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A dental mystery worthy of Poirot

In the summer of 1990 the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) accused Dr. David Acer of infecting Kimberly Bergalis with HIV while treating her in his dental office. Shortly thereafter, the CDC had gathered enough information to charge Dr. Acer with infecting an additional five patients.

Following two major government investigations the authorities were sure of Dr. Acer's guilt but had no idea how the infection occurred. Was this, as some have contended, the greatest crime in the annals of medical history?

Was it, as others have suggested, a cover up for a government conspiracy and a massive insurance deception? Was David Acer a criminal mastermind or an innocent man found guilty by association?

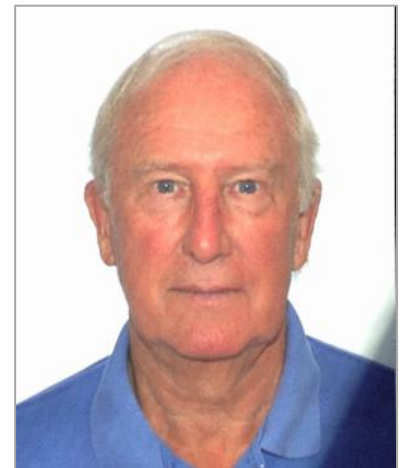
The controversies surrounding the case were the focus of a CBS 60 Minute Presentation. Independent investigations criticized government agencies for arriving at premature assumptions based on less than credible evidence, but did they exonerate Dr. Acer?

Today, 28 years later, what really happened in that Florida dental practice remains a mystery ... or is it?

Club member Dr. John Hardie is no detective Poirot, but he had some involvement with the case and has an interesting tale to tell.

From 1980 until 1990 Dr. Hardie was Head, Department of Dentistry, Ottawa Civic Hospital. Through a series of unplanned events he became drawn into the examination of the evidence in this case.

After graduating in Dentistry from Glasgow University, Scotland, John,



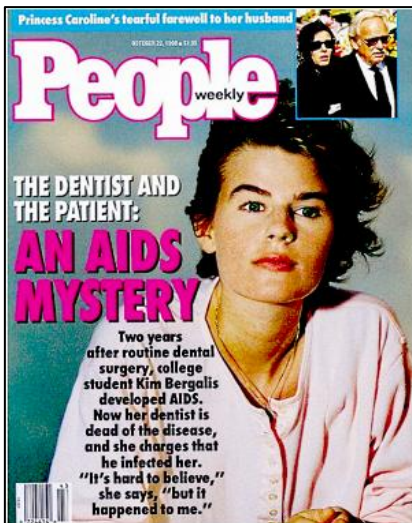
Dr. John Hardie

his wife Mary and four month old daughter Adele emigrated to Victoria BC where John established a private family practice.

However, after a few years he decided – with Mary's support – to change direction by completing a Master's Degree in general and anatomic pathology and to a career in hospital-based dentistry in Ottawa, Vancouver, Saudi Arabia and Northern Ireland.

He has a PhD in infection control, Fellowships in Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology from the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, and is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Although retired from practice Dr. Hardie has published almost 200 papers and lectured throughout North America, Europe, the Middle and Far East. In retirement, he serves as Secretary of a Canada Dental Foundation which funds philanthropic missions to developing countries.



People Magazine 1990

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.

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



Sugar bush outing well attended

The Temple's Sugar Bush outing on 22 April saw more than 30 club members taking advantage of the good spring weather to enjoy lunch and a tour of the maple syrup operation. Several members even took the opportunity to check out the adjacent nature trail.

Upcoming monthly lunch-outs

Thursday 19 April

**Moxie's Kanata Restaurant
Kanata Centrum at Noon**

Moxie's Kanata Centrum is a casual kid-friendly restaurant with late-night dining.

www.moxies.com/location/465

Sign up at the April meeting



Thursday 17 May

**Malone's Lakeside Grill
Dows Lake at Noon**

Malone's is the friendly neighborhood restaurant where everyone can feel at home. It is beautifully located at Dow's Lake at the pavilion.

www.malonesgrill.ca

Sign up at the April or May meeting



Year-end luncheon after June meeting

After our June meeting we will again have a luncheon to wrap up the year.

This year we will once more be using a caterer for a more substantive menu and to reduce the organizational load on our volunteers.

The luncheon will be in the Church hall immediately after our June meeting. This event is a great opportunity to close out our year and socialize with other club members before we break for the summer.

Since we have limited seating we have had to cap the number of tickets.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the April and May meetings.

We go out for lunch

After the meeting

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.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

No man loves life like him that is growing old.

-- Sophocles (496-406 B.C.)

NAC orchestra open rehearsal

The orchestra of the NAC is holding an open rehearsal on April 4 at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$10.00 (exact change please). Introduction will be at 9:30. Rehearsal will last until 11:15 and leaving early is discouraged.

Club Vice President position still needs to be filled

Our appeal for members to step forward to fill upcoming vacancies on the club Management Board has met with some success. Several members have indicated an interest in joining

the board in various positions.

