

**NEXT MEETING:**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 3, 2024  
10 A.M.**

**Manotick United Church  
5567 Manotick Main St.**

**Lunch will be at Babbos  
1160 Beaverwood Road  
Manotick  
(In the Mews)**

**The speaker will be  
Johanna Lemke. She will  
share with us her  
experiences living in  
Holland as the Nazis  
occupied her home.**

**Coffee/tea and cookies  
will be available at 9:30**

**The cost is \$2.00**



**OTTAWA-RIDEAU VALLEY PROBUS CLUB**

**NEWSLETTER, JUNE 2024**

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## SPEAKERS

### *Past Speaker*

Our June speaker was Paul Pace. Paul gave us an informative and stimulating talk on the innovative use of Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles (Drones) in monitoring wildlife. With a Ph.D. in Atomic Physics and a long career in defence research, he was responsible for the development of these vehicles and their use in both military and civilian applications. He discussed the advantages of both large and small drones in terms of their cost and effectiveness and commented on their use for counting and tracking of wildlife populations.

### *Update on our May Speaker*

Jenny Sawanohk was our May speaker. She generously allowed us to post her presentation on YouTube for a limited period, during which time 81 members viewed it. Thanks again to Jenny for sharing her presentation.

### *Next Speaker*

In July, to mark Canada Day in a special way, our speaker will be Johanna Lemke.



Johanna Lemke with her son Anthony

**Johanna Lemke**, author of “Enemy Under Our Roof” lived through the horrors of WWII as a child in war-torn Hengelo, The Netherlands. Not only did she suffer the stress of having an enemy soldier under her roof but she also had the joy of billeting three Canadian soldiers for four months after liberation by the British. Her book, a childhood memoir from Nazi-occupied Netherlands 1940-1945”, is dedicated to three Canadian war veterans and concludes with a moving tribute by her son, Anthony Lemke, to one of the liberators, William B. McKeever of Brockville.

Affectionately known as Uncle Bill to the children, he billeted with Johanna’s family for four months after the liberation of Hengelo. By hailing Canada as the land of opportunity, he encouraged them to emigrate to Canada and offered to become their sponsor. In the summer of 1953 Johanna and her family reunited with “Uncle” Bill McKeever, putting down new roots in Brockville.

Johanna is a graduate of Ottawa Teachers’ College. After eleven years of teaching school in both Lyn and Ottawa, she took writing courses at Algonquin College and the University of Ottawa. At Carleton University, she studied Children’s Literature as part of her combined English/German major and won a Senate Medal for her efforts.

She is a member of the on-line WriteforKids/CBI organization and a regular contributor of articles to her church’s monthly magazine.

When she is not writing, Johanna enjoys reading, research, nature, architecture, science, classical music, theatre, art, and travel.

Johanna will have copies of her book available for purchase. The price is \$30.00. Cash only please.

## NEWS FROM THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Management Team met on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, to discuss matter of interest to the Club including the following:

The **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, September 3 immediately following the regular meeting. Notice of a by-law change and budget information for the 2024-25 year will be sent to members at the beginning of August.

At the August 2024 meeting we will begin taking **attendance**. This is for insurance purposes so that we have a record of who was present in case of any claims.

Plans are well underway for the **Annual Picnic**. Please see the item below with details for the event.

A small committee met on June 7, 2024, to discuss **our financial situation** going forward and to make a recommendation to the Management Committee on membership fees for the coming year. It was clear that due to our on-going costs which include rent and speakers' honoraria and lunches we will need to increase our membership fees. We have not had a fee increase in several years and have been able to manage using the cushion that we had accrued over the past covid years when we had, basically, no expenses except for our ZOOM license.

We welcomed our new **Outreach Director**, a position taken on by Dawn Cooper. Dawn will be promoting our Club in the outside community and looking for opportunities to encourage people to join our Club. She has been a member of the Club for the past two years and we look forward to working with her on the Management Team.

At the June meeting we had our first **50/50 draw**. The prize was won by Klaus Beltzner and our Club benefitted from a small intake of funds. This will be a regular event at monthly meetings so bring your \$\$ and play early, play often and (hopefully) win big!

