



# The Probe

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## 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.

## Passwords and Beyond

Our headline last June was *The Nigerian Princess with \$50,000,000 to share with you*. We asked **Brock Godfrey** of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre to visit us again and tell us more about on-line fraud.

Brock quickly recapped the top 5 scams which he had talked about last year:

- Identity theft - Gathering personal information and using it to create a bogus twin.
- Service calls - "I'm calling from Microsoft and we have detected a problem with your computer."
- Extortion - You tax money and unless you pay the police will arrest you within the hour.
- Lottery prize - Just send \$\$\$ to claim your prize.
- Romance - The fraudster builds a long-term relationship before money is mentioned.

He then got into the main issue, passwords. "The longer, the stronger." One suggestion for creating a password which you can remember but is sufficiently complex is to take a word sequence which you know well and use the first letters of each word. An example is the National Anthem which would give ocohanltplia??c. Question marks are usually allowed and these two avoid remembering whether you used the new or old version. Complexity can be added by capitalizing some letters and changing a letter to a number. If I capitalize the letters which occur in my first name it becomes OcOHaNltplia??c. Some passwords have to have at least one number, so maybe OcOHaN6tp6a??c.

This is fine but using the same password for everything is not a good idea and remembering which words apply to bank, phone account, aeroplane, airmiles, etc., etc. is not a practical proposition. The answer is a Password Manager. This is software which will generate complex passwords for every occasion and store them in an encoded format. Then you only need one password to enter the vault and get the one you need. A Password Manager rated highly by PC Magazine is "dashlane".

Brock then continued by discussing other security measures, again giving examples highly rated by PC Magazine. "Bitdefender" for anti-virus; NordVPN for a virtual Private Network, and "Backblaze" for complete backups.

Other sage advice included, "Treat your password like a toothbrush. Change it often; Don't leave it lying around; Don't share it with anyone else.", and ...

"When in doubt - don't click."



## Beechwood

Its name notwithstanding, Beechwood Cemetery has a lot of hemlocks. They gave the name to the road to the north but perhaps 'Hemlock' has the wrong connotation for a cemetery.

So, Beechwood it is and has been since 1813. In 2009, Beechwood was recognized by Act of Parliament as the National Cemetery of Canada. It is the resting place for 75,000 souls, including many members of the Canadian Forces, Veterans, War Dead, RCMP and Ottawa Police, plus Governors-General, Prime Ministers and Canadian Victoria Cross recipients.



**Nicolas (Nick) McCarthy**, the Director of Marketing, Communications and Community Outreach, gave us a guided tour through the history and the grounds - grounds which are extensive enough for another 150 years! To the casual visitor Beechwood has a very complex road network defining the several distinct areas. Close to the entrance is the 9-sided National Memorial Centre. Its restful and solemn interior hides its high-tech design. The passage of light through space was modelled on a computer for all conditions and seasons, and the acoustics and lighting are software controlled.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission looks after a large section with row on row of headstones for Veterans. In the background is the Cross of Sacrifice with the inscription "Their Name Liveth for Evermore" (Rudyard Kipling) which is a standard feature of CWGC cemeteries.

Nick mentioned one of the oddities to be found in the grounds - a statue of an elephant! Why? Possibly someone's idea of an indication of prosperity.

Beechwood operates on a not-for-profit basis and is not publicly funded. All funds are dedicated to its maintenance, preservation and enhancement.

Nick invited us to take the *Monthly Historical and Horticultural walking tour which operates every 3rd Sunday from April to November*. There is also an annual walking tour which will be on September 9th this year.



## Poetry Corner - In Beechwood Cemetery

Here the dead sleep--the quiet dead. No sound  
Disturbs them ever, and no storm dismays.  
Winter mid snow caresses the tired ground,  
And the wind roars about the woodland ways.  
Springtime and summer and red autumn pass,  
With leaf and bloom and pipe of wind and bird,  
And the old earth puts forth her tender grass,  
By them unfelt, unheeded and unheard.  
Our centuries to them are but as strokes  
In the dim gamut of some far-off chime.

