



The PROBIAN ~ November 2011 Edition

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Apropos.....

At our November 2nd meeting both our guest speaker, a Probian, and new member giving his personal profile, underlined a very important feature of Probus Perth: We are blessed with a most diverse, talented, and widely experienced membership. In the September issue of The Probian, your editor introduced the thought that some of our members might be interested in mentoring students in the graduating classes of our two high schools as well as Algonquin College and YAK. I have spoken informally to a number of our members and some seemed interested. Nevertheless, being a mentor does require at least a one year commitment of time that amounts to at least nine evenings per year plus being at the end of a telephone or available on e-mail. If there is a real interest, I'll proceed to investigate the possibilities. If you are interested please call or e-mail me, or fill out the form at the end of the letter. I'll be guided by the level of response.

Major-General Clive Addy, OMM, OSt.J., CD, Colonel – Commandant Royal Canadian Armoured Corps



General Addy presented an extraordinary video entitled "If I Should Fall". We observed a time of silence following the story of Trooper Marc Diab who served and died in 2009 in Afghanistan and was a member of General Addy's own regiment, The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

In his introduction, Clive said: "*We Canadians are unique. In the last century we were among the very few who relied solely on volunteers to serve their country in wars abroad --- and still do. Volunteers from our country have proved easy to mould into brave and effective fighters and peacemakers and continue to make the ultimate sacrifice for others and their own such that we all may live more peacefully. Then, our veterans, suffer physical and mental wounds because of such violent sacrifices. **But, you know this, right?***"

Most of us do know this at an intellectual level, yet, we need to be reminded that evil flourishes if good people do nothing. The gripping, sensitive, and factual presentation in the film about Trooper Diab, his sweetheart, family, friends, and brothers in the Dragoons, confronted us way beyond an intellectual understanding of the sacrifices that our soldiers, sailors, and air force personnel make **for us!**

For most of us, viewing such a presentation in the presence of a general officer known in our Canadian Army as a "soldier's general" was an experience we will not easily forget. So what can we do to honour our fallen and veterans? In Lt. Col. John McCrae's WW1 poem *In Flanders' Fields*, are the lines: "*If you break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep!*" Then as both Probian and Canadian citizens we can do our part to be as well informed as we can, give back to our communities, work to ensure our veterans are treated generously, and live our public lives with civility and respect for those we do not agree with. Surely, if we do that, then we can say to our fallen, "sleep well!"

Special Events



Friday, December 9, 2011 ~
CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE: at the
LION'S CLUB CLUBHOUSE at the Perth
 Fairgrounds. Cocktails 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM and
 dancing afterward to Tim Murray and his jazz quartet.
 A great turkey dinner with all the trimmings for \$30
 per person.

At our meeting on 2 November Colin Stephenson
 offered special thanks to Mary Kilgour for arranging
 the exceptional 13th October Fall Colours Tour.
 Pictures of the event were shown at coffee time.

Management Team Notes



**WE HAVE OUR OWN CD ROM &
 LAPTOP PROJECTOR:** Just in time
 for Gen. Addy's presentation our club acquired a
 projector that may be used for laptops and CD ROMS
 for a total of \$693.20. The membership present
 unanimously approved the purchase. We now no
 longer have to be at the mercy of other organizations
 when we need a projector.

Speakers' Corner



December 7 ~ Peggy Moxon reported
 that the new Proprietors of the Perth
 Manor Boutique Hotel Gordon & Linda
 Craig, will talk about their plans for the
 music series to be held there. Being
 accomplished musicians, they will play
 for us, accompanied by their daughter.

Personal Profile ~ Wayne Hammond



Wayne is another Probian who changed
 careers. After growing up in Owen
 Sound, then getting a B.A. and M.A. at
 University of Waterloo and a PhD in
 history (his thesis was on the RN), time
 in "swinging London", then teaching at
 St. Mary's U and U of Winnipeg --- he
 realized that as he put it, " I lacked the
 patience to be a teacher". So it was off to
 the Canadian foreign Service in 1972 and
 many postings. In East Africa he met his

wife and they ultimately returned to Ottawa in 1976.

From there, to many of us not familiar with government foreign
 service or a military career, followed a blizzard of postings as he
 climbed the ladder in the service. He dealt with immigration, then
 refugees, then off to Canada's High Commission in London in
 time to be there for the wedding of Charles and Dianna. And from
 there back to Africa, and again to London in 1984, then External
 Affairs in Ottawa in '88 and finally his own posting as High
 Commissioner to Namibia until the office was closed in 1993.

From there Wayne came to Ottawa, back to Tanzania then
 transferring to the Canadian Intelligence and Security Service in
 2001. That year he and his wife purchased land on Otty Lake
 where they build their retirement home and moved in in 2006.
 After a very busy life, like many of us, they've found the right
 mixture of community activity and tranquility here in Perth.

New Members

Our membership now stands at 131 --- with still about 15
 members who have not yet paid their annual dues. These
 must be paid by the next meeting on 7 December.



Your Opinions Matter ~ [Click here for fillable version](#)

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I would like to hear _____ speak on _____ at Probus.

My principal reason I am a member of Probus is: _____

I suggest the following activity and will attend it: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____