



The PROBUS Pilot



Probus Club of Western Ottawa – serving the western half of the National Capital Region

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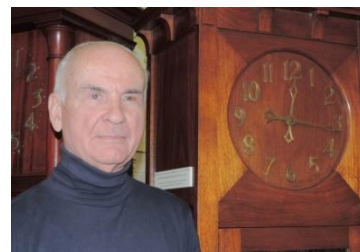
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Tuesday 9 October, 10am, Kanata United Church

Two centuries of Canadian Clocks

Allan Symons is the founder, Manager, and Curator of the Canadian Clock Museum in Deep River, Ontario.

Following a career as a chemistry research scientist with Atomic Energy of Canada at Chalk River, Allan retired in late 1999 to set up Canada's only clock museum in the town of Deep River where he has lived since September 1972. The museum has federal non-profit status and is a registered charity.



This unique museum is now in its 19th year of telling the story of Canada's many clock makers and sellers. The total number of visitors since the May 2000 opening recently passed 13,000. There have also been tens of thousands of hits on the museum's web site at canclockmuseum.ca by people who often send e-mail requests for information about clocks that they have inherited or found.

Following extensive research, he has written four articles about lesser known Canadian clock companies. These were published in the bimonthly Bulletin of the Pennsylvania-based National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, which has eight chapters across Canada. Not bad for someone who hated history in high school - his lowest mark!

Allan's presentation will highlight clocks made and sold in 'Canada' from the early 1820s to the present time. You can get a good overview of the museum's collections in advance by checking the web site and clicking on the Galleries section.

The Prez Sez



Respectfully submitted to share "Thoughts of Autumn" and "Thoughts of Thanksgiving", I wish everyone a very happy autumn season! -

Out of all the seasons of the year, there's just something about autumn that seems to stand out from the rest. Perhaps it's the perfect weather, not too hot, not too cold, but a nice medium that every outfit can accommodate. Maybe even the thought of Christmas getting closer. Nonetheless, this time of year is the most majestically and fascinating to experience. - Michelle Kellum

T is for the Trust the Pilgrims had so many years ago.
H is for the Harvest the settlers learned to grow.
A is for America, the land in which we live.
N is for the Nature and beauty which she gives.
K is for Kindness, gentle words, thoughtful deeds.
S is for Smiles, the sunshine everyone needs.
G is for Gratitude, our blessings great and small.
I is for Ideas, letting wisdom grow tall.
V is for Voices, singing, laughing, always caring.
I is for the Indians, who taught them about sharing.
N is for Neighbours, across the street, over the seas.
G is for Giving of myself to make a better me
- Judith A. Lindberg



2018-2019 Management Board

rear from left: Martha Maslen (Secretary), Peter Doyle (Policy), Ray Jones (Newsletter), Bill Johnston (Web Site), Mary Jones (Publicity), Ron & Marie Armstrong (Social Hospitality), Bill Eng (Membership);

front from left: Jean Eng (Membership), Beth Sweetnam (Speakers), Barbara Bole Stafford (Past President.), Mark Darroch (President.), Desna Sulway (Treasurer), Maureen Donaghy (Member at Large), Marg Demers (Vice President)

inset: Ruth & Bryan Wakeford (Social Activities)

Fees Now Due

NOTE: Change of Fee Structure

Annual membership fees are now due. They remain at \$20 for those receiving the newsletter by email, but increase this year to \$30 for those members who receive the Probus newsletter through the postal service. This is due to the increased costs of printing and mailing.

To maintain your standing in the club and to continue to receive the newsletter, fees must be paid by December. If you are unable to attend meetings this fall, but wish to retain membership status, please contact the treasurer@probuswesternottawa.ca to arrange payment by cheque.

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 at 10:30 am.

Western Ottawa Probus meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Dr. **Visitors are welcome.**

New Member Meet & Greet – Nov. 13, 9:45 – 10:15 am

An opportunity for new members to meet each other and the management team prior to our regular November meeting. Coffee and goodies will be provided. More details TBA.



After the meeting Join us for lunch

At the Brew Table
NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

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

If you bookmark this location you won't have to keep typing it in.

September 11 LRT Discussion



L->R: Gary Sealey, Joseph Potvin, David Gourlay, Neil Thomson,

Gary Sealey, Past President Federation of Citizens Associations, moderated a panel discussion on Council plans for the future of Ottawa's LRT. The panelists were Joseph Potvin, Moose Consortium, David Gourlay, Kanata North advocate and Neil Thomson, President Kanata Beaverbrook Community Association.

