



# The PROBUS Pilot

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## THE VICE PREZ SEZ:

I feel I should congratulate everyone reading this newsletter because it means we survived January, 2014! It has certainly been a cold winter so far, but we have some very interesting speakers lined up that will take us through the next few months until Spring is with us again.

As a member of PROBUS you are part of a growing organization - as of December 31, 2013 there were 228 PROBUS clubs in Canada with over 32,000 members, growing at an average of 10 new clubs a year. Our club is maintaining a healthy membership, thanks to your participation, and I look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it at our next get together on February 11.

Until then, stay warm.  
Vernon Sulway, Vice-President.

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**This month's meeting: Tues., Feb. 11**

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## UPCOMING FUN EVENTS

### Lunch Outs

The February Lunch Out will take place at noon on Thursday, February 20 at the SUKOTHAI Restaurant in Bell's Corners. This restaurant was voted "Ottawa's Best" for Thai food in 2005. It offers fresh, authentic Thai cuisine and is located at 134 Robertson Road just across from the Canadian Tire Store.

The March Lunch Out will take place at MOXIE'S GRILL & BAR on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at noon. Moxie's is an upscale but casual dining experience and is located at 601 Earl Grey Drive in the Centrum Complex (just west of the Landmark Cinemas.)

### Activities

#### SUGAR BUSH OUTING

A visit to Temple's Sugar Bush is planned for **Thursday, March 27**. Located within a working sugar bush the restaurant there is in a spectacular timber frame building and offers a wide variety of breakfast and brunch selections. You can also enjoy their gift shop and/or take a walk on the sugar bush trail either before or after brunch.

More information and sign-up sheets are available before this month's meeting.

### TRAVAC COACH TOURS

Philadelphia Flower Show, March 6-9;  
Washington Cherry Blossom Festival,  
March 29 – April 2;  
New York City, May 9-12.

For further details check back to our last PROBUS newsletter (Dec/Jan) or our website at

[www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca).

PLEASE NOTE: the February meeting will be the last opportunity to sign up for one of these coach tour events.

We welcome and encourage members to suggest events they think would be of interest to our members at large.

Please contact us at either:

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[mickywalker@rogers.com](mailto:mickywalker@rogers.com)

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Right after our meeting.....

**Let's all get together at The Brew Table restaurant**

(corner of Robertson Road and Moodie Drive in Bell's Corners.)

Join our speakers for lunch after our February meeting. This restaurant is in the location of the former D'Arcy McGee's. Born from a passion to provide exceptional hospitality for our guests, The Brew Table restaurant in Bell's Corners strives to deliver a refined casual atmosphere coupled with outstanding food and attentive genuine service.

### GUEST SPEAKERS THIS MONTH

## Nadine Fowler and Cristina Myers



(See next page for their topic)

## "The Queensway Carleton Hospital"

*Meeting the growing healthcare  
needs of our community*

The Queensway Carleton Hospital was opened in 1976 to meet the healthcare needs of 100,000 people living in west Ottawa, Nepean, Kanata and the Ottawa Valley. Now, more than 37 years later, the hospital serves a population of more than 400,000 in one of the fastest growing areas in Canada. Learn about the remarkable transformation this hospital has undergone with the renovation of older buildings, the construction of modern facilities, the acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment, and the launch of new programs and services.

Nadine Fowler (top photo) works with caring people and generous organizations who want to contribute to the Queensway Carleton Hospital to ensure top quality healthcare for residents in the west end. As the Major Gifts / Planned Gifts Associate with the Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation, she helps donors make gifts of cash, securities, life insurance or bequests, or establish funds for special purposes.

Cristina Myers (lower photo) is the Community Development Associate for the Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation. She is responsible for connecting organizations and corporations with the Queensway Carleton Hospital and raising money to support west end health care.

## MARCH'S GUEST SPEAKER:

Tuesday, March 11

### "The Thinner Blue Line"

The life and times of a dedicated  
customs officer:

**Barry Risk**

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!**

We have four more new members in our club. Please welcome.....

**Carolyn Clark, John Moss Smith,  
and Earl and Ellie Campion.**

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## 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](http://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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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.

Why not come out and join us on Friday, Feb. 7 and each month thereafter?



Bridge and Euchre is a lot of fun and you also get to meet and chat with other members. The games are open to all - - - beginners to expert. For more information please contact Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174.



### The Chuckle Corner

#### HOW GRANDPARENTS ARE PERCEIVED

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

#### 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.