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Next Regular Meeting  
**Monday, March 16th**  
Brockville Country Club,  
Downstairs in the Members Lounge.  
10 am

Guest Speaker:  
**Laurie Illingworth**  
Retired Captain RCAF & Airline pilot  
He flew in 1971-73 with the Canadian  
Snowbirds, and will introduce  
and show a video on  
**THE RCAF SNOWBIRDS  
AEROBATIC TEAM**

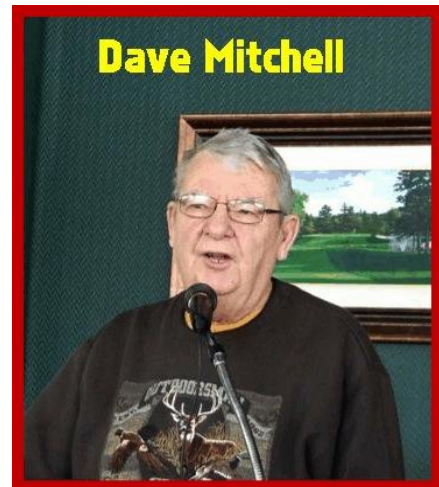


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## LAST MEETING REPORT - Raul Cirne

February 16, 2009

Our last meeting was held downstairs at the Brockville Golf and Country Club with 62 members in attendance. In the group was one guest, **Ossie Tanner**, who was introduced by his friend **Dave Cavanagh**.

Treasurer, **Evert Van Bolhuis** gave his financial report. The bank balance stood at \$6,398, with \$3,768 in the Special Events account leaving an operating balance of \$2,630. There was \$121.56 collected from 62 in attendance at the January meeting, with only a shortfall of \$2.44. There was also a Toronto Transit token passed in by someone who forgot their wallet.

From **Bob Burns**, the following cards were sent: 'get well' cards to **Jim Anderson**, **James Peter Jones**, **Al Smith** and **Frank Manning**, and a 'Sympathy' card to **Gerry Curtis**.

**Roy Millier** reported on the two upcoming bus trips this summer and fall. Registrations, so far were in the low 40s for the **Orillia** trip and low 30s for the **Stratford** trip.

**George Smith** gave details of the trip to tour the House of Commons in Ottawa on April 28th. Two types of bus are being considered, school bus or touring couch. Our security check will be at 12 noon, with the tour starting at 12.45, followed by reserved seats in the gallery for Question Period. He has extended an invitation to our sister club to join us.

**Dave Mitchell** stepped up and gave his "who am I?" speech. Dave was a member of the Brockville Police force for 30 years. He also talked about how he and his wife **Sherill** have enjoyed traveling all over North America in their fifth-wheel motor home.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was introduced by **Roy Millier**. **Bob Pearson**, a retired sales manager in the medical and health products industry, came as a representative of ROUTES TO LEARNING CANADA.

Bob has travelled extensively throughout Canada and the U.S., and has worked as a group leader on numerous tours. Routes to Learning, based in Kingston where Bob now lives, is a company that arranges trips geared to adults with a interest in life-long learning.

Small groups are preferred and are lead by "selected volunteers" like our speaker, who are paid to ensure a smooth journey for the participants. A ratio of no more than 25 travelers to one leader are preferred. Activities and trips are geared to the mobility of those attending, and typically last from 5 to 14 days.

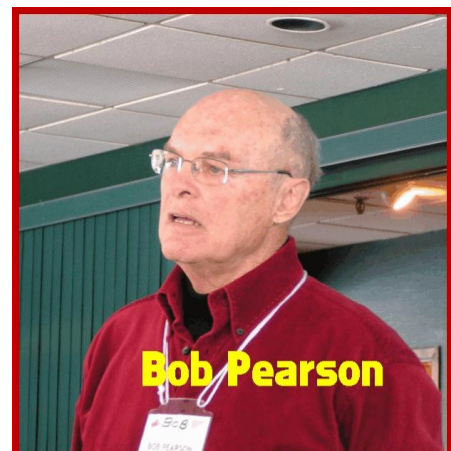


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Bob outlined the details of their 14-day *Canadian Explorer Travelogue* which involves a cross-country train tour, from Montreal to British Columbia, with stops along the way, at places of special interest. It was interesting to note that the trip was only one-way, with the return journey being up to the participants to arrange. He gave a good, detailed presentation and managed to interest a few of our members, who took home one of his tour booklets.

**Ross Butler** extended our thanks and presented Bob with a Probud pen and a certificate of appreciation.



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## UPCOMING PROBUS EVENTS

Our day trip to the **House of Commons** in Ottawa is set for **Tuesday, April 28**.

We are taking a yellow bus for this trip, and the cost per person has been set at \$15.

The bus will depart From the Food Basics parking lot at 9.30 am. The moning will include lunch at Nate's Deli on Rideau St. in Ottawa, at your expense, prior to arriving at the Parliament buildings. There will be the usual security check at the front entrance, and then we will be welcomed by MP Gord Brown, and proceed to the public gallery for "Question Period" in the Commons chamber.

Coming home, the bus will arrive back in Brockville about 4:30 pm.

All those who have made a verbal expression are now asked to give us a monetary commitment at the next meeting. We have verbal interest from 31 people. Any questions, call Roy Millier at 345 5052.

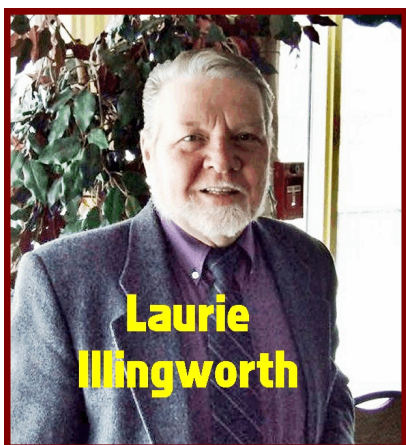


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EASTERN ONTARIO PROBUS INTER-CLUB

## SPRING FLING SOCIAL LUNCHEON

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

at the **Hellenic Centre**,  
1315 Prince of Wales Dr., **Ottawa**  
\$28 each

We are now looking for your commitment to attend this yearly event. It is being hosted and organized by our Probud colleagues at the PROBUS CLUB OF OTTAWA ALTA VISTA.

**Bob Clarke** is collecting names and checks for \$28.

Two out-of-town Excursions have been organized and registrations and deposits are now coming in:

### 1. **ORILLIA** Wed. June 17<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. June 18<sup>th</sup>

Evening performance at the **Orillia Opera House** of "Knickers". Dinner at the **Ossawippi Express**. Staying one night at the Stonegate Inn. Thurs. Morning exploring Orillia, lunch at the King's Buffet, 2-hour afternoon cruise on Lake Couchiching on board the "Princess".

Cost: \$189 per person, double, \$239 single, \$175 triple, includes all taxes and gratuities. *Forty-four people have deposited their \$50 registration fees.* There is still room for 12 more.

### 2. **STRATFORD** Wed. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> to Fri. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

Two-night stay at the Shakespeare Inn. Theatre performances of "West Side Story" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". Dinner in Stratford and Lunch at the Mandarin restaurant on the way home.

Cost: \$398 per person, double, includes all taxes and gratuities. *Forty deposits of \$75 have been received.* There is still room for 16 more.

Members may invite non-members on these trips. An application form for the last two trips has previously been distributed. Fill it out and present it with your deposit to **Roy Millier** at the next meeting.

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The next **Management Team Meeting** will be held at the **First Baptist Church** on **Wednesday, April 1, at 9:00 am.**