



The PROBUS Pilot



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

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Tuesday, September 14, 10am, via ZOOM*

Tim Moses: *Preparing for the End of Life*



“In this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes.” Benjamin Franklin.

Working for almost two decades in the financial planning industry, Tim Moses has helped families do everything from save for their first homes, put their kids through university, save for retirement, enjoy the golden years and handled hundreds of estates along the way.

People plan many things in their lives but may neglect their final arrangements. Tim originally thought this was because no one wanted to discuss death, but came to realize that people really needed to sit down with a knowledgeable person to discuss a topic they knew very little about.

To put you in control of the end of your life, a licensed funeral pre-planner can shed light on the industry, provide you with the information you need, and answer any questions that you may have and allow you the time to check with other companies offering similar services. Finally, it releases those close to you from the responsibility of doing this at the last minute.

Just like any rite of passage, people deserve to be given the information they need to make the decisions that are right for them and their families in a respectful manner. Tim’s presentation will make you aware of the many options that are available to you.

*** ZOOM meeting details will be emailed to members on September 12th.**

The new Prez Sez



Hello everyone. I am delighted to serve as your incoming President.

The last year was a challenging one. I would like to thank Ron Armstrong as he led our team to salvage our activities by switching to a Zoom format. While it did not suit everyone’s needs, many of our members were able to hear and interact with an informative speaker.

The saga of COVID continues. We were hoping for a September restart for regular in person meetings, but it looks like we’ll have to wait just a bit longer. With some luck we are hoping to start in November.

Our activities continue with speakers via Zoom and outings and lunches also set for the next two months. We will even finally have a mini-AGM for our September meeting.

Last year we waived membership fees. Unfortunately, we still have bills to pay and with a more promising outlook now, we are again looking for you to submit dues by the end of December.

I am pleased that our Management Board is largely unchanged, and we are in good hands. Marg Demers leaves as Past-President. Thanks, Marg, for your more than 7 years on our Board. We know you will find a way to stay involved.

We do have two key vacancies that need to be filled. Outings needs one or two people to coordinate our tours and visits. Also needed is a Vice-President. These positions need to be filled in the next few months.

So, welcome back everyone. Please be patient as we work towards getting back to some sense of normality. Our outings over the next few months and a full line-up of speakers will give you some indication of good things to come.

Respectfully submitted,

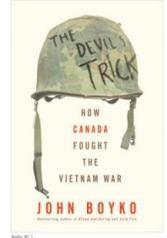
Peter van Boeschoten, incoming President



At our June Meeting

Our speaker in June was John Boyko, author of eight books addressing Canadian history and politics, who spoke on Canada's Involvement in the Vietnam War via the experiences of six remarkable people. John recounted Canada's often-overlooked involvement in that tragic conflict as peacemaker, combatant, and a provider of weapons and sanctuary. He explored how Canada was changed by the war and the lessons it taught that continue to resonate.

Our membership lived during this war which lasted from 1963 to 1973, so John's revelations were both surprising and shocking. Canada seemed to take the high road but supplied weapons, munitions and chemicals such as agent orange and napalm. Fifty-eight thousand US soldiers died as well as 3-4 million Vietnamese combatants and civilians. These deaths could have been avoided but Governments, including Canada, made a choice of dollars over morality.



If you missed the meeting and the YouTube recording (now deleted), John's book, entitled *The Devil's Trick – How Canada fought the Vietnam War* is available from Amazon and Chapters.

Future speakers

We now have time lines from Kanata United Church: In September, they are running their book fair; in October they will hold church services using a hybrid (in-person + Zoom) format; in November, they will start to allow their renters back in. Circumstances may change but for us this means no church access prior to November. So we have to ensure our speakers for Sept and Oct can operate via Zoom.

Your executive is still discussing whether to conduct hybrid or in-person-only presentations when the church is available. The technical challenges with hybrid are daunting and, as a social club, it seems appropriate to just have in-person meetings as we did pre-Covid. If any of you wish to comment on these choices, please email newsletter@probuswesternottawa.ca.