## EVENTS

### *RCMP Stable Visit*

The outing to the RCMP stables was very successful with 33 members attending and enjoying lunch together.



*RCMP Musical Ride*  
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024  
6 P.M.  
1 SANDRIDGE ROAD

The visit to the RCMP stables was so successful that a second RCMP event is planned for **Thursday, June 27, 2024**. The Musical Ride tours Canada on a regular basis, visiting each province every four years. This year Ontario and Manitoba will be visited. The RCMP Musical Ride will be in Ottawa for four events, June 27-30, 2024. **The Canadian Sunset Ceremonies take place at 1 Sandridge Road at 7 p.m.** There is some free parking beside the Sir George-Etienne Cartier Parkway. The event is free. Food vendors will be available. Bring a folding chair or a blanket to sit on. This is an outdoor, family-friendly event but please no pets. If you would like to attend, May Collins is organizing our group **for Thursday, June 27, 2024**. Plan to arrive at 6 p.m. so we can park and enjoy supper together before the event. Please let May know at [mcoll001@gmail.com](mailto:mcoll001@gmail.com) if you would like to attend and if you are able to give someone a ride.



*Picnic in the Park*



OUR ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

WILL TAKE PLACE ON

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

AT NOON

CLAUDETTE CAIN PARK 660 RIVER ROAD, GLOUCESTER, ON

(Cross the Vimy Bridge going east, turn left on River Road, and left again into the park. There is ample parking)

COST FOR THE PICNIC IS \$10.00 per person. Please pay by e-transfer to [treasurer@probusorv.org](mailto:treasurer@probusorv.org) by 8 July, 2024 or cheque at the July meeting.

Lunch includes sandwiches, deserts and soft drinks. (No alcohol please-we do not have a liquor license.) Please let Joy Bennett know by Monday, July 8, 2024 if you plan to attend: [joywakebennett@gmail.com](mailto:joywakebennett@gmail.com)

*Drinks and Appetizers*



A lovely early summer evening provided the perfect backdrop for drinks and appetizers hosted by Judy and John Collins on May 24, 2024.







*David and Carolyn Pollock*



*Ian MacKay and Michel Rodrigue*

THE NEXT DRINKS AND APPETIZERS  
WILL BE HOSTED BY SUE AND CHARLES FOURNIER  
ON FRIDAY, 21 JUNE, 2024  
5-7 P.M.  
6470 BLOSSOM TRAIL DR., GREELY

If you would like to attend and did not sign up at the June meeting,  
please contact Charles at [sfournier5914@rogers.com](mailto:sfournier5914@rogers.com)

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



As a follow up regarding our latest volunteer drive our **Speakers Committee** now has one new member and has reached its target. The **Events Committee** has three new members. The **Audiovisual Team** has trained three members and is looking for an additional three.

**We're also still looking for Coffee volunteers.** Volunteers are needed to purchase cream, milk and cookies for coffee each month. You only need to volunteer for one month. It is a simple job, just pick up milk, cream and cookies when you are shopping and help to serve the coffee/tea at the monthly meeting. You will be reimbursed for your expenses.

Those interested in volunteering for any of the positions please contact Charles Fournier at [sfournier5914@rogers.com](mailto:sfournier5914@rogers.com). Thank you for all those who have stepped forward, it is very much appreciated.

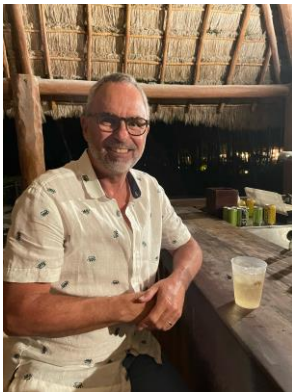
**“MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK”**

## PROFILES OF US!

### *Charles Fournier*

This month we are featuring another member of the Management Team, Charles Fournier.

