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When Tobacco Was King

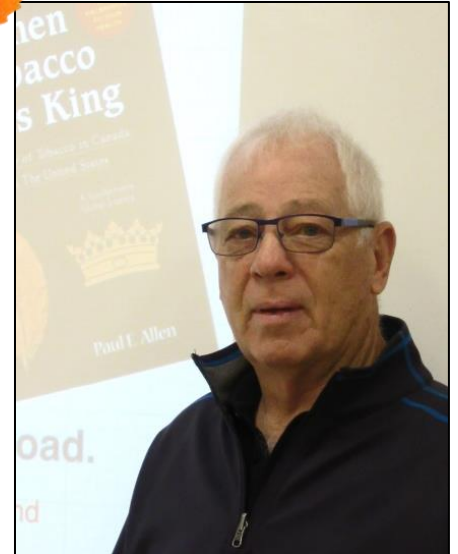
Join us to hear Paul Allen tell the remarkable “bacca” business story that begins in Elizabethan times in rural Virginia and moves up to southwestern Ontario at the turn of the twentieth century. His book, *When Tobacco Was King*, traces the rise and fall of an industry that has been vilified for its detrimental affects on health but was a part of the glamour of the wealthy and the solace of the poor.

When Tobacco Was King's story is an eye-opening journey through the history of the American and Canadian tobacco industry during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; the era of stick boys and Dutch clocks and flue-cured burley. Besides sharing the story of tobacco, Paul takes us on adventures all over the world, including a flying boat in 1930 to Rhodesia, catching some of the first transatlantic airplane flights in 1946 and experiencing post WWII England and Europe.

Paul Allen BA, BPE, M. Ed is a retired Ontario High School teacher

who taught Physical Education, Health, History, Business, and Canadian Law courses at the secondary school level for 32 years.

Paul's family roots connect him to North Carolina where he still has family in Creedmoor and Granville County. He has extensively researched the subject matter of this story and has drawn on his writing experience as a former sportswriter for Assumption University of Windsor, and as a past columnist and writer with the Tillsonburg News



Paul Allen

The Prez Sez



Hello everyone.

Last month we had to shift our meeting venue from the church hall to the sanctuary due to unforeseen concrete walkway work at our normal entrance. The noise of jack hammers was audible throughout the church and the sanctuary was the quietest option. We weren't familiar with the sanctuary's Audio/Visual setup but office staff helped us out and our meeting with Inuk speaker Malaya Zehr went quite well.

For October, we are back in the hall as we're not quite ready to make the switch to the sanctuary on a regular basis. Stay tuned for further updates!

Our first meeting of the year had 73 attendees including 11 new members and eight visitors. Social outings got

underway in September with an after-meeting lunch at Moose McGuire's, Euchre at Bells Corners United Church and a guided walk on Petrie Island followed by lunch at the nearby Occo restaurant.

Attending social events is a great way to get to know new people and I would encourage everyone to look at the items proposed in our newsletter or on our website at

probuswesternottawa.ca. Our Outings group has lots of ideas, but would appreciate some help with coordination. Please speak to Linda or George at the sign up table or email outings@probuswesternottawa.ca if you can assist them.

Enjoy the seasonal temperatures and autumn colours. See you at our October meeting!

Ray Jones

president@probuswesternottawa.ca

The Probus Club of Western Ottawa is part of the international organization of Probus Clubs designed to serve retired and semi-retired professional, business and like-minded people. The morning begins at 10:00 am with a time for coffee and socialization followed by a guest speaker. Western Ottawa Probus meets at

**Kanata Baptist Church
465 Hazeldean Road**

Cheques, Cash or e-Transfer

Membership fees are due

After our November meeting those who have not renewed will be removed from our mailing list and newsletter.

While we anticipate higher expenses as we resume full in-person meetings, your executive has decided to keep dues at a nominal \$25 per member.

