



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

Our Spring Fling is now just a month away. So far, 55 of our members will be attending and acting as hosts for our fellow Probudians from eastern Ontario.

Over the next week we should be getting responses from the other clubs and then we can put together the logistics of centre pieces, registration lists, prizes, programs and a whole host of other tasks.

Many thanks to all those who have indicated that they will attend and especially to the members of our team who are working behind the scenes to make it happen.

Finally, let me welcome Beth Sweetman as she joins the Executive to transition into taking on the Speaker Program chair which will soon be vacated by Zdenek Kvarda.

Respectfully,
Peter van Boeschoten, President

This month's meeting: Tues., April 9

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We have three more new members. Please welcome Betty Jean Bone, Denton Wilson and Larry Creighton. Welcome to the club all!!



GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:

Les Gagne

His topic:

“Renaissance of Sparks”

Les Gagne has been the Executive Director of the Sparks Street BIA (Business Improvement Association) and mall authority since only last summer. Since then he has raised its profile to include a huge and successful New Year's celebration, talk of a Zip Line, and now the Stanley Cup monument. Other talk is of valet parking, a farmers market and ways to revitalize this once vibrant street. No doubt the LRT will also significantly alter our downtown including Sparks Street.

Les has an extensive marketing background and was a professor at the

Algonquin School of Business. For the past 5 years he has also been the lead organizer of the fast and exciting 4 on 4 Pond Hockey Festival at Winterlude, on the Rideau Canal. He also organized the Guinness World Record Attempt for the Longest Breakaway.

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UPCOMING SPEAKER

Tuesday, May 14

Helen Forsey – her topic:

“Eugene Forsey and the Senate”

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**Probus Canada National
Rendezvous proposed**

Probus Canada is looking at the possibility of a National Rendezvous in 2014-2015.

This four day conference would be an opportunity for Probus members from across Canada and beyond to gather together in large numbers to promote fellowship and fun and also learn from one another’s best practices and problem solving strategies. The rendezvous would consist of excursions, structured meetings, shared meals, information and entertainment.

Possible sites are Niagara Falls, 1000 Islands, Ottawa and Muskoka.

At the start of our April meeting, we will conduct a short survey (by show of hands) to see if there is interest from our members if this event were to be held.

...And 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 for great food and stimulating conversation.

Janet Smith

It is with sorrow that we must advise the Club of Janet Smith's passing. She died on Sunday March 17th after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Janet was born and raised in Prince Edward Island. She and husband, Frank, raised two sons, and they were very proud of their accomplishments. Janet spoke fondly of her three grandchildren.

Janet was a member of the Probus Club of Western Ottawa for many years. She was the behind the scenes adviser to Frank during his tenure as President of the Club in 2010-11.

As an active euchre player, Janet will be remembered for her appealing laughter that permeated the room during those Friday afternoon Club euchres.

The Club has lost a kind and gentle member in Janet Smith. Our thoughts go out to Frank and family during this difficult time.

Trillium Woods walk - April 30

Judy Makin has organized a walk into the Trillium Woods Forest in Kanata with Martha Webber for Tuesday, April 30th. Details as to timing, location and footwear will be at the sign up table.

Martha is a well-known botanist who has led hundreds of groups of children, adults and families on walks to learn about nature. She will introduce us to the many spring flowers and wild edible plants that we will see along the path. This will be an easy walk along a level trail – not a rough hike in the woods.



Magical Spring Fling

For our Spring Fling attendees

- Tuesday May 7
- Registration 10:15
- Tudor Hall

To have us stand out as hosts, all our members will be provided an emerald/aqua

- Scarf for women
- Ascot for men

(These will be provided at registration.)

For maps and other information please visit the web site at www.probuswesternottawa.ca under the Spring Fling tab.

UPCOMING FUN ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 pm

Sorry, but the “*Almonte in Concert – The Roaring Twenties*” production has now been completely sold out with 19 Probus members having paid for tickets in advance!

Friday, May 10 to Sunday, May 12 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (4pm on Sun.)

Let's get together and see the **Festival of Quilts** sponsored by Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive in Ottawa. Daily admission is \$8 and a weekend pass is \$12.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL is coming to Ottawa July 11th to August 4th at Scotiabank Place. We qualify for a group discount price of \$65 per person for level 2 and we are accepting cheques now for the **Thursday, July 11** performance. To improve our chance of obtaining tickets for this performance, members are urged to make payment ASAP. As always, cheques should be made out to ‘Probus Club Western Ottawa’.

Euchre and Bridge Group

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. All are welcome - beginner or otherwise.

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.

The Chuckle Corner



Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Winston Churchill loved them.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

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.

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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.