



# The Probe

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## Thanks, Michael!

At the January meeting, John Wright welcomed Michael Davis to the very exclusive "Past-presidents' Club", presented him with his badge of office and thanked him for his term as president.

## Party Time - "Best Yet"

**Garth Hampson** led the entertainment for what many described as the best Christmas Party we have ever had. Garth was accompanied by **Tim Piper**, **Rod Clipperton**, an unexpected but very welcome guest, and **Edna Wright** gave us Christmas readings.

The first item was a Nativity reading from the Bible by **Pastor Denise McCartney** then Garth sang *Here we come a Wassailing* followed by carols with everyone joining in. Rod read from *A Christmas Carol* then more carols and Rod again, with extracts from *The Martha Stewart Advent Calendar*. Edna continued a 'tradition' started by her late husband by reading from *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. **Walter Terentiuk** did sterling work with cue cards as Garth moved into music hall melodrama, which he followed with *The Little Pudden Basin that belonged to Auntie Flo*. Rod almost succeeded in his attempt to read *The Seniors Night before Christmas*. He got as far as:

"Our supper so festive - the joy wouldn't stop -  
Was creamy warm oatmeal with sprinkles on top.  
Our salad was Jell-O, so jiggly and great,  
Then puree of fruitcake was spooned on each plate."

- before breaking up. He was able to continue after a few moments.

**Audrey Reekie**, **Marie-Neige Atchison** and **Margery Larsen** then took over with a display of Christmas goodies.

The Shepherds of Good Hope benefitted from the contents of the Loonie Bin.

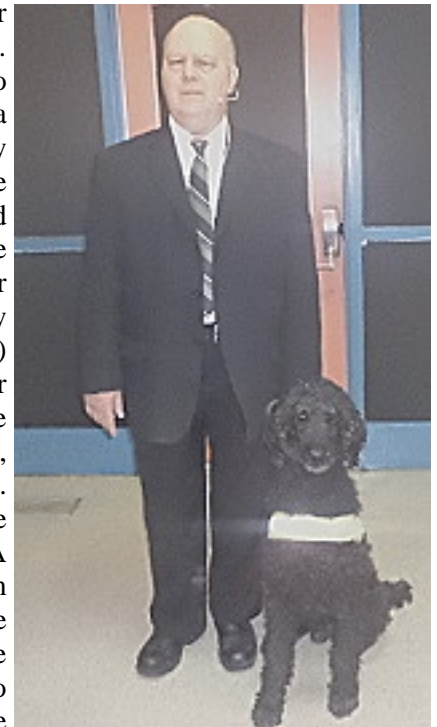
## **PROBUS' Vital Purpose ...**

**To stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time in life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred.**

## Can you wait 100 years?

One of the concepts **Terry Green** laid out for us is that of the 100 year flood plain. A Conservation Authority (CA) may forbid building if, in its opinion, the building may be on a flood plain at any time in 100 years.

Terry has specialized in property rights in his legal practice. One of his current cases involves a couple who bought a property for a retirement home. When they applied to the municipality for a building permit they were referred to the CA. The CA refused permission because they were on a river (which is why they picked the property) and that the river would, at some time within 100 years, create a flood plain. To add to the complexity, the CA had built a dam downstream of the property which gave it the ability to increase or decrease the size of nature's efforts to flood, or to create a flood plain.



*Terry Green and Churchill*

For anyone to own land, the land must have been granted by the Monarch to someone. At the time of the grant, the Crown may have made reservations. Once the grant is made, the Crown alienates itself from the land, except for any reservations it has made. Two points of reservation may be waterfront and mineral rights.

The Crown reserves rights to navigable waters. Some property owners may have rights to the water's edge. Others may have a set back with the water's edge reserved to the Crown. The question then arises, what is the water's edge when the 100 year flood plain concept

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is invoked?

A CA has no authority per se but applies to the Ministry to authorize its positions. There are several CA's in Ontario, each with a different set of regulations approved by the Ministry at different times. This is contrary to the rights of Ontarians to have the same laws in place across the province.

What are the rights of Municipalities to tell you what you may or may not do on your property? Terry questioned the validity of zoning laws and suggested that you could build anything you want on your own property BUT if you want electricity or plumbing then safety demands adherence to a code and requires a permit.

The first question from the audience was on aboriginal rights. Reservations made by the Crown for aboriginal lands are unique. For example the Crown reserved the right to manage the land for aboriginals. Next up was mineral rights. Terry did not get into any detail but mentioned the situation in Nunavut where 80% of the land is reserved to aboriginals but 80% of the useful mineral rights is on the other 20% of the land.