Following is our confirmed speaker for October.

October 12 – James Powell (via Zoom)

The Assassination of D'Arcy McGee

We are continuing our discussions with speakers for November to June as the monthly speaking order is not yet confirmed, a task complicated by the fact that some speakers will only speak in person. Here is a sampling of some of the topics planned...

- Money Laundering and Human Trafficking
- Writing Behind Bars
- Risk Management
- When Tobacco was King
- British Home Children

All Zoom meetings start formally at 10 am on the second Tuesday of each month. To allow time for informal socialization or just to ensure you have no technical issues with the ZOOM application, you will be able to join the call after 9:30 am.

A link to the ZOOM session and further instructions will be emailed to the membership on the Sunday prior to each meeting. More information about each speaker will be provided in the newsletter for that month.

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

For past speaker info, see our newsletters which are available on our website: www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Your 2021-2022 Management Board

Below are shown your management board members for the September 2021 to June 2022 season. **Note we have some vacancies and some temporary assignments.** The Vice-president position is the most important as it is a two-year commitment - the VP becomes the new president in 2022-2023. The Secretarial and Publicity positions are being filled only temporarily. Martha and Mary have served in these capacities for many years and are looking for a break.

The job descriptions for these roles can be found in the June newsletter (on our website). If interested, please contact anyone on the executive using the email format: [position]@probuswesternottawa.ca to learn more or to volunteer.



Peter van Boeschoten



Ron Armstrong
Past President



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Vice President



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Newsletter



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Web Site



Peter Doyle
Policy Advisor



David Stafford
Setup Crew



Peter Durose
Setup Crew



George Steeves
Coffee Service



Pat Stote
Euchre Club



Betty Jean Bone
Cards & Letters



2 Vacancies
Outings

* Temporary

**Probus Financial Statement
for Year End 2020/2021**

Income

Membership Fees	\$0.00
Badges	\$0.00
Newsletter mailing fees	\$0.00
Xmas luncheon	\$0.00
Rent Rebate from KUC	\$632.50
GIC Deposit	\$2,600.99
Cash on Hand Deposit	\$20.00
Total Income:	<u>\$3,253.49</u>

Expenditures

GIC Renewal (2 year)	\$2,600.09
Probus Canada Fees	\$375.00
Rent for KUC	\$0.00
Web Hosting and Domain Name	\$209.05
Publicity	\$0.00
Speakers *	\$200.00
Badge purchases	\$0.00
Newsletter costs	\$57.07
Coffee time supplies	\$0.00
Xmas luncheon	\$0.00
Flowers	\$30.49
In Memorium Donation	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00
Bank fees for 13 months **	\$32.50
Total Expenses:	<u>\$3,654.20</u>

Balance from 2019/20 Stmt	\$1,580.58
2020/21 Income-Expenses	-\$400.71
August, 2021 Bank Balance	<u>\$1,179.87</u>

* 2 speakers paid using gift cards acquired in 2019

** Includes August, 2020

In-person Luncheon Opportunity

Sign up by September 15 via email to lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca



Wednesday September 22, 2021 at noon

Address: 2225 Craig's Side Rd., Carp
(first left past the Diefenbunker)

Website: kinvineyards.com/

For menu, please go to:
joesitaliankitchen.ca/almonte-dine-in-menu

Cuisine: Italian kitchen plus wine by the glass for \$6-\$14 or 3 one oz. samples for \$8.

Outdoor dining under a large tent with views overlooking the vineyards and the carp valley.

Covid protocols as per government guidelines.



