



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

We have been very fortunate over the past few years in having a variety of top notch speakers on a wide variety of stimulating topics. It is the speakers program which is the key to our activities and of prime interest to our members.

The success of this program this past year is entirely due to the insight and efforts of our coordinator, Zdenek Kvarda.

Unfortunately Zdenek (and Margaret) are leaving us very soon as a result of a move to Oakville. For us this leaves a large hole which we need to fill quickly. Hopefully, another member will step forward and accept the opportunity and the challenge to ensure that we continue to have high quality speakers.

If you are interested, please contact either myself or Ruth Howes. Zdenek is available for a handover and he has a detailed checklist which will be of great assistance to a new coordinator. The rest of the Management Team is there to help as well. Please do give it some thought.

Respectfully,
Peter van Boeschoten, President

This month's meeting: Tues., Feb. 12



GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:

Ian Farthing

Artistic Director of the St. Lawrence
Shakespearian Festival

His topic:

"Perspectives of an Actor"

Born in Vancouver, Ian trained in the UK and worked there for ten years before returning to Canada in 1999.

Some of his favourite theatre credits include: London productions of *South Pacific* and *Cinderella*; working at Shakespeare's Globe with the Lion's Part; the recent Mirvish production of *The Sound of Music* in Toronto; Vancouver productions of *Cabaret*, *The Mousetrap* and *Shear Madness* (Arts Club Theatre), *Lettice and Lovage*, *The Foreigner* and *The Glass*

Menagerie (Pacific Theatre), *Stones in His Pockets* (Graffiti Theatre) and *Company* (Waterfront Theatre).

He has also appeared in movies such as *Watchmen* and *Good Luck Chuck* in addition to numerous commercials over the years, including Tim Horton's, Future Shop, and Nintendo.

For many years he was a member of the nationally acclaimed men's choir, Chor Leoni.

Locally, however, Ian is best-known as Artistic Director of the award-winning St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival in Prescott, which is now in its 11th season of presenting professional productions in the glorious setting of the outdoor amphitheatre on the banks of the St. Lawrence River in Prescott.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Three more new members have just joined our club. Please welcome.....
Elva Macintyre, Janet Douglas and Ingrid Rowland.

Upcoming Guest Speaker:
TBA



Our Web Site Address

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

**Register at
the January and February meetings**



PROBUS CLUB OF WESTERN OTTAWA

Magical Spring Fling

7 MAY 2013
TUDOR HALL

Only \$35 includes choice of meal
Grilled Chicken Breast
Or
Oven Roast Salmon

<p>Tuesday 7 May Registration 10:00 to 11:30 Luncheon 11:45 Entertainment 1:30 to 2:30</p>	 <p>3750 North Bowesville Road</p>
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Chris Pilsworth Illusionist

"I am pleased to give the highest recommendation to Mr. Chris Pilsworth. Over the years I have attended countless receptions and events when Mr. Pilsworth has entertained and he is the best magician I have seen. He is a true professional whether he is performing for young people or adults."
Jim Watson, Mayor of Ottawa

"Chris Pilsworth is better than advertised: a great illusionist, yes, but with a heart and mind that match it."
Stephen Dubner - co-author of the best seller FREAKONOMICS

"I was standing right there and I don't know how you did that... Well done!"
Liza Fromer, Breakfast TV, City TV, Toronto

Spring Fling May 7, 2013

You may be asking yourself "What is the Spring Fling?"

No, it is not a dance to celebrate the coming of spring! It is the name given to the

gathering of the 12 Probus Clubs in Eastern Ontario to enjoy a delicious lunch, fellowship and entertainment and of course a good prize or two.

Each year a different Club hosts this event and this year it is our turn. We have chosen the Tudor Hall as our Venue. Everything is on one level so it is easily accessible. We are having a first class illusionist, Chris Pilsworth, as our entertainment this year. Plan to be amazed!

We need your help! We need a good turnout from our membership because we want at least one member to act as host for each table. Please stop by at the next meeting and register. The cost is \$35. 00. This includes tips and taxes so it is quite reasonable. If you can't make it to the meeting but would like to register, call Barbara Bole at 592-0296 and mark May 7th on your calendar!

Interested in past Probus events?

If so, take a look at the Probus photo album which is placed on the end of the Registration table at each meeting.

This book gives info and photos of past meetings and events for you to browse.

PARKING

Parking is always an issue for our meetings, especially in the winter months. If there is no room in the Church lot, we have an arrangement with the school next door to park in their lot.

Please do not park either in the Church reserved slots or in the first spot on the left which is for our speaker.

The Chuckle Corner

IDLE THOUGHTS.....



.....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.

Here's a fun way for you to get to know others in the club!

Normally, 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.

This month however, is an exception. Due to unforeseen circumstances the group will meet this month on the second Friday, i.e. Feb. 8th.

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.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

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.

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.