After hearing the presentations the audience was asked to select one of the following preferred options on a questionnaire:

- A) Yes. I am satisfied by Council's announcement for the Kanata extension!
- B) Yes – but: more public engagement, to revise goals along lines like these!
- C) No. Please change the project!

70 ballots gave the following result: A-11%, B-24%, C-64%

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out.



Noon, Thursday, October 18

Address: 2364 Roger Stevens Dr, North Gower

Phone: 613-489-2278

Cuisine: Country Pub – varied menu

Website: marlboroughpub.com

Sign up at the October meeting.



1 pm, Tuesday November 6

Address: 60 Colchester Square, Kanata
(behind OPP station)

Phone: 613-599-1424

Cuisine: Seafood Grill

Website: lapointefish.ca/kanata/

Sign up at the October meeting.



Our Christmas Luncheon



Restaurant International, in Nepean, Ontario, is a restaurant that is part of Algonquin College's culinary school. The students of the school present the delicious dishes that are served for lunch and dinner.

11:30 am – 2:00 pm, Tuesday, December 4

Address: H101 - 1385 Woodroffe Ave

Phone: 613-727-7691

Cuisine: Varied menu – details to follow

Website: restaurantinternational.ca

Cost: \$30 per person when registering

Sign up at the October or November meetings



Welcome to the following new members
who joined in September

Elaine Bradley

Helene & Martin Wright

Mary-Margaret & Clarke Webster



Sept. 14 Jabulani Winery Tour:

Listening to the owner explaining the hand
Picking method they use to gather the grapes



Lunch at the Canal Ritz – September 19



In Memoriam

Jackie Mutch
Eleanor Sinclair

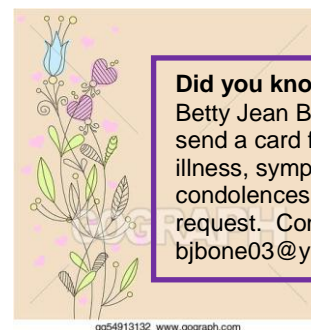
Quote of the Month

Diet Day 1:

I have removed all of the bad
food from the house.

It was delicious!"

- womenafter50.com



Did you know?

Betty Jean Bone will
send a card for
illness, sympathy or
condolences upon
request. Contact
bjbone03@yahoo.ca

Our amazing lineup of future speakers

Here are the other planned speakers for this fall (subject to change). If you have any suggestions for future speakers, please pass them on to Beth Sweetnam at program@probuswesternottawa.ca

November 13:

Brian Tackaberry, retired teacher, genealogist and history buff:

"The Lost Generation: Eastern Ontario During World War I"

December 11:

Val Knowles, Ottawa historian:

"Well Known Ottawa Personalities from the Past"

Chuckle Corner 

Then my dog bit me.....

I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

"Well, whatcha' gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears. "Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd cry. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I said. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man ... and then my dog bit me."

"So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink, drop a capsule in it and sit here watching the poison dissolve. Then you show up and drink the whole thing!"

"But enough about me, how are you doing?"



Probus has an active euchre group. The group meets monthly at the Bells Corners United Church, 3955 Old Richmond Road (at Moodie). Meetings are usually held on the first Friday of the month.

This is mostly a casual and social occasion, starting at 12:30 pm for refreshments and conversation followed by cards at 1 pm.

Following are the dates for our upcoming meetings:

Friday, 12 October ***Note change in date***

Friday, 2 November

Friday, 7 December

(Note that the December meeting is a Christmas potluck starting at 11:30)

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

October 24 Outing – National Gallery

Since our Trips/Travel section has begun with short notice this year, we are keeping it simple for October's outing: let's meet **Wednesday, October 24th** at the National Gallery of Canada on Sussex Dr. at **10:15 am**.



The plan is to view the major contemporary exhibition "Anthropocene" by Edward Burtynsky. Anyone who has seen Burtynsky's work (eg. Manufactured Landscapes) will know that his images of human resource exploitation are thought provoking.

Cost for admission & guide: \$20. The Gallery requires notification of a tour by October 10, so **sign up must be done at the October meeting or by emailing** Ruth at social@probuswesternottawa.ca.

And continuing the idea of "keeping things simple", we will have lunch in the Gallery Cafeteria which has good food and wonderful views of downtown and the Ottawa River.

November 21 Outing - War Museum

On **Wednesday, November 21** we are booked for a guided tour at the War Museum. The tour, which will look at artifacts of WW1, will begin promptly at **10 am** and last 45 minutes. We will then have some time on our own before heading to the Mill restaurant nearby for lunch.

Cost for admission & guide: \$16. Because the museum requires 3 weeks advance notice, **sign up must be done at the October meeting or by emailing** Ruth at social@probuswesternottawa.ca before Tues.Oct. 30.