



The PROBUS Pilot



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

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Tuesday, May 14, 10am, Kanata United Church

Canadian Art 101 – Pam Thompson

Pam Thompson holds degrees in Art History, Classical Civilization and Education.

She has taught English, Art, and History for twenty-eight years for the Ottawa Carleton Board of Education. Currently, she is a Docent at the National Gallery of Canada and has been there for the last fifteen years.



At the gallery Pam has lectured in the “Art in View” program and the “Wednesday Morning Study Group”, and she was a Guest Tour Guide at the Canadian War Museum’s “Tribute to War Art in Canada” by A.Y Jackson and Otto Dix in 2014.

This past winter Pam served as an adjudicator in the selection of local Art for the 2019 Calendar for M.P Chandra Arya .

Anniversary Spring Fling

Registrations and cheques for the North Grenville Probus Club’s May 15th Spring Fling in Kemptville have been submitted. We have 29 people attending from Probus Western Ottawa. Any further interest should be discussed **ASAP** with Marg Demers via email to vice-president@probuswesternottawa.ca.

The Prez Sez



Mark Darroch
President

Sometimes
It is better to be
Kind than to be right.
We do not need an
Intelligent mind
That speaks, but
A patient heart
That listens.

- Author unknown

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

Planning our 2019-2020 Executive

We are delighted to tell the membership that many of the very dedicated board of directors are returning for another year.

However, Barbara Stafford, Maureen Donaghy and Beth Sweetnam have decided to leave the board.

- Barbara has done yeoman's service this year as our Past President among all the other positions she has held with the board and we wish her many years of finally sitting in our audience, listening without responsibilities.
- Maureen has remained on the board as a member-at-large after retiring as treasurer last year but now wants some time without any club responsibilities.
- Beth Sweetnam, who has done a wonderful job lining up speakers this year and even has speakers for September, October & December of 2019, is stepping down.

We are very thankful to these folks who have been so valuable to our club.

Volunteers Needed!

- one or two members to join our team as **Speaker Programme Director(s)** for the upcoming sessions. **Without speakers to entertain and enlighten us, we really do not have a Probus club, so finding someone to take Beth Sweetnam's place is crucial.**
- a **Hospitality Director** to work with Marie Armstrong in planning the restaurant outings that we have every month
- a second **Member-at-Large** to represent the club at our once a month board meeting. The Member at Large has no specific duties, but attends executive meetings and can assist as needed and interested.

If interested in joining our management board, please speak with any existing board member or write to pwoexec@probuswesternottawa.ca

Your 2019-2020 Candidate Management Board

(to be voted in at the June meeting)

President:	Marg Demers
Past-President:	Mark Darroch
Vice President:	Ron Armstrong
Secretary:	Martha Maslen
Treasurer:	Desna Sulway
Member-at-Large	George Steeves + Open
Membership:	Jean and Bill Eng
Speaker Program:	Open (1 or 2)
Social Hospitality:	Marie Armstrong + Open
Social Activities:	Ruth & Bryan Wakeford
Publicity:	Mary Jones
Newsletter:	Ray Jones
Website:	Bill Johnston
Policy Advisor:	Peter Doyle
Coffee Coordinator	George Steeves
Setup Crew	David Stafford & Peter Durose
Euchre Club	Pat Stote
Cards and letters	Betty Jean Bone

At our April Meeting

L'Arche (The Ark) is the movement of communities started by Jean Vanier, where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together.

Beth Porter (top right), a member of the L'Arche Daybreak community in Toronto for four decades, and **Daniela Bara** (bottom right), the Community Leader at L'Arche Ottawa, spoke of the organization's history and present experience. They were accompanied by **Robert**, one of their residents.

Some of the many stories of the life Beth shared with others are in Beth's book, entitled [*Accidental Friends*](#).

Visit <http://www.larcheottawa.org/> for more information.

