



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

I would like to remind everyone that parking in the Kanata United Church parking lot is limited. We are not permitted to park in the spaces immediately to the right as you enter the lot. These spots are reserved for Church staff and people on Church business. Note also that the first spot on the left side as you enter is reserved for our guest speaker. However, the Church and the school have a reciprocal agreement to use each other's parking lots. So, if the Church lot is full, we are welcome to use the adjacent school parking lot. Hope to see you at the meeting!

Respectfully,
Ruth Howes, President

This month's meeting: Tues., February 14

NEW MEMBERS

**Probus members who joined the club in January are:
Dr. Andrew Glen, Dr. Robin Barr
and William (Bill) Burton.
Welcome all!**

GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:



BARBARA CARRIERE
One of the now famous
“KILIMANJARO GRANNIES”

In 2005, as her son-in-law was preparing to climb Mount Everest, Barbara revisited her old dream of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. This was a goal she had set many years ago when she was much younger and the physical demands of the climb seemed insignificant. As she approached the big “six-oh,” doubt set in along with regret that she hadn't taken the time to do the climb earlier. She was about to

give up. Then she read a newspaper clipping about a local grandmother planning to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Pretty soon another grandmother was joining her and then another. A grandmother herself, Barbara began to wonder: might she still have the stamina to do it?

Fully aware of the dangers and hardships that lay ahead, she was inspired by the greater purpose of the climb. She felt it would be an opportunity to raise awareness of the devastating effects of the AIDS pandemic sweeping sub-Saharan Africa. The climb would also raise funds to support African grandmothers as they struggled to raise their orphan grandchildren alone and with few resources. They needed help.

The goals of the ‘Kilimanjaro Grannies’ were simple but challenging. They wanted to raise funds for those affected and infected with HIV and AIDS so that they could help turn the tide of AIDS in Africa by supporting grassroots organizations working with those in dire need.

The journey to the summit, often a struggle of mind over matter, taught Barbara many invaluable lessons. Standing proudly with her teammates on the crown of Africa, she celebrated knowing that their efforts would help African grandmothers in many ways, most importantly by bringing the youngest generation hope for a healthier and brighter future.

Find Probus on line:

To find us on the Web please go to www.kanataseniors.ca, click on “Activities, then “Outside Activities” and then “Probus”.

Spring Fling in Perth - May 15

This year’s Spring Fling for the 12 Eastern Ontario Probus Clubs is being hosted by the Probus Club of Perth. The event will be on Tuesday, May 15th in the historic Code’s Mill. Unfortunately they are restricted by the size of the hall in the number of attendees that can be accommodated. To be fair they have provided quotas to each of the 12 clubs.

While our quota is among the largest it is still quite small. Once obligatory attendees are removed there are only 15 spaces left for our club members. To give our members an equal chance we will compile a list of those wishing to attend at our February meeting and also at our March meeting. There will then be a draw to determine attendees as well as a standby list.

Our own club will be hosting the Spring Fling in 2013 and you can be assured that there will be enough room for everyone.

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OUR NEW LUNCHEON VENUE WAS A HIT!

It's a club tradition that we lunch together at a local restaurant right after our morning meeting and, quite often, we are joined by the guest speaker.

Last month we tried out a new location and it was a great success. So, once again, we're off to *Scores Rotisserie and Ribs* at the Kanata Centrum after this month's meeting.

Scores has a wide selection of menu items including an extensive salad bar and is located in the Kanata Centrum complex as shown in the map below.

Why not come along and join us at Scores after our February meeting for good food and stimulating conversation.



OUR OWN EMAIL ACCOUNT:

Peter van Boeschoten has activated a club email account so that Probus members may send questions or

comments to the members of the executive should they wish to do so.

The address is:

probuswesternottawa@gmail.com

PROBUS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY, 2012:

- The Probus 'Lunch Out' group met at Zola's restaurant on January 19th with a total of 13 members present. Our next 'Lunch Out' will take place at Algonquin College on Thursday, February 23rd at 12:00 noon.
- We have scheduled a guided tour of the Supreme Court of Canada on Thursday, March 8th at 10:45 a.m. Guided tours are free and last 60 minutes. You are free to go to any restaurant in the area for lunch or, if you are undecided, we suggest eating at Carmello's at 300 Sparks Street which is not too far away.
- Plan to attend a wonderful performance featuring The Cecelia String Quartet playing at the Almonte City Hall on Saturday, March 17th at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00.

Sign-up sheets for all these events will be available at this month's meeting during coffee.

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

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.

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

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



The Chuckle Corner

The Wit of Winston Churchill

(selected stories from a book compiled by Dominique Enright)

Newly elected to the House of Commons in 1900, the young Churchill thought that a moustache might add dignity and maturity to his youthful looks. Not long after, a woman came up to him and said forthrightly: "There are two things I don't like about you, Mr. Churchill – your politics and your moustache." Even then, it would seem, he was never at a loss for a satisfactory retort. "My dear madam," he replied, "pray do not disturb yourself. You are not likely to come into contact with either."

Once Winston Churchill was on a speaking tour in Canada. At a reception, he happened to be seated next to a very straight-laced Methodist minister. A pert young waitress came up with a tray of glasses of sherry. She went first to Churchill, who took a glass, and then she turned to the minister. He was appalled to be offered alcohol. "Young lady," he announced, "I'd rather commit adultery than take an intoxicating beverage". Whereupon Churchill beckoned to the girl. "Come back, miss – I didn't know we had a choice".

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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 – please see map above.

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.***