



# The Probe

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Ottawa/Alta Vista will be held on Wednesday, November 27th, 2013 in the Church Hall of Gloucester Presbyterian Church after the regular club meeting.

The agenda will include:

- Minutes of the 2012 AGM and matters arising from the minutes.
- Treasurer's Report and Financial Business.
- President's Report and Review.
- Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers and Management Committee members for 2014.
- Such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

*Bruce Dodd - Secretary*

**Please stay for the meeting - we need 20% of the membership to constitute a quorum.**



... to join the Management Committee.

We need a **Secretary**, a newsletter editor and reporters, a second person on membership, and members-at-large.

Or share one of the other positions and take over next year.

## Cyber Peril and Security

The 28<sup>th</sup> of August had us welcome Jean Francois Sauriol to speak to us and educate us on the perils in the cyber world. Lynne Bond introduced Mr. Sauriol, who prefers 'JF', and is the Chief Security Consultant at Phirelight, an innovator in Internet and business process security. To start the morning off, we put JF to work as he discovered an irregularity in Gloucester Presbyterian's WIFI!!! He recommended the measures to follow and hopefully they were able to resolve any issues.

Mr. Sauriol is an Electrical Engineering graduate of RMC. He obtained a Masters in Electrical Engineering from Concordia in 1989 and capped it all off with a Masters in Engineering Management from the University of Ottawa in 1993. Over the past 6 years JF has been invited over 100 times by French and English School Boards in Ottawa to lecture elementary and high school students, as well as parents and teaching staff on cyber security and the prevention of cyber bullying and was only too willing to add grand parents to his demographic.

His presentation immediately cleared up the spelling of his company's name. A dozen years ago, when they went to register as Firelight, they discovered that name was protected by a New Hampshire candle company. So, rather than go into candle making, an adjustment was made and PHIRELIGHT was launched. Their mission is to provide value added protection to networked environments using their own methodology and series of security offerings.

JF immediately presented his first piece of advice... **GO HOME AND ADD IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION** to your insurance. Let's hope some of us did. The points following covered a range of actions to keep your system secure. Many were amazed at how extensive and pervasive hacking has become. Tips were provided on what types of installations provided the most secure applications. JF himself was using his own laptop computer, but demonstrated to the audience that all the functions of that computer were also on his iPhone 5, the size of an ordinary cell phone. He warned us against opening links in emails and suggested that they be saved

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in email and then mouse over to indicate the ACTUAL origination of the link. Somewhat intimidating to say the least. Several anti-virus products were recommended and they are in the presentation notes which are being posted on the Alta Vista Probus website. His advice on what systems to install or uninstall was a surprise to many, and his suggestion for passwords brought a hearty round of laughter. The password he put up on the screen was IHWBILF...and the immediate reaction was "how in the world would one remember that???" Well try ....I Hate Work But I Love Fishing .....what a novel idea!!! JF Sauriol was able to keep the audience involved in the whole issue, a very impassioned speaker and judging from the applause, very well received.

We were all scrambling to take notes, so it was decided that the most practical method to ensure accurate collection of the information is to post the entire document on the website.

Our President Joan Evans thanked JF for his very informative, if somewhat terrifying, presentation and presented him with a years membership in our club.

#### JF's Presentation on the web

Go to our web site and click JF Sauriol in the left menu or go directly to [www.probusaltavista.ca/jfsauriol.pdf](http://www.probusaltavista.ca/jfsauriol.pdf)

## From the Internet - Part 2

In the August Probe we gave the first half of the results a teacher got back when she gave each of the 26 six-year-olds in her class the first part of a well-known (to an adult) proverb or saying, and asked her students to complete them. Here are the rest.

Where there's smoke there's - pollution.

Happy the bride who - gets all the presents.

A penny saved is - not much.

Two's company, three's - the Musketeers.

Don't put off till tomorrow what - you put on to go to bed.

Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and - you have to blow your nose.

There are none so blind as - Stevie Wonder.

Children should be seen and not - spanked or grounded.

