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Editorial

We need your help

Although it is only early spring, your management Committee is thinking about the operation of our club for our new year starting in the fall of 2015. This is an opportunity to bring in new people with new ideas.

This year has been another highly successful one but behind the scenes we have not been able to operate on all cylinders. We have had vacancies in certain positions and other members of the Committee have not had anyone to back them up.

At the June meeting you will be electing a new slate of individuals to manage your club next year. If you are interested in helping we ask that you step forward and advise a member of the Executive of your interest(s).

In particular we would like someone to take over the Speakers Program so that we can use Beth in another position. The speakers are already lined up through most of next year and Beth is available to assist and do a handover.

We also need members to help with set-up, update the web site, make coffee, write articles, do publicity, act as greeters, plan activities, take pictures and much more.

We really do need your help.



Brian Hartley – Tuesday 5 May

Bridging the Chasm: First Nations peoples and us

Building bridges between the majority and our aboriginal neighbours who constitute a minority of Canadians is the sensitive theme Brian Hartley will tackle for us. His insights come from the most satisfying assignments of his Public Service career – his work as the federal negotiator years ago in three major claims advanced by aboriginal communities in western Canada.

Brian Hartley was a member of the Public Service of Canada for 27 years. He fulfilled 14 assignments in nine different departments and agencies during that period. Brian was introduced to aboriginal claims as the deputy head of the federal negotiating claim which achieved the final James Bay & Northern Quebec agreement in 1975. He was subsequently assigned to head the federal team which negotiated with the provinces and the claimants on major aboriginal land claims. In that capacity, he negotiated the Nisga'a comprehensive claim and the Cut-Off Lands claim in British Columbia, and the Northern Flood Agreement in Manitoba.

He retired from the Public Service in 1979 to enter Queens Law



Brian Hartley

School. He was admitted to the Ontario bar in 1984 and practiced for a number of years in the private sector.

Following his retirement, Brian has been a commentator on aboriginal-majority relations in Canada. His talks and writings focus on why our country should rate highly on the UN measures of quality of life but rate very poorly on relations between its majority and its indigenous citizens.

Brian feels that disparity is unsettling given that the Inuit and Indian populations, which currently comprise 4% of all Canadians, have the highest birth rates among the ethnic communities of this country. The status quo should not, and cannot, continue.

Next meeting:

Tuesday 5 May

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

Brian Hartley



Roddy Bolivar spoke at our April meeting and explained the role of the Carp Road Corridor BIA and the intricacies of trying to service businesses and properties without city water or sewer infrastructure.

A wide variety of topics with our upcoming speakers

June: Nelson McDougal
 "The NAC Orchestra:
 The Past, Present and Future of
 the Orchestra on tour"

September: Cheryl Cooper
 "Living on tall ships"

October: Marc-Andre Bernier
 "The Franklin discovery"

November: Kanina Dawson
 "My Afghan War experience"

December: Ian Smillie "The blood
 diamond trade in Africa"

(subject to change)

Dinner and a play and then wine tasting and dinner

PROBUS TRIPPING BY SYLVIA MCGEE

Wednesday, May 27

5pm dinner reservation at The Cheshire Cat Pub
 (2193 Richardson Side Rd, Carp)

<http://www.cheshirecatpub.com>

7pm arrive at Constance and Buckham's Bay Community Centre for Rural Root Theatre presentation "That Darn Plot" (self-reserved ticket pickup before 7pm)

(262 Len Purcell Drive, Constance Bay)

<http://www.ruralroot.org>

Details at May 5 PROBUS meeting.



Tuesday, June 23

3:45pm arrival at Magnotta Wines for a 4pm tour of Magnotta wines, wine sampler, cheese cracker and tapenade platter.

Cost is \$6 payable to Sylvia at May 5 PROBUS meeting.

(1010 Belfast Rd, Ottawa)

<http://www.magnotta.com/festajuice/Locations.aspx>

5:30pm dinner at Robbie's Italian Restaurant

(1531 St Laurent Blvd, Ottawa)

http://www.robbies.ca/home_eng.asp

Details at May 5 PROBUS meeting.



From our Members:

Thank you Lorna for your endorsement of the Jazz Cruise through Vision Travel:

Contact: sandra.keesohall@visiontravel.ca

Thank you Pamela for your endorsement of the filmed Stratford Festival presentations, available here in Ottawa at the Cineplex theatre on Carling Avenue.

Our Probus Club 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.

Group travel insurance available

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

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

Confucius

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



Euchre and Bridge welcomes newbies

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.

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, 1 May**
- **Friday, 5 June (Potluck lunch)**

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

After the meeting

We go out for lunch

Join us for lunch after our meetings to socialize and discuss the meeting topic. Often our speaker is able to join us.

