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Osgoode & Rogers - The First Casualties



Ptes John Rogers and William Osgoode were the first two members of Regiment to fall in battle, on the 2nd of May 1885 at the Battle of Cut Knife Hill during the Northwest Canada Campaign. As one of the most recognizable regiments in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Governor General's Foot Guards (GGFG) have a long history both serving our country and within the grounds at Beechwood Cemetery. The GGFG is the senior reserve infantry regiment in the Canadian Army located in Ottawa, our National Capital. Join us in a presentation that explores the history of the GGFG from the first casualties to the 150th anniversary plaque. The presentation will explore the dual 150 years of both Beechwood and the regiment.

Nick McCarthy joined Beechwood as the Director of Marketing, Communications and Community Outreach in February 2017. Nick has a decade of strategic communications experience working in private, public and not-for-profit sectors. Nick began his career in various federal government departments and agencies and then moved to the Not-For-Profit sector. Nick's educational background is in history and literature.



Join us for this presentation during Remembrance Week.

The Prez Sez



As autumn slowly gives way to winter, we have been blessed with unusually vibrant fall colours and warm days. Unfortunately, this is accompanied by

yet another COVID-19 wave and the start of flu season. Our efforts to stay healthy will become even more difficult as the colder weather drives us indoors where virus transmission is easier.

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 2 a.m. we move our clocks back one hour to return to Standard Time. Also, some of us use this time as a reminder to change the batteries in our smoke and CO detectors.

We've resolved our last technical

issue with audio and had two successful meetings in the church's sanctuary. We plan to continue in that room, rather than the church hall, going forward. The space has great sound quality, lovely stained-glass windows and cushioned seating.

Our October meeting had 80 attendees including 7 new members and 5 visitors. Our after-meeting lunch was held for the first time at the 3 Brewers in Centrum and their service was excellent. We will go there again in November.

13 members attended Euchre at Bells Corners United Church on October 14th and we hope interest will continue to grow. The November get-together has been delayed to the 18th due to a scheduling conflict on

the 11th (Remembrance Day). Our District Director for PROBUS Canada, Craig Greenwood, will be attending our November meeting to meet some of our members and give a brief overview of our national organization.

Membership fees are due now. If not received by November 8th, you will be removed from our mailing list. Payment options may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lest We Forget. As Remembrance Day is this month, we often seek a speaker who will address us on a military topic. We are privileged to once again have Nick McCarthy who last addressed us in 2021 via Zoom. See you on November 8th!

Ray Jones president@probudwesternottawa.ca

Dues are now due, last chance to renew is Tuesday 8 November

After our November meeting those who have not renewed will be removed from our mailing list and you will no longer receive our newsletter.

While we anticipate higher expenses, 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.

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.



October speaker. Paul Allen provided us with an entertaining and informative talk. He shared with us the tantalizing history of tobacco. But more than that, he covered the personalities and the culture at the time. From Tillsonburg, to North Carolina to Africa he covered it all. There was money to be made and much of it was shared with various philanthropic organizations from which we still profit today. *Tobacco (truly) Was King*. His book can be found on Amazon.

Probus Canada Director to visit



Probus Canada Director Craig Greenwood will visit us at our November meeting. Craig is responsible for the 21 Probus clubs in eastern Ontario and will provide a brief overview of Probus Canada activities.



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

Jacqueline Allard

Marie Danielsen

Margaret Howard

Gail Kelly

Shanna & Walter Lucas

Karen Saer

Yvonne Yersh

Upcoming speakers

December 13: Martha Beltran
"Hospice Care"

January 10: TBA

March 14: Jill Heinerth
"The Art and Science of Cave Diving"

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

After the meeting

Join us for lunch

Join us for lunch after our November 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/>



10 Year Pins were presented at our October meeting by President Ray Jones (left) to Ruth Wakeford, Dale Trafford, Diane Hunter Trafford, Judy Makin, Beth Sweetnam, Diane Delroy, Bill Delroy and Jean Eng.

