



The Probian

from the Probus Club of Perth April 2018

Future Speakers:

Our May speaker will be **Ms Jane Voll**. Ms. Voll will discuss the role of the central bank in the economy, the recent evolution of economic and credit conditions and the outlook from the Bank of Canada's perspective. Ms. Voll is the Regional Director (Economics) for Ontario. She directs research and analysis on economic and sectoral developments in the region.

Our June speaker will be Brian Preston, a travelling Sommelier who will, naturally, speak on wine. There will be an opportunity for wine tasting (see "Coming Events" for more detail).

OMYA Trip: A bus-full of Probus members visited the OMYA quarry and plant, for a very interesting tour on a chilly day. The group stopped for lunch at Lanark Landings. Many thanks to Mary and to OMYA for the arrangements.



Coming Events:

Lunch after the May meeting will be at **Rocky River** (on Wilson St. Beside the optometrist). Sign up at the May meeting.

Dinner/Theatre: on **May 24**, Dinner and the musical "**Sister Act**" at the Studio Theatre. Dinner at 5 pm at **Michael's Table**. Choose from: Michael's Chicken, \$20.99; Farmer's Meatloaf, \$17.99; Orange Ginger Salmon, \$20.99; Jaegar Schnitzel, \$17.99; Sicilian Fettucine, \$14.99. Theatre Tickets: \$20. Sign up at the May 2nd meeting.

June 6 Probus Meeting: at **Timber Run**. 9:30 for coffee/socializing, meeting at 10. Lunch (optional) at Timber Run is \$16 (taxes included). Choice of **Chicken Caesar Wrap** or **Roast Beef Cheddar Melt**, pasta and green salads, coffee/tea and dessert. **Sign up at the May meeting for lunch.** Opportunity for wine tasting (3 reds and 2 whites): \$7.50 payable at Timber Run. Sign up at May meeting.

Theatre and Lunch: On **June 27**, lunch at the "Wheel and Anchor", followed by the "**Buddy Holly Story**" at 1000 Islands Playhouse, Gananoque. Theatre Tickets: \$30. Only 50 available. Sign up starting at the May meeting.

Fall Trip to Ottawa on Sept 14. See details on page 2.

Christmas Party: on **Dec. 14**, Christmas party at the Civitan Hall. Details to follow.

For more information visit the Club's website at www.probusperth.ca
The Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 am (coffee/social time at 9:30), at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith St., Perth.
Visitors from other Probus Clubs and guests of members are welcome to attend.

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An Opportunity to Serve: We have an opportunity for someone to join the management team in its quest to continue to provide a quality experience to the club's 182 members. We are looking for an interested person (woman or man) to fill the position of Vice-President, for the term starting in September 2018. If you are interested please contact Richard Thomson, David Batchelor, or Craig Greenwood as soon as possible.

Personal Profile - Tony Thompson

Tony Thompson took us back to his school days in Manchester, and to his decision to get into banking. He emigrated to Canada when he was 20, in 1967, where he resumed his career in banking.

He got into the credit section, and spent four decades with the bank, much of it in Oakville.

He and his wife were married for 46 years, and have two children, one of which is a son who is teaching in Smiths Falls.

Fall Trip ~ the annual fall trip will be on Friday, Sept. 14, to the [Canadian Museum of History](#), 100 Laurier Street in Gatineau (formerly the Canadian Museum of Civilization) and MosaiCanada Horticultural Exhibit (at [Jacques Cartier Park](#)). The cost for the bus and museum fee is \$45, payable to Probus Club of Perth. Admission to the MosaiCanada Gardens (across from the Museum) is \$29 (optional). Lunch will be on your own, in the Museum [at the Panorama Café, the Bistro Boréal or the Café Express](#), or at other restaurants in the area. There is space for 55 people on the bus. Departure times will be announced in June.

Please sign up at the May meeting.

Beekeeping in Uganda

Our very own Buzz Boles began his presentation with an outline of the importance of bees, and the problems that they face. Forty percent of our food depends on pollination, which is largely done by bees.

Bees are in danger due to a variety of practices. For example, pesticide use by farmers, international trade in bees which spreads disease, and climate change, all threaten bee colonies.

Buzz pointed out that there are around 4,000 kinds of bees in the world, of which about 800 are in North America. Seventy-five kilos of honey from a hive would be a bumper crop. Thirty-five kilos would be an average crop.

In Uganda, honey is valued as a medicine, as it was at one time in North America. Ugandan beekeepers can earn a good income.

Buzz spent time in Uganda teaching beekeepers and was able to show us a series of interesting pictures of rural life in Uganda.

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Contact information for other members of the Management Team can be found on the Club's website at www.probusperth.ca.