



# The PROBUS Pilot



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## **Important Notice**

***Due to the COVID-19 virus and government restrictions on social gatherings, all Probus Western Ottawa Meetings and outings are cancelled until further notice.***



## **The Prez Sez**

Hello everyone,

“May your day begin with a smile on your face, love in your heart and happiness within your soul.” Once again we come together only through the wonder of modern

technology as the computer prints out The Probus Pilot. Our board continues to meet using ZOOM, an application that Ray Jones, our newsletter editor, uses to host virtual meetings for us, for which we are very grateful.

As we enter what would normally be our last month of activities, the notices sent out in April and May still apply. Our activities and meetings continue to be on hold. We have to go through the summer without knowing what the situation will be in September. \* I suspect the governing body of the United Churches in the Ottawa area will determine the policy of Kanata United Church. Everything else hinges on that decision.

I have been in touch with a number of you in the past month and will continue reaching out over the next while. In late August you will be informed of our plans for 2020-2021.

None of us have had the year we expected when this executive took over the reins of Probus Western Ottawa last September. In spite of all the upheaval COVID 19 forced upon us, I want to say publicly that, without a doubt, having served on other management boards, ‘THIS TEAM IS AWESOME’.

The certainty that our club will be in excellent hands under the leadership of Ron Armstrong and the returning and new executive is definite. I look forward to working with them as past president after we have an election at our first meeting in the fall. Until then, please stay well by staying safe. We may not be able to see one another but we can stay in touch.

Being sad but looking forward. Marg. [marganddougdemers@gmail.com](mailto:marganddougdemers@gmail.com) 613-435-7590.

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### **Did You Know?**

Our club has a web site where 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](http://www.probuswesternottawa.ca).

## Election of New Executive and Appeal for Volunteers

Our thanks go out to Peter van Boeschoten who has put his name forward as a candidate for the position of Vice-President.

At right is the proposed new executive as currently known.

We still have three vacancies to be filled – Outings (2 positions), and Membership. Of course, It may well be that ongoing Covid-19 restrictions may prevent outings in the near term.

Please refer to the May Probus Pilot for descriptions of these roles.

**Please consider putting your name forward for one of the open positions.** This is a good opportunity to work closely with others on the executive and you will receive a lot of support no matter what position you select.

Email Marg Demers at [president@probuswesternottawa.ca](mailto:president@probuswesternottawa.ca) or call 613-435-7490 to make your wishes known.

## Your 2020-2021 Management Board\*

President:	<b>Ron Armstrong</b>
Past-President:	<b>Marg Demers</b>
Vice President:	<b>Peter van Boeschoten</b>
Secretary:	<b>Martha Maslen</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Desna Sulway</b>
Members-at-Large	<b>George Steeves &amp; John Hardie</b>
Membership:	<b>TBD</b> (Interim Chair: Barbara Bole)
Speaker Program:	<b>Charles Boole</b>
Lunches:	<b>Marie Armstrong &amp; Ruth MacKenzie</b>
Outings:	<b>TBD (2 positions)</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 Stoate</b>
Cards and letters	<b>Betty Jean Bone</b>

\* To be formally identified and elected at a time to be announced

## Coping with Covid

- Take an epic journey in real-time along Ontario's magnificent Rideau Canal, from Manotick to Ottawa, courtesy of the TV Ontario video "Tripping the Rideau". The four-hour journey aboard a 1948 Shepherd runabout is captured without commentary, the only sounds being those of nature, the movement of the boat through the water and a few words exchanged with lock-keepers. Occasional text presents historic facts about the Rideau. The video can be found at <https://www.tvo.org/video/documentaries/tripping-the-rideau-canal>
- Did you miss the Ottawa Tulip Festival this year? Check out the photos and videos at this site: [Ottawa 2020 tulip festival pictures](#)
- Museums are closed but you can still [Tour Ottawa Museums from the comfort of your Living Room](#)

The Probus Canada Web Site is at <https://www.probus.org/>. The following items are from their May newsletter.

1. The number of active PROBUS Clubs is now 256 with approximately 39,000 members, a number which changes daily.
2. **THE JOHNSON INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!**  
The 2020 Johnson Scholarship Program opened April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Johnson is proud to offer 50 scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, to eligible students completing high school in 2020 and starting post-secondary education in the fall of 2020. Johnson has awarded over 1,500 scholarships valued at more than \$1 million to support young Canadians across Canada in pursuit of their post-secondary education. The Johnson Scholarship Program is **open to...grandchildren** of all PROBUS members (even if they are not Johnson policyholders). To learn more, visit <https://www.johnson.ca/scholarship>

## Chuckle Corner

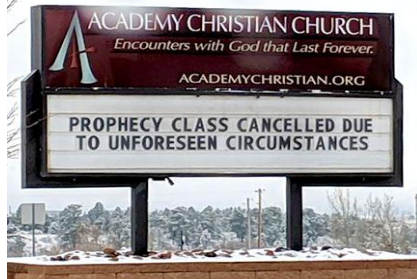
### 12 Observations on Growing Older

1. You talk to yourself when you need expert advice.
2. "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. You tell yourself, "I don't need to *write that down*, I'll remember it."
6. "On time" is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
9. Lately you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
10. Growing old should have taken longer.
11. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
12. You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

### The Following Actually Appeared in Church Bulletins

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- Barbara remains in hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.
- The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children
- The sermon this morning is "Jesus Walks on Water" The sermon next Sunday is "Searching for Jesus"
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days
- At the evening service tonight the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- This evening at 7 P.M. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- Church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00P.M. at First Presbyterian. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church’s new campaign slogan last Sunday: ” I’ve Upped My Pledge – Up Yours”
- The Potluck Supper is Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.



### Quote of the Month

"Worry is like a rocking chair: It gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere,"

- Erma Bombeck.



**Did you know?**  
 Betty Jean Bone will send a card for illness, sympathy or condolences upon request. Contact [bjbone03@yahoo.ca](mailto:bjbone03@yahoo.ca) \*



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