



# The PROBUS Pilot



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**Tuesday, June 11, 10am, Kanata United Church**

## **The Middle East – Terry Colfer**

Terry Colfer started his globe-trotting ways early. Born in the UK, he was raised in Dorval, QC, and attended both McGill University and the Royal Military College in Kingston. He completed his studies with a Commission in the Canadian Army and a degree in political science.



During his military career, he served in the Gaza Strip and Europe. Upon his return to Canada, Captain Colfer (a paratrooper) accepted an offer to join the Canadian Foreign Service. His three decades plus of diplomatic service, primarily as a Trade Commissioner, included postings in Europe, Australia, the USA, Africa and the Middle East. Terry served more than 25 years of his Foreign Affairs career abroad and also held various senior management positions in Ottawa. His final diplomatic postings overseas were as Canadian Ambassador to Kuwait, Qatar, and The Islamic Republic of Iran.

Since retirement from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Terry has continued to pursue his interests in international affairs both on the lecture circuit and as an international election observer in the Middle East, Ukraine and Central Asia. Recently he completed consulting contracts with Foreign Affairs located in Ottawa, Mexico, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In 2012 Terry was awarded the Queen's 'Diamond Jubilee Medal' in recognition of 'outstanding contributions to Canada'.

Terry is also busy as an Executive Coach, a pilot with the Rockcliffe Flying Club, Air Search and Rescue volunteer, Volunteer Adviser with CESO, and Board of Directors member with the Conference of Defence Associations Institute, Gatineau Gliding Club, and the Royal Military College Foundation. Not one to sit still, Terry loves skiing, scuba diving, running, riding his motorcycle, golfing, and watching the sun set with a good book, though preferably with a glass of wine.



## **At our May Meeting**

Mark Darroch and Ruth Wakeford presented a plaque to Rob Gauci, Manager of Lee Valley's Veritas Tools division, expressing our appreciation for their welcoming us to three tours of their Morrison Drive machine shop earlier this year.

This was followed by Pam Thompson giving a highly entertaining and informative history of Canadian art from the dawn of our history to present day, with special emphasis on indigenous peoples and their view of art as anything that links them to their environment. In fact they have no words for "art" in their culture.



## Planning our 2019-2020 Executive

We are delighted that volunteers have been found for almost all posts for our 2019-2020 year.

**However we still need 1 or 2 volunteers to take over our Speaker Program.** Beth Sweetnam has already arranged speakers for September, October and December and is willing to assist those taking over. **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. There are lots of ideas for speakers. Beth knows of several that could be considered. Ideas typically come from the membership or other clubs' newsletters.**

We also would like a second Member-at-Large. This member 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](mailto:pwoexec@probuswesternottawa.ca)**

## Your 2019-2020 Candidate Management Board

(to be voted in at the June meeting)

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

## The Prez Sez



Dear Members of Probus Western Ottawa

I sincerely wish to thank you for giving me the wonderful opportunity to be your President.

A special thank you goes to Kanata United Church and staff for allowing our club to use their facilities, always offering friendship and a willingness to accommodate our needs.

Thank you to all our Past Presidents and former committee members. Your leadership has laid the foundation for what our Probus Club has become.

Thank you to Beth Sweetnam and Barbara Bole Stafford for inviting me and encouraging me to take on the role of Vice-President prior to my current position. I truly valued your knowledge and support.

Thank you to a wonderful management and support team for your many skills, dedication, energy, humor and, more importantly, your support, guidance and friendship. You are the "engine" that runs our club.

Thank you to our valued members. You are the "heart beat" of our club. Your ongoing support, attendance, friendship, fellowship, and yes, even participation when we had a speaker "no show". Many of you participated when we "winged it" with a "good news story....and a bad news story" (thanks Beth).

Remember Rodger, who lead us with a sing-a-long, which brought laughter and joy to the meeting....!!!!

I wish to thank Marg Demers and wish her and her new management team all the very best, Marg comes with "Excellence in Leadership".

I would strongly encourage anyone who is thinking of joining our management team to please do so. The gift will be yours to receive.

I thoroughly enjoyed my year and wish everyone a life filled with good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Mark Darroch, President

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

### May Luncheon Event

Our May 29<sup>th</sup> luncheon outing was held at the Ale Lounge at the Amberwood golf course with 25 members attending.



### Coming Up

#### June 11 Meeting & In-House Luncheon

- **No pre-meeting coffee!**
- **Meeting starts early at 10 am!**
- An in-house catered luncheon starts at 11:30
- Caterer is Leatherworks
- Cuisine: buffet style wraps, salads, sandwiches and dessert
- **Only a few tickets (\$10) are still available!**



Welcome to the following new members who joined in May

**Randy Hardy and John Hulbert**  
(total membership now 180)

## Chuckle Corner

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected. (Winston Churchill used them often.)

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it's still on my list.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I answered, "a doctor."
- I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
- I'm supposed to respect my elders but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

The Probus Club of Western Ottawa meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except July & August) 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.

**Note exception for this June's meeting (left).**

### Quote of the Month

"The mind that opens to a new idea never returns to its original size"

- Albert Einstein



Our Web site is:  
[www.probuswesternottawa.ca](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca)

## Our lineup of future speakers

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

### No meetings in July & August ☹️

**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.

**No meetings in July or August! ☹️**

## Outings (email: Ruth Wakeford via [social@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:social@probuswesternottawa.ca))

### April Outing

#### Thursday May 16 – Chapman Mills

On Thursday, April 16, 8 members enjoyed a stroll along a trail at the [Chapman Mills Conservation Area](#), a well used walking area in the south end of the city which changes through the seasons. Our walk headed north from the north end of Lodge Road. See [map](#).

For those who were not able to join us, but are curious about the area, consider checking it out sometime this summer.



### Coming Up

#### Thursday, June 20 – Perth Museum / Guided Tour

On Thursday, June 20 we will meet at the Perth Museum (Matheson House) at 11 Gore Street at the 10 am opening time for a tour at the museum (approx. 1 hour). From there, we will take a guided walking tour along Perth's main street to hear about the architecture and some of the interesting people who inhabited the town. Our tour will end at Fiddlehead's Restaurant on Herriot Street for lunch around 12:30. There is ample parking throughout the downtown core - look for the green municipal parking signs. **Sign up at the June meeting** or at [social@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:social@probuswesternottawa.ca) for any or all of the activities: museum (\$3.50), guided walk (\$10.00) and lunch.

**No Outings in July or August! ☹️**

#### Friday, September 20 – Canopy Growth Tour

Proposed for September: mark Friday, September 20 on your calendars for our trip to Smiths Falls - a tour at Canopy Growth (free tour) and the Rideau Canal Visitor Centre (small fee).

We have members who are willing to car pool for this trip, so even if you are without a vehicle, there is a possibility for you to join in the outing. *Check on details in the September Newsletter or check in at the activities table at the September meeting or contact Ruth/Bryan at [social@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:social@probuswesternottawa.ca).*

Have a wonderful summer !