



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

I am delighted to report that we have 61 members from our club attending our Spring Fling. Detailed information and a map is located elsewhere in this issue.

Barbara Bole has advised that our membership is now up to 161. This is a record for our club and we have several standing by to join in September.

Two more meetings until our summer break. In June we will elect the executive for the coming year and hold our year end pot-luck luncheon after the meeting.

Looking forward to hearing Helen Forsey and her thoughts on the Senate and other things at our May meeting.

Respectfully,
Peter van Boeschoten, President

This month's meeting: Tues., May 14

Doors Open Ottawa

For those who really enjoyed their visit to the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind facility in March, you might be interested to learn that the site is a participant in the "Doors Open Ottawa" festival taking place on Sat. and Sun., June 1 and 2, 2013.



GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH:

Helen Forsey

Her topic:

"Eugene Forsey and the Senate"

Helen Forsey, like her father Eugene, is a social activist and writer. She studied agriculture at McGill University, then worked in international co-operation and public education in Canada and overseas.

Both her writing and activism focuses on feminist, environmental, political, and constitutional issues. As well as numerous articles, her work includes two other books: *Circles of Strength: Community Alternatives to Alienation* (New Society, 1993) and *The Caboose*

at the Cape: A Story of Coming Home (DRC, 2011).

The formidably principled senator, Eugene Forsey, was a constitutional expert, a fierce promoter of civil rights and an inspirational father. Helen Forsey has spent nearly two decades composing a book that chronicles her father's life's work and serves as a vital resource for Canadians who are concerned about the social and political climate of our country. Finally complete and more relevant than ever, *Eugene Forsey: Canada's Maverick Sage* has recently been published by Dundurn Press.

A mother and grandmother, Helen Forsey divides her time between the Ottawa Valley and her father's homeland of Newfoundland.

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UPCOMING SPEAKER FOR JUNE:

Computer Security for Seniors
With Jean-Francois (JF) Sauriol

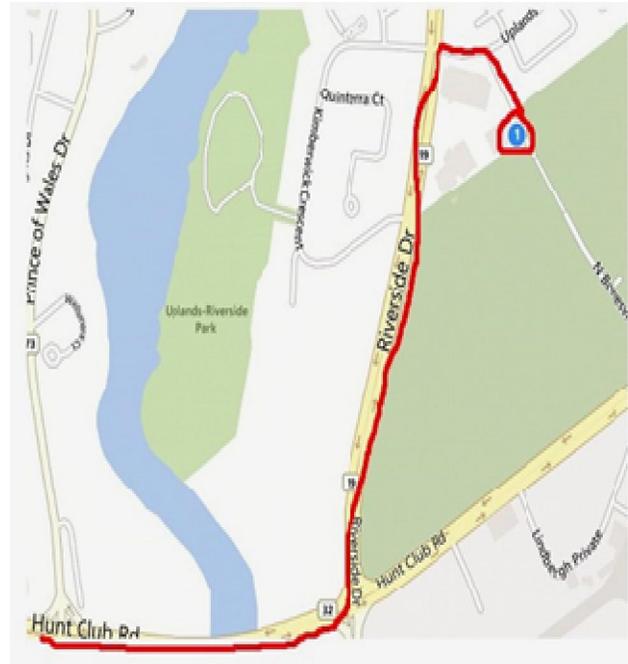
...Once again we're off to Scores Rotisserie and Ribs at the Kanata Centrum after this month's meeting.
Why not come along and join us at Scores for great food and stimulating conversation.

Spring Fling 2013

Tudor Hall, 3750 North Bowesville Road, Ottawa
(Map/directions follow)

- Tuesday, May 7th
- Registration 10:15 to 11:30
- Wear your Probus name tag
- You will be given

- For men – aqua ascots
- For women – small aqua scarves
- Cash Bar available



Driving Directions:

Take HUNT CLUB ROAD heading East.

Follow Hunt Club until you reach intersection of HUNT CLUB ROAD & RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

Turn LEFT at RIVERSIDE DR.

FIRST set of LIGHTS on Riverside, turn RIGHT on to UPLANDS DR.

FIRST road on the RIGHT (off Uplands) is NORTH BOWESVILLE ROAD.

TUDOR HALL is the only building on the RIGHT hand side of NORTH BOWESVILLE ROAD (near the end of the cul de sac).

COMING EVENTS

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 only \$12.

End of year Pot-Luck Luncheon

Next month's meeting (June 11) will feature our traditional pot-luck luncheon. For this fun event you are asked to bring 'finger food' only please.

To honour the departure of Zdenek and Margaret Kvarda and for all their hard work on behalf of our club, a **celebratory dinner** is planned for 6:30 pm, Wed., May 22 at Biagio's Italian Kitchen, corner of Richmond Road

The Chuckle Corner



Is the Human Race Doomed?

In case you need proof that the human race is doomed because of stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods:

On a Sears hairdryer: Do not use while sleeping. (darn, and that's the only time I have to work on my hair).

and Croydon Ave. (across from
Lincoln Fields Shopping Centre.)

The Annual Probus Golf Tournament is planned for Thursday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the Madawaska Golf Course (just outside of Arnprior). A sign-up sheet will be available at this month's meeting.

It's all in fun so anyone can join in!

Do you know of 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 Beth Sweetnam (613-831-9955).

Know of a great social outing? Please contact Isabel Balon (613-831-0057) or another member of the Social Committee.

On a bag of Fritos: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside. (the shoplifter special perhaps?)

On a bar of Dial soap: "Directions: Use like regular soap." (and that would be how???)

On some Swanson frozen dinners: "Serving suggestion: Defrost." (but it's "just" a suggestion).

On Nytol Sleep Aid: "Warning: May cause drowsiness." (and I'm taking this because???)

On a Japanese food processor: "Not to be used for the other uses." (now, somebody out there help me on this. I'm stumped.)

On Sunbury's peanuts: "Warning: contains nuts." (talk about a news flash!)

On a child's superman costume: "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly."

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.