



**THE PROBUS CLUB  
 OF PERTH**  
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 Probuss meets the first  
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 Sept. to June.

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## Apropos ....

“Leadership” is a word bandied about by pundits in print and on TV; a word they often use in describing an almost bewildering variety of people. From Xerxes to Hitler and Robespierre to Pol Pot an endless list of tyrants have claimed to be leaders. But here in the Perth area, we see the results of the truth in Harry Truman’s statement (see Quote for the Month on page 3) being lived out — because egos and coercion are replaced by a genuine desire to serve the community.

Effective leadership by many of our neighbours has created a civil society second to none. Two recent examples will suffice: The Stewart Park Festival bringing together artists from near and far for a magical weekend enjoyed by thousands of Perthites and visitors of all ages. It’s the result of an army of volunteers well motivated and directed. The new public dock at Rideau Ferry resulted from leadership at many levels of government and civic groups — all working together to produce a long term benefit for many Rideau Canal communities. The scores of other activities by clubs, associations, churches, athletic teams, service clubs, musical and theatre groups throughout the year share in this form of community leadership. We’re very grateful.

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

## A Discussion of Ticks and Lyme Disease in Our Area

**Guest speakers: Dr. Geoff Hart, Al McGregor & Lisa Saunders**

A full house of Probians and their guests were treated to an informative and at times arresting presentation about ticks and Lyme disease. Perth Vet, Dr. Geoff Hart, led off with a complete description first clearing up some misconceptions of what ticks are and which ones carry Lyme disease. These insects can only crawl and so we have to brush against either a leaf or animal where the tick is. The life cycle of the dangerous ticks, the ones with the “black hood”, is up to two years. So to minimize our risk of getting Lyme disease we all should avoid the habitats that ticks like, long-bladed grass and on animals. We must remove the tick from our bodies immediately once we’ve discovered it. Products to protect our pets and remove ticks from



them and ourselves are readily available at veterinarians and pharmacies. Should we notice that our dog is sore and lame, we should see a vet for a proper inspection.

Dr. Hart was followed by Al McGregor who told of his personal experience after having contracted Lyme and of his struggle to get effective treatment. It seems we are still in the early stages of awareness of Lyme’s in the medical fraternity, public health officials and the general public. His story truly moved the members. Everyone listened very carefully.



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## Ticks and Lyme.....continued

Lisa Saunders, a nurse, then followed with her story but also her outline of what we, the public, medical staff, public health officials and educators need to do in order to properly inform and protect all of us from this serious and debilitating disease.



After the presentations, Probians were united in their gratitude for the excellence of the material offered and the courage of all the presenters who, at some personal cost, led us along their own journeys. After the meeting was over, many attending hoped that a resource would soon be available for all of us outlining the risks, the preventive measures, and how to proceed if infected. In fact Al McGregor has provided his personal notes on the subject, which are now [available on our website](#). Many thanks indeed to Clive Addy who introduced the speakers and Dr. Hart, Al McGregor and Lisa Saunders.

## Speakers' Corner



Our September speaker will be **James Bissett** on lessons learned from the Balkans and present events in the Ukraine and on the effectiveness of NATO. Mr. Bissett is a former Canadian

Ambassador with 36 years of service in the government of Canada. He was the Canadian Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Albania and worked in Russia from 1992 to 1997 as Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration. He previously spoke to Probus in May 2013.

## Personal Profile ~ Mike Selig

For a man who described himself as “born-in-the-backwoods” with 10 brothers and sisters, who then had to leave home to go to high school, Mike has had an amazing career in teaching in Canada and abroad. After taking early retirement from his teaching position in Nova Scotia at age 52, Mike



went to work as college Counselor and ultimately director of the International School of Aleppo in Aleppo Syria. His initial 2 year contract was extended and Mike and his wife found Syria to be safe and enjoyable at the time and so different from the Syria of today. In fact they consider their years in Syria to be four of the best years in their lives. The experience was followed later on by a two year stint teaching in China. Mike and his wife have travelled extensively all over the world. Even successfully beating back Multiple Myeloma seemed quite natural for this active and resourceful Probian. He seems to epitomize the advice he received from one of his MM buddies, which was: “Live your life each day as if you will die tomorrow. Plan your life in the future as if you will live forever. Love for eternity”.

## Management Team Notes



- To avoid the fee payment line-ups that normally take place at the September meeting, the Management Team is urging members to renew by mail. There is a renewal form attached to this edition. Please fill out this form and send it together with your cheque to Probus Box 20131, Perth, Ont., K7H 3M6.
- The September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting.
- The Management Team would like to thank Dennis Dwyer for his editorial work on the Probian for the past 3 years. New member Max Wood has agreed to take over from Dennis.
- We are looking for a volunteer who could look after the audio-visual requirements for our Probus Meetings. Please talk to Colin Stephenson for further information if you are interested in contributing in this way.

