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Connecting to nature – backyards and beyond

There is growing evidence of the benefits nature has to offer people of all ages. It is far reaching, encompassing mind, body and spirit.

We are very fortunate that in the Nation's Capital, not only do we have an abundance of nature to explore at our finger tips, but we also have a significant range of species that live in and around our City.

For 30 years the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre has been educating people about wildlife and helping to foster an appreciation of the natural world.

This is accomplished through a variety of programs from school presentations to nature discovery Workshops to working with communities in protecting wildlife and habitat in their neighbourhoods.

The Centre initially did rehabilitation for orphaned and injured wild mammals, ranging from flying squirrels to river otters. For the first 15 years,

the Centre cared for approximately 1,200 animals annually as well as responded to 8,000 – 10,000 human/wildlife conflict calls each year.

Kate MacNeil, the Centre's Education Coordinator, has worked at the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre for 20 years. The animal hands-on expertise she gained during the Centre's animal care days together with the experience of working with the community on a variety of wildlife issues, has equipped her in developing and delivering a wide range of education and outreach programs to audiences of all ages.

Kate has a passion for educating people about the amazing species we share our spaces with in this region. She will also talk about some of the Centre's Programs and how they raise awareness about the importance of maintaining wildlife and wildlife habitat and the key role the



Kate MacNeil

community can play.

The Centre believes that if we are to succeed in responding to the significant environmental challenges we are facing as a society, humans have to recognize we are part of nature, not simply an outside observer of it. Each of us has the chance to help conserve nature, starting in our own backyard.

The Centre tries to promote an understanding and appreciation of all species, especially those that we share our spaces with and may actually get an opportunity to watch in person, not only in a book or on a TV screen.

The Probud Club of Western Ottawa is part of the international organization of Probud 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.

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

Thursday 22 March

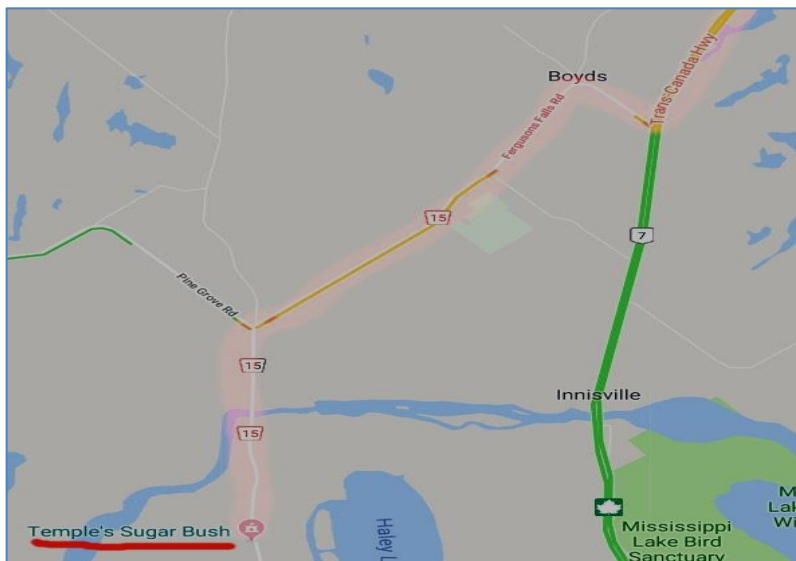
Temple's Sugar Bush visit and lunch

Join us on Thursday 22 March for another sugar bush visit and lunch at Temple's. We plan to meet for brunch/lunch at 11 a.m.

There is also a nature trail onsite with a brochure and map to guide you.

<http://www.templessugarbush.ca>

From Kanata: Head west on the 417, exit on 145 – Carleton Place/Toronto, continue west on Hwy 7 for 34 kilometers, turn right onto Ferguson's Falls Rd/Lanark County Rd 15, continue 6 kilometers until you arrive at Temple's on the right.



Join us for an April lunch-out

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. Whether craving steak, pasta or seafood - our menu offers a burst of flavour for the entire party!

www.moxies.com/location/465

Sign up at the March or April meeting



Sue Garvey was our February speaker. She focussed on the problems of homelessness and housing for women and in particular the good work being done by Cornerstone Housing for Women.



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.

Group travel insurance

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 <http://www.probus.org/instrvl2.pdf>

Your 2017-18 Management Board

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Editorial

We need to fill vacancies for the club to operate



**Vice President
Mark Darroch**

Last month our Vice President, Mark Darroch, gave an overview of Probus and how all our programs and activities are coordinated by a dedicated team of volunteers known as your Management Committee.

He went on to say that a number of these individuals will be stepping down after having served in their positions for a number of years.

At our June meeting you will be electing a new slate of individuals to manage your club next year. The following are the vacancies that we need to fill:

- **Vice President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Speaker Program Coordinator**

- **Newsletter Editor** and
- **Website Manager**

These are the critical replacements that we need. By sharing the load it only takes a few hours each month.

If you are interested in helping we ask that you take the initiative and advise a member of the Management Committee of your interest(s).

If you can't do it yourself, poke your spouse or a friend in the ribs and get them to volunteer.

We also need members to assist with set-up, audio/visual, acting as greeters, planning activities, taking pictures and much more.

We now have 192 members. It's time to step forward. We need your help.

Our April speaker

A dental "Who done it?"

Did a Florida dentist intentionally murder one his patients by infecting her with HIV?

The unraveling of this mystery involves conspiracy theories, cover-ups, fake news stories,

insurance claims and dead ends.

A US government investigation was inconclusive.

Dr. John Hardie will provide an answer as to the dentist's guilt or innocence at our April meeting.



Euchre looking for new members

Probus has an active euchre and 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 Stoa at 613-820-0174



Library and Archives Canada. Last month, 16 Probus members defied the rainy day and showed up for a 90 minute intro to the services and function of LAC. We were also shown 3 of the very large rooms set aside for anyone wishing or needing to do research. They get people from all over the world! 13 of us then walked over to Gibson's and enjoyed lunch and conversation. It was a good day.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Wise men don't need advice.
Fools won't take it.**

-- Benjamin Franklin

New member meet & greet set for April

Members who have joined since last September are invited to a special Meet and Greet 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. More details will be provided in the April newsletter.

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 so that we can reserve.



Zolas Restaurant again proved to be a popular venue for our February lunch-out.

Our Probus Club 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.

Chuckle Corner



CARING GRANDPA

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved three-year old grandson. It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for candy in the candy aisle, cookies in the cookie aisle, and for fruit, cereal and drinks in the other aisles.

Meanwhile, granddad is working his way around, saying in a gentle controlled voice, "Easy William, we won't be long. . . Easy boy".

Another outburst and she hears the granddad calmly say again. "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the check-out, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and granddad says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax mate, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes. Stay cool, William."

Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. The whole time you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa."

"Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William. The little bastard's name is Kevin . . ."

Did you know that ...

- Probus was formed in England in 1966
- There are Probus Clubs in 22 countries
- There are over 300,000 members in over 4,000 Probus Clubs worldwide.
- Cambridge became the first Probus Club in Canada in 1987
- There are now 242 Probus Clubs in Canada with over 34,000 members
- Our club now has a record 192 members



Welcome to the following new members who joined in February:

Cheryl Dale
Din Lal
Wendy Timms
Caroline Whaley