



# The PROBUS Pilot



Probus Club of Western Ottawa – serving the western half of the National Capital Region

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## The Prez Sez

*A warm and enthusiastic welcome to our Members at the start of another exciting year for our Club.*

*A few years ago, I saw a movie "42 Days of Summer". Summer was the name of the eclectic young lady with whom the young man had a relationship, not a comment on the weather. I have not even tried to count the number of real summer days we have enjoyed since June 21, but a meteorologist might know whether we have actually had 42 days of summer this year.*

*The new Probus Year for our Club began Sept. 1. This means some changes in our Management Committee. Vernon Sulway, becomes our new President, and I will be Past President. The entire Management Committee for this year was listed in the June Pilot, and was elected unanimously at the June 10 Club meeting. There are some new Committee members, and some members have accepted new positions. On behalf of our Club, I would like to express appreciation to those Committee members who have served so faithfully and to those who have accepted positions for this year.*

*Please note that the Vice Presidency is still open. If you are interested in joining our team, please speak to Vernon or myself. Also, we are still in need of a coffee coordinator for our social time before the meeting starts.*

*I also draw your attention to the social activities, events, and trips which have been planned for the fall. Details are elsewhere in the Pilot.*

*My Best Regards to All.*

**Peter Doyle**  
(Outgoing President)

## Our September speaker

# Joyce Trafford – The Carp Fair

For over 150 years the Carp Fair showcases everything from Agricultural Exhibits, to Live Musical Performances. There is something for everyone and all age groups. Throughout the year the organization offers indoor winter storage, licensed hall rentals and beautiful grounds to host your event. Over the last 150 years the Carp Fair has grown to be one of the largest Agricultural Fairs in the Capital region.

Find out some of the background details needed for putting on the "The Best Little Fair in Canada."

Joyce Trafford, the General Manager of the Carp Agricultural Society, started her working career with Ayrshire Canada in Ottawa, Ontario. Growing up in Shawville, Quebec gave Joyce a strong agricultural background, which was essential as she started with Carp Fair in 1990. The Agricultural Fair brings in over 50,000 people to Carp, Ontario over the September weekend. Carp Fair was awarded the Tourism Business of the Year –



**Joyce Trafford**

West Carleton by the Kanata Chamber of Commerce.

Joyce was recognized with the 2008 Citizen of the Year award for West Carleton by the Kanata Chamber of Commerce. As well as being a Board Member of Ottawa Festivals, which helps the fair industry within Canada's Capital Region, in 2013 Joyce won the CAFÉ Distinguished Service Award.

Next meeting:

**Tuesday 9 September**

10:00 for social  
gathering, registration,  
and dues payment  
followed by our speaker





We had a good turnout for our catered end of season luncheon in June. We are looking for the same arrangement for our December Christmas luncheon.

## Upcoming lunch-outs

### Thursday 25 September

**Cyranos Restaurant**  
**2039 Robertson Road**  
**Bell Mews Plaza Bells Corners**  
**meet there at noon**

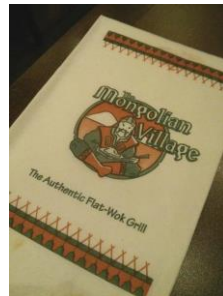
Cyranos is a unique, chef owned restaurant offering modern Italian and Mediterranean cuisine. The menu offers something for everyone from light salads and pizzas to fresh pastas, seafood and steak. At Cyranos, every meal is made per order to meet your specific needs. Everything is made on premises; our fresh pasta, warm crusty bread, signature caesar dressing, all sauces and scrumptious desserts. The unique, open kitchen design allows you to watch the chefs as they create your meal in front of your eyes.



### 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.



## After the meeting

## Join us for lunch

Join us for lunch after our meetings and often our speaker agrees to join us. 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](http://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.

## Parking can be tight

Parking in the Church lot can be a challenge as it fills up quickly.

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

We do have an arrangement with the school which permits us to park in their lot.

**Kanata Expo** **55+**

Friday 19 September  
 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Mlacak Centre/ Seniors Centre**  
**(2500 Campeau Drive)**





## 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, 5 September**

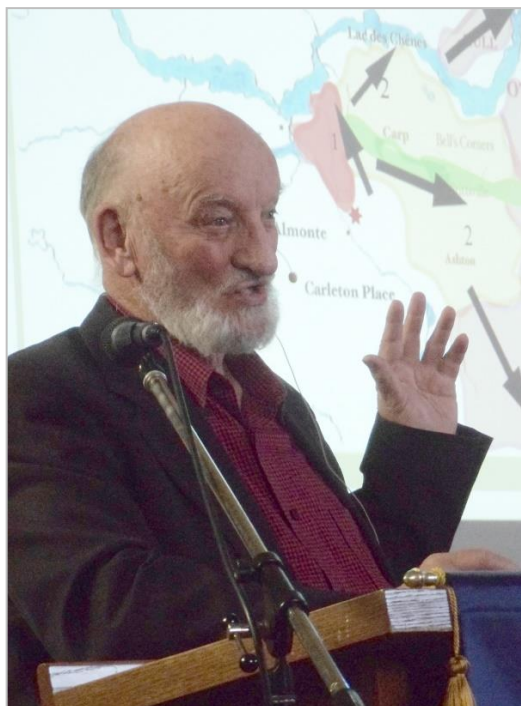
**Friday, 10 October**

**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



The Great Fire of 1870 was the topic of Terry Currie's talk at our June meeting

## Join us for one of our fall tours

Our trip coordinators Sylvia McGee and Judy Makin have set up two trips for your enjoyment this fall. They will be available to answer questions prior to each meeting and can be contacted at [probustripping@gmail.com](mailto:probustripping@gmail.com) if you have any comments, questions or suggestions.