Still outstanding is the Vice President position. We also still need someone or a couple to take on making coffee and we continually

need members to assist and act as backup for the various positions.

Elections for the 2018-19 Management Board will occur at the June meeting.

Tuesday 3 July

Rideau Canal boat tour set for July

Get ready for a Rideau Canal boat tour in July. The tour will be with Rideau King Tours and we are looking at Tuesday 3 July.

The trip will be from Ottawa to Merrickville. We will cast off from Hogs Back Park at 9 a.m. heading south toward Manotick passing through the locks at Black Rapids and Long Island. The river stretch runs past the villages of Manotick, Kars and Kemptville. Once through the lock at Burritts Rapids we will continue south through

the Nicholsons and Clowes locks ending the voyage in Merrickville at Aylings Marina where ground transportation will be waiting to return us to the Hogs Back lock.

We will enjoy a full day excursion. A light lunch will be served on route. If we are able to attain a capacity boat of 45 travelers, we will be able to enjoy a walk-about through Merrickville before returning to Hog's Back by coach.

There are both entertaining and educational elements to the tours and along the way, guides point out interesting facts about Colonel John By, the builder of the canal. Some of the history is quite interesting as well



Rideau King as wildlife on the river and points of interest.

The cost for the total round trip including lunch is \$91.50 and is payable by cheque to Probus Western Ottawa on April 10, May 8, or June 12, at the travel desk.



Euchre still looking for new members

Probus has an active euchre group. New members are always welcome.

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. In December and June play is preceded by a pot luck luncheon. Following are the dates for our upcoming meetings:

- Friday, 6 April**
- Friday, 4 May**
- Friday, 1 June**

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

Wednesday May 30

Chateau Laurier High Tea once again

By request of the membership, we are returning to the Chateau Laurier for their extraordinary High Tea.

It is a unique and interesting experience to be exposed to many different teas and to enjoy a substantial and deliciously Canadian version of an afternoon tea. Reservations have been made for Wednesday 30 May at 2:00 p.m. Sign up at the April or May meeting.

Music festival at Carleton University

The Trophy Class for Musical Theatre competitors from the Kiwanis Music Festival National Capital Region will be held at the Kalesh Mital Theatre at Carleton University on Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Contestants will have already won their class during the past week and will be competing for 7 trophies. After a concert performance, adjudicator Rebecca Poff, member of the Toronto and touring cast of Phantom of the Opera [Christine] and presently a professor at Sheridan College, will present the trophies. Previous winners of these trophies have gone on to make music a career and are now appearing in many Broadway productions.

Saturday 25 April from 1 to 3 p.m.

Free admission, Door Prizes



RETIREMENT LIVING FAIR

Mlacak Centre – 2500 Campeau Dr.

40 Booths

Arctic student experience coming in May

At our May 8 meeting, we will welcome representatives from the Students on Ice Foundation who will speak about their annual student expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic as well as the recently completed Canada C3 expedition.

We look forward to hearing about the places these expeditions have visited and the milestones marked throughout these journeys.

Special meet & greet for new members before April meeting

Members who have joined since last September are invited to a special Meet and Greet at 9:45 prior to our April meeting. The event will feature coffee and goodies and provide an opportunity to socialize and meet with members of our Probus Executive. Invitations have been sent out to all new members.

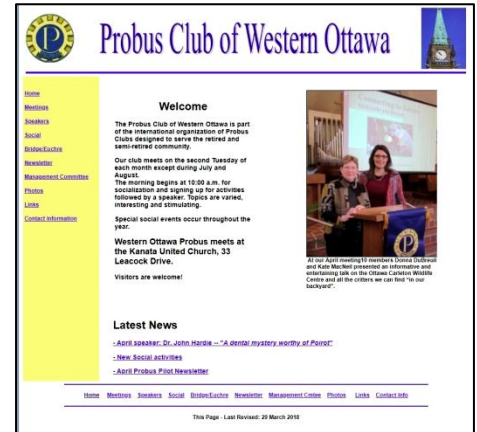


Wildlife talk. At our March meeting Donna DuBreuil and Kate MacNeil presented an informative and entertaining talk on the Ottawa Carleton Wildlife Centre and all the four-legged critters we can find “in our backyard”.

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.



Chuckle Corner

The Thief and the Parrot

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house that he thought was empty. He stealthily crept through the lounge and was stopped dead in his tracks when he heard a loud voice clearly saying, 'Jesus is watching you!'

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again.

'Jesus is watching you', the voice rang out again.

The thief stopped dead again. He was frightened out of his wits. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a birdcage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot, 'Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?'

'Yes', said the parrot.

The burglar breathed a heavy sigh of relief and asked the parrot: 'What's your name?'

'Ronald', said the bird. That's a stupid name for a parrot, 'sneered the burglar.' 'What idiot named you Ronald?'

The parrot said, 'The same idiot who named the Rottweiler Jesus.'

Don't 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.

