



The PROBUS Pilot



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

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Tuesday, March 10, 10am, Kanata United Church

Sue Williams - Adventure at Sea and the Journey Within

Sue Williams earned a degree in occupational therapy from Queen's University and practised OT for over thirty years. In 2016, she left the health care field to focus on writing. Sue lives in Guelph, Ontario.

Sue writes: "In 2007-08, not yet retired, without blue water experience, devoid of an adventure-seeking bone in my body, I wound up on a sailboat bound for the North Atlantic with my husband, David.



I have written a memoir, *Ready to Come About*, of my improbable year-long adventure on the high seas, and my profound personal journey, through which I grew to believe that there is no gift more precious than the liberty to chart one's own course, and that risk is a good thing ... sometimes, at least."

Her memoir, *Ready to Come About*, was published by Dundurn Press in May 2019.

Sue and David will join us March 10, 2020 to tell us about their amazing, often perilous, adventure, through readings from her book and a riveting audiovisual presentation.

More information can be found at:

<https://lotsofwaystolivealife.net>

<https://www.dundurn.com/books/Ready-Come-About>

At our February Meeting – Judith Rygiel

Dr. Judith Rygiel is a maker of cloth, a teacher of weaving and a researcher of hand-woven textiles with a PHD in Canadian History.

Her presentation focused on how two patrons of Acadian weavers in Louisiana promoted homespun textiles to a large public through both public expositions and sales over more than 30 years in the late 1800s. She also brought samples and reproductions of the typical types of cloth woven by these women.

Acadian weavers of that time often used a 2-harness loom, often called a barn loom as it was made by poor farmers using old barn lumber. Their fabrics used plain weaves with the warp threads often commercially made & purchased but with the weft threads usually home spun and dyed to save money. Threads were mostly dyed in blue shades (from Indigo plants) or bleached white – but could also incorporate Louisiana flag colours



The Prez Sez



The Valentine decorations have been put away and the Shamrocks are about to be hung up. It is March. Puxatony Phil says six more weeks of Winter but Wiarton Willie promises an early Spring. What will be, will be. Our club continues to thrive with excellent speakers, interesting tours and delicious meals out. Six more weeks of winter or not, our club is going to be just fine.

BUT...

I discovered this week that the only way to really communicate with my bank was to go in to the building and ask the question the computerized voice on the phone couldn't answer. It had to say either yes or no, so it hung up! I started to think of how English has changed since computers. Memory was something you lost with age. An application was a page a person filled out when looking for employment. When I talked about a programme I talked about a radio or television show. A cursor was someone who used profanity and a keyboard was a machine in a secretary's office. The CD was a bank and according to my children a hard drive was an extra long car trip. If you caught a virus, well, you had the flu.

My spine still shivers when someone uses "like" instead of said, answered or replied. Forgetting the word "much" when saying 'so...with an adverb' makes me shudder.

In high school we were taught that Latin was a dead language so it didn't change. The rules and words were static. English isn't dead. It changes. The changes don't all please me. Sometimes I like being my age.

Marg

Anniversary Spring Fling

The Probus Club of Cornwall and Area invites you to their 25th Anniversary celebration!

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Venue: Simon Fraser Ballroom, Ramada Inn, 805 Brookdale Ave. Cornwall, 613-933-8000

Cost: \$39.00 per person

Discounted rooms available for \$106.24. Call Ramada prior to April 27 & mention PROBUS.

Meal choice: Chicken or Salmon

Guest Speaker : Donnie Bowes, Artistic Director & Manager, Upper Canada Playhouse

Entertainment : John Maloney, Musician

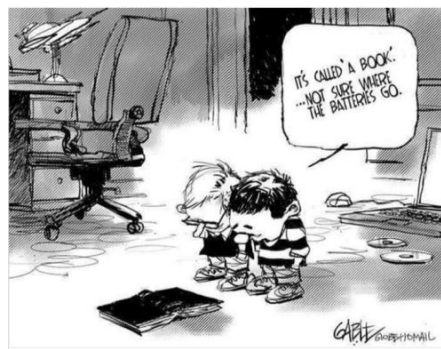
Charging stations for electric cars on-site - Free Parking

Event registration with Ron Armstrong (Vice President) via cheque to Probus Western Ottawa.

