



Probus Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley

A Meeting of Minds

September 1, 2010 (10 a.m.)

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

A new vision for Canada's North

Speaker: Garth Hampson

Born and raised in Moose Jaw, Garth Hampson takes pride in his Prairie roots. After studies at the Regina Conservatory of Music, he joined the RCMP and over the next 10 years was posted to detachments in the Northwest Territories and Alberta. While in the north, Garth was one of the last members of the force to use dog teams. He subsequently moved to Ottawa as principal soloist with the RCMP Band and since then music has taken him to every corner of Canada and to countries abroad, all in the name of police/community relations. In addition, he has raised many thousands of dollars for a variety of charities. Presently he is involved in the rebuilding of St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit, Nunavut; the original cathedral was burned by an arsonist in 2005. His awards include the Gold and Silver Jubilee Medals, the RCMP long service medal with clasp, and the Rotary Paul Harris Award; this past year he received an Honorary Doctorate from Laurentian University. In June, he was introduced to the Queen two weeks after being given the Vice Regal Commendation by Governor General Michaëlle Jean for 45 years of volunteering at state and ceremonial events at Rideau Hall.

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

Lunch venue following the September meeting: The Mill Tavern, Main Street, Manotick.

Special events

A Thousand Island boat cruise is planned for Thursday, September 9, from Gananoque. The 2.5 hour cruise starts at 12:30 p.m. and the cost will be \$25 per person. Participants should arrive at the dock 20 minutes before departure. Meet at the Manotick Public Library parking lot at 10 a.m. for carpooling (allow two hours' driving time). Details and sign up at the next meeting.

Striders and Gliders and canoeing

The hike on Wednesday, September 15, will be around Manotick Locks and Nicholls Island. Meet at the Manotick Public Library parking lot at 9.30 a.m. for car-pooling or at the parking lot at the north end of Long Island at 9.40 a.m. Organizer Brian Sawyer will e-mail more details to participants a couple of days before the walk.

Brian also plans to continue organizing canoe trips every Thursday morning through September, departing from his home on the south end of the island in Manotick. The trips will start around 9 a.m. and finish by 11.20 a.m. Call him at 613-692-6300 to book a spot and for more information.

October 6 guest speaker: To be announced.

Constitutional changes

Over the past several months the Constitution has been revised by the Management Committee. The proposed revision is attached (pdf file for those on e-mail and hard copy for the rest). It has

also been posted on the website at www.probusorv.org/ourconstitutiondraftrevision.html Where there are changes, the revision shows both the new text, underlined, and the old text, crossed out. This revision will be presented for approval by the Annual General Meeting on September 1 and this advance copy is for all to review in the hope that this will speed up the approval process on the day.

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

Changing your mailing or e-mail address? Phone Jeff Cronin at 613-692-6273 with the details to ensure continued delivery of this newsletter.