



# The PROBUS Pilot

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## THE PREZ SEZ:

The luncheon that Margaret Kvarda and Isabel Balon organized last month was very enjoyable. In all, nineteen members lunched together at the Algonquin College Restaurant on Thursday, February 23. It is such a nice way of getting to know each other better and I strongly recommend this monthly event to you. We are looking forward to trying out a new restaurant this month and I also think we are in for a real treat with this month's guest speaker, Grete Hale. See you on the 13th!

Respectfully,  
Ruth Howes, President

**This month's meeting: Tues., March 13**

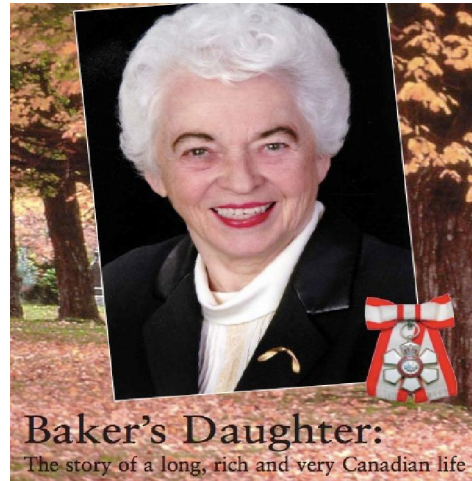
## NEW MEMBERS

Probus members who joined the club in February were:  
Lois James and Joyce Williams.

A Warm Welcome to you both!

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## GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:



**Baker's Daughter:**  
The story of a long, rich and very Canadian life

### Grete Hale

**Author, cookie maker, business  
chairwoman**

**CM, LLD, GCLJ, FCGS, FRHSC,  
Chair Emeritus of Morrison  
Lamothe, Inc.**

Grete Hale, an Order of Canada recipient, comes from a pioneer family whose great-great grandfather arrived in this area in 1818 to work for his uncle Philemon Wright, the founder of what is now Gatineau. She has lived all her life in the oldest house in Ottawa, built in

**1818. From her parents she learned the importance of being a contributor to one's community. Grete has served thousands of volunteer hours, chaired hundreds of board meetings and kept them on time and on agenda. She has offered sound advice and wise counsel as a respected businesswoman and inspired community leader. Although she may be in her 83rd year, she continues to stay active and count her blessings. As she says, "There have been lots of bumps in my life's journey and many unexpected turnings, but when you are at peace with God and yourself, you find the strength and courage to weather them all and I am one very grateful and proud Canadian." Grete intends to speak about her life growing up in Ottawa.**

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**Coming up in April and May:**

Tuesday, April 10  
*"Is the Senate of Canada Relevant To-Day?"*  
**The Hon. Bill Rompkey**, former Newfoundland MP, Minister and Senator

Tuesday, May 8  
**Peter Milliken**,  
Retired and longest serving Speaker of the House of Commons

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Find Probus on line:

To find us on the Web please go to [www.kanataseniors.ca](http://www.kanataseniors.ca), click on

“Activities, then “Outside Activities” and then “Probus”.

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**Probus Spring Fling - 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 take place on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in Perth's historic Code's Mill.

Our quota is relatively small. Once obligatory attendees are accounted for there are only 15 spaces left for our club members. Therefore, to give our members an equal chance at tickets, we will continue to compile a list of those wishing to attend. There will then be a draw to determine attendees as well as a standby list. If you are interested please sign up during coffee time.

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**LET'S EAT!!**

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.

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

Why not come along and join us at *Scores* after our March meeting for great food and stimulating conversation.

### **PROBUS EMAIL ACCOUNT:**

A club email account is now in place so that Probus members may ask questions or submit comments to the members of the executive should they wish to do so. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity as the executive looks forward to hearing from you.

The email address is:

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

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### **PROBUS SOCIAL ACTIVITY FOR MARCH, 2012:**



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 each.

A sign-up sheet for this special event will be available at this month's meeting during coffee time.

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### **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.

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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.

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### **The Chuckle Corner**



### **Hear! Hear!**

A man decided his wife was getting hard of hearing. So he called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The doctor said he could see her in two weeks, but in the meanwhile he suggested a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem.

"Here's what you do. Start about 40 feet away from her, and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

So that evening she's in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

"Honey, what's for supper?"

No response.

So he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?"

No response.

So he moves into the dining room, about 20 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?"

No response.

On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?".

No response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

"For the last time, CHICKEN!"

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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.***