Unaltering rest their perfect being cloaks--  
A thing too vast to hear or feel or see--  
Children of Silence and Eternity,  
They know no season but the end of time.

*Archibald Lampman (1861-1899)*

And **Dylan Thomas'** closing words from a Child's Christmas in Wales can be found if you look carefully. "I said some words to the close and holy darkness, and then I slept. "

## 15 years ago in *The Probe*

**Kathy Greiner** was one of our speakers. Kathy was charged with amalgamating 5 hydro systems when the new city was formed. She said that she had hoped to answer two basic questions, "Do you know what's happening?" and "Who's in charge?" but the only answers she had were "No" and "I don't know". Her opinion on Ontario Hydro was that it was out of control. Its finances had been badly handled both in the costs incurred and in the way the accounting was done. The result was a \$30 billion debt to be repaid. (Today, we think of that as *the good old days*.)

**Peter Conroy** based his talk on his book *Our Canal*. He showed black and white prints from the book as well as his own colour photographs. One of his anecdotes concerned a small locomotive which was driven across a swing bridge - or would have been if the bridge had not been in the open position. The bridge was where the Queensway crosses the canal.

Past-president **Russ Hammond** was in the news. He had just been appointed to a new committee covering all Probus Clubs in Eastern Ontario, Western Quebec and Northern New York State. He was also pictured at the 94th Annual Rotary International Convention in Brisbane Australia. He and Eva were 2 of the 17,000 delegates.

**John Kruithof** described a political convention he had attended in Toronto. John thought this was to be a straightforward affair with the 'crown prince' to be elected on the first ballot and an evening free to see *Mamma Mia!* Not so. It went to a 4th ballot. John described the scene - "On the convention floor, a frenzied wooing ensued of delegates whose candidate had just been ousted. I was one of those targeted. The crush of bodies was unbelievable. A young woman leaned, or was shoved, against me. She was tall, standing perhaps on trampled bodies, or I'd had my feet knocked out from under me. Her face to my ear, she earnestly begged me to vote for her candidate, promising what a vibrant party we'd wind up with if I did. Politics can be confusing at times like that, but I managed to stammer that I'd already made up my mind." (He did not get to *Mamma Mia!*)

Our second indoor picnic was in the planning stage. The approach was, if your last name starts with: **A to G** – Sandwiches: **H to K** – Dessert: **L & M** - Cheese and Crackers: **O to Z** - Salad. A footnote said Men, Last Names **A to Z** - clean-up.

## July 25 - David Jeanes - Lisgar at 175

As part of Lisgar's 175th anniversary celebrations, **David Jeanes** took on the role of a goodwill ambassador and guide. He conducted guided tours of the school and he will be our guide through the history of the school.

David is not new to Probus. In 2008, he was our August speaker on *Transportation for Ottawa*. After a career at Bell-Northern Research and Nortel, David pursued his interest in transportation as president of Transport Action, (formerly Transport 2000), and is a strong advocate for light rail in Ottawa. He is currently president of **Heritage Ottawa**, advocating for the conservation of our built heritage.

Lisgar was founded in 1843 as the Dalhousie District Grammar School. After a period as Ottawa Collegiate Institute it was renamed as Lisgar Collegiate Institute - in honour of Sir John Young, Lord Lisgar.

## August 22 - May Your Story-Tellers Expertise Reward You

That spells **MYSTERY!**

**Colin Galigan** has lined up a star-studded panel of in-house speakers but refuses to disclose their topics. All we can tell you is that the cast will be **Barbara Wilson, Bob Mady, Hugh Reekie and Merle Brown.**

## ... and a Picnic

We are going to swap caterers between Summer and December! Up 'til now the summer picnic has had outside catering and we have asked you to bring goodies for the Christmas Party. This year we are asking you to bring summer snacks and the Christmas Party will be catered.