### **Charles Fournier, Vice President**



Charles was born in Barrie, Ontario and raised in a military Army family. His father served with the Royal 22nd Regiment (Vandoos) so he spent most of his early years growing up on bases, towns and cities in Quebec. This military lifestyle intrigued Charles that he decided to join the reserves. After six years with the reserves he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Armour Corps (Regular Force) following the footsteps of his older brother. In 1980, after a full year of armour training, Charles was appointed as an officer in Her



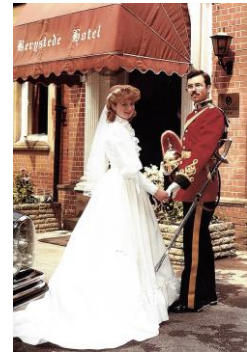
Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces, awarded a Queens' Commission and assigned to the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) in Calgary. After his first year of Regimental duty he was given command of the

Regiment's Ceremonial Mounted Troop, which Charles commanded for two years. Having never ridden a horse before, this was quite the challenge. It was during this time that he met the lovely Sue Fournier and within a year they were married in Sandhurst, UK. From this time onward Sue raised



two great kids as Charles spent many weeks and months in the field, on courses and operations.

Charles's career consisted of Regimental, Armour School, Brigade Headquarters, Army Headquarters, NATO Regional Headquarters and National Defence Headquarters tours. All of which came with varying degrees of responsibilities and challenges. Charles has many fond memories and highlights of his career including a quick two minute chat with His Majesty Prince Charles (now King), supporting the 1988 Winter Olympics, and being awarded the Canadian Forces Chief of Defence Staff Commendation. On retirement as a Major, after 35 years, he got back into railroad modelling, family tree research, travel, cooking and enjoying



the finer things of life. In 2016 Sue convinced Charles to join Probus, which has opened his eyes to a whole new world other than the military. Charles has made many new friends and thoroughly enjoys the activities and fellowship that the Club offers. He is looking forward to many more years of

Probus and getting to know as many members as possible.

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

*Charles Fournier*

June 6, 2024 was the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. Fittingly, it was commemorated on the beaches of France by allied leaders and remembered in the western world. Charles wrote this piece for our Newsletter.

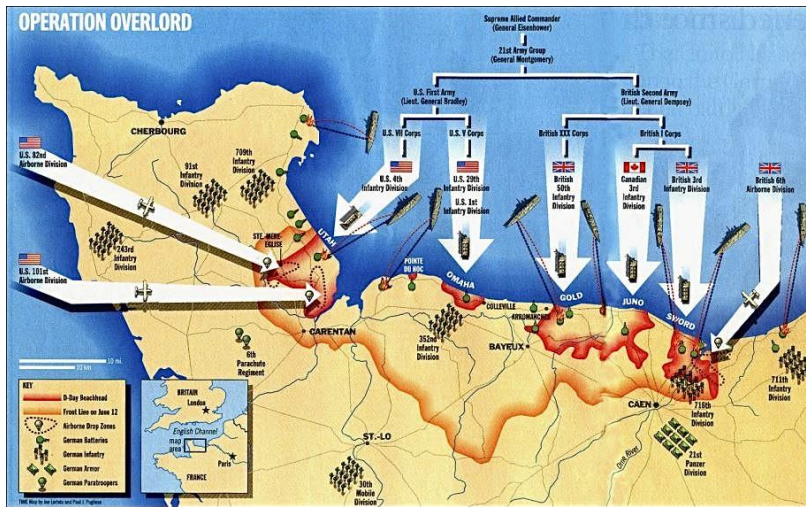
### **Normandy Invasion - Operation Overlord**

(Excerpts from Richard Foot's article published on 2 May 2019)

On 6 June 1944 the Allies launched Operation Overlord, the invasion of Western Europe. The assault on Normandy, along a 100 km stretch of French coastline was the largest seaborne invasion in history.

