



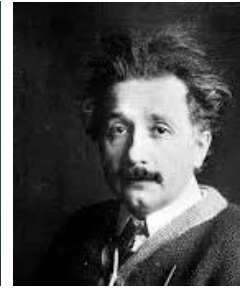
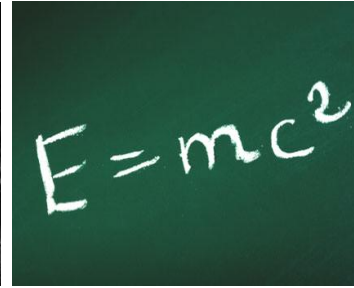
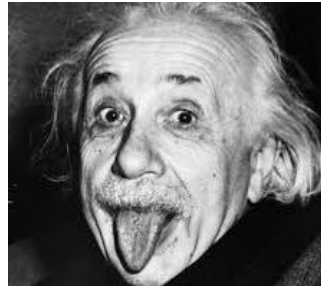
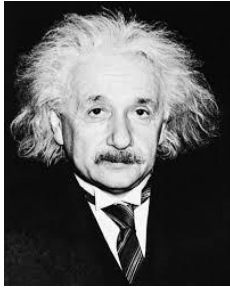
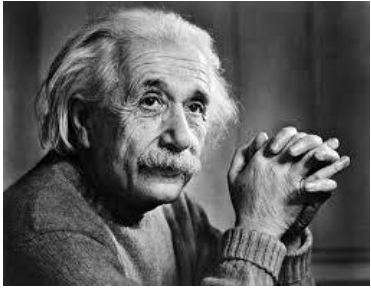
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Tuesday 14 February

Einstein: His life and major works

We all have a mental image of Albert Einstein - more a caricature than a man. We regard him as a genius with wild white hair and mathematical formulas floating around his headspace, a pacifist who helped inspire nuclear weaponry, an eccentric who didn't like to wear socks. But who was the real man behind the brainy persona?

Ask people to explain Albert Einstein's contributions to modern day science, and the expression $E = mc^2$ readily leaps to mind. But what does this oft-cited formula really tell us? And what else did Einstein's works reveal? This famous equation is actually only a small part of the

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.

gems of wisdom Einstein offered to the scientific world.

Einstein received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics but not for the subject you might think.

We are thus delighted that club member David Smith has come forward to fill in the many blanks about Einstein's work, some 60 years after Einstein's death.

David will review some of Einstein's activities, with special focus on his full and varied life and his most famous scientific works – the concepts of Special Relativity and General Relativity.

In addition, we will learn that Einstein was indeed a well-travelled world citizen, who met famous members of the entertainment and political industries. David will expand on these relationships and also discuss how Einstein made some significant political statements, which complemented his scientific contributions.

And of course, we can't help but recognize Einstein's wonderful mop of hair in every picture we see of him.

David Smith is an Engineer, most recently working as a civilian with the



David Smith

Department of National Defence. His duties? He likes to say that when the Queen visits Canada on official business, she travels here on one of his airplanes.

David has lived and worked in England, New Zealand and Canada in a wide variety of fields, including Marketing and Engineering. He has a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from Leeds University, England, and an MBA from the University of Ottawa.

He is married with 2 children and has called Ottawa home for the last 20 years.



Tuesday 31 January

Mill Street Brewery tour still has space

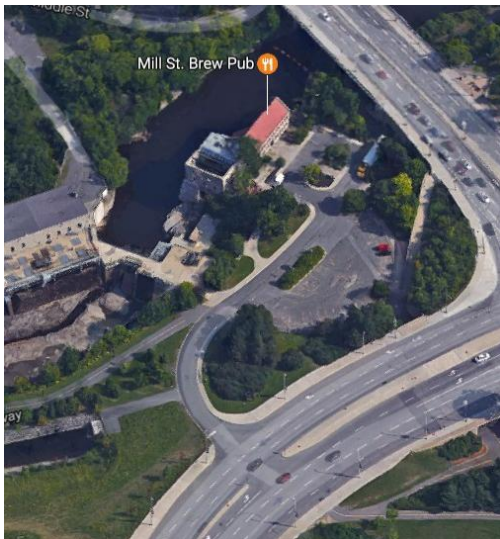
Join us for this special tour of the Mill Street Brewery and this historic facility. The tour is \$10 and you pay at the door.

We plan to have lunch there afterwards at personal expense.

There is a maximum of 25 people for the tour and we still have a few spots left. Please confirm your planned attendance to Marg Demers at 613-435-7490.

**Tuesday 31 January
11:30 a.m.**

555 Wellington St. (along the Ottawa River, Sir John A. Parkway)
Free parking
See aerial view below:



After the meeting we go out for lunch

Join us for lunch after our January meeting to socialize and discuss the presentation. 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 so that we can reserve ahead.