As a heads up Sylvia and Judy are looking at a possible spring tour to Washington from 27 to 31 March for the Cherry Blossom Festival.

**Wednesday 15 October**

### Fall Colours and Ottawa Haunts Day Tour

Join us for a fun afternoon filled with fall colours! We will be escorted from Ottawa on a motorcoach to see the brilliant fall foliage the Ottawa Valley has to offer, making interesting stops along the way in. We will then return to downtown Ottawa for a light meal followed by a 45- 60 minute "Haunted Walk Tour"



Minimum 10 persons: Cost per person \$165.00 plus HST.

Minimum 20 persons: Cost per person \$95.00 plus HST

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More info from Cindy Stevens: 613-728-1934 [cindys@travactravel.ca](mailto:cindys@travactravel.ca)

**14 to 16 November**

### 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, 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.



Our tour departs Ottawa by motorcoach, we will stay at the Courtyard by Marriott (which is located next to the St. Jacobs Market).

This tour includes breakfast each morning at the hotel, two dinners, services of a Travac Tours Director and baggage handling as well as shuttles to the many free activities St. Jacobs has to offer.

Minimum 20 persons: Cost per person based on two sharing \$499.00

Single occupancy \$649.00 plus HST

Minimum 30 persons: Cost per person based on two sharing \$409.00

Single occupancy \$559.00 plus HST

\$ Optional Items: 2 shows: Snow White and A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline (matinee and evening performances) – approx. \$50.00per show per person

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**Our October speaker  
Joy Forbes**

*"Tales of the one-room schoolhouse"*

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

Mark Twain



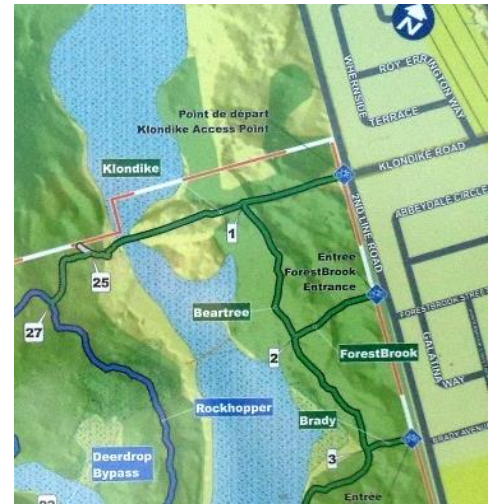
## Tuesday 7 October

# 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.



## 2014-15 Management Committee

# We still need a volunteer for VP

At our June meeting the members elected the Management Board for the coming year.

Of note there is still a vacancy for the Vice President position. This is a one year term to be followed by another year as president. The role is primarily a coordinating function as there is a great team of volunteers who do much of the actual work.

Please contact any member of the Executive if you can help or suggest someone for this position.

**President:** Vernon Sulway

**Vice President: (vacant)**

**Secretary:** Sylvia McGee

**Treasurer:** Maureen Donaghy

**Membership:** Barbara Bole

**Speaker Program:** Beth Sweetman

**Social Hospitality (co-chairs):**

Micky Walker and Sandra Ponech

**Social Activities (co-chairs):**

Sylvia McGee and Judy Makin

**Publicity:** Pat Thompson

**Newsletter/Web Site:** Peter van

Boeschoten

**Past President:** Peter Doyle

# No coffee for our social get-togethers

As we age we need to stay fit physically, mentally and socially.

PROBUS provides the opportunity with our speakers on the intellectual side but it also encourages the opportunity to socialize with our fellow members. We do this by getting together at 10:00 before the meeting proper to compare notes, register for social activities and trips and get caught up on activities.

In the past we have had coffee available but without a convenor this is no longer possible.

So, if you want coffee you will need to bring your own.



Enjoying a pre-luncheon get-together at the Rideau Valley Spring Fling were Clare Cribb, Gerry Sutherland, Maureen Donaghy, Peter van Boeschoten and Bill Cribb. The 2015 Spring Fling will be held in Kemptville.

## Chuckle Corner



### HEARING AIDS

After much nagging from his wife, Sam was visiting the audiologist. Yes, he would need hearing aids and they ranged in price from \$10 to \$2,000, was what he was told.

"I'll try the \$10 pair," Sam said.

The nurse placed the hearing aids into his ears and hung a wire around his neck.

"Does the wire really have to be around my neck?" asked Sam.

"Why of course!" replied the nurse. "You think these things in your ears do anything?! It's the wire around your neck – it makes people talk louder!"