



# The PROBUS Pilot

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## THE PREZ SEZ:

We will continue our Christmas tradition by having a Pot Luck Luncheon after this month's December 11 meeting.. Please bring a suitable cold dish/dessert (finger food only). There will be draws for several excellent door prizes.

To accommodate the pot luck luncheon **we will start the meeting proper early at 10:15 instead of 10:30** and forego the coffee until the luncheon itself.

Don't forget to pay your dues and please visit our web site at [www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca)

Respectfully,  
Peter van Boeschoten, President

**This month's meeting: Tues., Dec. 11**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Three more new members have just joined our club. Please welcome..... Muriel Gingras, Patricia McGrath and Kathleen Buckley.



## GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH: DR. JANET BIGGAR

Her topic:

***“Empowered youth become tomorrow's role models”***

Jim Jamer & Janet Biggar are husband and wife who initially travelled to South Africa as tourists in 2009. They returned to South Africa in 2010 (plus Zimbabwe & Botswana) and continued to learn about the people and culture of that part of the continent. In 2011, they volunteered to go to South Africa for 3 months (plus a brief visit to Zimbabwe) which culminated in the establishment of **Izidima Africa** in March, 2012.

Dr. Janet Biggar is a licensed veterinarian who established a small animal practice in Ottawa, Ontario in 1989. Her husband, Jim Jamer, managed the practice from 1990 until 2012 at which time they decided to sell the

animal hospital and devote more time to their pursuits in Africa.

The shortage of male role models in the black community continues to contribute to numerous family and societal issues in Africa.

**Izidima Africa** empowers responsible, disadvantaged black male youth in their pursuit of further education and knowledge such that they may become tomorrow's role models.

Dr. Biggar is on staff at the Carling Animal Hospital at 2268 Carling Ave. (at Woodroffe).

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## Upcoming Guest Speaker:

Tuesday, January 8th  
"Women in Islam"  
Dr. Aisha Sherazi

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### A FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THIS YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP FEES.....

The cost of your 2012/13 membership is \$20 per person and is now due!

If you haven't paid your dues and you wish to keep your membership in good standing, please visit the treasurer's table before the meeting on Dec. 11 and make your payment(s) in cash or by cheque.

If it won't be possible for you to make the meeting this month, please send a cheque for \$20 (per person) to the attention of our treasurer. Thank you.....

**Gerry Sutherland**  
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Ottawa, ON K2B 8E4

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### Our Web Site Address

Some members are having trouble reaching our web site. The correct address is

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

A search through Google will generally send you to an older version of the site. We are trying to fix this problem but have had no luck so far. The correct site should appear as per the image above.

Please bookmark the link above and add it to your favourites.

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### SPRING FLING 2013

**Planning is continuing for the Spring Fling that we are hosting on Tuesday, May 7. We are expecting over 250 Probeans from Eastern Ontario to attend. With more than 30 tables our club will need many members to act as hosts. Please watch for the registration table at both the January and February meetings.**

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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.

Please Note: The December 7 event will  
feature a Pot-Luck Luncheon of both hot  
and cold foods....and it all starts at 11:30  
a.m.



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).

### **Know of a great social outing?**

Please contact Isabel Balon (613-831-0057) or  
another member of the Social Committee.

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## **The Chuckle Corner**



Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson were going camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep.

Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes woke Watson up and said: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see."

Watson replied: "I see millions and millions of stars."

Holmes said: "And what do you deduce from that?"

Watson replied: "Well, if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like earth out there. And if there are a few planets like earth out there, there might also be life."

Holmes said: "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent."

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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 (with the exception of the December meeting) members and guests are invited to gather for lunch (at their own expense) at Scores Rotisserie and Ribs in the Kanata Centrum complex.

Margaret Kvarda would appreciate hearing from volunteers who would be willing to be a greeter on a given month of their choice. It's fun and it's a great way to meet people. If interested, please call Margaret at 613-592-2921 or speak to her directly at the next meeting.

In a similar vein, let's all watch for visitors (red name tag) who seem to be on their own by introducing yourself and making them feel at home.

***VISITORS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME.***

***How do I find you to get this warm welcome?***

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. Thank you for your consideration.***