



**THE PROBUS CLUB  
OF PERTH**

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**Apropos ....**

A serious and worrying note at this time of the year is the incredible marketing pressure that's mounted everywhere, especially directed at children, to buy happiness at Christmas time. Even a local paper editorialized that the only thing we could do is to give in and exercise our credit cards — borrowing the money to buy presents. This month's quote does ring true for credit card and most line of credit debt. How about those new car loans with an eight year term, zero down and "zero % financing for the first five years? When will those loans come down to earth and bring borrowers with them? In these uncertain times is it being a "Grinch" to even suggest that families exercise caution? Economists and governments want us to spend. What do you think?



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

**Jim Sands On How Radar Helped to Win the War**

" SANDY" , or F/O Jim Sands RCAF (Ret'd) gave us not only a well- researched and informative presentation about radar and its role in winning the Battle of Britain , but many land and sea battles in World War 2 as well . In a way, more important, HE WAS THERE! Plucked out of high school and General Electric's apprentice program he joined the RCAF, was ultimately commissioned and became one of Canada's early experts in developing radar installed in aircraft. Becoming the Station Radar Officer at RAF Winthrop, RAF Bottesford, and 5 Group Bomber Command, Sandy was right in the thick of developing night fighter radar, navigation bombing gear, and early Loran.

At 92, he gave us an insight that sparkled with humour and great stories. After the War, he went into industry and held many senior management positions in more than one company ultimately designing programs to train people how to service



hardware in a new technology — TV! Even after retiring from these positions Sandy still couldn't really retire. So, went into the new car sales field and became the top Cadillac salesman in Ontario. At home he continued tinkering, inventing, and building a wide range of model steam engines and one superb theatre organ. He, and the love of his life Evelyn celebrating 60+ years of marriage, are Probians who are great examples to all of us by living Sandy's credo — to "live in the moment".

## Special Future Events



- **December 6** – Christmas Party at Lion's Hall, with appetizers and drinks from 6-7, dinner 7-8, and dancing 8-10. Music 6-7 and 8-10 is by "[Touch of Class](#)" which is described as 'A self-contained tribute to the 50/60/70's featuring multi-instrumentalist Simon Clark, ex-"Freddie and the Dreamers"'. This is a repeat performance by popular request. Price remains at \$30/ person ~ cheques payable to Probus Perth. Please contact Mary for tickets before November 28<sup>th</sup> or if you have a gift to offer as a prize ~ 613-264-0024 or [mkilgour@superaje.com](mailto:mkilgour@superaje.com)
- **January 26** - Robbie Burns Dinner & Dance, at the Perth Legion. Reservations can be made at the Jan 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **February 21** – Dinner / Theatre Event ~ Dinner 5:30pm at the Stone Cellar followed at 8:00pm by the Studio Theatre Presentation "Leaving Home" by David French, directed by Jeremy Dutton. Leaving Home is a tale of a Newfoundland family far from home and out of their depth. More details and sign-up at the January meeting.
- **Winter** – Possible trip to see a Sens hockey game.

## Management Team Notes



- Fees for 2013-14 are now past due and the names of those who have not paid will be removed from our membership list if we have not received payment by the end of the month or at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting at the latest. Please fill out the renewal form available on our website at [www.probusperth.ca/membership.htm](http://www.probusperth.ca/membership.htm) or attached to the Summer edition paper copy, and send it together with your cheque to Probus Box 20131, Perth, Ont., K7H 3M6.
- We are fortunate to have several nonagenarians in our club. The Management Team would like to invite these over-90 members to self identify themselves to Jim Gilmour so that we may honour them at the January meeting.
- Just a reminder that if you need transportation to Probus on a regular basis, or are willing to offer transportation to others please call Colin at 613-264-2609 or [info@probusperth.ca](mailto:info@probusperth.ca) . We don't want to lose members for the want of a ride.

## Lunch After December 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting

@ Golden Arrow (formerly The Crown) – 71 Foster Street

## Quote for the Month

**"DEBT IS FUTURE CONSUMPTION DENIED"**

~ Economist Eugen von Böhm-Bawerk -1933

## Personal Profile ~ Lloyd Parker



Lloyd was born in Armstrong, ON, studying first in a two room school, and after, on to high school in North Bay. Then he attended Queen's graduating with a BA Sc in Engineering Physics while going through the ROTP program in the RCAF. He

served for three years as a telecommunications officer and instructed in computer programming. Seeking more qualifications he obtained his Master's in Electrical Engineering from UBC in 1963.

His working life revolved around computers at IBM, Hiram Walker Resources, the University of Toronto (the well-known Cray X-MP Supercomputer) then off to China developing software, then consulting work and ending up as a professor of Computer Studies at Seneca.

He retired in 2012 and with his wife Wendy moved to Perth in the same year. Now he calls himself a "mini-farmer" and enjoys music at C & W jam sessions playing his home-built electric guitar. Who said that engineers have no "outside" talents? Lloyd also enjoys woodworking and entertaining their five children and four grandchildren at their home. They joined Probus this year and we're delighted to have them in our club.

## Speakers' Corner

On December 4<sup>th</sup> a Probian, CRAIG GREENWOOD will present "*The Fantastic White Bears of the Ice.*" During a 31 year career with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Craig made a years-long study of polar bears in northern Ontario.



## New Member



Ed Rockburne (C) welcomed by Don McDiarmid (L) and Jim Gilmour (R)