March 04th meeting special presentations:

Visit from Probus Canada officers

The club was very pleased to welcome Probus Canada President, Marlene Pearce and Vice President, Jamie Doolittle to our March 04th meeting.

In presenting the story of Probus, Marlene spoke of the decades of fellowship brought about through the club’s growth from its UK origins in the 60’s to today’s worldwide organisation encompassing 4,000 clubs boasting an estimated 400,000 members.

Marlene also detailed the origins, growth, organisation and goals of Probus Canada.

In 1987 Cambridge became the first Probus club in Canada. Now there are now 255 clubs in four regions, with a total membership of 37,000. 15 clubs are in the Atlantic region, 178 in the Central region, 13 in the West and 49 in the Pacific region.

The Probus Canada President is required to visit each club at least once during their three-year mandate. As a result, Marlene was also able to entertain us with stories and pictures taken during her visits to various clubs around the country, plus one she visited during a trip to England.

Probus Month celebration

Marking Probus Month, our club was proud to recognise its Charter Members, those visionary souls who brought the Perth Probus Club into being on April 03rd of 1996.

Probus Canada President Marlene Pearce graciously accepted our invitation to present the surviving charter members with a token of our gratitude for setting into motion the decades of enjoyment the club has provided to its members.
Seven of the fifty six Charter Members are still members of the club. Bob Black, John Bufton, George Callan, David Crowley, Ralph Fish, Fred Lepine and Grover Lightford.

For the presentation, they were joined by Irma Aikman and Fran McNaughton, representing their late husbands, John and Don, who were also charter members of Perth Probus.

Very shortly after the club’s founding, ladies joined in the fun. Among the first to join, Chris McGuire-Sherwin and Irma Aikman were recognised as the ladies having the longest terms of Probus Perth membership.

From left to right:

Bob Black, George Callan, David Crowley, Ralph Fish, Fran McNaughton, Fred Lepine, Irma Aikman, Grover Lightford and Chris McGuire-Sherwin.
April Presentation:

“The Importance of Emotional Intelligence”

Gates Cooney recently retired from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, where she worked as a senior learning specialist for 18 years. She has over thirty years of professional experience as a learning specialist and facilitator.

Gates earned her accreditation in Emotional Intelligence from the Institute of Health & Human Potential (IHHP) and her credentials in adult learning from St. FX University and her studies at Walden University. Gates received her training as a facilitator via Intersol and Langevin Learning Services.

Her passion for adult learning is surpassed only by her passion for Emotional Intelligence, an area where research clearly shows that Emotional Intelligence is essential to building a balanced life.

In Gates’ one-hour interactive emotional intelligence presentation (prepared specifically for Probus members), we will learn about:

- Emotional Intelligence – what it is and why it’s important personally and professionally
- The science behind emotions: what the brain does under pressure and a specific technique for managing derailing emotions
- Emotional Connection: a model to connect with others even under pressure

Lunch after the April 01st meeting will be at the Perth Restaurant, 23 Gore Street.

Coming events:

April 03rd
We have been invited to a concert of the Red Dirt Skinners at the Full Circle Theatre in Perth. They are a charming musical duo who won countless awards in the UK before coming to Ontario in 2017. The duo’s concerts are community minded and are full of heartfelt stories and fantastic vocal harmonies together with the most beautiful saxophone solos from the UK’s Instrumentalist of the Year, Sarah Skinner. They believe that we are their perfect audience and that our group would thoroughly enjoy the experience. Please visit www.reddirtskinners.com for more information.

Tickets are available at $24 each.
April 23rd
Dinner Theatre
Dinner at 5pm at Maximilian’s followed by Studio Theatre’s presentation of “Tempting Providence”, a Comedy/Drama by Robert Chafe and directed by Jeremy Dutton. This is the inspiring true account of a Canadian legend.
In 1921, British-trained volunteer nurse Myra Bennett arrives in the isolated Newfoundland community of Daniel’s Harbour.
A vibrant tale of quiet heroism, play is bursting with down east humor, romance and fascinating characters. Myra takes on delivering babies, extracting teeth, setting bones in all kinds of weather - travelling on foot, horse, dog sled and boat along the 320-kilometer rugged Northern Peninsula. Tickets are available at $17 each.

