



# The PROBUS Pilot

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## THE PREZ SEZ:

We had a super Christmas potluck in December and we offer grateful thanks to Ruth, Isabel, Margaret and the many helpers for putting it together.

On your behalf we have made a donation to the **lizidima Africa** project to help youth in Africa as discussed by our December speakers.

Our hosting of Spring Fling 2013 is getting a lot closer. More details are included in this issue of the Pilot. We need you to sign up at the next few meetings so that we can get a good count of attendees and hosts for the planned 250-300 attendees.

Do look at our web site where you can find more information on all our activities.  
[www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca)

Respectfully,  
Peter van Boeschoten, President

**This month's meeting: Tues., Jan. 8**



## GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:

Dr. Aisha Sherazi

Her topic:

*"Women in Islam"*

Originally a successful biologist, Dr. Aisha Sherazi was born and raised in the UK and later immigrated to Ottawa in 2000. She is the former Principal of the Abraar School, a full time elementary school serving the Muslim community of Ottawa, and she currently serves as a Pastoral Care Worker at Merivale High School.

Dr. Sherazi writes freelance editorials for the Ottawa Citizen as well as other newspapers across Canada, blogs online with the Citizen, and presents a variety of

workshops and presentations to different organizations. She sits on cross cultural committees for the RCMP and the Ottawa Police.

She lives locally in Kanata and is married with two busy children. Dr. Sherazi writes poetry and fiction in her spare time.

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## Upcoming Guest Speaker:

### Ian Farthing

Artistic Director of the St. Lawrence Shakespearean Festival

Tuesday, February 12

*"Perspectives of an Actor"*

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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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### 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.

**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*

**Tuesday 7 May**

Registration  
10:00 to 11:30

Luncheon  
11:45

Entertainment  
1:30 to 2:30



3750 North Bowesville Road



**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 where 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**

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**.....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.**

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



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).

**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**



**PUNS ANONYMOUS (major groaners)**

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

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A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!"

The doctor calmly responded, "Now, now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

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An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew, and swallow one inch of the leather every day.

After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

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A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register.

His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif Off my census."

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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.***