Art, sports and lunch visit

Wednesday 9 November

City Hall Art Gallery & Sports Hall of Fame
110 Laurier Ave West
meet at 10:30

The City Hall gallery is featuring a new exhibition, *Playing Dead* by Joyce Crago.

The Ottawa Sport Hall of Fame is a hall of fame dedicated to recognizing athletes and sportspeople associated with Ottawa. It is located in Ottawa City Hall and includes over 270 inductees as of 2019. City Hall has 3 entrances, and all connect to the main concourse.

Note that Wednesday is a free day for buses for seniors. From the LRT walk through the Rideau Center to City Hall or take a bus on Elgin.

For those driving, there is ample underground parking at City Hall on Elgin.

The visit will be followed by lunch at:

Johnny Farina
216 Elgin Street
Noon

This casual Italian restaurant has made its comfortable home over two floors and three rooms in a former movie theatre in Ottawa's trendy Elgin Street district.

www.johnnyfarina.com

Planning on attending one or both? Please sign up at our November meeting or via email to outings@probuswesternottawa.ca



Join us for a fun game of Euchre on Friday, November 18 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



We like to think that our Probus Club is much like a family. As such we would like to send a card when someone is ill, hospitalized, in need of a comforting word or on the occasion of a significant milestone.

If you know of someone who could use a **card**, please call Betty Jean Bone at 613-721-5536 or email: cards@probuswesternottawa.ca

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

www.probuswesternottawa.ca

Early Christmas Luncheon

It's November already and we have traditionally gone to the Algonquin College's Restaurant International for our Christmas luncheon. **Website:** Algonquin College Restaurant

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 November meeting ... don't forget your chequebook!

For more information contact Marie at lunches@probuswesternottawa.ca

Parking: Parking lot 4 is immediately outside the Hospitality (H) Building. Parking is free for Restaurant International guests. Space is limited.



October Lunch-out. Our lunch-out last week at ALE Restaurant in Stitsville was well attended. The photo only captured some of the attendees who enjoyed getting back to our monthly routine to socialize and meet new members.

Chuckle Corner

"The Game"

On an overseas flight, a lawyer and an older man were in adjoining seats.

The lawyer asked the senior if he'd like to play a little game. The older man was tired, and he told the lawyer he only wanted to sleep.

But the lawyer insisted the game was a lot of fun.

"Here's how it works," he said. "I'll ask you a question. If you can't come up with the answer, you have to give me a dollar. Then it's your turn to ask me one. But if I can't answer it, I have to give you \$20."

The senior figured if he just got this over with, maybe he could get some sleep. So, he agreed to play.

The first question from the lawyer was "How far apart are the earth and the moon?"

The senior stayed completely silent, reached for a dollar, and gave it to the lawyer. Then he said, "My turn. What walks upstairs backward and comes downstairs forward?"

The lawyer was stumped. He thought and thought. He tried to remember all the riddles he knew. He searched every

corner of his brain.

He even cheated and asked the flight attendants and other passengers.

Finally, he gave up. He woke up the older man and gave him a twenty. The senior stuffed the twenty in his coat and went immediately back to sleep.

The lawyer couldn't stand it. He woke up the older man and said, "I have to know. What walks upstairs backward and comes downstairs forward?"

The senior got out his wallet, gave the lawyer a dollar, and went back to sleep.

Club member Sandra Hawkins Art exhibition at LRT Rideau station



Sandra Hawkins is a contemporary multimedia visual artist with an upcoming juried solo exhibition, *In Search of Bearings*, showing at the City of Ottawa Corridor 45/75 Gallery, October 29, 2022, to March 12, 2023. It is uniquely situated at the LRT Rideau and Sussex station.

Sandra's Artist Talk on this exhibition — which took 4 years to research, develop and create — is Sunday 2 pm November 27, 2022, at City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave.

The [City's Public Art Program website](#) provides a succinct exhibition description and more information on Sandra. This work intends to inspire discussion on impacts of climate changes to the uncertainties to place identity.



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