If at first you don't succeed - get new batteries.

You get out of something only what you - see in the picture on the box.

When the blind lead the blind - get out of the way.

A bird in the hand - is going to poop on you.

And finally (remember - 6-years old)

Better late than - pregnant!

## Claude Bennett

**Joyce Wright** introduced Claude as a city alderman, acting mayor, MPP (with several Ministries to his credit), chairman or past chairman of the CMHC, Commonwealth Games Association of Canada, Ottawa Airport Authority and Ottawa Transition Board. He is currently on the Board of the Royal Mint.



We had asked Claude to tell us something of **Charlotte Whitton**. His first meeting with her was when he was still at school. At Lisgar, Claude, among other activities, arranged the annual dance. With other leading pupils from the school he was introduced to the (then) Mayor.

In 1958, aged 22, he decided it would be "not a bad idea" to run for City Council. His emphasis was on sports and recreation where he realized there were opportunities for growth. At the time the City had only one indoor rink and two indoor swimming pools. The City Clerk advised him that he was ineligible to stand. To become eligible, the lease of the house he and his siblings were renting was made over to him. He was elected.

Claude's first comment on Mayor Whitton was that it is too bad she is not around today - she would have looked more critically at the issues facing us. Was she a good Mayoress? Yes! She was tough on both employees and councillors. Her working day usually lasted to 1 or 2am and she thought nothing of calling anyone at that time if she wanted answers. She lived in Rockcliffe and was driven to work each day by a colleague. In those days, Ottawa still had traffic cops and the one on regular duty at Rideau and Sussex knew the car and gave it an unhindered access to City Hall, and gave her a smile as

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she passed him. She wondered why.

On the question of her supposed anti-semitic views, Claude said that he had seen no indication of such.

He then went on to talk about his time in Ontario Politics. He was first elected in 1971 and a year later was appointed 'Minister without Portfolio' by Bill Davis. In passing he stated that he had more respect for Bill Davis than for any Premier since. In an arena where bad language is commonplace he only heard Premier Davis swear once. Davis had the ability to relate to people outside the core PC supporters and carried the whole province.

After he retired, undefeated, in 1987 after 16 years in the Legislature Claude was appointed Chairman of the Board of CMHC, a position he held for 5 years. CMHC became an example followed in other parts of the world - unfortunately not including Freddie Mac in the US.

His love of sport took him to the presidency of the Canadian Commonwealth Games Association in 1998.

Since then he has held two high profile positions. As Chairman of the Airport Authority he inherited an inadequate facility and recognized that, "something had to be done". The first challenge was finding the \$350 million to realize the design. One of the cost-cutting suggestions was to take out the waterfall. Claude refused, "It's our signature and it will make the airport." The project came in under budget and 6 months ahead of schedule.

He has mixed feelings about the Ottawa transition. He had a strong board to work with and was pleased with the it's conclusions but he felt that they needed 2 to 3 years to implement the changes. One of the key issues which has been ignored was the need for a Board of Control with councillors elected city wide. The current ward system means that councillors are parochial and do not have a city wide view.

Claude now plays golf "three to four hundred times a year", a game he took up only 10 years ago. "one of the great things in life is to enjoy the outdoors"

Claude was asked many questions which continued after the meeting. On politics, he commented that when he ran for council he had 200 sheets of letterhead and 200 envelopes. Today campaigns have become too professional and the most important thing in political life is getting re-elected.

**Dan Kelley** said that he served on the Public School Board and in the run up to the election he happened to be sitting next to Charlotte Whitton in a meeting. He must have impressed her because she donated \$50 to his campaign.

## November 27th - 10,000 Villages

It is over 10 years since **Monica Scheifele** talked to us about 10,000 Villages. She brought along several examples of the craft work available at the store; a wooden tube with small pebbles which has the soothing sound of rainfall when upturned; a statue in white Kenya softstone; mobiles; an onyx apple from a co-operative in Karachi which has several hundred artisans; an ocarina and a ukulele from Peru; and also coffee, tea and dried fruit.

