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Automated vehicles are here to stay



Look ma, no hands

It has been said that soon there won't be a need to have drivers at all behind the wheel. So what is this driverless car thing all about?

Technology has been advancing exponentially on automated vehicles, with research even taking place in our own backyard in Kanata. Google has been testing them as have all the major auto manufacturers.

While modern cars already have many automated features they are still a long way from the driverless mode. For many of us the way ahead is still a mystery raising many questions. What are the safety features? How do they work? How soon will they be available? What will they cost? How will it affect our mobility? What changes need to be made to our infrastructure?

These and many more questions could be answered at our January 10 Probus meeting by Barrie Kirk, the co-founder and Executive Director of CAVCOE, the Canadian Automated Vehicles Centre of Excellence.

Barrie has worked in the technology industries in Canada, the U.K., and the U.S., including senior management positions at Telesat Enterprises and Lapp-Hancock, and management positions at BNR, Nortel, and Bell Canada.

His consulting projects over the last few years have focused on autonomous vehicles, connected vehicles, automotive infotainment, traveler information services, real-time traffic information, and vehicle use surveys.



Barrie Kirk

In addition to his role with CAVCOE, Barrie is a member of ITS Canada's Connected Autonomous Vehicle Technical Committee. He is also on the Board of Directors of Unmanned Systems Canada and the Automotive Advisory Board of Centennial College.

Barrie received a B.Sc. (Honours) in Electrical Engineering (Telecommunications and Electronics) from Coventry University, U.K. He is a Professional Engineer.

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 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.

PROBUS CLUB OF WESTERN OTTAWA

Spring Fling



CANADA 150



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Door Prizes

9 MAY 2017
KEMPTVILLE

Only \$35 includes choice of meal

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

Tuesday 9 May

10:00 to 11:30
Registration
12:00 to 1:45
Luncheon
2:00

Move to Theatre
to hear



NORTH GRENVILLE MUNICIPAL CENTRE
285 HIGHWAY 44, KEMPTVILLE

SIR JOHN A. AND LADY AGNES MACDONALD

Brian and Renee Porter, wearing their 1880's finery, will do a presentation about Sir John A. Macdonald called Quips and Quotes. To get a sense of this important figure in Canadian history you will hear quotes from contemporaries of Sir John A. who saw him in action, along with some of his own quips and jokes.



www.probuswesternottawa.ca/springfling



Welcome to the following new members who joined our Probus Club in December:

Mark Darroch
David Swimmer



Other Probus clubs that are close by

We are in Ontario District #1, as defined by Probus Centre-Canada. This covers 14 clubs from this side of Peterborough to the Quebec Border. Our closest clubs are:

- Ottawa Alta Vista, 4th Wednesday, 9:30 am
- Ottawa Rideau Valley (Manotick), 1st Wednesday, 9:30
- North Grenville (Kemptville), 3rd Wednesday, 9:30
- Cornwall, 4th Thursday, 10 am
- Leeds & Grenville (Brockville), 4th Monday, 10 am
- Brockville (Men), 3rd Monday, 10 am

Most clubs welcome visitors. If you want to make a visit, details are on the Probus Canada web site (www.probus.org/canada.htm), but give the club a call to make sure that they are not at capacity.



Tomlinson Recycling was the venue for our December excursion. Despite the cool and windy weather we had a good turnout and an excellent tour of how various construction waste gets separated and readied for recycling. For many of us it was an eye-opener. A large contingent retreated to the Cheshire Cat afterwards to warm up and have a hearty lunch. (More photos on the website)

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. We are fortunate that Betty Jean Bone has volunteered to take on this task.

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



Service Clubs was the topic for our December meeting. **Dwight Brown** of the Rotary Club of Kanata Sunrise and **Linda Leinan** of the Kanata Hazeldean Lions Club outlined the benefits they provide to the community and the charitable causes they support.

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



Coffee Makers Supreme. We are thrilled that Linda and Bill Johnson have volunteered to make the coffee prior to our meetings.

Join us for a lunch-out in 2017

Tuesday 24 January

Mandarin Restaurant

290 West Hunt Club

(just past Lowe's)

meet there at noon

Enjoy our extensive soup and salad bars, grill table, prime rib counter, sushi corner, and a variety of hot foods. An array of desserts, an ice cream sundae bar and frozen yogurt station offer the perfect end to the meal. www.mandarinrestaurant.com/nepean



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.

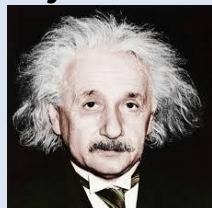
www.marshesgolfclub.com/images/uploads/documents/2016/menus/Ironstone_Grill_2016.pdf



February speaker

David Smith

"Einstein: his life and major works"



Tuesday 14 February



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 January

Friday, 3 February

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



**Convenor
Pat Stoaite**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Old age is ready to undertake tasks that youth shirked because they would take too long.

-- W. Somerset Maugham



The Euchre Christmas Potluck is an annual event and again this year the group enjoyed good food and companionship prior to starting

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 the appropriate number of places.

Probus parking can be hard to find in winter

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 on the right as you enter. They are only for use by Church staff.

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.

Christmas luncheon attracts 79



Our Christmas Luncheon at Algonquin College proved very popular with 79 members attending. More photos of the various table groupings can be found on the Photos tab on our website.

Our Probus Club has a website

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:

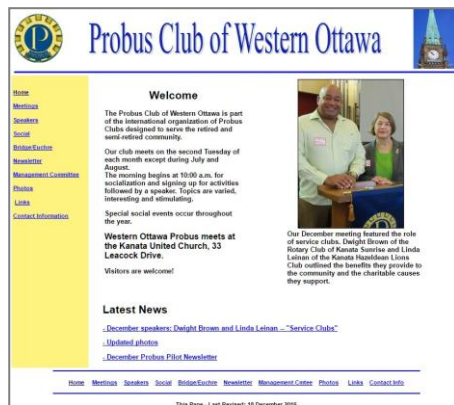
www.probuswesternottawa.ca

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.

The web site has a link page, not only to Probus Canada and other local Probus Clubs but also to local seniors centres and other seniors organizations.

Do check it out and let us know if we should add anything.



Chuckle Corner

Helpful airline agent



After booking my 90-year-old mother on a flight from Florida to Nevada, I called the airline to go over her needs. The woman representative listened patiently as I requested a wheelchair and an attendant for my mother because of her arthritis and impaired vision. I also asked for a special meal and assistance in changing planes.

My apprehension lightened a bit when the woman assured me everything would be taken care of. I thanked her profusely.

"Why, you're welcome," she replied.

I was about to hang up when she cheerfully asked, "And will your mother be needing a rental car?"

Group insurance

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>