



# Probus Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley

*A Meeting of Minds*

**November 4, 2009 (10 a.m.)**

**Tomkins Hall, St. James Anglican Church  
1188 Bridge Street, Manotick, Ontario, K4M 1A4**

## ***Canada's part in the Boer War***

*Speaker: Brian A. Reid*

Brian A. Reid was born in Fort Erie, Ontario, and joined the regular Canadian army in 1957 as a gunner before being commissioned as an officer in 1961. During a military career that spanned nearly four decades, he served in regimental, staff and liaison appointments in Canada, Europe and the United States. His last appointment, before his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 1994, was with the Joint Plans and Operations Staff at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

Brian is the author of *Our Little Army in the Field: The Canadians in South Africa* and of studies in *Fighting For Canada: Seven Battles, 1758-1945* and *More Fighting for Canada: Five Battles, 1760-1944*. He is co-author of *RCHA Right of the Line*. He has also written a number of magazine articles on military history. He is currently working on a history of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. Brian lives with his wife, Patricia, near Ottawa and his interests include travel, cooking and Labrador retrievers.

**Refreshments available from 9.30 a.m. Don't forget your name tags!**

**Lunch venue following the October meeting:** Fiamma's, in Barrhaven.

### **Striders and Gliders**

Striders & Gliders will be going for a hike in Beryl Gaffney Park along the Rideau and Jock Rivers on Wednesday, November 18. Those interested in participating should meet at the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority parking lot (Prince of Wales/Rideau Valley Drive) at 1 p.m. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN START TIME OF HIKE!

### **Special events:**

First, a reminder about the Sleeping Beauty ballet at the NAC Thursday, November 5, at 8 p.m. Merrill Stalker will contact those who have requested a ride.

Secondly, a visit is planned to the Main Post Office, located at the intersection of Alta Vista Drive and Industrial Avenue, on Tuesday, November 10, at 10 a.m. Participants should meet at the Manotick Public Library parking lot at 9:15 a.m. for car pooling. The group will be limited to 15 so sign up at the next meeting or contact Merrill at 613-692-0329. Women should wear flat heels; although some walking is involved, elevators are available.

**December 2 guest speaker:** Elspeth MacKay of Operation Go Home

Know a Probus member who is ill? Call Kathy Pitcher (613-822-8739). She will send a card.