



The PROBIAN ~ April 2012 Edition

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Apropos..... WE'RE HOSTING SPRING FLING: On Tuesday, 15 May our small club will be hosting the annual get-together for Probus Clubs of Eastern Ontario. Normally this event attracts more than 300 participants so when we accepted the responsibility for hosting, we informed the other clubs that the site that would make the best venue, *Code's Mill*, could only handle 200. Given the excellent cuisine and attractive heritage site, this was approved. The committee of Dan Murphy, Mary Kilgour, Helen Black, Chris McGuire, Colin Stephenson, Bob Black, Dave Crowley, Carol Trischuk and Sheila Hurren, have produced a wonderful program, with Brent & Shelley McLaren to entertain our guests and our Mayor, John Fenik to welcome them. A guided walking tour with Susan Code, a piper to invite all to lunch, wonderful door prizes — great food, great people, and a stunning location. Our thanks to our president and his hard working committee. It should be a great day. ([More information on our website.](#))

Nancy Wildgoose on The Table Community Food Centre



Nancy comes to Perth to head up not just our food bank, but the TABLE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE. After impressive service as a librarian, policy advisor for DND, CIDA, and finally the Privy Council Office as the Executive Director of the Volunteer Sector Task Force, she accepted to become the food bank's Executive Director. She is helping to transform it and is a compelling leader who has the wonderful ability to attract and motivate volunteers.

Our former food bank has now become a centre where community members come together to access, grow, prepare, share and advocate for good food. There is of course a food bank where the clients' choice and dignity is a hallmark. Now, as well, there are also after-school programs, a community kitchen, gardening initiatives, community meals, and groups to enable volunteers in community advocacy.



Table continued...

A unique program, "Shovel & Spoon", hosts workshops for youth and adults to learn about gardening and cooking. All these programs build confidence and help to produce a new generation of community leaders. Nancy's presentation was another illustration of the potential for volunteers to develop programs and leadership to benefit all Perth and area.

Speakers' Corner



May 2 – Ron Alquist, Assistant Chief Economic Analysis at the Bank of Canada, on economic research and the determinants of oil prices.

June 6 – Brian Perkin, V-P & Program Director of "Lake 88" our very own and popular FM station.

Fall – John McKenty on his soon to be released book on Christie Lake.

Special Future Events

May 15 – Spring Fling ~ Details can be found on our [Spring Fling website](#).



May 30 – [Nunsense II at the Gananoque Playhouse](#) --- cost \$25 per person for the play. A group reservation for lunch at the Gananoque Inn will be made.

June 6 – Year-end luncheon after the meeting at the Legion ~ sign-up at May meeting.

Fall – possible Full Circle Theatre + dinner, possible trip to Montebello

Dec. 7 – Christmas party ~ location and entertainment are booked.

New Members



Bud Van Alstine, Tony & Jean Nichols and André Hissink, welcomed by David Crowley & Dan Murphy

Personal Profile ~ André Hissink



Personal profiles are always a highlight for us and André's was no exception. From the Far East, to Holland, Britain, Switzerland, and in Canada from Quebec to BC – moving a total of 58 times – yes 58! Marrying the daughter of a Baptist minister in

Jakarta, being involved in WW2 in the RAF, doing all kinds of jobs around the world, ending up in ICAO for 20 years, then finally moving here to Perth. A wonderful saga. Thanks for sharing it, André.

Management Team Notes

We are sad to report that *Sharyn Sheffield* our excellent secretary will be moving to Kingston. We are looking for someone to fill her shoes as well as a Vice President for next year. Hear the call, anyone?



Lunch after the May 2nd meeting

will be @ MAXIMILIAN'S

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

The boating season has begun really early this year so here is a "sailor's blessing".

"A steady wind, a sure course, and lots of water under your keel."

IN MEMORIAM

Recently, Murray Quattrocchi, a long time Probus member, well respected in our community, passed away. We send our condolences to his extensive family.