a final game for this season.

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 Chuckle Corner

Intelligent Puns (groaners actually)

- ✚ I changed my I Pod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- ✚ When chemists die, they barium.
- ✚ Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- ✚ I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.
- ✚ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- ✚ How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- ✚ I used to be a banker but then I lost interest.
- ✚ I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.



VISITORS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME

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.*