Your editor reserves the right to ignore the question on outhouses.

Terry was accompanied by his guide dog, **Churchill**, a standard poodle. **Lynne Bond** introduced them. **Joan Evans** thanked Terry and presented the Probus pin, pen and membership.

## March 27th - Trudy Stephen

**Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro** - six Ottawa ladies reached the summit of Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro, nearly 6,000 metres (about 20,000 feet) above sea level. **Trudy Stephen** was one of those ladies and will tell us about the climb, illustrating her talk with photographs from the book of the expedition.

Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa and the highest 'free-standing' mountain in the world. It was first conquered in 1889 after several failed attempts over the previous 18 years.

## April 24th - Hugh Reekie

**The Sir John Franklin Expedition, Dr John Rae & Canada's North-west passage.** The strait named after Dr. Rae was the last link in the North-west Passage. **Hugh Reekie**, President of the St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa, will tell us about this surgeon from the Orkneys who surveyed the uncharted coastline of northern Canada and solved the puzzle of the Franklin expedition's disappearance.

## Probus Finances in 2011

The Probus Club of Ottawa – Alta Vista continued in good shape financially. At the end of 2012 the club's financial assets were \$3,018 compared with \$2,754 for 2011 indicating an increase of \$264. However, one half of our donation to Gloucester Presbyterian Church (\$500) was made in 2011. Membership (the largest source of income) was 113 in 2012 down from the 134 in 2011. We do hope to increase memberships for 2013.

Probus Club of Ottawa - Alta Vista can look forward to another successful year as it will be financially capable offering a full program with interesting speakers and activities.

	2012	2011
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>2,754</b>	<b>3,814</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Memberships		
-Current Year	970	700
-Following Year	1,230	900
Loonie Bin	550	507
Spring Fling '12	600	450
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>2,557</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Probus Centre Fees	283	335
Pins and Name Badges	---	305
G'ster Presbyterian Church	500	1,400*
Communications	56	170
Office Supplies + Eqpt.	573	---
Meeting Refreshments	149	195
Bank Charges	56	48
Speaker Gifts	--	151
Sunshine Committee	--	--
Membership Committee	25	--
Indoor Picnic	486	436
Christmas Entertainment	250	90
Christmas Donation	---	50
Other	108	--
Spring Fling 2011	600	450
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,086</b>	<b>3,630</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>3,018</b>	<b>2,754</b>

*Allan Porter*

**Treasurer**

\* Donation to Gloucester Presbyterian Church includes the first half of the donation we decided to make in 2012.

## Probe Us – Joan Evans

As is our custom, new Presidents are tested for their ability to keep calm under stress, by having them face a barrage of questions from our Editorial Board.

*Probe: Where are you from, family, first job?*

**JE:** Botwood, Newfoundland, a seaport about 90 km from Gander. We were 5 sisters and one brother. My first job was at a new TV station in Grand Falls. I was the telecine operator, projecting movies and splicing the films to manually insert the commercials. But that was only while awaiting admission to nursing school

*Probe: Your application form says ‘Retired RN’. It sounds like you made an early decision on a full career.*

**JE:** Yes. I trained at the Grace Hospital in St. John’s, and graduated in 1964. I took my shiny new qualifications home to our 50-bed Cottage Hospital for a while, then back to St. Johns for 3 years and on to Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa.

*Probe: There must be more to it than that, tell us something about your time at the Cottage Hospital.*

**JE:** Well, for one thing, I delivered about 50 babies in 6 months without an attending physician. That was quite an experience!

*Probe: In Montreal?*

**JE:** There I specialized in hemodialysis and later moved to Sunnybrooke Hospital in Toronto where I stayed for 12 years with the same specialization.

*Probe: And your move to Ottawa?*

**JE:** 1987. This was a career change. McDonnell-Douglas wanted to introduce their health information system into Canada and established a pilot project at the Civic. I worked for them as a Senior Client Services Rep. for 4 years before they sold that part of their business and interest in the Canadian market died. After that I joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa, as Academic Administrator until I retired in 2001.

*Probe: But that was not the end of your career – we know that you have been called out of town on more than one occasion.*

**JE:** Since I “retired” I have been doing contract work at



the Ottawa Hospital and Elizabeth Bruyère Research Centre – most recently on studies on *Improved Delivery of Cardiovascular Care*.

*Probe: Your application form lists interests as “music, dance, hiking” would you care to expand on that?*

**JE:** I should have added “travel”. I love music. I was a volunteer at the Ottawa Chamber Music festival for 11 years and I have volunteered at the Jazz festival for the past 7 years. I’ve been a member of the International Folkdancers of Ottawa since 1988. We dance every Thursday night all year.

