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Revisiting the War of 1812 & the Age of Sail



Cheryl Cooper will talk about the causes of the War of 1812 and the reasons why it is often called an "obscure" war; the fascinating naval aspects of this war, including the conditions and hardships faced by the men who fought for their country on the Atlantic Ocean; the challenges of writing a work of historical fiction; and the naval origins of words and expressions which have found their way into our everyday language.



Cheryl Cooper

She promises to try to keep it fun, lively & interactive!

Cheryl was born in Toronto, and has been living in Bracebridge for 25 years now with her husband and two sons.

She holds degrees in English and Education from Queen's University. She is a former teacher of the Hearing Impaired, having worked at the Metro Toronto School for the Deaf, and was the Acquisitions Editor for both *Blue Butterfly Books* and *Muskoka Books* until she became a full-time author in 2010.

In her spare time, she works closely with disadvantaged children and teenagers-in-crisis in her

community, providing free tutoring services, counselling, and sometimes a safe home in which to stay. She also raises funds for clothing, camps, and sporting activities through her work with the Children's Foundation of Muskoka.

Cheryl has written dozens of articles and stories for various publications and magazines, but recently made her book-publishing debut with her novel, *Come Looking For Me*, a work of historical fiction, set on the high seas during the War of 1812. Her sequel, *Second Summer of War*, was released by Dundurn Press in February 2014.

The Prez Sez

I hope that everybody has had a good Summer and that you are all looking forward to a time of good fellowship, enjoyable experiences and stimulating talks as we start off a new season of Probus. We have a very good speaker program lined up for the first part of the year and some ideas for other activities that you will see in the newsletter.

The lunch outs at different, interesting restaurants are always a stimulating time of good food and pleasant conversation. Mickey Walker and Sandra Ponech have done an excellent job of finding different locales and organising the bookings so that we turn up and appreciate the experience. The time has come when Micky and Sandra feel that it is time to "pass the baton." If anybody enjoys exploring the culinary scene and would be interested in taking over this activity please talk to Micky and Sandra to get a feel for what is involved, or talk to any member of the executive.

I am looking forward to meeting old friends and new friends at our meeting, September 8th.

Vernon Sulway, President.

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

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



New Management Board. (rear) Beth Sweetnam, Peter Doyle, Vernon Sulway, Heather Walt, Gordon Walt, Barbara Bole-Stafford, Peter van Boeschoten, (front) Maureen Donaghy, Judy Makin, Pat Thompson, Micky Walker, Sandra Ponech (Missing: Martha Maslen)

Management Board for 2015-16

At our June meeting we elected the Management Board for the upcoming Club year.

President:	Vernon Sulway
Vice President:	Beth Sweetnam
Secretary:	Martha Maslen
Treasurer:	Maureen Donaghy
Membership:	Barbara Bole
Speaker Program:	Heather Walt
	Gordon Walt
Social Hospitality (co-chairs):	Micky Walker
	Sandra Ponech
Social Activities (co-chairs):	Judy Makin
	Vacant
Publicity:	Pat Thompson
Newsletter/Web Site:	Peter van Boeschoten
Past President:	Peter Doyle

You will note that we are still looking for someone to help Judy in managing activities and tours. We are also looking for one or two members to take over from Micky and Sandra after December to setup up our monthly restaurant lunches.

Constitution and bylaws now available

The Probus Club of Western Ottawa constitution and by-laws are now available in digital format. The constitution was last updated when the name was changed from the Probus Club of Kanata. The by-laws were most recently changed at our June members' meeting and changed the maximum term of office for the President position to two years on an exceptional basis.

Both documents can be found in

pdf form on the Management Committee Page of the Probus website
www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Group insurance from Johnson Inc.

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>

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.

Payment may be made either by cheque or with cash. Cheques should be made out to Probus Western Ottawa. Treasurer Maureen Donaghy 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.

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.



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 for exceptions).

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, 11 September

Friday, 9 October

Friday, 6 November

Friday, 4 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



End of year luncheon. There was a good turnout for our end of year catered light luncheon in June.

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out

Thursday 17 September

Red Lobster

1595 Merivale Road, meet there at noon

New England themed seafood

sign up at the Sept. meeting.



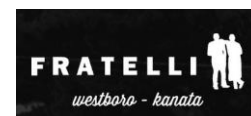
Tuesday 13 October

Fratelli

499 Terry Fox (in the Signature Plaza)

Contemporary Italian Fine Dining

sign up at the Sept. meeting.