## Dues 2018

Please check the sign-in sheet and make sure it says "Paid 18" against your name. If not, **Wib** or **Bob** will be pleased to take your money.

## Membership

We have about 80 members, down from a high of nearly 200. On two occasions we had audiences of about 120 - Ed Broadbent and Declan Kelly (then Irish Ambassador).

Your Management Committee has been scratching its collective head searching for recruitment ideas. If you have any suggestions please talk to Hugh or any Committee Member. One member suggested putting traffic cones on Hunt Club and directing cars into our parking lot. A for ingenuity but F for practicality.

## Dear Diary

### June 29th (This Friday)

Lunch and Theatre Day in Perth.

### October 16th

Leeds & Grenville will host the fall District #1 meeting.

### December 12th

**Christmas Party.** Our headliners will be Garth Hampson and Rod Clipperton. It's also Francis Albert Sinatra's birthday. Guess how old he would have been.

### May 15th, 2019

**Spring Fling** - Anna Van Adrichem-Rochon and her team at North Grenville have decided to celebrate their Club's 20th anniversary in conjunction with hosting the next Spring Fling.

## Probus Canada Web Site

The Probus Canada web site ([www.probus.org/canada.htm](http://www.probus.org/canada.htm)) has undergone extensive reworking.

It is a great source of Probus information, for example:-

"Clubs spring from two main roots: the "Campus Club" founded by the Rotary Club of Welwyn Garden City, and the "Probus Club" founded by the Rotary Club of Caterham in England, in 1965 and 1966 respectively. Probus moved to New Zealand in 1974 and Australia in 1976. There are now over 2,200 clubs and 190,000 members in the Pacific Region. The UK has also expanded tremendously.

The first Probus Club in North America was the Probus Club of Cambridge, Ontario, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Galt."

There is a humour page with the disclaimer - "If you are of sensitive nature and easily offended by generally accepted standards of humour, **please do not access this page.**" As a result, I can't tell you what is on the page.

## Program

**Colin Galigan** has told us that he will relinquish the position of Program Director at the next AGM. However, to give the new Director a head start, he will set up the program for the first three months of next year. In fact, his March speaker has asked to be moved to April so it will be 4 months.

Being in Ottawa is fortunate for us in that there are many sources of good speakers - embassies, military, public servants at all levels (retired and active), police (3 levels), arts, theatre and universities, as well as individuals with a story to tell.

Even though we have had over 200 speakers, there are still a lot left out there. Many of them will be delighted to be offered the opportunity to talk to an appreciative audience.

Colin will be happy to talk to any member who may be interested in taking over and he has lists of potential topics and people to share. A side benefit is that if you pick the speakers, you know that you are going to enjoy hearing their stories.

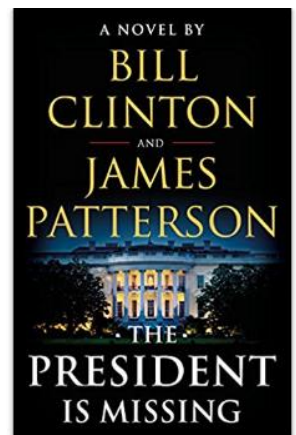
## Books

When we did a survey a few years ago we found that many of our members are avid readers - no surprise there! Would you like to share your enjoyment by providing a review?

The *Globe & Mail* has "*12 Rules for Life*" by **Jordan Peterson** at the top of its hardcover, non-fiction list and "*The President is Missing*" by **Bill Clinton** and **James Patterson** for fiction. Two possibilities but by no means the only ones.

As a guide, a column in *The Probe* is about 450 words - probably more than you need to write a review.

Reviews to John Wright - [jcwright@bell.net](mailto:jcwright@bell.net) by the 3rd Wednesday, even numbered months, please.



## Our Web Site

The owner of the servers where our web site is hosted has added an additional layer of security. This is so effective that I cannot easily make changes. Please bear with me should some errors creep in before the situation is resolved.