



The PROBUS Pilot



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

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Tuesday January 8, 10am, Kanata United Church

Connecting Through Story

After graduating from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, **Dean Verger** started up a little folk club in Ottawa, a café named Rasputin's.

After hearing epic tales, Dean was inspired to seek out larger tales to tell. He has developed and toured one-hour versions of *The Princess Bride*, and *Moby Dick*. His latest project is Bram Stoker's 1897 "Dracula". He has also written ghost stories, one of which was filmed by CJOH TV and aired on Halloween.



Dean has given workshops on microphone use, and storytelling. He has acted with Ottawa's Theater for Children, Orpheus, and Ottawa Little Theater. He has appeared at Centrepointe Theater, on stage at the National Arts Centre's Fourth Stage, and in the Museum of Nature. He has performed his original works on both radio and television, and across Canada at festivals, in schools, cafes, and libraries.

These days, when not performing, Dean teaches the Psychology of Creativity at Carleton University.

Upcoming Performance of Dracula

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 7:30pm at uOttawa's LabO, 10 Daly Avenue

For more information: www.ottawastorytellers.ca or the Ottawa Storytellers office Tel: (613) 322-8336

Ruth Stewart-Verger grew up in a storytelling household, immersed in the tales of travelers who dined at the family table, tales of her grandparents' childhood memories, and tales of Canada's historical heroes. She spent her early years north of the Arctic Circle where tales are told all winter long, and thus developed a respect for an oral tradition that lives in all cultures. Her love of the spoken word has been shared on stage, at festivals, in embassies, on radio, in the wilds of backwoods and the comfort of libraries and classrooms.



The Prez Sez



New Year 2019

**May your New Year arrive with hope and a bag full
of blessings.**

**Have a prosperous and healthy New Year
Mark Darroch, President**

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.

It meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month* at Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Dr.

Visitors are welcome.

The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for coffee & socialization followed by a guest speaker at 10:30 am.

* Except July & August

Probus has a web site

Our club has a web site to keep you up-to-date. There you can find a history of speakers and activities going back to 2011, photo albums of all events, a description of our organization, useful links and other information. The site is:

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

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

At our December Meeting



Presentation of 10 Year Membership Pins
by Marg Demers (VP) and Mark Darroch (Pres)
L-R: Marg, Desna Sulway, Clare & Bill Cribb, Mark

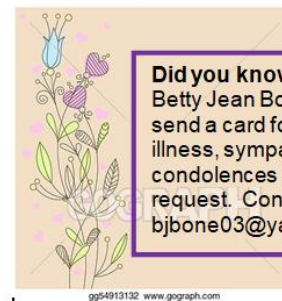


Our December Speaker
Valerie Knowles

Quote of the Month

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is life, fight for it."

- Mother Teresa



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



Welcome to the following new members who joined in December

**Larry Creighton
Pierre Forget
Gillian Heinrichs**

Join us for an upcoming lunch-out.

Sign up for both outings at the January meeting or via email to Ron Armstrong at hospitality@probuswesternottawa.ca



Kanata Location Now Open

Noon sharp, Thursday, January 17

Address: 150B Katimavik Road,

Phone: (613) 271-6000

Cuisine: Chinese Buffet (\$19.99)

Seniors 65+ receive 20% off the buffet when they show a valid ID.

Website: <https://mandarinrestaurant.com/kanata/>



Noon (opening time), Wednesday, February 6

Address: 848-B Merivale Rd. (in Thames Centre south of Carling)

Phone: (613) 724-7762

Cuisine: a Salvadorian restaurant featuring South American cuisine

Website: <http://lacabana.ca/>



After the meeting

**Join us for lunch
At the Brew Table**

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

Outings

January 24 – Lee Valley

Thursday, January 24, our first group of 20 members will meet at 1000 Morrison



Drive at the Veritas Tools Machine Shop. The shop is situated right beside the Lee Valley store on the corner of Pinecrest Rd and Morrison Dr. Parking and the entrance door is at the back of the building. Please arrive around 9:50 am.

Note: we are required to wear closed-toe shoes. the company will provide safety glasses. Lunch following the tour is close by at Big Rig's Kitchen and Brewery at 2750 Iris Rd.

Due to significant interest by our members, we are continuing to maintain a sign-up sheet in the hopes of organizing two more tours later in the year depending on the ability of the company to accommodate us. If interested, contact Ruth Wakeford at social@probuswesternottawa.ca or speak to her at one of our meetings.

February 26 - NAC Backstage tour

This guided tour will be in the morning (time and meeting place TBA) and will look at various areas and jobs behind the scenes with a view to helping us understand how theatre is made.



The tour is now full. Payment (\$3.50 per person) can be made at the January or February meetings. There is ample parking at the NAC or at City Hall parking just down Elgin Street. Lunch following this tour will be at Le Cafe at the NAC.

Group Insurance Benefits

PROBUS Canada has worked with Johnson Inc., a national benefits provider, to offer a benefit plan custom-designed for our members. Options include:

- Travel Insurance
- Extended Health Care (EHC)
- Dental Care
- Guaranteed or Term Life Insurance



For more info: <http://www.johnson.ca/probus/en/on>

Your 2018-2019 Management Board

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Our amazing lineup of future speakers

Here are some of our upcoming speakers (subject to change). If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to Beth Sweetnam at program@probuswesternottawa.ca

January 8 - Story tellers Dean and Ruth Verger: "Connecting Through Story"

February 12 - Jennifer DeBruin: "In Search of Home, the Loyalist Experience"

March 12 - Tony Atherton: History of Print Journalism

April 9 - Sydney Elizabeth Porter: L'Arche in Canada

May 14 - Pam Thompson: Canadian Art 101

June 11 - Terry Colfer
Experiences of a past Canadian ambassador to Kuwait and Iran



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:

January 4	February 1	March 1	April 5
May 3	June 7*	September 6	

(* The June session is a pot luck meal starting at 11:30)

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

Chuckle Corner

Signs that tell a Story



December Event

Lunch at Restaurant International – December 4

