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Norm Christie: Our Sacred Places

Norm Christie will take us to the Western Front battlefields - where 'the real war is in the cemeteries' – to discover how these faraway, exquisitely designed and little visited burial grounds, with their thousands of Canadian dead, are truly our 'sacred places'.

including: King & Empire, King & Country, Lost Battlefields, Striking Back, In Korea and Battlefield Mysteries. He has travelled the world following in the footsteps of Canada's soldiers, from Sicily to France, to Spain, Hong Kong, Japan and Korea

In addition Mr. Christie has written 18 books on the Canadians in the First and Second World Wars, including the 10 volume "For King & Empire" Series on which the TV Series was based. Mr. Christie was Chief Records Officer of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in the UK, and their Admin Officer in Arras, France for five years. Mr. Christie is recognized as Canada's leading expert on Canadian



Norm Christie is the acclaimed television host of several History Channel Documentary series



Norm Christie

battlefields and cemeteries of the First and Second World War.

Most recently Mr. Christie produced a series for TV Ontario which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Great War. In this unique series, Norm Christie takes audiences on a pilgrimage to significant Great War sites – some famous, others almost totally unknown. He discovers and tells the stories of Canadian men and women whose skills and courage turned Canada into a force on the world stage.

A metallurgical engineer by trade, Mr. Christie has combined his varied background and 20 years of research to produce a unique view into the First World War.



Coffee is back. After coming in early for many many years to prepare coffee Ruth Howes (centre) hands over the reins for the coffee chores to Margaret Beirsto and Jean Eng.

Next meeting:
Tuesday 10 February
10:00 for coffee, social gathering, registration, and activity sign-up followed by our speaker
Norm Christie

Wed 25 February

War Museum tour this month

Don't miss this interesting day planned at the War Museum for Wednesday February 25th. Our first 45 min. tour starts at 10:00 a.m. - the **Museum Grand Tour** - "Using the stunning new building as a backdrop, this tour shows how ordinary Canadians faced extraordinary challenges. The tour includes a look at the CWM's world-class architecture, the collection of military art and dazzling exhibition galleries."

We will then have free time to explore and to have lunch at the Cafeteria, and then our second tour is at 1:00 p.m. - **The Cold War, Peacekeeping and Recent Conflicts: A Violent Peace** - "This tour explores Canada's military involvement during the Cold War and the Korean War, and profiles our peacekeeping activities to the present day."

We have arranged for a group rate for admission, plus two tours, for a total cost of \$17.50 (tax included). Veterans and past Canadian military personnel have free admission, so only need to pay for the tours (\$6.75). You must sign up in advance, either at the February meeting, or by contacting Judy Making - judy.makin@opera.ncf.ca before February 10th, if you wish to join us.

Notes: - The museum is fully accessible. Indoor parking is available on site for \$12.50, or take a FREE OC Transpo bus ride. From the Terry Fox Park and Ride, take #96 to the LeBreton stop; either walk 7 min. to museum or transfer to #8 (Gatineau), first stop is the museum..

- Arrival - 9:45 am. Proceed from main Foyer to Group Entrance area on the left.
- First Tour - 10 am to 10:45 - Museum Grand Tour
- Free time and Lunch (in Cafeteria) - 10:45 to 1:00 pm
- Second Tour - 1:15 to 2:00 - Cold War and Peacekeeping - A "Violent Peace".



South March Highlands trek. Carolyn O'Malley, Marianne Gibson, Martha Maslen and dog Maggie joined Judy Makin for a cool but sunny walk in the woods last month.

Wednesday 11 March (week before school break)

Temple's sugar Bush outing planned

(Sylvia can make a reservation once we have numbers; we can find our own way there then join as a group for lunch)

Some people are interested in going, and would appreciate the opportunity to carpool. Please consider whether you would be available to take other(s) in your car.

