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Come to hear Joy Forbes 14 October

Tales of the one-room schoolhouse

Imagine a time when you didn't have to go to school - when your education was often regarded by your family as secondary to helping out on the farmstead. Imagine a school day without electricity or plumbing, where drinking water had to be brought from a neighbouring farm and the washroom was a hole in the ground in a shed across the schoolyard.

Imagine sharing a classroom with students of all ages, with brothers, sisters and cousins, and being taught year after year by the same teacher. It seems a far cry from the modern school world of today, but as recently as 50 years ago it was the reality of the rural pioneer education system, which was so dependent upon the one room schoolhouse.

Our speaker, Joy Forbes, has been an English and French teacher with the Carleton and Ottawa Catholic School Boards for over 35 years. She is the winner of the Sharon Hiscott Award for Leadership and Excellence in Elementary Creative Arts, finalist for the Governor General's Awards of Excellence in Teaching Canadian History, winner of the OCRI Capital Educators' Awards Program, and recipient of the National Arts Centre Leadership in the Arts Award. She is also the Past President of the Canadian Federation of University Women in Kanata.

Joy is passionate about Canadian History and feels it is important to record stories about education in



Joy Forbes

one-room schoolhouses.

For over two years, she interviewed people who taught in or attended one-room schoolhouses in the Ottawa Valley. She shares their stories in her book "Perseverance Pranks & Pride – Tales of the One-Room Schoolhouse".

The Ottawa Valley has a rich oral history that will quickly disappear if it is not documented. Through numerous interviews, Joy has captured multifaceted lives in one-room schoolhouses with her book and invites join the experience with her.



A not unfamiliar scene in bygone days

Next meeting:

Tuesday 14 October

10:00 for social gathering,
registration, and dues
payment

followed by our speaker
Kanata United Church

Your Management Committee



Management Committee: Sandra Ponech (inset), Peter van Boeschoten, Pat Thompson, Beth Sweetnam, Micky Walker, Judy Makin, Maureen Donaghy, Barbara Bole Stafford, Vernon Sulway, Peter Doyle, Sylvia McGee.

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A short history of PROBUS

The Clubs spring from two main roots: the "Campus Club" founded by the Rotary Club of Welwyn Garden City and the "Probus Club" founded by the Rotary Club of Caterham in England in 1965 and 1966 respectively.

Since then they have spread worldwide and continue to be established at a rapidly increasing rate as former professional and business persons and executives, invited to join, recognize the value of participation and observe the enthusiasm of existing members and the way in which PROBUS enriches their lives. PROBUS moved to New Zealand in 1974 and to Australia in 1976.

There are now over 2200 Clubs



and over 190,000 members in the Pacific Region. The U.K. has also expanded tremendously.

The first PROBUS CLUB in North America was the PROBUS CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE, ON. sponsored in 1987 by the Rotary Club of Galt in Rotary District 7080.

We have now chartered 223 Probus Clubs in Canada with a membership of approximately 30,000 persons

After the meeting

We go out for lunch

Join us for lunch after our meetings to socialize and discuss the meeting topic.

This month we will be at:

The Brew Table

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

Dues are Due

Bring your cheque book

It's time to renew your membership. Dues are unchanged from last year and remain at \$20 per member.

The preferred form for payment is a cheque made out to Probus Western Ottawa. The treasurer will be there before and after the meeting to accept your donation

This is also a good time to update your email address and other particulars.

Probus has a 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 that you 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.

Travel Insurance

Did you know that as a member of Probus you are eligible for Group Travel insurance through the MEDOC program from Johnson Inc.

Find out more by going to our club web page and click on links or go directly to

<http://www.probus.org/instrvl2.pdf>

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw



Euchre and Bridge remain popular

Probus has an active euchre and bridge group. They meet monthly at the Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road (at Moodie). Meetings are usually held on the first Friday of the month at 1 p.m. (But see below).

This is mostly a casual and social occasion and some players play both euchre and bridge and fill in where needed.

Following are the dates for our upcoming meetings:

Friday, 10 October

Friday, 7 November

Friday, 5 December

(Note that the December meeting is the Christmas potluck which starts at 11:30)

For further information call Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out

Monday 20 October The Mongolian Village

2150 Robertson Road
(Bells Corners)

meet there at noon

The Mongolian Village Grill offers you endless variety, personal choice and precise control, as you, the customer, create your own stir fry. Our Food Bar consists of dozens of items including fresh Meats, Seafood, Noodles, and fresh local produce delivered daily.



