



The PROBIAN ~ May 2014 Edition

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Apropos

With the end of a challenging winter and the fear of serious flooding, now for those who sail, canoe, kayak or cruise in a power boat, the summer season is upon us. Each in our own way we try to set aside some time during the late spring and until the snow flies to "get away". Away from our increasingly connected world where we are bombarded by a different kind of flood – of information, opportunities to participate, demands of job, or family, or a myriad of volunteer responsibilities. Sailors like John Hughes know that "more" and "faster" is the course we too often chose that sets us on the sands of despair or rocks of anger. So much of the marketing that floods over us is dedicated to the proposition that more and faster is the path to happiness. This summer why not take the time to talk about these things with those we love. After all, where does happiness come from?

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

Gail Read & Ian McDonald on Travelling in South America



The word "passion" is not a word often used to describe guest speakers. In the case of this month's couple, both Probians, it fits. They took us through a fascinating trip with them to Chile, Argentina, Peru, Paraguay, the Falkland Islands and Antarctica. They did a wonderful job of culling 100 exceptional pictures from over the 1000 they took. The range of volcanoes, deserts, salt flats, lunar valleys, hydro

dams, icebergs, glaciers, an unusually quiet Cape Horn, then varieties of animals, mammals, fish and penguins delighted us with their variety and immediacy. To say that we were held spellbound during their presentation where both Ian and Gail acted as our guides is to only be accurate. In their voices we heard the effect of what they experienced --- their pictures conveyed the beauty of what they saw. All of us are grateful that they took the time to put together a wonderful hour to transport us to places most of us will never visit and few have been to.

Many thanks, Gail & Ian.

Special Future Events



- **May 27** - Spring Fling 2014 at Orchard View Conference Centre, 6346 Deermeadow Dr., Greely, hosted by the Ottawa-Rideau Valley Probus Club in Manotick. Participation is now limited to members who are already registered. [More 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. The lunch options are either lunch at [Muskie Jake's](#) in the Gananoque Inn, 550 Stone Street South (you pay at the time); or the Playhouse box lunch and enjoy the [Pre-Show Chat](#) with actors on the deck outside the Playhouse. As a bonus for the adventurous, there is an optional 1.5 hour boat cruise for before the play with [Chuckles Discovery Tours \(note now sold out\)](#). 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. Lunch starts at 12 noon at both venues. There are a few play tickets left and all reservations should be made directly with Mary by May 28. The cost per person for the various options, with cheques payable to Probus Perth in advance is:
 1. Theatre tickets only \$26.00
 2. Theatre tickets + box lunch \$40.50
 3. Theatre + boat cruise \$64.62
 4. Theatre + box lunch + cruise \$79.12
- **June 4** – Closing Probus luncheon at the Perth Legion after the meeting. Choice of Wraps and Sandwiches or Lasagna and Caesar Salad. Both include dessert/tea/coffee for \$10 (no tax or gratuity). Please contact Mary by May 28.
- **September 26** – Plans are in the works for the Fall Trip. Mary is working on several options, but would be interested in your suggestions. More information in the June Probian.

Quote for the Month

“With less canvass we’re sailing better and faster. Life is like that. Attempt too much and you accomplish less. Run too fast and soon you cannot walk.”

In “Wisdom” from “SEA PSALMS” by John Jay Hughes.(1988)

Seniors in Perth


In our town from time to time the issue of a centre for seniors, or at least if not a specifically identified venue, at least a dedicated communication structure that would ensure that seniors understood what opportunities and programs are available to them. There is an excellent publication put out by Perth, Drummond/North Elmsley Township and Tay Valley Township --- “Perth & District Community Guide”. There are over 70 groups (including all the service clubs, churches & lodges) interesting to seniors some of which are in this guide. Do we need a new organization dedicated to seniors and/or a physical structure, a building or hall dedicated to serving as both a place to meet and explore opportunities for involvement? A new Probus member has raised this issue for us. If you have opinions or wish to get involved call Mike Selig at 613 – 264 – 0945 and msselig2004@Yahoo.ca .

Management Team Notes

- Just a reminder that the mid-year Financial Statement and other recent annual statements are available on our website at www.probusperth.ca/financials.htm
- All remaining books in the book exchange will go to a charity shop after the June meeting.



Speakers' Corner

 On June 4th our speakers will be a veterinarian who has carefully followed how ticks on dogs can cause Lyme disease in our area and two people who have personally wrestled with Lyme disease. It turns out that the Perth area and especially Last Dual Park and Murphy's Point Provincial Park are considered “hot spots” by some who follow these developments. Our speakers committee felt that this subject would be of interest to all our members as the summer season approaches.

Final Words from Stephen Leacock

(because we have the Leaway)

- I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.
- It may be those who do most, dream most.
- A sportsman is a man who every now and then, simply has to get out and kill something.