



The Probian

from the **Probus Club of Perth** March 2018

April Speaker:

Probian Buzz Boles will speak on "Bee Keeping in Uganda." Buzz is a retired wildlife biologist now living in Portland, on Big Rideau Lake, and enjoying the good life of beekeeping and sailing. His presentation will be a bit of a travelogue on related anecdotes of beekeeping, people and travel in Uganda, Cuba, the USA and Canada. It will provide some insights in the world of beekeepers, but it will not be a lesson on how to keep bees.

OMYA Visit: On **April 10** we will visit the OMYA pits at Tatlock. **WE MUST TAKE A BUS TO THE PIT.** All the tickets have been sold. We are sorry, but if you did not sign up and pay at the March meeting, there is no more space available.

We will carpool to Lanark, Please meet in the parking lot behind the Perth Brewing Company (next to Wendy's) **by 9:30 a.m.** and park in front of Purest as close to Hwy 511 as possible. We will travel to Lanark and park in the Lanark Landing Parking Lot or along the street.

We will board the bus at 10 am at Lanark Landing Restaurant. Lunch at Lanark Landing.

For those interested we will visit the OMYA plant on Hwy #7 after lunch. You may choose to visit both or just one area.

If you signed up and paid your \$5 for the bus, but did not get a ticket, please call Marv.

Coming Events:

Lunch after the April meeting will be at **The Hungry 7** (on Hwy 7 beside the Dairy Queen). Sign up at the April meeting.

PLEASE BRING SEPARATE CHEQUES TO SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS.

Dinner/Theatre: on **May 24**, Dinner at 5 pm at Michael's Table, followed by the musical "**Sister Act**" at the Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$20 each for musical. Sign up at the April or May meetings.

The June 6 Probus Meeting will be at Timber Run. The guest speaker will be a travelling Sommelier, and there will be an opportunity for wine tasting, with a variety of 3 red and 2 white wines. Lunch after the meeting is \$16, taxes included. Lunch choices are either a Chicken Caesar Wrap or a Roast Beef Cheddar Melt, and include salads, tea/coffee and dessert. Sign up for the lunch (optional) at the April and May meetings.

There will be an additional charge for wine tasting, to be announced at the April Meeting. Sign up at the April meeting if you are interested in the wine tasting..

Theatre and Lunch: On **June 27**, lunch at **Riva**, followed by the "**Buddy Holly Story**" at 1000 Islands Playhouse, Ganonoque. Tickets for the play are \$30.00 each. Sign up starting at the May meeting. Only 50 tickets available.

Fall Trip to Ottawa on Sept 28.

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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Personal Profile - Len Modderman

Len's parents were Dutch immigrants. Len grew up in Abitibi where his parents farmed. His father worked for the agriculture department as well, and in 1967 they left the farm and moved to St. Jerome and then Quebec City.

Len (pictured below) attended the University of Ottawa, studying science and psychology. In 1978 he obtained a Masters degree in Psychology, and he married in 1980. He lived in Waterloo, and enjoyed a cottage near Perth. In 2014 they moved to live in the cottage at Otty Lake.



New Members: Aline reports that as of March, we had 184 members. Ron Conboy joined in March. Welcome to the Club!



Valerie Kennett is welcomed to the Club by President David.

March Speaker: Jordon Sinclair (bottom left), Director of Communications and Media for Canopy Growth Corporation of Smiths Falls brought our members up to date on the remarkable growth of his company. Canopy Growth owns an array of brands, including Tweed. They have operations in almost every province and in 7 other countries, and they operate 5.6 million square feet of production facilities.

Smiths Falls is the firm's processing hub. The firm is examining expanding into hemp and into retail facilities. They are also working on extracting the active ingredients from cannabis to put them into a new, more convenient format, which would change the perception of medical cannabis.

He said that consultants estimated that the firm creates about \$63 million in spin off value to Smith Falls each year.

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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.