



The PROBUS Pilot



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Tuesday, November 9, 10am, via ZOOM*

Nick McCarthy: *Beechwood's 200 Year Journey to Becoming Our National Military Cemetery*



Join Nick McCarthy, Director of Marketing, Communications and Community Outreach and contributing historian to the University of Ottawa's Mercury Series as he provides the story of how Beechwood has served the Canadian Armed Forces since the War of 1812.

Nick will share stories of great heroes like Maria Hill, Captain John Forsyth, Sergeant Pilot Omer Levesque, the inspiration behind Steven McQueen's Great Escape and some of the most important military figures in Canadian History. Nick will share the history via photos, videos and walk you through the NMC's history.

Join us for this presentation during Remembrance Week.

* ZOOM meeting details will be emailed to members on November 7th.



The Prez Sez

Halloween is behind us; we change our clocks next week and the colder weather has arrived. On the COVID front things are slowly opening and we are still optimistically looking to start in-person meetings in February. In the meantime, we will continue with Zoom.

We had successful lunch-outs in September and October as well as a walking tour. More is planned for November and you will find details elsewhere in this newsletter.

In keeping with our tradition to have our November meeting have a remembrance theme, we are fortunate to have Nick McCarthy to speak on the history of our National Military Cemetery. We will follow that up with a historical tour of Beechwood Cemetery the following week.

LEST WE FORGET

Peter van Boeschoten



Welcome to the new members who joined since our last newsletter:

Linda Whitfield

Jack Cramer

(total membership now 186)

Did You Know?

Should you know of any member who would appreciate a card in remembrance, in celebration, for congratulations or for any other significant reason, please contact Betty Jean Bone at 613-721-5536 or email cards@probuswesternottawa.ca



Betty Jean will send a card or note to them on behalf of our Probus Group.

October in Review

Meeting Speaker

Our speaker in October was James Powell from the Historical Society of Ottawa. His topic was “*The Assassination of D’Arcy McGee*”. There was an excellent slide presentation which covered...



- Who Thomas McGee was
- His assassination
- Who did it
- Who were the Fenians
- Who was Patrick James Whelan
- Whelan’s trial, execution and subsequent doubts
- McGee’s legacy



In case you were unable to attend the live stream event or merely wish to revisit James’ presentation, a recording of the meeting has been posted on YouTube (see link issued in an October 13th email).

The recording will be available until Tuesday, November 9.

October Outing – Beaver Pond Walk

Fall colours predominated as 11 members walked around the Beaver Pond on October 18th. It was great to connect in person once again. Special recognition is due to Jim Bondar who traversed the 3km trail using his wheeled walker.



October 27th Luncheon – The Glen

Twenty hardy members turned up for our outdoor luncheon at The Glen Scottish Restaurant in Stittsville. It was a bright sunny fresh afternoon and a good opportunity to reconnect with old and new members.



Future speakers

Our Zoom meetings will continue for a while as Kanata United Church (KUC) told us that they will not rent to outside groups before January 15th and that date may slip further. We are continuing our discussions with speakers for future meetings as we react to KUC announcements since some of our speakers do not wish to use Zoom.

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

Following is our confirmed speaker for December.

December 14 - James Jordan (via Zoom)

The War Amps Program

All Zoom meetings start 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 at: www.probuswesternottawa.ca

November 15th - Beechwood Tour & Lunchout

Join us on Monday, November 15 at **10:45 am** for a guided tour of the Beechwood Cemetery followed by lunch at Perkins Restaurant.

Beechwood Cemetery was established in 1873 and is recognized as one of the most beautiful and historic cemeteries in Canada. It is the final resting place for over 75,000 Canadians, including our Canadian Forces Veterans, War Dead, RCMP members, Governors-General and Prime Ministers and our everyday Canadian heroes



We will gather by the Sacred Space (south end of main building) for a welcome and historical walking tour. November can be cool so dress appropriately.

Beechwood Cemetery is at 280 Beechwood Ave. <http://www.beechwoodottawa.ca/>

After the tour we will go for lunch at Perkins Restaurant. It is located at 1130 St Laurent Blvd., which is immediately north of the St Laurent Shopping Centre.

Menu details here: <https://www.perkinsrestaurants.com/menu>



Planning on attending one or both? Please sign up with Peter via email to outings@probuswesternottawa.ca by **November 10th**. Note: Indoor dining requires proof of vaccination.

Further info on both activities will be provided to registrants several days in advance.

Wednesday, November 24 - Luncheon Opportunity

Join us at the [3 Brewers](#) in Kanata Centrum on November 24th at **noon**.

Register via email to lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca by **November 21**.

Proof of vaccination is necessary as we will be inside.



Chuckle Corner



Scary Mathematics

A farmer died leaving his 17 horses to his three sons.

When his sons opened up the Will it read:

- My eldest son should get 1/2 (half) of total horses;
- My middle son should be given 1/3 (one-third) of the total horses;
- My youngest son should be given 1/9 (one-ninth) of the total horses.

As it's impossible to divide 17 into half or 17 by 3 or 17 by 9, the three sons started to fight with each other.

So, they decided to go to a farmer friend whom they considered quite smart, to see if he could work it out for them.

The farmer friend read the Will patiently, and after giving due thought, he brought one of his own horses over and added it to the 17. That increased the total to 18 horses.

The Farmer's Solution

Now, he divided the horses according to their father's Will.

Half of 18 = 9. So he gave the eldest son 9 horses.

1/3rd of 18 = 6. So he gave the middle son 6 horses.

1/9th of 18 = 2. So he gave the youngest son 2 horses.

Now add up how many horses they have: $9 + 6 + 2 = 17$

Now this leaves one horse over, so the farmer friend takes his horse back to his farm.

Problem Solved!

God's Wisdom

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

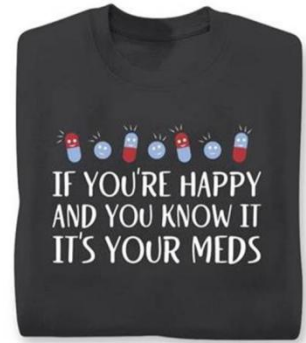
Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.



Senior Tee Shirts



Membership Dues Due By December 15

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

PAYMENT METHODS

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

1. by e-transfer as set out below or
2. 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. A confirmation email is sent automatically to the sender and an email notice of deposit is also sent to the recipient.

Auto-deposit has the same security features as the regular Interac e-transfer service, 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.

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** or, if you encounter character limitations, enter **PROBUS West**)
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 whom 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.

We Need Your Help!

To keep our Probus Club going we have a Management Committee that does a lot of behind the scenes activity to keep our club going during the pandemic. Unfortunately, we have been shorthanded and will need help so that we can resume a more active program as we prepare to open up. Specifically, we urgently need to fill the following positions.

- Vice President
- Outings Coordinator(s)
- Member at large

Please let any member of the executive know if you are interested or if you know of someone who might be.