



Probus Club of Ottawa-Rideau Valley
May 4, 2011 (10 a.m.)
Tomkins Hall, St. James Anglican Church
1188 Bridge Street, Manotick, Ontario, K4M 1A4
Website: www.probusorv.org

A Meeting of Minds

Rescue missions around the world

Speaker: John Green

John Green is Chief, Special Operations, for International Rescue, a not-for-profit division of a hazardous materials management company that has provided services at more than 300 sites on three continents. International Rescue has responded to national and international disasters such as the '84 Bhopal disaster in India, the '91 Kuwait oil fires, the '98 ice storm in Ontario, the New York World Trade Center catastrophe, the Kelowna, B.C., forest fire and Australian bush fires, and the '04 Asian tsunami. Most recently it has been involved in Haiti and Japan. International Rescue provides technical services for HAZMAT (hazardous materials), USAR (Urban Search and Rescue), CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives) and Urban Interface activities. Its recent work in Japan is its 13th earthquake and 30th international disaster response. John Green told his family while he was at pre-school that he wanted to save people as his grandfather had done (grandfather was Fire Chief in St. John's, N.B., for 17 years). John holds several advanced degrees in physical sciences and has more than 25 years of emergency response experience.

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

Lunch venue following the May meeting: Pearl House Chinese Restaurant, Manotick.

Coffee volunteers: Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve coffee at meetings. Call Fanny Afshar at 613-596-6679 or e-mail her at secretary@probusorv.org

June 1 guest speaker: Art Hunter – Internet Security

Striders and Gliders: Brian Sawyer has scheduled a walk at Beryl Gaffney Park and the Jock River trail through Stonebridge for Wednesday, May 18. Participants should meet at the Manotick Library at 9.30 a.m. for carpooling or at the Beryl Gaffney Park parking lot at 9.40 a.m. Brian says the trilliums should be out by then! He will send the usual e-mail notification 1-2 days before.

Special events: Final details for the Probud Spring Fling will be announced at the May meeting. The Fling will be held at the Italo-Canadian Club, 1174 Italia Lane (just north of Highway 401), in Kingston on Tuesday, May 17. Meet at the Manotick Public Library at 9 a.m. if you want to wish to carpool. Registration opens at 10 a.m. and lunch is at noon. More information at <http://www.probusorv.org/SpringFling2011Communique.pdf>

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