This month we will be at:

The Brew Table

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

To be voted on at the May meeting

Proposed Bylaw amendment

Constitution and Bylaws of
The Probus Club of Western Ottawa

The Club's Management Committee decided to review the Club's Constitution and Bylaws to determine if they accurately reflect the operating procedures of the Club. The last version of the Constitution is dated April 18, 1997, and the latest Bylaws reflect amendments made in 2001. The Committee found that the evolving procedures of the Club are not properly reflected in the documents, and therefore recommends their updating.

In reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws, the Committee used as guidance the standard documents provided by Probus Canada. Most of our proposed changes are housekeeping and do not represent substantive change. However, there is one matter which is substantive, thus requiring approval by the Club Membership. The present Bylaws restrict the President's term to one year. In order to provide greater flexibility for our operations, the following amendment to the Bylaws is recommended:

"The Club President shall normally serve for a term of one year, but may not serve for more than two consecutive years."

This proposed amendment will be submitted for approval to the Club's members present at the May 5, 2015 meeting.

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out

Monday 25 May

Cabotto's Restaurant

5816 Hazeldean Road

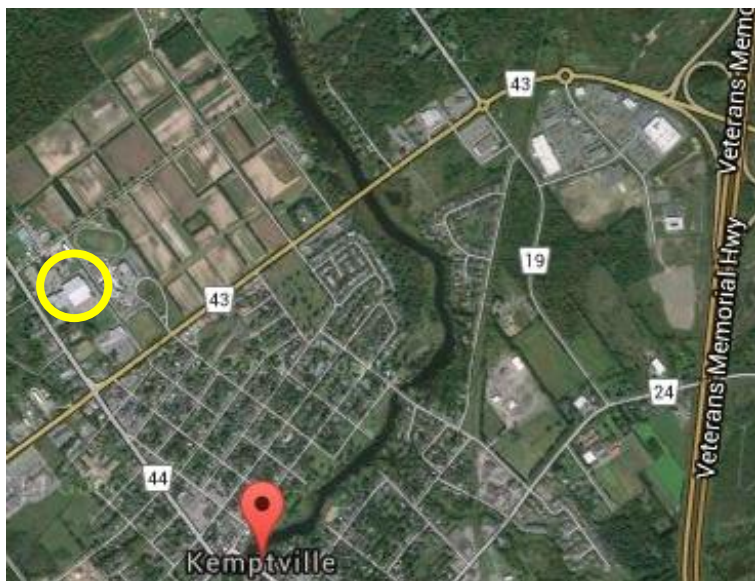
meet there at noon

A West end landmark for close to forty years, Cabotto's is a family owned and operated establishment. Set in a nineteenth-century sophisticated three storey, stone heritage house with six separate dining areas and two fireplaces.

Sign up at the May meeting.



Annual Spring Fling Tuesday 12 May in Kemptville



Twenty-Five members from our club will be attending the Annual Spring Fling for Probus Clubs in Eastern Ontario. This year it is being hosted by the Probus Club of North Grenville, and will be held at the Grenville Municipal Centre in historic Kemptville on Tuesday 12 May.

Registration begins at 10:15, the cash bar opens at 11:00, and they request that attendees be seated for lunch by 11:45.

The Grenville Municipal Centre is located at 285 County Rd. 44, Kemptville (north of Highway 43). Take Highway 416 south from Ottawa to Kemptville, exit at Highway 43, go through 2 traffic circles and proceed to the second set of lights and turn right on County road 44 and follow the signs to the Municipal Centre. (See map at left, Municipal Centre circled.)

Please remember to wear your name badges.



Thursday 21 May
South March Highlands
Walking Tour
Meet at Second Line and Klondike
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Join us for a spring 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.



Your Probus Management Committee

- 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

Year-end luncheon after our 9 June meeting to feature catered finger food

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

Since we have limited seating we have had to cap the number of tickets at 100. In order to break even on cost we have had to raise the ticket price to \$8.00. When you consider that it includes the meal, desert as well as hot and cold beverages it is still a good deal.

It is a great opportunity to end our year and socialize with other club members before we break for the summer.

Since tickets are limited you should

sign up and pay at the May meeting.

We thank Micky and Sandra for again making the arrangements.

Possible change for Christmas luncheon/dinner

The Management Committee is looking at an alternative to our Christmas luncheon.

Many other Probus Clubs have a sit down Christmas luncheon or dinner at a restaurant or hall and it is something we want to consider.



The current arrangement of what used to be a pot-luck and now a catered finger food get-together in the Church Hall has many downsides.

There is a lot of work by our members for the set-up and arrangements and the whole affair can only last 45 minutes due to the availability of the hall. The seating is crowded and the line-ups for food are long.

If we were to change to a full sit down Christmas luncheon or evening dinner it would undoubtedly cost more but it would be much more enjoyable and rewarding in so many ways.

We would need to start planning for such an activity soon and we will be seeking your support for this option.

Chuckle Corner



"High School Classmate?"

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school some 45 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate.

After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked

He answered, "In 1967."

"Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"