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The Prez Sez

On Tuesday, Oct 25th, Vice President, Barbara Bole Stafford, Past President Peter Doyle and I attended a President's meeting for the Probus clubs in Eastern Ontario (called District One), organized by our Director, Jamie Doolittle, in Cornwall. It was an interesting and productive meeting with 13 clubs attending.

There were a lot of good ideas shared and successful activities described by the various clubs. Jamie recommended that we visit other clubs to observe how the various clubs organize their meetings.

Spring Fling was discussed and Jamie recommended that clubs consider sharing the production of a Spring Fling. It was agreed that it was too late to attempt that type of arrangement for next spring.

SPRING FLING 2017

Our club has already booked the date of May 9th at the North Grenville Municipal Centre for the 2017 Spring Fling with the theme of celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada. Spring Fling was discussed at our last executive meeting and Ron Armstrong and Gordon Walt were elected to co-chair our Spring Fling committee.

We are now in the process of setting up the committee; Gord and Ron have compiled a list of the various jobs that will be required. I have added the names of the other executive members who have expressed an interest in working on one of the activities.

Finance/Budget – Maureen Donaghy
Program and Entertainment – Beth Sweetnam and Heather Walt

Our 8 November speaker

The Enigma Machine and Canada

The intent of secrets in communication is all about not sharing information with those who should not have it. That applies to battle plans and even to your bank transactions. How this is accomplished is done through encoding or encryption.

The Enigma Machine is one such enabling device – and the breaking of its code is credited with altering the course of World War II.

We are delighted to have Richard Brisson talk to us about this device, encryption technology and in particular Canada's role.

Richard is an avid collector of vintage cryptographic and clandestine artifacts. His vast collection includes a number of Enigma Machines, cipher devices and even a US 50 cent hollow coin for carrying micro dot messages. Some of his artifacts have been used



Richard Brisson

in a feature on Global Television "The True Entrepid", History Channel's "The Secret Liberators" and in the CBC/SRC documentary "Les espions venus de la mer"

Richard is a graduate from the University of Ottawa (B.Sc. Math-Physics in 1978 and M.Sc. Systems Science in 1980). Upon graduation, he was hired by the Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) from which he recently retired. His career at CSEC largely involved duties that encompassed various fields of Mathematics and Computer Science. He is also a graduate of NSA's 3-year Cryptologic Mathematics Program.

He has had a number of partnerships in the display of artifacts including the Diefenbunker (Cold War Bunker in Ottawa), National Museum of Science and Technology (in Ottawa), and the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade.

Registration Team – Judy Makin, Bill Eng

Publicity -- Martha Maslen, Peter Van Boeschoten

Decoration Team – Marg Demers

Hosts/Greeters – Peter Doyle, Barbara Bole Stafford

Master of Ceremonies – Peter Doyle

The committee will require many more people so, if you are interested in contributing to this venture, please let me know or speak to one of the co-chairs about the activity on which you would like to participate.

Beth Sweetnam, President



At our October meeting **Frank Hitchens** took us on a space voyage from the first moon walk to the latest explorations on Mars and beyond. He then went on describe how micro-animals now survive in the most extreme heat and cold and left us wondering if there is in fact life beyond our planet.

Group insurance available 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 in the right menu or go directly to <http://www.probus.org/instrvl2.pdf>

Why does being older than 65 put me at higher risk for getting the flu?

As you age, your immune system weakens. This weakening makes seniors – adults 65 years and older – more susceptible to the flu. For seniors, the seasonal flu can be very serious, even deadly. Ninety percent of flu-related deaths and more than half of flu-related hospitalizations occur in people age 65 and older.

It is thus important that all seniors get the flu vaccine at the start of the season in the fall.

Where can I get my flu vaccine?

- Your primary care provider or family doctor
- Your local pharmacist.
- Ottawa Public Health community clinics

To find a flu clinic close to you, visit www.ottawa.ca and enter "flu" in the search engine.

Last chance

Christmas luncheon tickets now on sale



This year, to celebrate the Christmas season, we are again going to Algonquin College's *Restaurant International* for lunch.

We already have 40 people confirmed for Thursday December 10th at noon and will adjust the numbers according to the interest.

The cost is \$30 per person (\$60 per couple) which includes a three course turkey dinner, coffee, tax and gratuity. A vegetarian option is also available. Drinks are extra.

The November meeting is your last opportunity to sign up and purchase your tickets.

Tickets available at the November meeting ... bring your chequebook!

Recycling plant tour being considered for December

Have you ever wondered how waste products are recycled? Well, your chance to learn may come up in December.

