



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

A draw was recently made for those lucky members who will be going to the Perth Spring Fling in May! If you haven't received a call from me then your name has been placed on a waiting list in case someone can't make it or we receive more allocations from Perth. If and when this happens I will contact the next ones on the waiting list.

I am anxiously looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on April 10th.

Respectfully,
Ruth Howes, President

This month's meeting: Tues., April 10

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Last month Bernie Shaw and Judy Makin became the latest members of our club.

A warm welcome to you both,
Bernie and Judy!

GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:



The Hon. Bill Rompkey,
P.C., B.A., M.A., LL.D.
Former Newfoundland MP, Minister
and Senator.

His topic:

**“Is the Senate of Canada
Relevant To-Day?”**

Bill Rompkey was born in Belleoram, Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, and educated at both Bishop Field College and Memorial University in St. John's, where he received a BA diploma in education followed by an MA. He

went on to study at the University of London, England, before starting a career in teaching.

Mr. Rompkey taught at Upper Island Cove and St. John's, and in 1963 was appointed principal of the Yale Amalgamated School at North West River. He then entered national politics in 1972 and was elected to the House of Commons where he served for twenty-three years.

In the 1970s, Mr. Rompkey held appointments as parliamentary secretary to the ministers of Environment, Fisheries, and Manpower and Immigration. On the retirement of Don Jamieson from federal politics in 1979, he became the senior Liberal Member of Parliament from Newfoundland and Labrador and, beginning in 1980, held cabinet portfolios of National Revenue, Small Business and Tourism, and Mines and Transport.

He chaired the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs and in 1993 co-chaired the Special Joint Committee on Canada's Defence Policy. Previously, he served as vice-chair of the North Atlantic Assembly, the international body for NATO parliamentarians.

With the defeat of the Liberal administration in the 1984 general election, he became opposition critic for Consumer and Corporate

Affairs, Secretary of State and National Defence.

In 1995, Mr. Rompkey was appointed to the Senate of Canada, becoming Government Whip and deputy leader of the government in the Senate until the Conservatives took power in February, 2006.

Former Senator Rompkey retired from the Senate last May.

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Coming up in April, May and June:

Friday, April 20 at 3pm -
MINI GOLF at "Glow in the Dark"-
5 Roydon Place, Unit 1, off Merivale Rd.

Thursday, April 26 -
LUNCHEON at the Amber Garden &
Dalmacia Restaurant, Carling Ave.

Tuesday, May 8 -
GUEST SPEAKER Peter Milliken,
Retired and longest serving Speaker of
the House of Commons

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 on
next page)

To find Probus on line please go to
www.kanataseniors.ca, click on

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

**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)

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. This exciting event will take place on Tuesday, May 15th in Perth’s historic Code’s Mill. Please read the brief announcement on page 1 from our President concerning those who will be eligible to attend.

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LET’S EAT!!

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

Please meet there for great food and stimulating conversation. Hopefully,

Mr. Rompkey 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 splendid opportunity.

The executive looks forward to hearing from you.
The email address is:
probuswesternottawa@gmail.com

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

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**50th High School Reunion**

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for a number of years having attended class reunions in the last 20 years without fail. At this 50th anniversary of their class the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening, their spirits were high, the widower throwing admiring glances at her, the widow smiling coyly back at him.

Finally he picked up the courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?" After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes..... Yes, I will!"

But the next morning the widower was troubled. Did she say "Yes" or did she say "No?" He couldn't remember. With fear and trepidation he picked up the phone and called her.

First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he talked about the past evening. As he gained a little more courage he inquired of her: "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say "Yes" or did you say "No?"

"Why, you silly man I said, 'Yes. Yes I will.' And I meant it with all my heart."

But then she continued. "And I am so glad you called because I couldn't remember who asked 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.*