



The PROBUS Pilot



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Tuesday, March 12, 10am, Kanata United Church

The Decline and Fall of the Daily Newspaper

Tony Atherton - reporter, editor, columnist and senior writer

Tony Atherton is an Ottawa writer who worked on daily newspapers for more than three decades including over 20 years at the Ottawa Citizen. He worked during what he considers the Golden Age of print journalism, before a digital cultural shift swept the legs out from under the industry. He looks at what made newspapers prosper and at their precipitous tumble.



Anniversary Spring Fling

The Probus Club of **North Grenville** invites you to help celebrate their 20th Anniversary on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019** at the North Grenville Municipal Centre, 285 County 44, Kemptville.

Check-in starts at 10:45 am – Bar opens at 11:00 am – lunch at 11:45 am
Entertainment in theatre at 2:00 pm

Menu includes stuffed chicken breast with feta cheese, basil & yellow peppers or baked filet of salmon with maple glaze or roasted veggie stack. All main entrees are gluten-free. Desserts, tea and coffee.

Entertainment by Tony Davy – music from the crooner's era

Pre-Registration (and meal selection) is with our VP, Marg Demers, on March 12 or April 9

Ticket Price is \$38 (by cheque payable to **Probus Club of North Grenville** please)



Marg Demers

The Prez Sez

**HAPPY
ST.
PATRICK'S
DAY**



An Irish Blessing

May love and laughter / Light your days
And warm your heart / And home
May good and faithful / Friends be yours
Wherever you may roam
May peace and plenty / Bless your world
With joy that long endures
May all life's / Passing season's
Bring the best / To you and yours

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

Your 2018-2019 Management Board

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No new members joined in February

Quote of the Month

“Good judgement comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgement”

– Will Rogers – actor, cowboy, humorist

At our February Meeting



Jennifer DeBruin delivered an engaging historical presentation on who the United Empire Loyalists were and the events that forced them to choose sides and relocate under duress or desire. The story even included some of Jennifer’s own ancestors.

Our Program director, Beth Sweetnam, is a member of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada and invited anyone who was interested to attend part or all of a **conference** coming to Ottawa this summer, May 30 to June 2, entitled “**the Capital Calls**”.

For conference information, please visit: <http://www.uelac.org/SirGuyCarleton/index.php>

Chuckle Corner 

Helpful Husband

A cranky older woman "in her senior years" was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. She gave everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer who took her away. She complained and criticized everything and everyone throughout the process.

When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked her what she had stolen from the store.

The lady defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches, you old fool."

The judge then asked why she had done it.

She replied, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store."

The judge asked how many peaches were in the can.

She replied in a nasty tone, "Nine! But why do you care about that?"

The judge answered patiently, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach."

As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long-suffering husband raised his hand slowly and asked if he might speak. The judge said, "Yes sir, what do you have to add?"

The husband said meekly, "Your Honor, she also stole two cans of peas."

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

February Luncheon Event

At La Cabana – February 6



Photo – Marie Armstrong



Did we miss you?

If you've been a member of Probus Western Ottawa for more than 10 consecutive years, but have not received a 10 year pin, please let Mark know in person or at president@probuswesternottawa.ca.

Coming Up



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 March meeting



Noon, Thursday, April 11, 2019

Address: 2130 Robertson Road, Bells Corners

Phone: 613-808-8346

Cuisine: schnitzel, pierogies, beef goulash, beef rouladen, home made cabbage rolls

Website: <http://www.dunabistro.com>

Signup at the March or April meetings



After each meeting

Join us for lunch at the Brew Table

In Bells Corners

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

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



Did You Know

PROBUS in Canada was started in 1987, has over 240 active clubs and 36,500 members. It is an organization that provides social, physical and mental stimulus to retirees. Probus Western Ottawa is part of Probus Ontario Division 1, which covers 21 clubs from Port Hope east. The Probus Canada website is www.probus.org and their January newsletter has recently been posted there.

Our lineup of future speakers

Here are some of our upcoming speakers (subject to change). Please pass ideas on to Beth Sweetnam at program@probuswesternottawa.ca

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

September 10 - Michelle Davis:
Understanding Medical Cannabis



Probus has an active euchre group. The group meets monthly at 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:

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 Stoute at 613-820-0174.

Outings (email: social@probuswesternottawa.ca)

Wednesday, March 6 – Lee Valley tour #2

This second tour of **Lee Valley's machine shop** (at 1000 Morrison Dr.) is on March 6 at 10 am. Meet inside the rear entrance (adjacent to the parking lot). There is no charge for this tour but we are required to wear safety glasses which the company will provide. **Closed toe shoes are also required.**

Following the tour, lunch will be at Big Rig's Kitchen and Brewery close by at 2750 Iris Street at 11:30 am

There is one space available for anyone interested - please call Ruth at 613-838-2758.

Thursday, March 21 - Mill of Kintail



This outing is a 45 minute **trail walk** at the Mill of Kintail Conservation area ([directions](#)).

The area is maintained year round and offers several trails for walking ([trail map](#)). Meet in the parking lot at 10:45 am. There is a \$6 parking

fee. Trail selection TBA. [User Reviews](#)

The hike will be followed by lunch at Fulton's Sugar Bush, a short 10 minute drive away. More details of the lunch are on the previous page in the Hospitality section.

Signup at the March meeting.

Wednesday April 24 – Lee Valley tour #3

Our final Lee Valley Tour is presently full.

February 26 - NAC Backstage tour.

On Tuesday, February 26, 24 members enjoyed a backstage tour at the NAC. One of the Assistant Stage Directors was our guide, taking us to Southam Hall, as well as the Babs Asper theatre, where we viewed lighting crews setting up for upcoming shows. We also visited the props department, where we learned about some of the techniques used in producing light weight, economic, yet realistic props.

Following the tour, a delicious lunch was enjoyed in the beautiful environment of Le Cafe.



Photos – Ruth Wakeford