April 30th
Theatre
The Gallipeau Theatre in Smiths Falls presents “Welcome to the Rock”
Enjoy this “Kitchen Party”, an evening of music and stories with the real people of Gander Newfoundland who inspired the world acclaimed play “Come from Away”. This is the remarkable story of the small town that welcomed the world on September 11th, 2001.
Ian McDonald will be organizing this event. Tickets are $29.50 for theatre only and $34.50 for theatre and bus (to and from the Factory in Perth).
Please phone Ian at 613-355-0516 or email india.mike51@gmail.com by March 14th as tickets are selling quickly.
All purchased tickets will be available for pick-up at our April 1st meeting.

May 22nd
Coach Trip visit to Parliament Hill
A visit to the West Block, the Senate and a tour of the Tulips.
The coach will leave the Factory on Sunset Blvd. at 7am for our scheduled tours of the Senate and the House.
Please park at the front of the lot.
Lunch stops will be made at the Rideau Centre and the Market.
Opportunities to walk and photograph Ottawa’s tulip displays will be provided at Major’s Hill Park and Commissioners Park.
We expect to return to the Factory at 6pm.
Tickets will be available at the April 01st meeting at $33.00 each.
A maximum of 48 places are available, so be sure to secure your place.
May 27th  
“Spring Fling 2020”  
Held in May and hosted by one of the clubs in our district, Spring Fling is an annual event to which all clubs in the district are invited.  
Hosted this year by the Probus Club of Cornwall and area in celebration of their 25th anniversary, the event will be held at the Ramada Inn, 805 Brookdale Avenue, Cornwall  
*For details please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.*  
*Registration for this event can be made at the April 01st and May 06th meetings.*

June 03rd  
**Our final meeting before the summer break**, together with a lunch, will be held at the lovely *Timber Run Golf Club* clubhouse, at 154 Caldwell Road, Lanark.  
*Tickets will be on sale at the April 01st and May 06th meetings. $24 each.*  
*Golf is being organised for those who wish to participate.*

June 17th  
**1000 Island Playhouse.**  
This year the production is “*Back in ’59*”.  
50 tickets have been reserved.  
Lunch, at 12pm, will be at Muskie Jake’s in the Gananoque Inn, walking distance from the theatre.  
The show starts at 2pm and as it will not finish until shortly before 5pm, individual dinner reservations at Riva or other restaurants are also feasible.  
*Tickets to the theatre will be on sale at the April 01st meeting. $30 each.*

September.  
**Fall Trip**  
To date, 61 members (30% of our membership) have responded to the survey sent out by Colin.  
As it stands, a majority favour a one-day trip to Quinte Botanical Gardens, but overnight excursions to the Muskokas and Niagara on the Lake are also well represented.  
Planning for the September trip will begin in April and sign-ups will be available in May!  

*If you haven’t yet voted, please do so before March 25th in order that your voice may be heard.*  
*To cast your vote, please click here*  
*(Please note that if you have already voted, this link will simply show you the results to date.)*

December 11th.  
**Christmas Party**  
Mark the date for the party, which will again be held at the Civitan Hall.  
DJ, Simon Clark has already been booked for the event!
March Presentation:

“Lanark County Community Justice programme”

Executive Director, Joellen McHard and Director, Steve Brown presented the encouraging story of how a community is working to heal the harm done by crime and help dissuade our youth from venturing into a life of crime.

In outlining the origins of the programme, Steve explained how a senseless prank that became a disaster brought about calls for something to be done. In December 1997 three young people had set a fire in Almonte Main Street that led to the deaths of two people and the gutting of a store.