Christmas Luncheon



Our Club Christmas Luncheon venue will be Algonquin College

This year, we are going out for lunch to celebrate the Christmas season. The management committee has chosen Algonquin College's International Restaurant for the lunch. Although they are closed for the summer, they reopen on September 14th so we will be reserving then. We are going to reserve for 50 people for Thursday December 10th and will adjust the numbers according to the interest (they can hold up to 120 people).

If December 10th is not possible, we will try for Wednesday the 9th. Based on last year's prices, the cost will be approximately \$25.00 per person and we will collect money and issue tickets starting in October when we can confirm the date and cost. Drinks are extra.

Our Fall speaker lineup shows variety

September: Cheryl Cooper
"Revisiting the war of 1812 and the Age of Sail"

October: Jon Moore
"The Franklin discovery"

November: Kanina Dawson
"My Afghan War experience"

December: Jane Madigan
"Animal rescue organizations in the Ottawa area"

Kanata Expo 55+

**Kanata Seniors Centre/ 2500
Mlacak Centre Campeau Dr.**

**Friday, Sept 18
1:00 – 3:30pm**

Probus has strong financial year

Our Club had a very successful financial year last year with a net income of just over \$1,000.

As a result the Management Committee has decided to keep both our membership and name tag fees the same for the coming year.

In addition to our operating funds our Club has just over \$3,000 as a reserve long range account.

Treasurer Maureen Donaghy was pleased with the results which were the highest in many years. She cautioned that a small decrease in membership or unforeseen expenditures could affect our financial situation in the future and we will need to remain prudent.

PROBUS CLUB OF WESTERN OTTAWA Financial Summary For Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2015

Income

Membership fees	\$ 3,060.00
Name badges	\$ 240.00
Coffee	\$ 178.70
Euchre/Bridge	\$ 91.90
Miscellaneous	\$49.61
Bring Forward (from 2014)	\$ 276.70

Total Income **\$3,896.91**

Expenses

Donations (in lieu of hall rental)	\$ 800.00
WEB hosting and domain name	\$184.91
Insurance and Probus Central fees	\$ 624.00
Name badges	\$336.63
Christmas lunch (2014)	\$ 94.60
Speaker honoraria and expenses	\$ 599.92
Coffee supplies	\$ 82.54
Miscellaneous (bank fees, pins etc.)	\$ 87.80
Office supplies	\$ 58.90

Total expenses **\$ 2,868.40**

Net income (to carry over to 2015-16) **\$1,028.51**



At our June meeting Nelson McDougall provided an insight into the operation of the NAC Orchestra and in particularly their foreign tours.

Wed 30 Sept. with Terry Currie

Ottawa Valley bus tour planned

Join us on Wednesday September 30th for our tour of the Ottawa Valley. Our guide will again be Terry Currie, with his entertaining stories of the history of the early settlers and the small agricultural communities.

Departure will be from the parking lot at Earl of March High School, 4 The Parkway in Kanata at 9:30 am, returning at 3:30 pm.

Our route will take us to Pakenham, then along the Madawaska River to a coffee break stop in Calabogie. We'll drive through Dacre and follow the old Opeongo Road past Mt. St. Patrick, up to the lovely views of the countryside at Foymount.

The Granary Schnitzel House will be our lunch stop, followed by a leisurely route along the Ottawa River, back home. Hopefully the leaves will be in full colour that week, and we will have a fine day of beautiful landscapes to enjoy - with someone else doing all the driving -

on our Deluxe Minibus!

There are only 26 seats, and this tour will sell out quickly, so come prepared to sign up and pay at the September meeting. Cost is still being finalized, but will be firmed up by the meeting; the bus tour will be approximately \$30 each, and everyone will pay for their own lunch at the restaurant.

Any questions can be directed to Judy.Makin@opera.ncf.ca

Beaverpond fall colour walk in Oct.

Save Thursday 15 October for a walk around the Kanata Beaverpond.

There should be lots of fall colours. We are planning a leisurely 90 minute walk on a smooth trail to take us fully around the pond.

We plan to meet at 10:00 in the eastern parking lot off Walden Drive.

Sign up at the Sept. or Oct. meeting.

Chuckle Corner

"The Love of Sharing Equally"

A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at McDonald's. He noticed that they had ordered one meal, and an extra drink cup. As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them. Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife. The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap.

The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs. The old gentleman said, "Oh no. We've been married 50 years, and everything has always been and will always be shared, 50/50."

The young man then asked the wife if she was going to eat, and she replied, "Not yet. It's his turn with the teeth."

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The one duty we owe to history is to rewrite it"

Oscar Wilde