



The PROBUS Pilot

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THE PREZ SEZ:

As I am writing this piece I have seen examples of how quickly the weather changes in our area. I started in brilliant sunshine, then suddenly there was swirling snow accumulating on my deck furniture, and now the sun is shining, the sky is a radiant blue, and I need to at least think about raking leaves.

But there is something that never changes, except for the better, and that is our PROBUS Club. From a dedicated group of members on the Management Committee, to outstanding speakers at our monthly meetings, to a wide range of fascinating social programs, our club is thriving and our membership is growing.

A few years ago there was a membership survey to determine what activities, in addition to our monthly meetings, would be of most interest to members. It was no great surprise that eating out was favoured by many members. We now have a lunch-out each month at a different restaurant, with different specialities. I encourage you to participate, and details of the November lunch appear elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Reminder: Members travelling out of province or country may apply to Johnson Insurance for travel medical insurance, which also includes trip cancellation and disruption coverage. For information, please contact

Johnson Insurance at 1-888-412-8822 or on line at www.johnson.ca/probus

I trust that you survived Halloween without any tricks, and maybe you had a few treats leftover for yourselves.

Peter Doyle, President.

GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH

Dr. Andrew Burtch



Historian, Canadian War Museum

His topic:
“A Forgotten War”
(The Korean War)

Dr. Andrew Burtch has been the Museum's historian for the post-1945 period since May, 2006. As curator of *Gallery 4: A Violent Peace*, he is responsible for all questions relating to conflicts from the beginning of the Cold War to the present day.

Dr. Burtch completed his doctorate in Canadian history at Carleton University in 2009. His research specialty includes the Cold War home front and nuclear civil defence. He has worked to develop temporary and permanent exhibitions about the Canadian mission in Afghanistan, peacekeeping in Cyprus and efforts to resolve the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. Dr. Burtch has published several journal articles and book reviews. His first book, *Give Me Shelter: The Failure of Canada's Nuclear War Civil Defence*, was published in 2012 by the University of British Columbia Press.

Dr. Burtch is also a Research Fellow at the University of Waterloo's Centre on Canadian Foreign Policy and Federalism.

UPCOMING SPEAKER:

Tuesday, December 10

Doug Harvey-Smith

His topic:

**"DesignAbility ... a March of Dimes
Program"**

Right after our meeting this month let's all get together again for lunch at **The Three Brewers Restaurant in Centrum (near the theaters) for good food and interesting conversation.**

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE

The annual cost for a PROBUS membership remains at **\$20 per person**.

Please visit the finance table during coffee and make arrangements as soon as possible.

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

The PROBUS Web Site

Our club has a web site to keep you up to date on speakers, activities, photos, our organization and other information. It can be found at:

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Make sure to bookmark this location so that you don't have to keep typing it in. The left side menu lets you go to any of the featured pages.

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Here are a few pictures of what some of us saw when we visited the **Alpaca Farm in Lanark** last month.....well worth the trip!



UPCOMING FUN EVENTS

Lunch Out

The November lunch out will be held on Thursday, November 14th at noon and will be at **The India Clay Oven** (4055 Carling Avenue). This is .2 km past the Richardson side road and is in the same small mall where Cora's is. Please sign up at this month's meeting.

Remember to mark **November 29th** on your calendars if you signed up to attend the **Eddie May Mystery Night!**

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At this month's meeting you will see a sign-up sheet for February's suggested activity. This will be at the **Cordon Bleu Cooking School on Thursday, Feb. 27th**. We need 10 people to commit to the activity – an interactive demonstration in the making of French pastry. This is a 2 hour class from 9:30 – 11:30 am. The cost is 60.00 per person and will have to be paid by the December meeting. Those who wish can stay and partake of a lovely 3 course lunch at the Cordon Bleu restaurant, "Signatures". The cost of lunch will be approximately \$26.00 (taxes, tip and drinks are additional) and would be paid on Feb 27th.

Are you a Euchre or Bridge player?
Or would you like to be?



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 December the date will be Dec. 6 which is also the Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. with games starting at 1:00 p.m.

It's fun and open to all - - - beginners to expert. For more information please contact **Pat Stoate** at 613-820-0174.

The Chuckle Corner



THE \$2.99 SPECIAL

If you are a Senior
you will understand this one.
If you deal with Seniors,
this should help you understand them
a little better,
And if you are not a Senior yet.....

God willing, someday you will be.

We went to breakfast at a restaurant
where the 'Seniors Special' was
two eggs, bacon, hash browns
and toast for \$2.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said,
'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49
because you're ordering a la carte,'
the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for
not taking the eggs?'
my wife asked incredulously.

'Yes!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said.

'How do you want your eggs?'
the waitress asked.
'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a
cake.

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!
We've been around
the block more than once!

VISITORS WILL ALWAYS RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME

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

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.



WEAR YOUR POPPY PROUDLY