



The PROBUS Pilot



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Breaking News!

Beginning this April we're moving to in-person meetings & a new location- (Details page 2)

Our April Speaker: Dawn Doyle

Discovering the Azores - Tuesday, April 12, 10am

My husband Peter and I have been members of Probus Club of Western Ottawa since 2003. Peter has served as President of our club as well as Area Director for Ontario East and President of Probus Canada. Opportunities in these roles enabled us to meet Probians across the country while visiting their cities.

I was a Teacher-Librarian at several high schools in Oakville and Burlington prior to moving with our 3 children from Mississauga, ON. We have lived here in Kanata for nearly 38 years. I used my library experience to volunteer in the Library at the W. Erskine Johnson Public school, as well as supply teaching in the libraries of a number of OCDSB schools. I have also been active in a number of roles in our church during this time.

I don't know if it's because I have always been interested in geography, or because I'm just naturally curious, but travel to other places with different landscapes and cultures holds an allure for me. And travel we have! The idea of a group of islands, 1500 km off the coast of their country, seemed curious and worth a look. And so a trip to the Azores, off the coast (more or less) of Portugal, was in order. I am so pleased to be able to share with you, pictures and some of my impressions of these delightful islands.



The Prez Sez

It has been 2 years now since our Probus Club has either not met or met via Zoom. That has come to an end as we re-start our monthly in-person meetings in April. We look forward to welcoming you back.

Due to a scheduling conflict with our old venue, we will be in a new location for April, May, and June -- Kanata Baptist Church at 465 Hazeldean Road.

Our April meeting will feature a presentation by one of our longest serving members, Dawn Doyle, who will talk about her visit to the Azores. There will also be an opportunity for members to sign up for activities and we will once again go out for lunch after the meeting to socialize with our speaker.

And that's not all, Euchre is again starting up, we will have an April lunch-out and there is an opportunity to go on a nature walk. Things are getting back to normal.

May and June provide us with even more opportunities as we say goodbye to Zoom and learn to socialize and reconnect with each other as seniors once again.

Finally, we are still looking to fill some executive vacancies for next year. We are a great group to work with and new ideas are welcome.

Peter van Boeschoten, president@probuswesternottawa.ca

Breaking News

Starting in April we will meet in-person only (no streaming or Zoom) at Kanata Baptist Church, 465 Hazeldean Road (west of Farm Boy plaza) on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for coffee and socialization followed by a guest speaker at 10:30 am.

Visitors are welcome.

Masks recommended, but optional

From Hazeldean Rd., turn in at the traffic lights at the Farm Boy plaza and turn left through the 1st parking area towards the church. Circle around the front of the church to the parking lot on the west side.

From Kanata Ave., turn in at McNeill Ct.. The church parking lot is 3rd entrance on the right.

Enter the building by the doors at ground level.

Don't forget to wear your Membership badges if you have one!



Welcome our new & returning members who joined since the last newsletter...

David Brown, John & Hazel Brule, Mary Hawkeye, Heather Johnston, Michele LeBoldus, Stuart Moxley, Susan Schultz, Janice Smith, Gerry & Kay Sutherland, Martin & Cathy Ternan, Carmen Vincent, Rosemary Wallace, Moe Wright, Don & Marlene Zogalo

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



After our meeting

Join us for lunch at **Moose Mcguires** in Hazeldean mall at noon

Sign up at the April meeting

Help us fill Executive Team Vacancies

The past two years have presented challenges for Probus. Your executive team made it work despite Covid. This is in large part due to the behind-the-scenes efforts of its members, many of whom have served in various capacities for years and deserve a break.

If you can help, please take the opportunity to speak with anyone on the executive team at our meetings. It's acceptable for couples to share a role as well. Most positions only take a few hours each month.

Duties are not onerous. Most titles are self-descriptive, but details of responsibilities may be found on our web site [here](#).

If you can't do it yourself, encourage your spouse or a friend to volunteer.

It's time to step forward. We really do need your help.

Current view of our 2022-2023 Executive*

- President: **Vacant**
- Vice President: **Vacant**
- Past-President: **Peter van Beschoten**
- Secretary: **Marg Demers**
- Treasurer: **Bryan Wakeford**
- Membership: **Ruth Wakeford**
- Speaker Program: **Vacant**
- Lunches: **Marie Armstrong**
- Outings: **Vacant**
- Publicity: **Vacant**
- Newsletter: **Ray Jones**
- Website: **Bill Johnston**
- Policy Advisor: **Peter Doyle**
- Coffee Coordinator: **George Steeves**
- Member-at-Large: **George Steeves**
- Setup Crew: **David Stafford & Peter Durose**
- Euchre Club: **Pat Stoate****
- Cards and letters: **Betty Jean Bone**

* To be formally elected at the June meeting
 ** seeking a replacement

Coming Up

Speakers

Following is our speaker program for May and June. These meetings will be **in person only** and will take place at Kanata Baptist Church, 465 Hazeldean road, beginning at 10 am for coffee and conversation, with our guest's presentation at 10:30.