Welcome to the new members who joined since our last newsletter (total membership now 181)

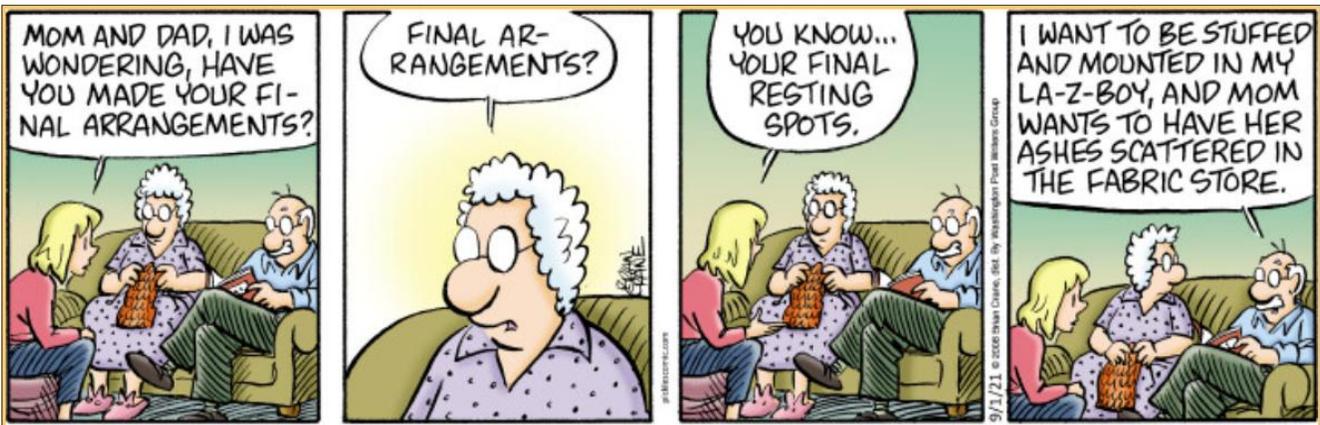
**Keith Millard
Roger & Ruth Sholdice**

Prospective New Members,
please contact Barbara Bole via membership@probuswesternottawa.ca

Possible October Outing

We are planning another walk around the Kanata Beaver Pond to see the fall colours. It will be followed by lunch in a local restaurant. The tentative date is Monday 18 October. More details in the October newsletter.

Chuckle Corner



Membership Dues Resuming

Membership was free this past year but the club still had expenses resulting in a loss (see Financial Statement above). Once we return to Kanata United Church for in-person meetings more expenses will be incurred (e.g. rent, coffee, publicity). Of necessity we are therefore reintroducing membership dues for the September, 2021 to June, 2022 year.

Prospective new members should first contact Barbara Bole at membership@probuswesternottawa.ca

PAYMENT OF DUES (Due December 31st).

Annual dues are now \$25 per renewing member. These dues can be paid either

1. by e-transfer as set out below
2. by cash or cheque payable to the **Probus Club of Western Ottawa**,
paid at an in-person meeting or
3. by cheque mailed to our Treasurer at the following address...

Desna Sulway
2 Harwick Cres.,
Nepean, Ont.
K2H 6P9



If you do not renew your membership, your name will be dropped from our mailing list in January.

USING E-TRANSFER

We have set up an account to accept e-Transfers via Auto-deposit so that your transfer will be deposited automatically without the need for a security question and answer.

Auto-deposit has the same security features as the regular Interac e-Transfer service, which is one of the safest digital money transfer services in the world. The money is transferred through established and secure banking procedures that financial institutions have used for years to settle cheques, bank machine deposits and withdrawals. A confirmation email is sent automatically to the sender and an email notice of deposit is also sent to the recipient.



To use e-transfer, the financial institution the member uses must support interac e-transfer. Please follow the steps below:

1. Sign into your online banking (speak to your bank about setting up online capability if required)
2. Go to interac e-transfer
3. First add the new recipient
4. When asked for a recipient name - enter **Probus Club of Western Ottawa**.
5. For the recipient's email - enter membership@probuswesternottawa.ca, then **next**.
6. If you have more than one account, select the one from which you wish to withdraw funds.
7. Enter the amount you are withdrawing then click **send**.
8. You should see a notice that the recipient has enabled automatic deposit so that no security question is required.
9. In the message box, put the names of all persons for which you are submitting fees (e.g. John and Jane Doe). Do not use any special characters such as "&"
10. Confirm your details and then **send**.
11. You will receive a confirmation email with a reference number should follow-up be required.