Thursday 20 November Signatures

453 Laurier Ave. East
meet there at noon

The restaurant is associated with the Cordon Bleu Cooking School. Signatures Restaurant offers you exceptional cuisine, a unique setting and luxurious hospitality for your next culinary experience.

Our menus showcase an outstanding selection of the local seasonal ingredients with bold creativity and artistic presentations during lunch or dinner. Every week we will feature a new original lunch menu showcasing the talents of our dedicated team. Our dinner menus also reflect the changes of the seasons.

Must sign up at the 14 October meeting.



Parking is always a problem

Parking in the Church lot can be a challenge as it fills up quickly. As winter approaches and our speakers become more popular it will likely get worse.

Please do not park in the marked Church Reserved slots or in the "Speaker" slot which is the first one on the left.

We do have an arrangement with the school which permits us to park in their lot. This area can be seen in the map above. Make sure that you pick the second entrance to enter or you will end up in the bus drop off lane.

For want of a card

We like to think that our Probus Club is much like a family. As such when someone is ill, hospitalized or in need of a comforting word we would like to send a card.

We are fortunate that Maggie Sheehan has for some time taken on this task.

If you know of someone who could use a card please call Maggie at 613-825-4035.



Maggie Sheehan

Our upcoming speakers

4 November -- Miriam Rawson

"The Ottawa Furniture Bank & Mathew House"

9 December -- Dr. Don Wiles

"Radioactivity in my bones"

14 January -- Matt Craig

"The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority"

Christmas luncheon tickets now on sale

After our December meeting we will again have a luncheon and it will be the same catered format that we used last June.

Advance tickets will be required and they will be available at our October and November meetings for \$5.00.

This a great opportunity for us all to get together before Christmas.

[Tuesday 7 October](#)

South March Highlands Walking Tour

Meet at Second Line and Klondike
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Join us for a fall walk through the South March Highlands just west of Morgan's Grant. We will meet at the entrance way at Second Line Road and Klondike. Parking along Second Line or on Klondike.

Wear good walking shoes as many of the trails have protruding rocks and roots.



Tripping and Travel

We are happy to organize a trip for you

...ProBus members are asked to let us know your interests. (Judy and Sylvia) probustripping@gmail.com

Judy & Sylvia have been polling membership about what they want for outings:

- day trips
 - low cost
 - specialized interest outings like Golf Club Tour; Theatre Tour.
- When these special interest groups declare their wishes, we will ask them to meet as a group to make specific plans. Once this is done, Judy and Sylvia and Travac Cindy will be happy to help organize.
- setting up month-by-month travel

offerings in a spreadsheet for 2015. Shared on our website by end of October.

Tuesday, October 7 - South March Highlands Walking Tour With Judy (see above).

Wednesday October 15 - Colours and Haunts Day Tour. Since we only have 10 people who signed up we will discuss with Cindy at Travac whether we should cancel, or proceed with 10.

If you are one of the 10, please contact Cindy directly at:

Cindy Stephens, CTM
Manager, Travac
Westgate Mall
613-728-1934 ext 224
cindys@travactravel.ca

November 14 - 16 - St. Jacobs Sparkle Tour. Visit the quaint village of St. Jacobs for their annual village-wide Holiday Open House "Sparkle". Twinkling lights illuminate the village with lights, carolers, horse-drawn trolley shuttles, in-store promotions and holiday charm. Other opportunities would include visits to the St. Jacobs Market, Antique Market, Model Railway, St Jacobs Gristmill and Beer Tour and Tasting. Sign up with Cindy as soon as possible.

Spring 2015: Washington Cherry Blossom Festival - sign up at Travac asap before trip sold out.

Chuckle Corner

A tour bus driver drives with a bus full of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on the shoulder by a little old lady.

She offers him a handful of peanuts which he gratefully accepts and proceeds to munch.

After about 15 minutes, she taps him on the shoulder again and hands him another handful of peanuts. She repeats this gesture eight more times.

On the ninth occasion he asks the little old lady why she and the other passengers don't eat the peanuts themselves, whereupon she replies that it's not possible because of their old teeth. They simply are unable to chew them.

"Why do you buy them then?" he asks.

"We like the chocolate coating."



The history of the Carp Fair and behind the scenes activities were addressed by Joyce Trafford at our September meeting.