



Probus Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley

A Meeting of Minds

January 5, 2010 (10 a.m.)

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

A memoir of life in Iran, England and Canada

Speaker: Dr. Ahmad Afshar

Tehran-born Dr. Afshar, a Manotick Probus member, will provide a biographical, professional and personal memoir of his life in Iran, England and Canada. After obtaining his doctorate in veterinary medicine, he worked as a researcher at the Central Veterinary Laboratory of the UK's Department of Virology and went on to obtain a PhD in virology from the University of Reading. While studying in Britain, he met Fanny and they married in Tehran in 1966. Dr. Afshar was Professor of Virology and Founding Dean of the Veterinary College at the University of Shiraz, Iran, but the revolution in Iran led to his family moving to Canada in 1982. He worked as a research scientist in Agriculture Canada's Virology Section in Hull and, prior to his retirement in 2006, was manager of three diagnostic and research departments at the Animal Disease Research Institute in Nepean. He and Fanny have three children and eight grandchildren.

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

Lunch venue following the January meeting: Frank'N'Steins (it now has a liquor licence!)

Ride needed: Probus member Louise Smith, who lives in Riverside South, is looking for a ride to the January and February Probus meetings. If you can help, please call her at 613-822-9783.

Coffee volunteers needed: Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve coffee at meetings starting with the one in February. To sign up, call Fanny Afshar at 613-596-6679 or e-mail her at secretary@probusorv.org

Striders and Gliders: Now that snow has arrived, the Gliders will be skiing in January. Brian Sawyer has scheduled a ski trip on the trails off Flagstaff Road (2-3 km south of Kelly's Landing on River Road) Wednesday, January 19. Meet at the Manotick Public Library parking lot at 9.30 a.m. or at end of Flagstaff at 9.40 a.m. Brian will confirm details 1-2 days before the trip. He plans to ski locally most mornings in January and February for about two hours. If you would like to join him, call 613-692-6300.

Special events: Merrill has tickets available for the Kirov ballet performance at the National Arts Centre February 26. Deadline for ordering is mid-January. Sign up at the January meeting if you wish to attend or call him at 613-692-0329.

Newsletter information: Some members are not receiving their Probus newsletters. If you are one of them, contact Jeff Cronin at 613-692-6273. Also ensure that his e-mail address (croninj@3web.net) is in your address book. **Changing your mailing or e-mail address?** Phone Jeff with the details to ensure continued delivery of this newsletter.

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