Masking is recommended, but optional.

May 10 - Michael Boole will present on the topic of *Money Laundering, Human Trafficking & Child Exploitation*. All three are in the news today even if they have been drowned out by Covid, its variants and the war in Ukraine!



June 14. - John & Jan Milnes. *The British Home Children*. Never heard of them? An estimated 80,000 to 100,000 of these children, aged 4 to 14 years, came to Canada between 1869 and 1939 to work as farm labourers and domestics. These two Probus members from the Cornwall Club will present this fascinating story to us!

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

For past speaker info, see our newsletters at: www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Luncheon Outing



Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 11:30 am

Address: 555 Wellington Street
(just west of the Portage Bridge)

Phone: 613-567-2337

Cuisine: Pub fare, craft beers

Website: Mill St. Brew Pub

Sign up at the April meeting or via
lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca

April 21 Outing – NCC Beaver and Chipmunk Trail

Join us for a leisurely 2.5 Km walk on a smooth trail and some boardwalks. The trail starts at the NCC parking P8 which is just south of Hunt Club Road on the west side of Moodie Drive.



10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 21.

Bring your camera, plus food for birds and chipmunks.

We will go rain or shine, so dress appropriately.

Sign up at the April meeting or email
outings@probuswesternottawa.ca

“Very nice walk - lots of chipmunks (eat out of your hand) and all the birds – cardinals, chickadees, pileated woodpeckers- new floral growth.... great walk”

March in Review

Speaker: Our speaker in March was Jacqueline Gori speaking on “*Filling the Gap with Furry Feet*”. It was an excellent presentation that highlighted how the dogs she has trained have added quality to the lives of the 3 people below. She described the training time (2 years) and the high cost (\$20K) of raising, training and placing service dogs with children and young adults who have mental health needs. During the Q&A segment Jackie also explained the distinction between a pet, an emotional support dog and a service dog. Finally she feigned a panic attack to demonstrate how sensitive her dog Sampson was to her moods. Although napping at the time, Sampson, immediately got up, came to her and then repeatedly nudged her to bring her back to reality.



Evie (Autism) & Dexter



Charlie (Autism) & Isaac



Annie (PTSD) & Bear



Jacqueline with Sampson & Dazzle

More info available at: www.partnerswithpaws.ca.

The **recording** of this meeting is available on YouTube until the end of April. Recently we discovered that the posted link no longer worked. Here is the new one: <https://youtu.be/uJiRcd3E6pY>. **If the video does not immediately appear, search for “BROWSE YOUTUBE” and select it.**

March 23rd Luncheon

On March 23rd, nineteen members enjoyed an extended lunch at Brown's Social House in Barrhaven.

Please submit luncheon requests or suggestions to lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca



Our Probus Euchre group resumes its monthly meetings at **Bells Corners United Church**, 3955 Old Richmond Road (at Moodie) on **Friday, April 1st**. Enter via the side door (facing Old Richmond Road).

Our Euchre meetings are casual and social occasions, held on the first Friday of each month, starting at **12:30 pm** for coffee/tea and conversation followed by cards at 1 pm. Games usually last until 3:00 or 3:30 pm. Future meetings will be on May 6 and June 3.

Newcomers welcome. Euchre is easy to learn and regular attendees are happy to teach those unfamiliar with the game.

Masking recommended but optional

To get on the Euchre mailing list, call Pat Stoate at 613-820-0174 or speak to her at a meeting.

Don't forget your PROBUS membership badges if you have one!



File photo

Chuckle Corner



So.....you've been eating hotdogs and McChickens all your life, but don't want the vaccine, because, " you don't know what's in it"?



Words with new meanings:

1. ARBITRATOR: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds.
2. AVOIDABLE: What a bullfighter tried to do.
3. BERNADETTE: The act of torching a mortgage.
4. BURGLARIZE: What a crook sees with.
5. CONTROL: A short, ugly inmate.
6. COUNTERFEITERS: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
7. ECLIPSE: What an English barber does for a living.
8. EYEDROPPER: A clumsy ophthalmologist.
9. HEROES: What a guy in a boat does.
10. LEFTBANK: What the robber did when his bag was full of money.
11. MISTY: How golfers create divots.
12. PARADOX: Two physicians.
13. PARASITES: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
14. PHARMACIST: A helper on the farm.
15. POLARIZE: What penguins see with.
16. PRIMATE: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV.
17. RELIEF: What trees do in the Spring.
18. RUBBERNECK: What you do to relax your wife.
19. SELFISH: What the owner of a seafood store does.
20. SUDAFED: Brought litigation against a government official.



April 17, 2022