So now it's time to renew your membership. Payment may be made either by cheque or with cash.



Welcome to the following new members who joined Probus Western Ottawa in September:

Suma Abraham

Joan Baker

Hugh Brown

Brenda Hunt

Kathleen Kelly

Annette & Bevan Lindsay

Wilma MacDonald

Anne & Stan Senkowski

Kevin Walker

After the meeting

Join us for lunch

Join us for lunch after our October meeting. Often our speaker agrees to join us. This month we will be at:

The 3 Brewers

Kanata Centrum
(Opposite Landmark Cinema)

<https://www.les3brasseurs.ca/en/menu/>



Cheques should be made out to Probus Western Ottawa. Treasurer Bryan Wakeford will be there before and after the meeting to accept your payment. This is also a good time to update your email address and other particulars.

Another alternative to pay your dues is via e-Transfer to membership@probuswesternottawa.ca. Detailed e-Transfer instructions can be found [HERE](#). Make sure to indicate the names of all persons you are submitting fees for.



Name tags are available again

After a two-year gap with no in-person meetings it is time to start wearing Probus club name tags again.

Name tags will be available to order for the subsidized price of only \$10. Sign up for your name tag at the October meeting.

Your Management Committee



(rear) Ron Armstrong, Marie Armstrong, Bryan Wakeford, Beth Sweetnam, Barbara Bole, Peter Durose, Peter Doyle, Bill Johnston;
(front) Ruth Wakeford, Marg Demers, Ray Jones, Linda Miller-Nesbitt, Peter van Boeschoten; (inset) George Steeves, David Stafford

President	Ray Jones	Policy Advisor	Peter Doyle
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Lunches	Marie Armstrong Ron Armstrong	Video, Audio Room set up	David Stafford Peter Durose
Outings	Linda Miller-Nesbitt George Steeves	Euchre	Barbar Bole David Stafford



Petrie Island. We had a good turnout for our walk along the paths. It was an introduction for many of us to some eastern Ottawa places.

Yet another lunch-out

Wednesday 26 October

ALE

(Amberwood Lounge and Eatery)
54 Springbrook Drive, Stittsville,
meet there at noon

Breathtaking landscape, delicious culinary creations, and service excellence.

www.aleottawa.ca/diningmenu

Sign up at the October meeting.

Or email lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca



Don't know what that means?

Then Join us for a fun game of Euchre on Friday, October 14 at Bells Corners United Church.

Our card players gather around 12:30 for coffee, light refreshments and social time with card playing beginning at 1 p.m..

We have a lot of fun. Everyone is welcome, even if you have never played! Easy to learn and we will teach you!

For further information, feel free to contact Barbara or David Stafford at 613-592-0296 or email

euchre@probuswesternottawa.ca

Upcoming speaker schedule

November 8: Nick McCarthy
"Osgoode and Rogers –
The First Casualties"

December 13: Martha Beltran
"Hospice Care"

January 10: TBA

May 9: Helen Peacock
"The Dream of World Peace –
Could Canada Lead the way"

Early Christmas Luncheon

It's only October but we need to plan ahead.

Pre-Covid we have traditionally gone to the Algonquin College's Restaurant International for our Christmas luncheon. We are going there again.



Due to the College schedule, it will be a little early for the Christmas season and we are restricted to 30 people for reservations. So, we have booked 2 days:

Wednesday, Nov 30 at 11:30 and

Thursday Dec 1, at 11:30

The cost is \$40.00 per person which includes a three-course meal, coffee, tax and gratuity. Drinks are extra.

Get your ticket at the October or November meeting ... don't forget your chequebook!

Don't forget to check our website for the latest updates

www.probuswesternottawa.ca



Moose McGuires was the venue for our lunch-out following our September meeting with a good turnout.

Lunch-outs



OCCO kitchen in Orleans allowed us to recuperate after our Petrie Island nature walk.