Plans are being made to visit the new Tomlinson Waste Recovery Centre on Richardson Side Road in December.

Details are still being worked out but should be available at

the November meeting and in the December newsletter.

Plans are to follow up the visit with lunch at the adjacent Cheshire Cat pub.



Euchre and Bridge could use a few more players

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, 4 November

Friday, 2 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

Spring Fling 2017 will have Canada's 150th birthday theme

Spring Flings, which bring together Probus members from the 13 Eastern Ontario clubs, were regularly held for more than a decade and provided a forum to enjoy a luncheon and entertainment as well as an occasion to compare notes and ideas.

Our Club last hosted a Spring Fling in 2013 and the 2014 and 2015 Spring Flings were hosted by clubs in Manotick and Kemptville respectively. There was no Spring Fling in 2016 and it was looking like there would not be one in 2017 as well.

Gordon Walt and Ron Armstrong did not think this was right and took the initiative to convince our Probus Management Team that we could put on a Spring Fling for 2017 despite the short timeline.

The plan is to hold the luncheon on Tuesday 9 May. Rather than choosing a facility in Ottawa we have decided to use the same venue as the 2015 Spring Fling in Kemptville which is more central to all the clubs. Since 2017 is Canada's 150th birthday it seemed only logical to use that theme for the program and decorations.

Spring Flings are large affairs drawing from 200 to 250 Probians from Eastern Ontario.

This requires a lot of preparation we will need the assistance from our membership to make this a success. We will need help for everything from table centre pieces, door prizes, programs, registration, place cards, entertainment and much more.

Our President has outlined the various committees in her *Prez Sez* column. We now ask that you step forward to ensure that Spring Fling 2017 is a success.

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)

Often our speaker is able to join us. At the beginning of the meeting we ask for a show of hands of those planning to attend.

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.**

Visitors are welcome.



Coffee could come to an end

Prior to our meetings members look forward to socializing with a coffee or tea. Unfortunately, without someone to make it, this beverage custom may no longer continue. Jean and Bill Eng have been doing this but have now moved up to take over the membership function with our club.

The coffee and tea has been provided for free by the club and we hope to see this service continue.

We now need one or two individuals to step forward and take on this task.

It only involves coming in an hour early once a month. If you can help us, please advise any member of the executive.



Welcome to the following new members who joined in October:

**John Beadle
Leona Beadle
Irene Elce
Leo Lee
David Smith**

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.

For want of a card

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

If you know of someone who could use a card please call Betty Jean Bone at 613-721-5536.

A great selection of upcoming speakers

December 13: Linda Leinan -- President, Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club

John Piggott -- President, the Rotary Club of Ottawa Kanata
"Organization and programs of local service clubs"

January 10: Barry Kirk -- Executive Director, CAVCOE
"Automated Vehicles are here to stay"



Biagio's Italian Kitchen was the venue for our October lunch-out with 18 members participating.



Treasurer Maureen Donaghy

Dues are Due

Last chance to renew

November is the last month for current members to renew.

Dues are unchanged from last year and remain at \$20 per member which is among the lowest for any Probus Club.

We very much value your membership but it is your \$\$ which keeps the club operating.

Payment can be made in cash or by 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.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm.

Henri David Thoreau

Join us for the November lunch-out

Wednesday 23 November
an Vietnamese cuisine

1133 Carp Road Stittsville
(near Hazeldean Road)

Our menu features Vietnamese famous beef noodles which are called Phở, and a variety of other Vietnamese noodle soups, DIY wrap & roll with meats and seafood on the grill, Thai stir fried dishes, and soup. And a sushi bar as well.

<http://ancuisine.yolasite.com/menu.php> .

sign up at the Nov. meeting



Your 2016-17 Management Committee

President	Beth Sweetnam	Speaker Program	Heather Walt Gordon Walt
Vice President	Barbara Bole Stafford	Social Hospitality	Marie Armstrong Ron Armstrong
Past President	Vernon Sulway	Social Activities	Judy Makin Marg Demers
Treasurer	Maureen Donaghy	Publicity	Pat Thompson
Secretary	Martha Maslen	Newsletter Editor	Peter van Boeschoten
Membership	Bill Eng Jean Eng	Webmaster	Peter van Boeschoten

Chuckle Corner

The Famous Man

On day a famous man went to a nursing home to see all of his friends again and see how there were doing.

When he got there EVERYBODY greeted him [because, of course, everybody knows him].

One man he noticed didn't come up to him or say anything to him, so later he walked up to the man and asked him "Do you know who I am?"

The old man replied "No, but you can go to the front desk and they'll tell you."