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Mass marketing fraud and cybercrime awareness

Have you had that fake call from Microsoft, or clicked on a link in an email or been offered a free holiday? Well you are not alone. Find out more at our meeting on Tuesday June 13.

The presentation developed by the RCMP and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre covers Mass Marketing Fraud, Identity Theft, Romance and other scams – and how to avoid them. Nearly 80 percent of mass marketing fraud is conducted by organized crime groups and is currently the second most common criminal activity funding terrorist activities.

The presentation was developed by

CAFC Senior Unit Volunteer: Brock Godfrey and the RCMP.

Brock took early retirement in 1993 from the Ontario Ministry of Education, after 30 years in education. He joined Phone Busters in 1997 as a Volunteer Senior Buster.

He has been instrumental in educating the public and raising awareness of illegal mass marketing fraud and ID theft: which is clearly the most successful and effective long-term strategy in reducing the number of fraud victims. He occasionally calls victims to assist them, but mainly gives



Brock Godfrey

presentations to Service Clubs, Seniors and Professional Groups, across all of Southern Ontario, and from Maui to Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia.

Brock received the Superintendent's Award of Distinction from the RCMP for his work in making Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre presentations about this topic.

The CAFC web site can be found at <http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca> and provides a lot of information for reporting fraud.

The Prez Sez

The regular Probus June meeting will be my last as the President of your club. I have so enjoyed working with everyone this year – thank you to the executive, and many other members, who all contributed to, what I believe has been a very successful year.

We have had some really interesting speakers, shared some delicious restaurant meals, and visited some fascinating new places and events. Of course, our club hosting the Spring Fling was a special highlight. My best wishes to all new members who have recently joined us as they are ensuring that we continue to have a large and active club.

I look forward to participating for one more year on your executive as your Past-President.

Beth Sweetnam



Next meeting:

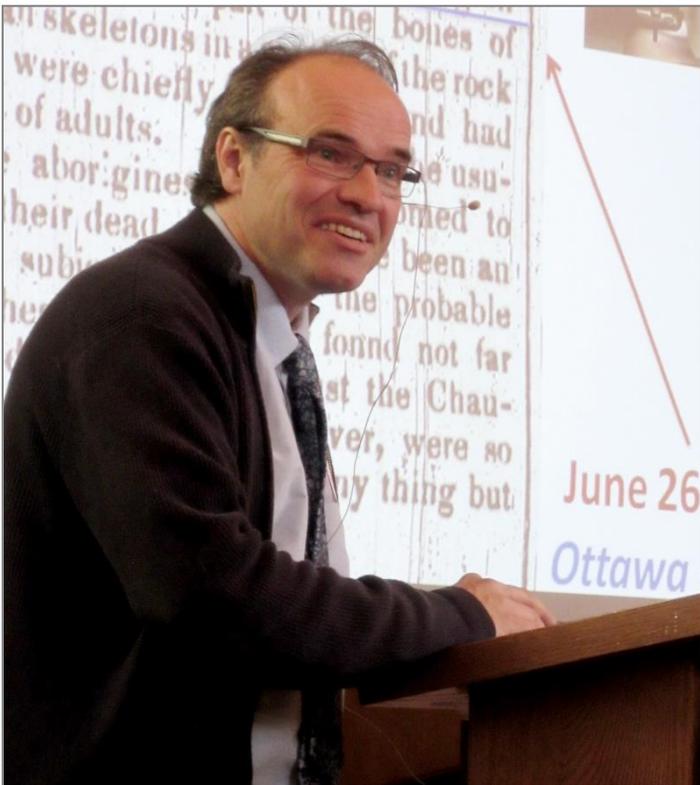
Tuesday 13 June

10:00 for social gathering,
sign ups, 10:15 meeting
start

followed by our speaker

Brock Godfrey

**Luncheon following for those
with tickets**



At our May meeting **Randy Boswell** spoke on his extensive historical digital research and how it relates to Ottawa. In particular he highlighted the aboriginal burial grounds in what is now Gatineau.

