



# The Probian

from the Probus Club of Perth November 2017

## The Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee is chaired by Mary Kilgour and most ably assisted by Gail Read.

The Committee is in charge of organizing special events, such as bus trips, dinner/theatre evenings, lunches after our regular meetings, and visits to local institutions and businesses. Major events coming up in the near future include the Christmas Dinner/Dance, the Robbie Burns Dinner/Dance, and a Lunch/Theatre event at the 1000 Islands Playhouse.

Mary and Gail are always on the lookout for events (large and small) that would appeal to our members. If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to call either Mary (613-264-0024 and 613-264-6244) or Gail (613- 464-3063).



*Mary Kilgour and Andre, enjoying refreshments at Oktoberfest*

## Coming Events:

**Lunch after the December meeting:** Please consider joining fellow Probians for lunch **at the Hungry 7** following the meeting. Sign up during the meeting break is required so that numbers can be confirmed with the restaurant.

**Lunch after the January meeting:** The Legion Ladies will be preparing lunch after the January meeting. Tickets must be purchased at the December meeting, so that we can confirm the numbers that will be attending. Cost: \$10 (lasagna with Caesar salad or wraps with vegetables, dessert, coffee and tea).

**The Christmas Dinner/Dance** will be held at the Lions Hall on **Thursday, Dec. 14**. A glazed ham dinner will be catered by the Lionesses. Social time starts at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner, gifts and dancing. Music is again by "Touch of Class" featuring Simon Clark. The cut-off date is Dec. 6, which is our final opportunity to adjust attendance numbers. The price is \$36/person, with CHEQUES payable to Probus Perth. There will be a seating plan available. Questions? Contact Gail Read @ [read2read@outlook.com](mailto:read2read@outlook.com) or 613-464-3063.

We hope that you are able to take part in this year's "Farewell to Canada's 150th" gift exchange. Use your imagination in exchanging a gift that is made in Canada or would be considered Canadian memorabilia. It's the thought not the price that counts!!!

For more information visit the Club's website at [www.probusperth.ca](http://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.

**December Speaker:** Our December speaker will be local author, David Mullholland. David will offer a dramatized narration of his latest book "Chaudiere Falls." Based on historical facts, he will bring to life the heartbreak and challenges of the settlers who founded Ottawa.

### More Coming Social Events

**Robbie Burns Night:** The Legion will be hosting this event on **January 20**. The cost remains at \$30/person. Tickets will be on sale at our December and January meetings. Final numbers have to be confirmed one week before the event.

### Personal Profile - Jocelyn Gordon

Jocelyn was born in Ottawa. She completed a BA and an MBA, and was employed by a Student Union, and by the federal government in the area of bankruptcy, at Revenue Canada, and the EDC. She moved to Perth where she was in private practice serving the accounting needs of a variety of clients, and meeting her future husband. She has now retired and is engaged in the hobby of rug hooking.

### Event Tickets:

The Special Events Committee is proud of the number of wonderful partnerships that have been formed through our special events, and which are supported by the club's organization and dependability. To meet the needs of our suppliers we must have final numbers of participants one week in advance of the events. Where necessary, we will set a final date for the sale of tickets, after which no tickets will be sold and no refunds will be made.

We are willing to maintain a list of people wishing to attend but who did not purchase tickets before the deadline. If a member finds that they cannot attend, the list of hopefuls will be made available so that they can attempt to arrange a ticket exchange.

We hope that this small change in procedure will assist our partners in planning to serve our club.

### November Speaker

James Bartleman, career diplomat, author and former Lt. Governor of Ontario, spoke of his journey from a First Nations background, through university, to a career in the diplomatic service, and his role as Lt. Governor. He recounted how his father had been rescued by Stephen Leacock, and how he had travelled the rails and been in work camps in the 1930's. His mother had a difficult early life, dealing with family problems and depression.

Despite these handicaps he obtained a good education and was able to enter the foreign service, where he chose interesting, and a little bit dangerous, postings.

As Lt. Governor, he set out to attempt to overcome some of the problems resulting from the residential school system. He focussed on education, and in particular on reading, by organizing the collection of books for distribution in remote areas. Over the years, volunteers have collected two million books for distribution.

### New Members:

Aline McRory and President Dave welcomed new members to the club, including: Frank and Jean Hirst; Dale and Susan Lingard; Doloros Davis; Geoff Stimpson; Leonard Modderman

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