



The Probian

from the **Probus Club of Perth** September 2017

A New Year - A New Look

September marks the beginning of a new Probus Year as well as a change in Editors. Recognizing that it is well nigh impossible to replicate the work that Max Wood has done, a decision has been taken to revise the Probian's format.

The Probian will continue to be a means of communicating with the membership but in a more compact format. The emphasis will be on information about future events and guest speakers, personal profiles and information about new members.

We also intend to offer a "Letters to the Editor" section for those members who wish to express opinions or make suggestions about club operations (space

New Members

Please welcome the following new members:

Ron Bell

Buzz (Bruce) Boles

Michael Flynn

Gordon and Anne Helps

Judith Preston

Help Wanted: Someone to assist with the audio/visual equipment (no advanced knowledge required) and someone to assume responsibility for the book exchange. Interested? Contact a member of the Management Team.

Coming Events:

Lunch after the October meeting: A no-host lunch will be held at **Fiddleheads** following the October Meeting.

Octoberfest: The fall trip to Octoberfest leaves from the Factory Parking Lot on Sunset Blvd. on **Sept. 30 at 7:30 am**, and will return around 8 pm. **Tickets Available.** Call Mary Kilgour at 613-264-0024.

Fall Dinner Theatre - Nov. 2 Take a trip down memory lane with the Marvellous Marvellettes at Studio Theatre. This is a fundraiser for YAK. Tickets \$30. Dinner at Michael's Table at **5 pm Thursday, Nov. 2.** Showtime 7:30 pm. Tickets available at the October meeting. See the last Probian for dinner selections.

The Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held at the Lions Hall on **Thursday, Dec. 14**, at 5:30 pm. Features glazed ham dinner and the return of "Touch of Class." Information and tickets will be available at the October and November meetings. Cost: \$36/person. More details next month.

October Speaker:

The October speaker will be Bruce Di Labio. He began birding at the age of 7, and has written about and photographed birds ever since. He has taught birding, led many birding tours nationally and internationally, and has worked as a naturalist.

For more information visit the Club's website at www.probusperth.ca

The Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 am, at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith St., Perth.

Visitors from other Probus Clubs and guests of members are welcome to attend.

2017/18 Membership Fees: Your 2017/18 Membership Fees are due now (\$25 per person). Members who have not paid by December 1 will be struck from the list of members. Please give your cheque, payable to The Probus Club of Perth, to the Treasurer, or mail it to the Club at Box 20131, Perth, ON, K7H 3M6

2017 Annual General Meeting:

The 2017 AGM was held on Sept. 6. It featured reports from members of the Management Team, and the election of the Management Team.

Changes in the Management Team include the election of David Batchelor as President, Craig Greenwood as Vice President and Bill Kennedy as Newsletter

Editor. Richard Thomson is now the Past-President.

David Farquharson (Program Committee Chair) presented an interim report on the **Speaker Survey**. They received suggestions from 30 members, with 27 specific speaker suggestions and 68 proposed program topics.

Minutes of the 2017 AGM will be posted on the website at www.probusperth.ca.

Prof. Lindsay Lambert's Magic Lantern Show

Who knew that magic lanterns were the first mass audience technology? Prof. Lambert explained the history of magic lanterns (which dates back to the 1660's), and the uses to which they were put, using a magic lantern built in 1906. His use of slides (including many animated ones) along with songs, verse, and humour gave a fascinating insight into the entertainments of the 19th century.

More information on magic lanterns can be found on the web at www.magiclantern.org.uk.

Personal Profile - David Batchelor

Newly elected President David Batchelor arrived in Perth nine-and-a-half years ago, with his wife Pat. Together they are celebrating fifty years of marriage and fifty years in Canada.

David has been active in the community, being a board member of Elmwood Cemetery, the Rideau Trail Association, and a supporter and volunteer for the Perth Community Christmas Dinner.

He spoke of his hopes to reduce the number of management meetings and to review our approach to talks about commercial services that are of particular interest to our members.

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Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Graeme Rutledge presented the annual financial report. He reported that the bank balance at the end of the year was \$3,999. That balance included \$1,258 received for the Fall Trip, which has to be paid out at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Thus our available funds at July 31, 2017 amounted to \$2,741 - up slightly from our available funds a year ago.

The attached statement provides more detail. His formal report can be seen at <http://www.probusperth.ca/financials.htm>

PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ended July 31, 2017
(with comparative figures for previous year)

	2016-17	2015-16
Bank balance beginning of year – August 1	\$2758	\$2402
Add: Receipts		
Special events – net	192	223
Change in net receipts for fall trip from that of prior year	838	570
Membership fees	3195	3104
Commemorative bench for Stewart Park	-	1755
Total Receipts	4225	5652
Less: Disbursements		
Hall rental and refreshments	820	749
Legion wreath and donation	53	149
Name tags and pins	370	447
Speakers honorarium and lunches	514	579
Liability insurance (Probus Canada and D & O)	692	674
Office expenses (incl. Printing, postal box rental, postage, bank charges)	535	648
Commemorative bench and plaque	-	1617
Anniversary book printing	-	433
Total Disbursements	2984	5296
Bank balance end of year – July 31	\$3999	\$2758
Less: Funds already committed (re Fall trip)	1258	420
Available Funds	\$ 2741	\$ 2338

G. K. Rutledge, Treasurer