November outing in the works

For November we are planning a visit downtown perhaps to an art gallery to be followed by lunch in a restaurant.

The visit will likely take place on a Wednesday, so that free transit is

available.

Once finalized, details will be provided at our October meeting and also on our website.

Suggestions for this and other outings are always welcome by emailing:

outings@probuswesternottawa.ca

Chuckle Corner

A tour bus driver drives with a bus full of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on the shoulder by a little old lady.

She offers him a handful of peanuts which he gratefully accepts and proceeds to munch.

After about 15 minutes, she taps him on the shoulder again and hands him another handful of peanuts. She repeats this gesture eight more times.

On the ninth occasion he asks the little old lady why she and the other passengers don't eat the peanuts themselves, whereupon she replies that it's not possible because of their old teeth. They simply are unable to chew them.

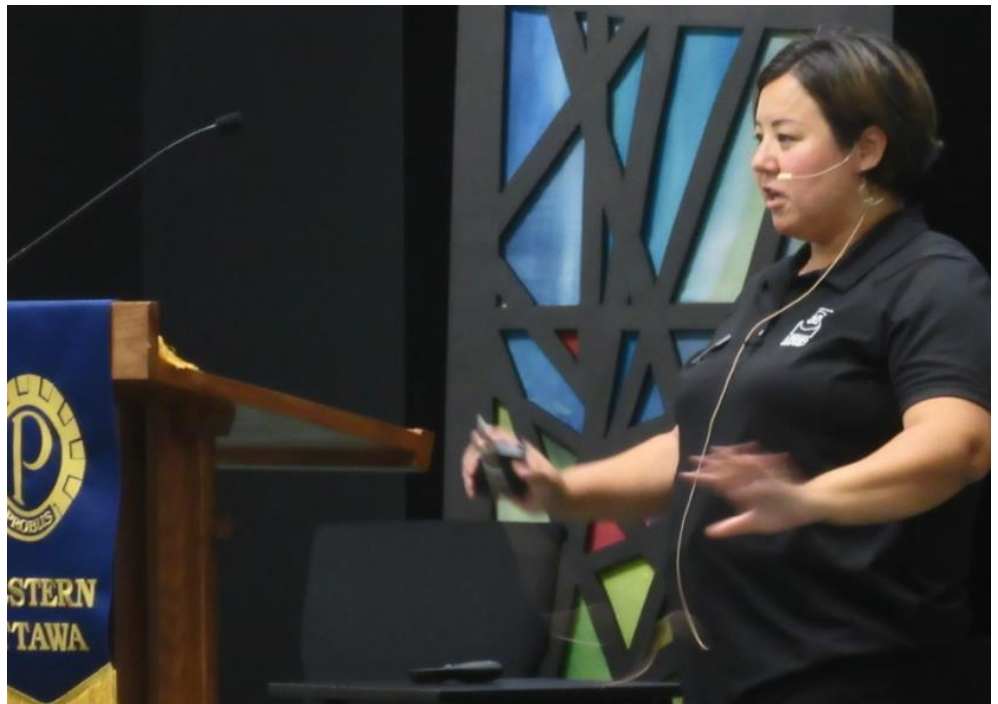
"Why do you buy them then?" he asks.

"We like the chocolate coating."

All about PROBUS

Our goal is to provide Fellowship, Friendship, and Fun for men and women in their retirement and semi-retirement years.

We are a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian fellowship organization with over 4,000 clubs worldwide, with 250 being Canadian clubs with over 38,000 members.



At our September meeting Malaya Zehr connected us with Inuit culture and history. She taught us a few words in Inuktitut and the importance of facial expressions. She explained that Nunavut has only one hospital and many of the 25 communities have only Community Health Centres. This is where Larga Baffin is important in providing meals, accommodations, and transportation to and from the airport and appointments.

Membership inquiries may be sent to
membership@probuswesternottawa.ca

Our Website
www.probuswesternottawa.ca

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