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OF PERTH**

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**Apropos ....**

The "Quote for the Month" by the late Georgia Harkness, a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Methodist theologian is certainly apropos for us today. A crudely amateurish and obscure film, once put on U-Tube and the internet, has exploded in the Muslim world. And why? Because it denigrated The Prophet Mohammed and many leaders and clergy in that world urged their followers to go into the streets and protest. In a development closer to home, and at a less dangerous level, leaders in the United Church of Canada at its recent General Council decided to urge its members to boycott certain products manufactured in Israel. This has angered many members of this denomination who do not believe that "their church" should pronounce on political matters.

Sadly, leaders in all institutional religions make pronouncements on behalf of God thus dividing their own followers and often causing great harm. Is it any wonder that authors like the late Christopher Hitchens ( "God is Not Great" - 2007 ) have large followings?

**Sandra Joyce on "UK Home Children"**



As a graduate in journalism from Ryerson, Sandra's career was hardly conventional. Over the years, from a publicist for CBS Records, to managing rock bands, working for the German Dept. of Defense, then becoming a freelance sports writer, consultant to some independent music companies, and being an English teacher and storyteller, she has managed to have her first book published by Welldone Publishing in 2011. "The Street Arab" tells the story of a British Home Child.

Sandra led us through the history of "Home Children" in such a way that at times many of us swallowed hard to keep back tears. Once again, an idea that was born to solve a practical social problem, had too many sad and even cruel unintended consequences. As recently as May of 2011, our own Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, The Hon. Eric Hoskins said, "*When they arrived overseas, all alone in the world*

*many of our most vulnerable children endured the harshest conditions, neglect and abuse. I believe that by confronting the failings of the past, we can show we are determined to do all we can to heal the wounds."*

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## Sandra Joyce ~ continued

Sandra's own father was a Home Child and by her courage of both writing and speaking about this part of our past, she has liberated descendants of these children to share their stories. During question time some of our own members shared stories about events in Brockville & Kingston and our own county. She plans a second book. We hope so and look forward to it. With Canada's background with its aboriginal peoples, we need researchers and authors like Sandra to help us all better understand our own history.

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## Special Future Events



- **Oct. 11** – A Day at Chateau Montebello ~ **SOLD OUT**. The day includes lunch at Chateau Montebello with time to enjoy the resort, ferry ride and scenic drive. Departure: Smiths Falls at 8:30 at Food Basics and Perth 9 am., (please be there by 8:50) at The Factory - Sunset Blvd. (park at front of lot, closest to Sunset Blvd.). Details in the Summer Probian.
  - **Nov.** – possible Perth Community Choir Event
  - **Dec. 7** – 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"'.
    - **Feb. 2013** – possible dinner theatre event.
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## Management Team Notes



- Fees for 2012-13 are now due. Please fill out the renewal form attached to the Summer edition and send it together with your cheque to Probus Box 20131, Perth, Ont., K7H 3M6. The renewal form is also available on our website at [www.probusperth.ca/membership.htm](http://www.probusperth.ca/membership.htm)
  - The Management Team will propose two minor amendments to the Probus Bylaws at the October meeting: 1) to clarify that the financial statements are to be reviewed by a third party, rather than by an auditor (Bylaw 5.1); 2) that expenditures for club activities (funded by participating members), are not subject to a vote of members if they are over \$500 (Bylaw 6.4). More details will be provided at the October meeting.
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## Speakers' Corner

- **Oct. 3** – John McKenty on Christie Lake
- **Nov. 7** – Glenn Tunnock on the War of 1812
- **Dec. 5** - Open
- **Jan 7** – Fred Lapine on the oil industry in Canada.



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## AGM Notes

- Past President Mike Else chaired the meeting and read Dan Murphy's report. As outlined in the Summer Probian it was a banner year.
  - The new slate of officers was elected and is on the mast-head of this Probian.
  - The financial report included in last month's Probian was accepted and Don Sherwin, Treasurer, and Don McNaughton, Financial Reviewer were both thanked and re-appointed.
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## Quote for the Month

**"The tendency to turn human judgments into divine commands makes religion one of the most dangerous forces in the world."** Georgia Harkness

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## Lunch After October 5th Meeting

@ Fiddleheads Restaurant

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## Thanks a Million Dan Job Well Done



As Past-President, you may now truly relax.

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