Canada played a critical role on D-Day. Royal Canadian Air Force squadrons patrolled the skies and attacked enemy targets, while 10,000 sailors aboard 110 ships of the Royal Canadian Navy supported the invasion. It fell to more than

14,000 soldiers from the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division, to storm Juno Beach supported by 1,000 Canadian troops dropped by parachute or gliders behind enemy lines. Juno Beach was a 10 km stretch of coastline between Saint-Aubin-sur-Mer and Graye-sur-Mer. The 3rd Division's objectives on D-Day were



to cut the Caen-Bayeux road, take the Carpiquet airport and form a beachhead linking Gold and Sword beaches. Although only one Canadian unit reached its D-Day objective, by evening Canadian troops had progressed further inland than any of their Allies. Out of 1,074 Canadian casualties, 359 Canadians were killed on D-Day.

### **General Bernard Montgomery - Message to the troops of the 21st Army**

The time has come to deal the enemy a terrific blow in Western Europe. The blow will be struck by the combined sea, land and air forces of the Allies together constituting one great Allied team, under the supreme command of General Eisenhower.

On the eve of this great adventure, I send my best wishes to ever soldier in the Allied team. To us is given the honour of striking a blow for freedom, which will live in history. And in the bitter days that lie ahead, men will speak with pride of our doings. We have a great and a righteous cause. Let us pray that "The Lord Mighty in Battle " will go forth with our armies, and that His special providence

will aid us in the struggle. I want every soldier to know that I have complete confidence in the successful outcome of the operations that we are now about to begin. With stout hearts, and with enthusiasm for the contest, let us go forward to victory. And, as we enter the battle, let us recall the words of a famous soldier spoken many years ago:

"He either fears his fate too much,  
Or his deserts are small,  
Who dare not put it to the touch,  
To win or lose it all. "

Good luck to each one of you. And good hunting on the mainland of Europe.

### **General Dwight Eisenhower - Message to The Allied Troops**

Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hope and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world. Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory! Good luck! And let us beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

*Mir Ali*

#### ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

This is a fascinating article about the pros and cons of electric vehicles. If you are thinking of buying one or are just interested in the concept you will enjoy Mir's clearly written article. Click on the link to read the article.

<https://mirfali.com/electric-vehicles-and-the-environment/>

*Gary Bennett*

A Possible Advertising Poster for our Probus Club

As people age, their social circles shrink. They have less contact with former colleagues, and the loss of family or friends can lead to feelings of isolation.

**YOU'RE ALONE AND BLUE WITH NOTHING TO DO?**

**WE HAVE THE PERFECT SOLUTION FOR YOU**

**COME JOIN OUR PROBUS CLUB AND SEE**

**JUST HOW FULFILLED YOUR LIFE CAN BE!**

**PROBUS** is a fun-filled fellowship club for retired Professional and Business people and others, with monthly speakers, social gatherings, outings, walking and so much more. (With over 400,000 members and 4000 Clubs, world wide.)



*Dawn Cooper*

**Opportunity to attend a webinar presented by AdventAge Ontario and  
CARP Ottawa.**

# CHANGE LTC NOW

The graphic features a purple background with a rainbow flag motif. At the top right, it lists 'Centre for Education in Senior Care' and 'AdvantAge Ontario' with a logo. The main title is 'RECOGNIZING DIVERSITY IN LTC: SERVING THE 2SLGBTQI COMMUNITY'. Below this are two circular portraits of speakers: Mary Connell from Jarlette Health Services and Barbara Michalik from Re kai Centres. Each portrait has a microphone icon. At the bottom, a white box contains a calendar icon, the date 'June 19, 2024', and the time '11:00AM-12:00NN EST'. A partial image of an older man with sunglasses is visible in the bottom right corner.

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## RECOGNIZING DIVERSITY IN LTC: SERVING THE 2SLGBTQI COMMUNITY

**Mary Connell**  
Jarlette Health Services

**Barbara Michalik**  
Re kai Centres

**June 19, 2024**  
**11:00AM-12:00NN EST**

This webinar, hosted by AdvantAge Ontario and CARP Ottawa, will focus on how the Re kai LTC Centre in Toronto is meeting the needs of their 2SLGBTQI residents within the Butterfly model of care. To Register: Click

here or contact Dawn Cooper for more information  
[cooperdawn09@gmail.com](mailto:cooperdawn09@gmail.com)