End-year luncheon will move meeting start to 10:15

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

This will necessitate a few changes for this meeting so that we can set up for the luncheon. We will advance the business meeting to 10:15 and coffee will not be available for our social gathering at 10:00.

Unfortunately since we had to advise our caterer ahead of time, only those who purchased tickets in advance will be able to attend.



Euchre and Bridge members pose after their end of year Pot Luck Luncheon. The group meets the first Friday each month but takes the summer off. Look for more information in the September newsletter.

Executive elections will be held at our June meeting

At our June meeting we will be electing the Management Board for the next Club year. The following have agreed to let their names stand for election:

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| President: | Barbara Bole Stafford |
| Vice President: | Mark Darroch |
| Secretary: | Martha Maslen |
| Treasurer: | Maureen Donaghy |
| Membership: | Jean Eng
Bill Eng |
| Speaker Program: | Vacant |
| Social Hospitality (co-chairs): | Ron Armstrong
Marie Armstrong |
| Social Activities (co-chairs): | Marg Demers
Alison Green
Ruth Wakeford |
| Publicity: | Pat Thompson |
| Policy Advisor: | Peter Doyle |
| Newsletter/Web Site: | Peter van Boeschoten |
| Past President: | Beth Sweetnam |

While we particularly want to fill the our vacancy, the Management Committee is also looking for back-up and assistance for all of the positions.

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 socialization followed by a guest speaker.

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

Visitors are welcome.

Our Probus Club has a web site – bookmark it

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



PROBUS CLUB OF WESTERN OTTAWA
 **CANADA Spring Fling**
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Many more pictures at
www.probuswesternottawa.ca/photos





FORTISIMO. This annual military and musical spectacular features massed military bands as well as a multimedia presentation against the backdrop of the Parliament Buildings. Only 3 days this summer 20 to 22 July at 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair.

Outing options and ideas that we are looking at for next year

The following are some suggestions for outings that we are looking at for next year: **Attending a play**; specifically *A Year in the Death of Eddie Jester*. This is the opening production at the Maslin Theatre late in September. Have you ever been behind the scenes at the **Ottawa Airport**? I wonder if we could. A cruise through the **1000 Islands** to see the autumn colour from the St. Lawrence River is a possibility. We could even go on to **Kingston** for the rest of the day. Another is attending **The Haunted Walk**, where we'd follow a guide through downtown Ottawa. A visit to **Laurier House** before the snow confounds all the parking is on our radar for late in 2017. Another possible trip might be a peek at the revamped **National Art Centre**.

We're also considering in no particular order: Christmas Lights Tour, Embassy Drive by Tour; attending an **Orpheus production**; a guided tour of **Perth** with a lunch out which could be combined with a visit to a **sugar bush** nearby.

If there is enough interest we

might consider going farther afield, perhaps to **Pembroke** or visit **CFB Petawawa**, or perhaps **Upper Canada Village**, **Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary**, and **The Lost Villages Museum**.

We would love to have two things happen before 17-18 commences. First, would be to be swamped by suggestions for trips and travel by the members. Second, to find a fellow to join the trio of ladies that are willing to serve for 2017-2018.

Our fall amazing lineup of speakers

September 12:

Michael Goodwin, Author
"How Different It Was:
Canada at the Time of
Confederation"

October 10:

David Smith, Probus member
Einstein: His life and major works

November 14:

Greg Matte, BGen (Retired)
"Helmets to Hardhats –
Integrating Military Personnel
into Civilian Life"

December 12:

Charlotte Gray, Author
"The Promise of Canada"

Note: This program has been set up by Gordon and Heather Watt. Since they are vacating the Programming role we really do need someone to learn from Gordon and Heather and take over in the fall.

Chuckle Corner

WHEN I SAY I'M BROKE

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

'Good morning,' said the young man. 'If I could take a couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners...'

'Go away!' said the old lady. "I'm broke and haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open..."Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet.

"Now, if this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

The old lady stepped back and said, "Well let me get you a fork, 'cause they cut off my electricity this morning."

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Live your life and forget
your age.**

-- Norman Vincent Peale