

The PROBIAN

Summer 2006

Czechoslovakia: Memories of a Magic Time

~written by Peter Craske



At the June 7th Probus meeting, and at very short notice due to the cancellation of our planned speaker, President Ian Doig did a masterful job of filling in with his slides and reminiscences of the Czech Republic. He had arrived there in the middle of January 1993, just 15 days after the newly established – or one could say – re-established country of Czechoslovakia regained its status in Europe. Ian was to teach English as a foreign language at what could be compared to an Ontario Community College. Luckily he met Stanja, a student who promptly took the stranger under his

wing and continued to help Ian during his stay – and after, since their friendship has continued to this day. In this way, Ian learned quickly to appreciate the beauty of the country with its quaint red brick houses, and glorious historical buildings – all the while picking up the language, a great aid for him in his teaching work. Together they visited museums, castles and just about all the local Biergartens. It seems that these were a particular attraction for Ian, since that was where the long-legged, short-skirted, young ladies of Prague paraded their beauty.

There were many cultural adventures too, processions, festivals, and celebrations of the many religious holidays in the country. Most were very colourful, with bands and banners, singing and dancing, and always lots of beer and slivovitz – a very potent local plum brandy.. Since the bands, from Bohemia, Slovenia and other areas, stopped frequently en route for refreshments, the parties got exuberant to say the least. Your presentation was a great way to end our Probus season – “Dekuju, Ian.”

Probus Perth: Celebrating the first ten years



Celebrate with your fellow Probians as we mark ten years of fellowship at a gala luncheon at Links o’Tay Golf Club on **October 4, 2006**. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for drinks, with lunch at 12:30. Book your place at

the September meeting. The cost is \$20/person. An interesting program of nostalgia and entertainment has been planned. All ten Presidents of Probus Perth will be present, including some you may not have

seen for a number of years. **Please note:** There will be **no regular meeting** at the Legion on October 4. just the 10th anniversary celebration at the golf club.



THE PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH

Meets first Wednesday of each month,
September to June

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Annual General Meeting September 6, 2006

The September Probus meeting includes our Annual General Meeting. The Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ending July 31, 2006 will be available at the meeting. Annual dues at \$20/person are payable now by mail or at the meeting - **cheques only, please.**

The slate of candidates for positions on the 2006-2007 Management Team follows:

President:	Keith Brown
Vice President:	Helen Black
Past President:	Ian Doig
Treasurer:	Archie Hurge
Secretary:	Chris McGuire-Sherwin
Program:	Ian Doig
Special Events:	Denise Mullins
Membership:	Rod Woolham
Facilities:	Ella Thompson
Webmaster:	Colin Stephenson
Newsletter:	(no candidate)

For the past few years, the **Probian** has been available online at the Probus Canada website. This year we are moving further into the web world by establishing our very own website, **[probusperth.ca](http://www.probusperth.ca)**. Our Webmaster, Colin Stephenson, has created this milestone just in time for our tenth anniversary. He will demonstrate its virtues for us all at the September meeting.

Wine, Probians (and song?) on the Wine Tour



Thanks to photographer Peter Craske

SPECIAL EVENTS

A big thank you to Margie Brady for organizing the Annual Golf Tournament, and congratulations to **her** team for winning the event. Coincidence? No, technical superiority!

October 4: Probus Perth 10th Anniversary celebration. Meeting and lunch at the Links o'Tay. Those who expect to miss the September meeting should reserve their place by calling Dale Nugent at 613-267-4026. Choice of chicken/asparagus/mushroom crepe or grilled chicken caesar salad. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

October 12-14: Trip to the Stratford Festival. Due to cancellations, a few spaces remain. Arrangements should be made at Heritage

Travel, and final payments are now due.

December 14: Mark your calendar for the Christmas Party(!)

May 30 - June 2, '07: Bus trip to Magog, Quebec. It may sound far in the future, but 20 people have already signed up! Details of this four-day, three-night trip will be available at the next meeting. It's considered a real steal!

If you have ideas for new events or trips, talk to Denise Mullins (267-3479).

Please note that all bus trips begin and end at the Legion parking lot. There is a \$5/day charge for overnight parking, but single day parking is free.

The current issue of the **Probian** can be viewed on the Web at <http://www.probus.org/6perth.htm>
Check out the news from Probus clubs around the world at <http://www.probus.org>

Speaker's Corner

In **September**, our guest will be Catherine Shearon who is a personal health trainer. Catherine is particularly interested in speaking to a group of retired individuals, and we should learn quite a bit about keeping fit for all Probus' great activities.

Our Program Coordinator is always open to your suggestions for future topics and speakers. He also needs to hear from members who would be willing to introduce and thank speakers. Biographical notes are always provided.