After being tried under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the accused were acquitted, much to the consternation of the community. As a result of that concern, the Lanark County Community Justice Programme was incorporated in 2000.

With a vision of “Repair Harm, Build Communities and Repair Relationships”, the programme brings together accused offenders and their victims in an effort aimed at bringing about justice without giving the young offender a criminal record.

Cases are referred by the Police (either before or after charging the offender), by the community (schools, for example) and by Crown Attorneys. After a case is assessed as being appropriate for the programme, a facilitator convenes a forum that brings together the offender, the victim and support people from either side. Typically lasting 45-90 minutes, the forum produces a legally binding assessment stating “What happened - Who was harmed - What the offender was thinking at the time - How to make it right”.

In making it right, the aim is to give “community service” tasks that will engage the offender and, if possible, give them skills. Once the agreed period for completion is over, a supervisor checks whether the offender has met all the terms and, if so, there will be no associated criminal record.

With an annual budget of approximately $100,000, more than a quarter of which comes from donations, the Lanark Community Justice Programme is proving to be highly effective, both in terms of results and return on investment.

Typically, the trial of a youth in the criminal justice system costs $34,700, whereas a programme forum costs $2,000.

The recidivism rate for youths in the criminal justice system is 30%, whereas it is 5-8% for the programme.

Thank you, Joellen and Steve, for bringing your invaluable work to our attention.
**Membership:**

Membership remains at the cap of 205, but the waiting list has grown to 11.

**Membership List:**
A membership list is available to help members stay in touch with one another. Located in a private and secure area of the club website, it is accessed using the password contained in the January 25th email notification for the Probian. Please note that the Membership List is protected by our Privacy Policy

**Notes:**

**Call for photographs**
*In order to complete the Charter Member slide-show presented at the March 04th meeting and include each of the 56 Charter Members, we are still in need of photographs of the following gentlemen.*


*If anyone has a photo or photos of any of these gentlemen, please would you send it / them to Carol Trischuk or bring them to a meeting in order that they may be added to the gallery. The slide show will then become an important piece of our history.*

( *The records and minutes of the time, record that our Charter Members are those who joined Probus Perth before April 03rd 1996, the date that appears on our charter.* )

**Prospective members**

Now that the club has reached its membership cap of 205, current members are asked to advise anyone interested in joining that, should they apply, their applications would be added to the waiting list.

*A fillable membership application form is available on the club website. The completed form can either be e-mailed or mailed to the club, but e-mailing is the recommended option.*

*Once the club receives the completed form the applicant’s name will be added to the waiting list.*
Lapse of membership
Also related to the membership cap having been reached, any members planning to leave the area or who do not wish to continue with the club for any other reason, are asked to advise any member of the Management Team. This would allow their place to be taken by a prospective member from the waiting list.

Special Event no-shows
Members who find they cannot attend a Special Event to which they have committed, are asked to be sure to advise Mary or Gail.
Also, note that tickets to special events will no longer be provided on a “pay later” basis.

Name badges.
Please remember to bring your name badge to meetings.

A Thought:
The digital camera is a great invention, because it allows us to reminisce. Instantly.
Demetri Martin

The Probian was retrieved from under the snow by Rob Leonard
2020 Probus Spring Fling
Region 1- East
HOSTED BY PROBUS CLUB OF CORNWALL & AREA

Celebrating Our Club’s 25th Anniversary

Date: Wed. May 27, 2020

Venue: Simon Fraser Ballroom, Ramada Inn
805 Brookdale Ave.
Cornwall, ON.

Cost = $39.00 per person

Registration, Cash Bar, & Exhibit Viewing:
11:30 A.M. to 12:40 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:45 P.M.

Meal choice: Chicken or Salmon

Guest Speaker: Donnie Bowes, Artistic Director & Manager, Upper Canada Playhouse

Entertainment: John Maloney, Musician

- Charging stations for electric cars on-site
- Free Parking