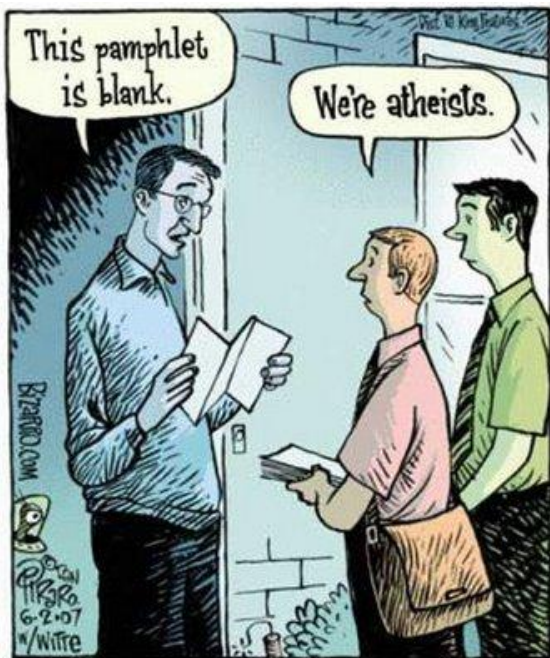


Special Lunch-outs (email: Ron/Marie Armstrong via hospitality@probuswesternottawa.ca)

April Luncheon Event

Our April luncheon outing was held at the Duna European Bistro on April 11 with 18 people attending. The food was excellent and portions generous.

Chuckle Corner 



Coming Up



Noon, Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Address: 54 Springbrook Dr, Stittsville
(the Amberwood Golf Club)

Phone: 613-831-2442

Cuisine: Upscale pub fare

Website: <https://aleottawa.ca/>

Sign up at the May meeting or via email

June 11 Meeting & Luncheon

- No pre-meeting coffee!
- Meeting starts early at 10 am
- An in-house catered luncheon starts at 11:30
- Seating restricted to 70 members
- **Tickets \$10 on sale at May meeting only** (no email requests accepted after May 31)
- Caterer is Leatherworks
- Cuisine: buffet style wraps, salads, sandwiches and dessert



Welcome to the following new members who joined in April

Kathleen & Chris Portinari



After the May meeting

Join us for lunch at the Brew Table

In Bells Corners

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

Quote of the Month

“The inherent vice of Capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings. The inherent virtue of Socialism is the equal sharing of miseries.”

- Winston Churchill



Our lineup of future speakers

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

June 11 - Terry Colfer:

Experiences of a past Canadian ambassador to Kuwait and Iran

September 10 - Maggie McDougall:

Understanding Medical Cannabis

October 8 – Tony Atherton:

The Decline & Fall of the Daily Newspaper

November 12 – TBD

December 10 – Jill Heinrich (scuba diver)

Cave Exploration (incl. new pictures)



Probus has an active euchre group that 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:

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: Ruth Wakeford via social@probuswesternottawa.ca)

April Outing

Wednesday April 24 – Lee Valley tour #3

Our last visit to Lee Valley's Veritas Tools Machine Shop was enjoyed by another group of our members on April 24. Again, people were impressed to see this level of manufacturing in our city and to learn of LV's world-wide distribution of their products.



Coming Up

Thursday May 16 – Chapman Mills

Our planned May outing is a walk at the [Chapman Mills Conservation Area](#) at 10:30. This walk is about one kilometre long and hugs the shore line of the Rideau River along Prince of Wales Drive in the south part of the city. It is a wonderful way to experience nature without leaving the city.

We will meet at the parking lot at the north end of Lodge Road (just south of the Vimy Memorial Bridge at Strandherd Road). See [map](#). **Sign up at the May meeting or via social@probuswesternottawa.ca**

Thursday, June 20 – Perth Museum & Guided Tour

Our June 20th outing is to the historic town of Perth. We will meet at 10 am in the Matheson House at 11 Gore Street. This building is a National Historic Site built in 1840 by a gentleman who was a senator in Canada's first Parliament. The building is now the site of the Perth town museum. Museum cost: \$3.50 (taxes included).

Following our tour at the museum, we will take a guided walking tour down Gore St. to learn a bit about some of the architecture and stories of the town. Tour cost: \$10 (taxes included).

Members can choose either one or both of the tours. **Sign up and pay at the May and June meetings.**

Lunch will be at Fiddleheads Restaurant at 53 Herriott St in a 150 year old limestone building that started out as Code's Mill.

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