



# The PROBUS Pilot

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## THE PREZ SEZ:

We are one of 12 Probus clubs in Eastern Ontario and each spring the clubs get together at a social event called (naturally) the Spring Fling.

This year we are the host club and we will do so on **Tuesday, May 7**. We have been working at this for over a year and have planned a great lunch with entertainment by magician Chris Pilsworth and \$300 worth of door prizes. All this for only \$35.

We now need your participation.....

- Please register your attendance at the March meeting (registration closes at the end of March).
- Please sign up to help register, decorate and host on the actual day.

Also, check out the web site at [www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca) and go to the Spring Fling page.

Respectfully,  
Peter van Boeschoten, President

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**This month's meeting: Tues., Mar. 12**



## GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:

**Matt Warin**

**United States Embassy**

His topic: ***“Trafficking in Persons”***

Matt Warin joined the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa as a Political officer in August, 2011. Before coming to Canada Matt served at the U.S. Embassies in Saudi Arabia and Rwanda. He also served in Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Matt worked as a consultant serving clients in the U.S. federal government. He earned a B.A. in government & politics from the University of Maryland in College Park and attended

graduate studies at the George Washington University's Elliot School for International Affairs.

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

We have four new members:  
Please welcome John Fowler, David Smith, Diane Raitanen and Barbara Sue Baker. (Both Diane and Barbara Sue were former members who have renewed their membership.)  
Welcome to the club all!!

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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.

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**PROBUS CLUB OF WESTERN OTTAWA**



## Magical Spring Fling

**\$300 in Door Prizes**

**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  
Ottawa, Ontario



**Chris Pilsworth** Illusionist

Each year a different Club hosts SPRING FLING and this year it is our turn and 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 so plan to be amazed!

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. 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 613-592-0296 and then mark May 7th on your calendar!

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### Interested in past Probus events?

If so, take a look at the Probus photo album which is placed at the end of the Registration table at each meeting. This book gives info and photos of past meetings and events for you to browse through.

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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.

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...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.

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## UPCOMING FUN ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday, March 5 at 1:00 pm

The Diefenbunker tour has been replaced by a visit to The Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind facility in Manotick. This is where guide dogs are trained and you'll have a chance to see how they do it. There is no charge for the tour but donations are appreciated as there is no form of government assistance for this invaluable service. The address is 4120 Rideau Valley Drive, Manotick.

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### Thursday, March 21 at noon

Join the 'Lunch Out' Group at the Baan Thai Restaurant located in the plaza at 261 Centrepointe Drive, Nepean.

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### Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 pm

Come and enjoy "*Almonte in Concert – The Roaring Twenties*". Admission is \$30 payable by cheque in advance so that tickets may be ordered and confirmed.

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### 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.

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**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL** is coming to Ottawa July 11th to August 4<sup>th</sup> 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'.

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### 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.

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### 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



DID I READ THAT RIGHT?? (Newspaper headlines from around the world)

*Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over*

(What a guy!)

*Miners Refuse to Work after Death*

(Good-for-nothing lazy so-and-so's.)

*Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant*

(See if that works any better than a fair trial.)

*War Dims Hope for Peace*

(I can see where it might have that effect.)

*Hospitals are sued by 7 Foot Doctors*

(Boy, are they tall.)

*Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide*

(Who knows? They may be on to something.)

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And the winner is....

*Typhoon Rips through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead*

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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.

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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.***