Temple's Sugar Bush: Open Mar 1 to Apr 26

<http://www.templeessugarbush.ca> (613) 253-7000

1700 Ferguson's Falls Rd (Regional Rd 15) Lanark (between Carleton Place and Perth) Lanark, ON

Other Information:

1. If you prefer to go on the Ottawa Valley Tour visit to Temple's and their tour of Lanark County, please contact them directly to *make your own arrangements* (sooner the better before their trip fills up):

April 9, 2015 Temple's Sugar Bush: Ottawa Valley Tours:

<http://www.ottawavalleytours.com/gen2.html#7> tel:613.723.5701
reservations@ottawavalleytours.com

2. If you would like to visit Wheelers Pancake House and Sugar Camp, this is their information: 1001 Highland Line, McDonald's Corners, Lanark Highlands, ON. 65 min from Ottawa. <http://www.wheelersmaple.com>



The Probus Club of Western Ottawa is part of the international organization of Probus Clubs designed to serve retired and semi-retired professional, business and like-minded people. The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for coffee and socialization followed by a guest speaker.

**Western Ottawa Probus meets at
Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Dr., Kanata**

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out

Thursday 19 February

Milestones

Kanata Centrum Mall
meet there at noon

Familiar food with a twist. You can view
the lunch menu on line at

<http://www.milestonesrestaurants.com/lunch.php>

It is located in the Centrum Mall, close to the CIBC Bank

Sign up at Feb meeting.

Tuesday 24 March

Pinelopi's Greek Kitchen

4100 Strandherd Drive
(Barhaven)

meet there at noon

"Don't be surprised if you actually get a hug on your first visit to Pinelopi's Greek Kitchen. It's a small restaurant that skillfully evokes the freshness and flavours of home-style Greek cooking"

Sign up at Feb/Mar meeting.



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.

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, 6 February

Friday, 6 March

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

May meeting moved up for Spring Fling

The 2014 Spring Fling will be held in Kemptville on Tuesday 12 May. As a result we have rescheduled our May Probus meeting to a week earlier on 5 May.

The Spring Fling brings together members from the 13 Probus Clubs in Eastern Ontario and is very popular activity for our members.

We have just received the details of this year's event and they are summarized in a panel on the next page.

There has been a marginal increase in cost from last year with tickets now costing \$38.

Register at the February or March meeting with your cheque made out to Probus Club of Western Ottawa and pick your choice of menu.

A great way to meet fellow Probians.

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. Links are also provided for our photo page.

Parking in the church lot is limited

Parking in the Church lot can be a challenge as it fills up quickly. Now that we have winter and shortly more snow 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. Make sure that you pick the second entrance to enter or you will end up in the bus drop off lane.

Come early, help with the room set-up, and parking will be easier.



Matt Craig was our January speaker. He explained the role of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and related it to the local area with work being done on the Carp River realignment and the activities involving Poole Creek in Stittsville.

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

PROBUS SPRING FLING

Tuesday May 12, 2015

Grenville Municipal Centre in
historic Kemptville

Ticket price is \$38.00 per
person

Lunch selection will include

Grilled boneless **chicken breast**
in a light tarragon sauce

or

Grilled **salmon filet** with a
creamy dill sauce
with

baby red potatoes, green and yellow
beans and baby carrots in an orange
ginger sauce

or

Penne **pasta** in a vegetarian rose
cream sauce

Salads**Desserts****Tea and Coffee**

Gluten free meals are available,
advise when registering

Registration deadline is 3 April
(effectively you need to register
at our Feb or March meeting)

Make your check payable to
Probus Western Ottawa and
indicate your menu preference.



January lunch Out. 15 members enjoyed a delicious lunch and good company at the Mongolian Grill in January.

Many activities for upcoming months

Following is a summary of the upcoming tours and activities being planned. The first two have more detailed information elsewhere in the newsletter.

February 25: Tour of the Canadian War Museum 10:00am until 2pm. Sign up by February meeting.

March 11: Lunch at Temple's SugarBush. Sign up and details at February meeting.

April 30, 10am - 3pm: Tour of Great Fire Locations with Terry Currie as speaker/tour guide. Sign up and details at February meeting.

May 27, Dinner -Cheshire Cat Pub) at 5pm, Theatre (Constance and

Buckham's Bay Community Centre) at 7:30pm
<http://www.cheshirecatpub.com>
Book your own tickets for the play after April 1: <http://www.ruralroot.org>
Sign up at and details at February - March PROBUS meetings to go out to dinner.

Summer: Golfing? Come see us during social time before next meeting.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“We can’t all
do everything”**

Virgil, ancient Roman poet

Chuckle Corner

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman--already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet--who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."