*Probe: You joined Probus the day Domenic D’Arcy sang at our Christmas party, is that a tie in with your love of music.*

**JE:** That was a bonus. I first heard about Probus from **Lucy Petraroja** and then over coffee from **Jean Lupton** and **Joyce Wright**. With that kind of a recommendation and the opportunity to hear **Ed Broadbent**, I came as a guest in November 2007.

*Probe: The other item was hiking?*

**JE** Another love. My biggest accomplishment was completing the end-to-end hike from Ottawa to Kingston in 2005 as a member of the Rideau Trail Association.

*Probe: Let’s follow up on the ‘travel’. You told us about your Baltic cruise at our July 2011 meeting, what else?*

**JE:** In the early 70’s I took a 2 year trip around the world, alone, stopping in Sydney, Australia, long enough to earn my fare on an overland trek from Katmandu to London, England. From there, I took a bus tour to Germany, Poland & Russia, until the bus crashed. With my right arm broken, I managed to send postcards which just said "From Russia, With Love".

*Probe: And more recently?*

**JE:** In all I’ve been on 6 ocean cruises (including one as the night nurse on a cruise in the South Pacific) and 3 European River cruises. You can add to that visits to a number of countries.

*Probe: Sounds like material for more talks. Congratulations on your election. Have a good year!*



## Please keep checking our web site

If you want to see what's happening on Parliament Hill, look at the 'Spare Page' on our web site. It is hooked up to a camera which is on 24/7. It is a 'still' picture but a click on the 'Update' button on your browser will update it.

When we have to make late adjustments to the speaker roster, the web site is the first source of information. Our invaluable Telephone Tree always follows up with the latest news.

If you have missed a couple of meetings or recycled your copy of *The Probe*, the web is the place to check out the next speakers.

A recent addition is full information on the *Spring Fling*.

[www.probusaltavista.ca](http://www.probusaltavista.ca)

## Spring Fling - May 7th

The Fling will be flung this year by Probus Western Ottawa (née Kanata). They will be flinging it at the Tudor Hall on Bowesville Road, which is very handy for Alta Vista members.

The cost this year will be \$35. Their deadline means that you must **sign up no later than at our March meeting**.

## July 24th - In-house

We already have 1 speaker lined up for July 24th but we need 4 more. We can help by making presentations from photographs. For some of our past speakers it was their first time in front of an audience **and all survived!**

Your club needs you!

## World Views

### Free Monthly Photo Evenings Winter/Spring 2013 Program

Bethany Baptist Church

Centrepointe Drive West at Baseline Road

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. - All welcome

Saturday, Mar. 30 – Canoeing from Ottawa to Washington for clean water - Max Finkelstein

Saturday, Apr. 27 – Equador & the Galapagos Islands - Rick Whiteford

For more information call Sholto Cole at 613-721-3367.

Information courtesy of **John Kruthof**

## The Hon. Francis Muldoon

Born in Winnipeg in 1930, Frank Muldoon passed away on January 9th, 2013, in Ottawa.

After practicing law in Manitoba for 14 years, he was appointed chairman of the Manitoba Law Reform Commission. This led to his appointments as vice-president and later president of the Law Reform Commission of Canada. In 1983 he joined the bench of the trial division of the Federal Court of Canada and the Court Martial Appeal Court.

At our recent Christmas Party, Frank could be counted as one of the five founder members still active in the Club. He joined on Day 1, September 22, 1999.

We offer our sympathy to Lucille and their family.

## John R. Morris 1918-2012

John was responsible for the formation of Probus in Canada. Following a visit to Australia and New Zealand in 1981, where he was introduced to the Probus concept, John engaged Rotary Clubs to sponsor Probus Clubs with the first club being formed in Cambridge, Ontario, in 1987. John held two offices at Probus Centre Canada, President and Executive Director, dual roles he performed for 11 years. To honour John's service his colleagues on the Board of Directors appointed him Founder and President Emeritus with a permanent seat on the Board. He served in that position with dedication and distinction.

The **John R. Morris Founder's Award** is presented to deserving members who create new Probus clubs.

## All Ireland Probus Rally

This really is a "Stop Press" item.

"We in the Athlone Probus Club in Ireland are hosting a **PROBUS RALLY** from **May 15th to 17th, 2013**. As this is the *Year of the Gathering* in our little country, we are extending a very warm welcome to Probus members and their guests from all over the world."

Check "<http://probusrally2013.blogspot.ie/>" for details.



## Dues 2013

Please check the sign-in sheet and make sure it says "Paid 13" against your name.