## Lunch After September Meeting

To be held at Around the Corner Restaurant  
40 Foster Street, Perth

## Special Future Events



- September 26 ~ Fall bus trip to Ottawa to go on the Ottawa River Cruise, Lunch at [“Buffet des Continent”](#) and visit to the Governor General’s Home. Cost is \$87 per person, with cheques payable to Probus Club of Perth or exact cash. For the 40 people who have already reserved and any others who now wish to go, **it is important to bring your payment to the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting**, or failing that to mail your cheque to Mary Kilgour, 121 Juniper Dr., Perth ON, K7H 3C7, before September 12<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves at 8:30 from the Factory parking lot, 40 Sunset Blvd. Perth ([Map](#)). Feel free to invite friends to join you as the bus holds 52 people.
- October 9 ~ Dinner Theatre Event ~ Dinner at [Maximillians](#) at 5:30pm, followed by Studio Theatre Presentation [“Crimes of the Heart”](#). Theatre tickets are \$18 and people may sign up at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Probus meeting or by contacting Mary.
- December 5 ~ Christmas Dinner/ Dance. Lion’s Club Hall Perth. Social time starts at 6pm, followed by dinner, prizes, gifts and dancing.

## The Gananoque Trip



## Slate of Directors Proposed for 2014-2015

President – Jean Crowley  
Vice President - Bill Kennedy  
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Treasurer – Don Sherwin  
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Special Events – Mary Kilgour (Ted Glugosh\*)  
Program – David Farquharson (Gardner Church\*,  
Fran McNaughton\* & Brian O’Connor\*)  
Newsletter & Webmaster – Colin Stephenson  
(Max Wood\*)  
Facilities Manager – Geoffrey Newman\*

*Note: \* indicates non-voting support resources who are not members of the Management Team and would not be expected to attend management meetings.*

## The June Luncheon



## Management Team at the June Meeting



## Quote for the Month

**“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit”**

.....Harry S. Truman



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**  
**SEPTEMBER - AUGUST**

<b>NAME(S)</b> <i>(include all members)</i>	
<b>ADDRESS</b> <i>(Incl. postal code)</i>	
<b>PHONE</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	
<b>CHEQUE</b>	Membership fees are \$20 per person payable by Sept. meeting. Amount enclosed: \$20 _____ or \$40 _____ <i>(if spouse is a member).</i>
<p align="center"><i>Members are encouraged to renew by mail to avoid line-ups at the September meeting.</i></p> <p align="center"><a href="#">Click here for fillable version of this form</a></p> <p align="center"><i>Please type or print clearly, flagging any changes and return form and cheque to:</i></p> <p align="center">Probus Box 20131, Perth, Ont., K7H 3M6</p> <p align="center">Note: Your personal information will be protected in accordance with our <a href="#">Privacy Policy</a>.</p>	

**PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH**  
**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements**  
For Fiscal Year ending July 31, 2014

<b>Bank Balance as of August 1, 2013</b>	<b>\$3,386.60</b>
<b>Add: Revenues:</b>	
Surplus, Special Events: (Sept. trip .08 (loss): Xmas party 115.73; Studio Theatre 34.00; Gan. Theatre 62.39: June lunch 20.00 (loss)	192.04
Membership Fees	2,550.00
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>2,742.04</b>
<b>Equals:</b>	<b>\$6,128.64</b>
<b>Less: Expenditures:</b>	
Net expense, Peterborough bus trip (amt. pd. in 2012-13)	1,104.50
Deposit for fall excursion to Echo Tours and Travel	100.00
Bank Charges	48.00
Legion Hall Rental	650.00
Legion Donation	100.00
Name Tags and Pins	83.04
Past President's Gift	75.00
Post Box Rental	169.50
Postage	76.54
Printing/copying	73.46
Probus Centre Liability Insurance/Registration	302.50
Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance	324.00
Cenotaph Wreath	49.00
Speakers' Honoraria and Lunches	324.32
Over 90's lunch & certificates	166.25
Laser pointer & mouse	67.79
Cards	10.60
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>3,724.50</b>
<b>Bank Balance as of July 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$2,404.14</b>
<b>Surplus or (Deficit) for Year:</b>	<b>\$122.04*</b>
* Taking into account \$1,104.50 pd. for Peterborough bus trip in 2012-13	

Donald F. Sherwin, Treasurer, July 1, 2014

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**I have reviewed the Cash Receipts and Disbursement Journal of the Club, Bank Statements and supporting vouchers. All is in order and it is believed that this statement indicates completely and accurately the financial status of the Probus Club of Perth.**

**Donald M. McNaughton**  
**Financial Reviewer**