

Introduction to Probus

Probus Clubs serve a growing population of retired and semi-retired business and professional people. Clubs meet monthly for fellowship and programs of general interest, but have no attendance or service requirements, and membership fees are nominal. Probus Club of Mercer Island was founded in 1988. Today Probus Club of Mercer Island is one of the largest Probus Clubs in the U.S., and has a very active year-around schedule of monthly meetings, social events, and field trips.

The first Probus (professional and business) Club was formed by an English Rotary Club in the mid-1960's to allow retired professionals to meet together for fellowship. The idea spread to other countries. Today, Probus Clubs claim more than 300,000 members in thousands of clubs worldwide, the largest concentrations being in Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. Although often sponsored by Rotary clubs, Probus Clubs enjoy autonomy once they have been established.

The Canadian Probus Centre operates a World Wide Web site (<http://www.probus.org>) with general information on Probus and links to Probus Clubs worldwide. If you are a world traveler, you might find a warm Probus welcome at your destination!