



The PROBUS Pilot



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In Search of Home
The Loyalist Experience through War, Displacement, and Settlement from the Mohawk Valley to Canada



Swept up in the American Revolution, families were forced to choose between the freedom sought by many and loyalty to the king. The impossible choice once made, forced the Loyalists to abandon the land they loved and the hope they would find peace amongst their once loved neighbours, friends...and family.

Discover the harrowing true story behind the exodus of Loyalist families from the frontier of the Mohawk Valley to unknown places in Canada; the places they hoped would recapture a home lost.



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Writing, Historical & Genealogical Pursuits:

With deep ancestral roots in New France/Quebec, Upper Canada/Eastern Ontario, and Colonial America, Jennifer is interested in exploring the human story within this rich history.

By combining her passion and experience in writing, education, history and genealogy, she writes fact-based historical fiction that engages the reader in “discovering the humanity in the history.”

As a professional speaker for over 20 years, Jennifer delivers dynamic and engaging historical presentations that aim to connect the audience to the human experience within the history being presented.

For more information and a description of novels published and forthcoming, see <http://jenniferdebruin.com/bio/>.

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.

Your 2018-2019 Management Board

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Welcome to the following new member
who joined in January

Rita Herkes

(We currently have 176 members)

At our January Meeting



Ruth Stewart-Verger

Following two very compelling presentations by Ottawa Story Tellers, Ruth and Dean Verger, Ruth made the following announcement as the meeting was ending which, consequently, may not have been heard by everyone:

There is a monthly story-telling event at the Morning Owl in Kanata.

The Ottawa Story Tellers now bring storytelling to lovely Kanata. With the kindly assistance of the Morning Owl (**1047 Canadian Shield Ave.**, Kanata), a monthly series of tales has begun. So, come in, and fill your ears, and your imagination. Starting at **6pm** on the third Wednesday of the month, the evenings include three sets of stories and two breaks, wrapping up the evening around 7:45pm. Pay-What-You-Can (suggested \$5 minimum).

Feb 20, **Ancient Stories of Compelling Women** as told by Jennifer Cayley

Mar 20, **Nevertheless, They Persisted:** Stories of hope. Stories of survival. Stories of finding yourself again, as told by Marie Bilodeau

April 17, **Shiners and Fenians:** Political violence in early Ottawa with Dai Chaplin and Cecilia Blanchfield

May 15, **A mixed bag/variety/medley/assortment of stories** as told by Tom Lips and Bob Woods

June 19, **"It seemed like a good idea at the time"** -- ideas that went badly wrong, with teller Phil Nagy

The link to the event's page on the Ottawa Storyteller's site is ...

<https://www.ottawastorytellers.ca/west-end-story-stage/>



Dean Verger

Chuckle Corner

Two men were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, 'I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it -- why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?'

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, 'Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the guy who plants the trees called in sick.'

Special Lunch-outs (email: hospitality@probuswesternottawa.ca)

January Luncheon Event

At the Kanata Mandarin – January 17



Photos – Ron Armstrong

Coming Up



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/>

Last minute signup? - Notify Ron Armstrong at
hospitality@probuswesternottawa.ca



PANCAKE HOUSE & SUGAR BUSH

Noon, Thursday, March 21

Address: 399 Sugar Bush Road, Pakenham,

Phone: 613-256-3867

Cuisine: Pancakes, waffles, bacon, quiche, sausage, beans

Website: <https://www.fultons.ca>

Signup at the February or March meetings



After each meeting

Join us for lunch at the Brew Table

In Bells Corners

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

Quote of the Month

“There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved.”

– George Sand, Author.

Did you know?



Line dancing was started by women waiting to use the bathroom.

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

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:

March 1	April 5	May 3	June 7*
Sept. 6	Oct. 4	Nov. 1	Dec. 6*

(* The June & December sessions are pot luck meals starting at 11:30)

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

Outings (email: social@probuswesternottawa.ca)

Lee Valley Tour - January 24

19 of our members received a warm welcome from the staff at the Lee Valley Machine Shop. Dividing us into groups of 6-7, we were shown many of the steps required in the process of manufacturing wood planes. Pictured below is one such group (the tour leader is the 2nd from the right).

Information regarding 2 more tour dates will be available at the February meeting and in the March Newsletter. Members on the waiting list will be contacted as soon as the dates are determined.



Photo – Ruth Wakeford

February 26 - NAC Backstage tour

On Tuesday, February 26th, 30 of our members will meet at 10:30 in the **Canal Foyer** (see floor plan [here](#)) in preparation for our tour. Following that, lunch is booked at Le Café in the NAC. If you have signed up for the tour and find you are unable to attend, please let Ruth/Bryan know asap as we do have a small waiting list. Payment (\$3.50/person) is due at the February meeting. There is ample parking at the NAC or at City Hall just down Elgin Street.



March 21 - Mill of Kintail



The Hospitality team, Ron and Marie, are organizing a noon lunch visit at the Fulton Sugarbush near Pakenham. In conjunction with that, but prior to lunch at Fulton's, the Social/Outings team will be organizing a walk at the Mill of

Kintail a short 10 minute drive to Fulton's. This Conservation Area is maintained year round and offers several trails for walking. There is a small parking fee. More info at the February meeting and in the March Newsletter. [User Reviews](#)