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Arctic adventure opportunities for youth

At our next meeting on 8 May be prepared to be transported to the Canadian Arctic. Taking us on that journey is Rachel Boere who has participated in several arctic expeditions with Students on Ice.

The Students on Ice Foundation (SOI) was established in 2000 with the mandate to educate the world's youth about the importance of the Polar Regions. In the core expedition program, SOI takes youth from around the world on life changing journeys to the Polar Regions. They are introduced to a broad spectrum of dialogue related to these regions ranging from arts and culture, history and politics, science and sustainable development, glaciology and climate change, economy, governance and geopolitics and many other polar topics.

For the past 18 years, SOI has

taken over 2,500 students, scientists, educators, elders, artists, musicians, historians and business leaders to the Arctic and Antarctic.

Last year's Canada C3 voyage was a signature initiative for Canada's 150th Anniversary. From June 1 to October 28, the Canada C3 ship travelled from Toronto to Victoria across Canada's three coasts. A former Coast Guard icebreaker served as the vessel for conversations about reconciliation, diversity and inclusion, the environment and youth engagement.

A diverse group of Canadians were invited on board. Using art, music, research and storytelling, participants elevated Canada's collective knowledge and built connections with each other and remarkable people across the country.

Rachel Boere is the Program Assistant for the Alumni Program at



Rachel Boere

SOI. She had the opportunity to join the 2015 SOI Arctic Expedition as well as legs 11-15 of the Canada C3 Expedition.

Rachel says that these experiences opened her eyes to new parts of Canada, the impact of experiential education and the power of storytelling.

As a graduate of the Creative Industries program at Ryerson University, Rachel developed a love for the many ways sharing can bring people together. She aims to work in spaces where she can facilitate important and impactful storytelling that share insights and passions on a variety of topics.

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.

Visitors are welcome.



Many new members at a special reception prior to the April meeting.

New members hosted at meet & greet

While our club has been around for 15 years we keep growing. Each year we have a number of new members. To get to know them better we launched our first new member meet & greet prior to the April regular meeting.

From President Barbara Bole "Thanks to all the new members who attended our Meet & Greet in April. It was a great opportunity for both our Management Team and the new members to gather in a more intimate, quieter setting to get to know one another. Thanks to Beth Sweetnam, our Past President, for suggesting this idea. I'm sure this will become an annual event."

Year-end luncheon set after our June meeting

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

This year we will be using a caterer for a more substantive menu and to reduce the organizational load on our volunteers. The cost is only \$10.00.

Since we have limited seating we have had to cap the number of tickets. When you consider that it includes the meal, dessert as well as hot and cold beverages it is still a good deal.

This event is a great opportunity to close out our year and socialize with other club members.

Since tickets are limited you should sign up and pay at the 8 May meeting.



Moxie's Restaurant in the Kanata Centrum was a popular venue for our April lunch-out.



Probus has an active euchre group. They meet monthly at the Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road (at Moodie).

MAY MEETING

The May euchre session will take place on Friday 4 May at 1 p.m.

JUNE POTLUCK

The June Euchre Pot Luck Luncheon will be held Friday, 1 June.

We can do both hot and cold dishes for the Pot Luck as we can use the stoves and ovens. Come with your dishes around 11:30 a.m. in order to be able to have some punch and be ready to eat around noon. Then we can usually start cards on time at 1 p.m. so nobody is too late getting home.

For further information call Pat Stoaite at 613-820-017

After the meeting

We go out for lunch

Join us for lunch after our meetings to socialize and discuss the meeting topic. Often our speaker is able to join us.

This month we will be at:

The Brew Table

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

All would live long,
but none would be old.

Benjamin Franklin

Gardening is focus for June meeting

Now that Spring has finally arrived it is appropriate that we get some gardening tips at our June meeting.

Judith Cox is a master gardener who will talk to us about "Purple Carrots, Honey bees and Magic".

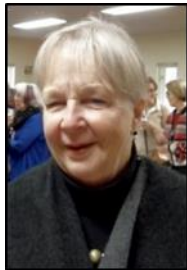
Heritage vegetables are her favourites along with roses and herbs and fairy (pollinator) gardens.

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.



Club Vice President and Newsletter positions still need to be filled

At our June meeting you will be electing a new slate of individuals to manage your club next year. We still have two upcoming vacancies that we need to fill:

- Vice President
- Newsletter Editor

The Vice President backs up the President and assumes that position for one year the following year.

The Newsletter Editor produces a newsletter comprised of past and upcoming events. Material is provided by other executive members and there are a number of templates available which can make this job easier.

These are the critical replacements that we need. If we share 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.

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, making coffee, writing articles, acting as greeters, planning activities, taking pictures and much more. It's time to step forward.

We really do need your help.

Join us for the May lunch-out

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



June canal cruise full but still taking standbys

The Rideau Canal boat tour in July is now full but a list of standbys is being created. The tour will be with Rideau King Tours and takes place on

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 and pass through a number of locks and villages on the way, ending the voyage in Merrickville 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. They will also mention some of the history as well 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 8 May at the travel desk.



Probus District meeting. Members from the eastern Ontario Probus Clubs met in Kingston last month to compare notes and hear National Director Jamie Doolittle outline Probus Canada activities.



Wednesday May 30

Chateau Laurier High Tea still has room for more

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 May meeting.



At our April meeting club member **Dr. John Hardie** kept us on the edge of our seats as he analyzed what appeared to be an HIV related murder in Florida. The case involved a dentist and with each revelation of the circumstances there was yet another twist in the tale.

Chuckle Corner



How men and women record things in their diaries...

Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; He said, 'Nothing.' I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.'

When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep; I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

Husband's Diary:

A one-foot putt ... who misses a one-foot putt.

Group travel insurance available

Did you know that as a member of Probus you are eligible for Group Travel insurance through the MEDOC program from Johnson Inc.

The program is designed to combine all of the travel insurance needs of Probus Members in one convenient package

Find out more by going to our club web page and click on links or go directly to

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



Welcome to the following new members who joined in April:

Candace Howey
Colin Howey
Doris McElligott