



The **P**ROBIAN ~ *March 2014 Edition*
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Apropos

High school students are now warned to watch what they send out via their iPods or on Facebook and political leaders can no longer say one thing in one part of a country and make a different statement in another. In our YouTube and Twitter world everything is ultimately, and often immediately, public. Be careful what you say into any media device. Remember back when we were kids and told that “whatever you do, make sure you’d be happy if your mother knew about it”. The modern equivalent must surely be, THINK before you press send !

(Apropos reflects the views of the Editors but not necessarily those of the Club.)

Ted Dyke’s Fabulous Photography



It’s wonderful for a room full of retirees to hear of one retired man’s gusto with which he spends his life. Photography for Ted is not a “hobby” it is a passion. The retired electrical contractor and sometime car-racer was introduced to photography when he was 22 and a 70 year old family friend who was a photographer gave him an old black and white 35mm camera. What began

as an interest has matured into a life-long desire to travel and take photos.

And what pictures they are. Imagine waiting for hours to get a pictures taken at 1, 1/1500 sec to get a series showing an eagle flash down and pick up a fish. Now with current technology we saw both the individual frames in excellent clarity, then the entire episode in real time. From the West Coast to Alaska, Cape Hatteras, Churchill, the Maritimes, Newfoundland and even in Perth, amazing pictures of all kinds of birds, flowers, trees on the edge of the arctic, bears, deer, orcas, and some extraordinary pictures of polar bears. For many in the audience it was the first time they had a close up look at many of the wonders of nature. For those already versed in the range of wild life on our planet, it was a confirmation of how import our ecological balance is to our survival.

Along with the pictures Ted verbally took us with him on almost every mini-safari. The most memorable was his trip to photograph polar bears in winter north of Churchill, Man. Bears, blizzards, sunsets, and a 4X4 that threatened to give up; the combination was an overwhelming experience. There’s an old military saying that “there are no atheists in fox-holes” and that may be true, however, after seeing Teds presentation it is difficult to believe that all nature is the result of an accident. Now there’s a subject to debate to keep us warm while we wait to welcome Spring !

Note: You may see Ted’s work on <http://members.photoshouser.com/tdyke/portfolio>

Special Future Events

- **May 27** – Spring Fling – 6346 Deermeadow Dr Greely - [details](#)
- **May 28** – Our annual trip to the Thousand Island Playhouse, 185 South Street in Gananoque, this time to see “[Driving Miss Daisy](#)” ~ a comedy of unlikely friendship. Tickets are \$26. Please sign up at the April meeting, with cheques payable to Probus Perth. Please let Mary know if you would like to have: 1) lunch at [Muskie Jake's](#) in the Gananoque Inn, 550 Stone Street South; or 2) the box lunch for \$14.50 and enjoy the [Pre-Show Chat](#) with actors on the deck outside the Playhouse. As a bonus for the adventurous, may we suggest an optional 1.5 hour boat cruise before the play with [Chuckles Discovery Tours](#). The tour starts at 10:30am at the Playhouse dock and will get you back at noon, in time for lunch and the play, which begins at 2:30 pm. We suggest buying your boat tour tickets yourself in advance (613-802-1494 or boattour@bell.net), because the boat only seats 12 people, while ordering your play tickets from Probus, because we have a better group rate.
- **June 4** – Our annual end of the year luncheon immediately after the meeting.



Management Team Notes

- There will be a vote at the April 2nd meeting on the proposed addition to our Club's bylaws as introduced at the March 5th meeting and outlined in the February Probian. The purpose of the amendment is to accommodate the new practice of honouring our members aged 90+. The current Bylaws are shown on our website at www.probusperth.ca/constitution.htm, with the proposed changes in red letters..
- There will also be a vote on the proposed minor amendment to our Privacy Policy, introduced at the March 5th meeting, to make it possible to share the members email list among Management Team members to be used for Probus business purposes only. The current Privacy Policy is displayed on our website, with proposed changes in red at www.probusperth.ca/documents/privacy_policy.htm.
- The Management Team will be reviewing the suggestion by one of our members at the last meeting to include pictures, areas of interest and email addresses in our Membership List to promote greater communications among the membership. It is anticipated that members would have the right to opt in or out of including this additional content.
- March is National Probus Month ~ who knew?



Lunch After April 2nd Meeting

@ The Red Fox – 80 Foster Street

Personal Profile ~ Bob Pelletier



Born and raised in the twin cities of Auburn/Lewiston ME, Bob had the best of both linguistic worlds. His dad, a francophone from Québec, and mum an American from Lewiston, created a home where he and his brother and two sisters spoke French at home while picking up English on the street in the community. About 1/3 of the local population of

Auburn/Lewiston (approx. 40,000) was francophone like many New England towns and so there was a thriving and vibrant French-speaking community with churches, schools, hospitals, along with businesses, a French radio station and newspaper.

After 8th grade he received a scholarship to attend U. of Ottawa H.S. and then the university itself graduating in 1957 with a B.Sc. in Phys. Ed. That ultimately led him to become Director of Athletics at Ottawa U until 1970 when he left sports to be active in the School of Human Kinetics at the same university and then earn a PhD in 1980 and thus to teaching and research. Until his retirement in 1996 his field was Sports Injuries from the perspective of prevention and exercise rehabilitation. Upon retirement he moved to Perth.

Speakers' Corner – George Laidlaw – For the Love of History - April 2nd



A native of Ottawa, after working for the Canadian government as a biologist for over thirty years, George started another career as a story-teller, historian and author. His publications include stories in children's magazines and adult historical novels. With the fast-paced skills of a natural story-teller he threads action, emotion, and intellect into riveting presentations. His interests include biology, geology, paleontology and the history of man. You may get a glimpse of George in advance [by checking out this video](#).

Quote for the Month

“WHOEVER DIGS A PIT MAY FALL INTO IT.”
Ecclesiastes Chap. 10, verse 8