At that time, there was one store in Ottawa, at 371 Richmond Road, now there is a second store at 1174 Bank Street (mid-way between the Billings Bridge and the canal). 10,000 Villages is a 'Fair Trade' organization and the two stores offer a treasure trove of crafts from all over the world.

There will be a display of some of the items which may give you some ideas for Christmas.



## December 11th Christmas Party



Christmas Day is the 4th Wednesday in December so we brought our Annual Christmas Party forward by two weeks.

The details are not yet settled but we have a pretty firm commitment from Garth Hampson and friends, and we do know that the massed voices of the Alta Vista Probus Club Choir will be heard across the land.

We ask that you provide the Christmas fare. Trying to divide our membership list into three equal halves, we found that the **M's** straddle the dividing line, so ...

... if your last name starts with:

- **A to G**, please bring sandwiches.
- **H to Mc**, please bring Christmas goodies, cake and squares (i.e. finger food - no pies).
- **Me to Z**, please bring appetizers, cheese, crackers, dips, veggie bites.



**More details in the November  
Flyer.**



## How to find us

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month except December (2nd Wednesday) in the Hall of Gloucester Presbyterian Church, 91 Pike Street.

Our meetings begin at 10 but members start arriving soon after 9:30 for coffee, cookies and chat. Try it - you'll like it!

## Poetry Corner



Remember remember the fifth of November  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder, treason  
Should ever be forgot...

The picture is of the 'Gunpowder Plot' conspirators. L to R: Thomas Bates, Robert Wintour, Christopher Wright, **John Wright**, Thomas Percy, Guy Fawkes (the explosives expert), Robert Catesby (the instigator) and Thomas Wintour. Fawkes was tried for treason, convicted, hung, drawn and quartered.

There is no special reason for noting the 408th anniversary of the 'Gunpowder Plot' except that your editor will be in London on November 5th.

John wishes to make it clear that he has no intention of following in the footsteps of his namesake and would never consider damaging any Parliament buildings - not even the Senate.

## Vital Purpose

Is it "self-centered" or "self-centred" or even "self-centered"? To settle this vexing question a visit to the Probus Canada web site seemed in order. The "Vital Purpose" was not to be found!

An enquiry resulted this response from the GM, **Reg Whynott** -"The statement you refer to has been changed over the years in response to suggestions and there are now two statements which are used on some of our material. There is no obligation to use them in any specific form. Should you wish to use either you may adjust to suit your own Club purposes if you so desire."

The two statements are:

"Clubs for Retired Professional & Business Persons, Former Executives & Others."

"Clubs for Retired or Semi-Retired Persons who wish to get together with others in like circumstances to meet, learn and enjoy fellowship on an ongoing basis."

Clearly there is a need for in-depth discussion.

## Chicken - shall I?

As the November meeting will be followed by the AGM it will be close to lunch time when we finish. This makes it a good day to have one of our occasional lunch-time get-togethers.

After careful analysis of all the suggestions she received, our President has announced that the most votes went to **Chicken Chalet**. The location is just south of Walkley on the west side of Bank.

Based on previous lunches we can give them a rough estimate of the number, but Joan will be asking for a show of hands at the meeting, to confirm.

## Kitchen

**Elizabeth Gluckstal** is taking over the kitchen from **Audrey Reekie**.

It is really a two-person job, so we would like another member to help out.

Like most tasks needed to keep the Club running smoothly, it is not onerous, but it needs doing.

## Chairmen

Chairs have to be put out at every meeting. Usually there are one or two people who come early and lend a hand but sometimes it just does not happen.

Would you be willing to make a commitment for (say) 3 months to come by 9:30 and put out chairs. Please talk to **Wib** on the membership desk.

## Dues 2014

At our October meeting, we open the books for the payment of membership fees for 2014 which are due by January 1st. Just as a reminder, the fees are \$20 (single) and \$30 (family).

Any new members joining after October 1st 2013 will have their membership extended to December 31, 2014.

## One of life's little mysteries

Why is there always an awkward space left over?

### **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-centered.**