If unable to attend meetings, contact Ron via email to vice-president@probuswesternottawa.ca



Chuckle Corner - The Book



Lunches (email: Marie Armstrong & Ruth Mackenzie via lunches@probustwesternottawa.ca)

February Luncheon Event

On February 19, 16 members showed up for a good lunch at Bowman's Bar and Grill.



Coming Up

Sign up at the March meeting or via lunches@probustwesternottawa.ca



Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 11:30 am

A special seniors day with music and entertainment

Address: 2452 York's Corners Rd, Edwards

Phone: 613-821-2751

Website: <https://stanleysfarm.com/>

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE LUNCH - \$18

GRAFFITI'S

(in the Kanata Holiday Inn)

Monday April 27, 2020 at noon

Address: 101 Kanata Ave.

Phone: 613-271-0921

Website: <http://www.graffitis.ca/>

Cuisine: pub fare with International favourites



After each meeting

Join us for lunch at The Brew Table

In Bells Corners

NW corner of Robertson and Moodie

Quote of the Month

"Poor March.

It is the homeliest month of the year. Most of it is mud, every imaginable form of mud, and what isn't mud in March is ugly late-season snow falling onto the ground in filthy muddy heaps that look like piles of dirty laundry."

- Vivian Swift, *When Wanderers Cease to Roam: A Traveler's Journal of Staying Put*

Did you know?

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



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* Cards are sent on behalf of Probus Western Ottawa and may go to either members or non-members

Outings (email: Ruth & Bryan Wakeford
via outings@probuswesternottawa.ca)

Coming Up

March 4 - Ottawa Valley Grain Products

Our March outing will take place Wednesday, March 4 at Ottawa Valley Grain Products in Carp followed by lunch at the Ridge Rock Pub just down the street. Reminder information (including parking info) will be sent out to listed participants. This tour is full with a small "cancellation list"

April 24 – Ottawa Airport Firehall

In April, we have a free guided 45 minute tour (15 minutes with the explosive detection canine unit - 30 minutes fire station) at the Ottawa Airport Firehall. This tour is scheduled for the 24th of April at 10:30 am. The firehall is situated at 2086 Alert Road. Parking is free but the firehall is NOT accessible by OC Transpo. There is a limit of 20 participants for this tour.

Lunch out details to be confirmed next month.

Sign up at our March 10 or April 14 meetings or email Ruth/Bryan at Outings@probuswesternottawa.ca.

February Outing

On Wednesday, Feb 12, 18 of our members met for a tour of several departments within Lee Valley Corporate on Morrison Drive. As with our tours last year at the LV Machine Shop, the staff were welcoming and open to answering our many questions. Both photography and the warehouse were especially interesting but so too was the fact that LV has an on-site cafeteria run by 2 staff cooks.



Our lineup of future speakers

Please pass ideas on to Charlie Boole via program@probuswesternottawa.ca.

April 14 - Geneviève LeDuc (Bank of Canada)
- Risk Management

May 12 – Paul Allen - *When Tobacco Was King*

June 9 – Rachel Boere - *The Ottawa Tool Library*

September 8 – John & Jan Milnes - *British Home Children*

October 13 – Michael Boole (Fintrac) - *Money Laundering or Human Trafficking*

November 10 – Manon Bourbeau - *National Military Cemetery*

December 8 - James Jordan – *War Amps*



Our Probus cards group meets monthly for Euchre or Bridge 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. Games usually last until 3:30 pm.

Following are the dates for future meetings:

Mar. 6 Apr. 3 May 1 Jun. 5
Sep. 4 Oct. 2 Nov. 6 Dec. 4

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

Probus Western Ottawa meets at 10 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Kanata United Church, 33 Leacock Dr.

Visitors are welcome.

Our Web site is:

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

No new members joined in February