Tuesday 28 February

Diefenbunker tour planned

Plan to join us for a guided tour of the Diefenbunker on Tuesday February 28th, 9:30 am. The address is 3929 Carp Road, in the village of Carp.

This is a 100,000 sq. ft. underground bunker built in top secret in 1959 to house key members of the Canadian government and military in the event of a nuclear war. It was closed as a Canadian Forces base in 1994, and was designated as a national historic site. It is now Canada's Cold War Museum, with a mandate of increasing interest and understanding of the Cold War.

This museum has been recognized as a "Canadian Signature Experience" by the Canadian Tourism Commission. For those who are interested, we can go for lunch at Alice's Cafe in Carp after the tour.

The Seniors rate for tours is \$13.00 + tax = \$14.70 and we will collect names and payment at the February meeting.

For information, please contact Judy Makin - 613-839-6656. See their website - <http://diefenbunker.ca/>



March speaker



Our March speaker will be Rick Baker, Chair of the Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons

April tour of RCMP stables confirmed

Arrangements have been made for a tour of the RCMP stables on Thursday 13 April at 11:00 a.m.

There is no cost for this tour. Watch the next issue for more details.

Perth Probus welcomes visitors

In the last issue we listed a number of other Probus Clubs in the vicinity and their meeting dates.

We inadvertently missed our neighbour to the west. The Perth Probus Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month September through June at 10:00 a.m. in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith St.

They look forward to visitors from other Probus Clubs.



Welcome to the following new members who joined in January:

- Brenda Jamieson**
- Diane Raitanen**
- Bryan Wakeford**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“If A is success in life, then A = x + y + z. Work is x, play is y and z is keeping your mouth shut.”

Einstein

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out

Wednesday 22 February

Ironstone Grill

The Marshes Golf Club
320 Terry Fox Drive
meet there at noon

The ambiance of this 130-seat stand-alone restaurant is located on the main floor of our clubhouse and encompasses exposed post-and-beam construction, magnificent stonework, rugged fireplace and unique fence-wall combine to create a rich, open, warm and relaxing atmosphere that takes hold the instant you enter. <http://www.themarshesgolfclub.com/index.php/ironstone>



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, 3 February

Friday, 3 March

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

Thursday 23 March

East India Company

1993 Robertson Road (Bells Corners)
meet there at noon

East India Company Restaurants have been in business for over thirty years and have always enjoyed a reputation for the best East Indian Food in Ottawa and Winnipeg, Canada. The company is known not only for the high quality of food and service provided, but also for the atmosphere created through authentic Indian artwork ranging from 100 to 500 years old displayed throughout the restaurants.

www.eastindiaco.com



Barrie Kirk gave an illuminating talk at our January meeting on automated vehicles. He indicated that it is not only the vehicle which will change but society as a whole as a result.

Chuckle Corner



DINNER IN THE FIFTIES:

- Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.
- A take-away was a mathematical problem.
- Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.
- Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
- All chips were plain.
- A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
- Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
- Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
- Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
- Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.
- None of us had ever heard of yogurt.
- Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
- Cooking outside was called camping.
- Seaweed was not a recognized food.
- 'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.
- Prunes were medicinal.
- Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.
- Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it they would be laughed out of town.
- The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties was elbows, hats and ... cell phones!

May meeting delayed a week for Canada 150 Spring Fling

The 2017 Spring Fling will be held in Kemptville on Tuesday 9 May. As a result we have rescheduled our regular May Probus meeting to a week later on 16 May.

Originally no Spring Fling was scheduled for this year. Our Club took the initiative to take on the hosting chores and incorporate the theme of Canada's 150th birthday.

The Spring Fling brings together members from the 14 Probus Clubs

In Eastern Ontario and is very popular activity for our members and other Probians.

The Canada 150 theme will be accented by an appearance by Sir John A. and Lady Macdonald as portrayed by Brian and Renee Porter.

We have been able to reduce the cost from Previous Spring Flings and it is now only \$35. Register at the February or March meeting with

your cheque made out to Probus Club of Western Ottawa and pick your choice of menu.

Should you be away for both of these meetings and still wish to attend, please make arrangements with a fellow member to register for you.

This is a great way to meet fellow Probians from cities and towns across Eastern Ontario and celebrate our sesquicentennial.

PROBUS CLUB OF WESTERN OTTAWA



CANADA 150

CANADA Spring Fling

150

9 MAY 2017 - KEMPTVILLE

**NORTH GRENVILLE
MUNICIPAL CENTRE
285 HIGHWAY 44,
KEMPTVILLE**



Menu options

- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Baked Filet of Salmon
- Roasted Veggie Stack

Program Highlights

- 10:15** Registration Starts
- 11:45** Seating for luncheon
Welcoming Remarks
- 12:00** Luncheon
- 1:45** Move to the Theatre for
Sir John A. Macdonald
- 2:00** Brian Porter as Sir John A.

