



The Probus Letter

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Ken Leaney
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow members of Probus across the country! As we progress into my second term as national President I find it exciting as more and more I hear about the great service that Probus provides to its members, and many stories are told about renewing acquaintances, finding lost school buddies, going on trips and meeting Probus Members from other countries, making new friends, and on and on. Each time I hear about these experiences I feel so much better ... and more proud.... of our ongoing activities and growth. As I read the copies of the newsletters from various Clubs I am constantly amazed at the variety of programs provided by Clubs, all designed to meet the desires of the local Members, which is really what Probus is all about. It is true that on occasion we have trials and tribulations but overall we are what our Canadian Founder, John Morris wanted us to be ... an organization designed for fellowship and learning opportunities, and I truly believe we are living up to

these objectives..... and my compliments to each and every Club across Canada who have chosen to follow this path.

We continue to grow in numbers and we have now issued 164 charters and have well over 20,000 individual members. Over the past two years we have been involved in a "New Club Development Campaign" and although we did not meet a very optimistic target of 50 new Clubs over the 24 month period we did charter 29 new Clubs and I express my sincere appreciation to all Clubs who developed one or more new Clubs in their community during this period, either independently or with support from their Rotary Club or another Probus Club. In the weeks ahead you will receive more news about the results of the campaign which officially ended on August 31st. Needless to say there are still a number of new Clubs under development and I and your Board of Directors and staff are ready and willing to assist whenever and wherever they can.

As I know you are aware, Probus Clubs across the country are being invited to attend at the first ever Probus Canada "RENDEZVOUS" in September, 2005 to be hosted by the Probus Clubs in the Muskoka area of Ontario. I know that the interest in this event is strong and is growing as the time draws nearer for the actual happening. Your Probus Newsletter as well as a number of mailings from the Organizing Committee have told the story of what will be happening and more details are yet to come but I can assure you of this it is going to happen it is going to be a great opportunity for fellowship and fun and each Club should have the dates of September 27th thru the 30th, 2005 marked on their calendars and watch for the registration opportunity in the months ahead I urge you – do not miss it !

Entering into the fall activities of Probus also means that it is nearing time for renewal of memberships in your Clubs and also renewal of Club memberships in Probus Centre-Canada, Inc. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the appropriate documentation which I ask you to peruse and give your serious consideration. The annual dues to Probus Centre still remain the same as they have been for several years now, thanks to the diligence of your national Board of Directors \$1.00 per Club Member for annual dues and \$0.25 per member for support of our national web site. There is also the opportunity to purchase Liability Insurance coverage for your Club and your individual Members at a rate of \$1.25 per member per year which protects you in the event that some incident should happen which might lead to some party taking action against you as a Club or as an individual member. On the insurance form there is an explanation of the type of coverage offered and I stress to you that, although we recommend strongly that you have liability coverage, it is not compulsory that you purchase it under the umbrella policy we offer. Any Club is free to contact their insurance company or agent of choice, but we do find that the rate we offer, because of our large numbers, is very competitive. You will also note a new deadline for returning your information and payments which has been changed from October 31st to November 30th as your Board has extended the insurance policy to December 31st to co-incide with the calendar year used for membership dues. I hope we'll hear from you promptly as in the past.

I close this message with a thought ... " I sincerely hope you are enjoying your membership in Probus as much as I am !!

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If your Club is in need of assistance or guidance with any Probud related item please do not hesitate to contact any of the Officers or Directors listed above. For administrative items or ordering of Probud pins please contact the Managing Director.

Just a little humour... the Security guard asked the five year old boy "Are you lost"? "No, but my Grampa is".said the boy. The guard replied..."I'll help you find him .what's he like ?". "He likes Crown Royal and good cigars, but how's that going to help us find him ?"

PROBUS LAPEL PINS !!



Just a reminder Probud lapel pins are ordered directly from the Probud office either by email or regular mail. Regular Probud lapel pins are \$5.00 each in orders of less than 25 and \$4.00 each if you order 25 or more. The 5, 10, 15 year pins are \$5.00 each regardless of number ordered and the Probud President; Probud Past President; or the Probud Canada pins are all \$7.50 each regardless of number ordered. For information the "CANADA" banner on the Probud Canada pin is red in color. The prices quoted include taxes and shipping and when your order is shipped it will contain an invoice and a return envelope for ease in remitting payment. To order by email.... rwhynott@nanaimo.ark.com ... or by regular mail to R.J.Whynott, Probud Centre-Canada, Inc., 2855 Olymptic Road, Qualicum Beach, B.C. V9K 2L8 .

"RENDEZVOUS 2005"

This first ever opportunity for Probud Members from across Canada to gather in fellowship and fun is coming ever closer. The organizing Committee from the group of Probud Clubs in the Muskoka area of Ontario are really enthusiastic about the tremendous response they have been receiving from Clubs across the country. Within the next couple of weeks your Club should be receiving the next information mailing from the Committee and there is no doubt that it will give you a clear indication that the large group of volunteers working with the Organizing Committee are serious about ensuring that everyone that attends has a great time. Watch for their mailing soon !!

PROBUS CANADA LIABILITY INSURANCE

In the last newsletter it was reported that your national Board of Directors had applied to the insurance carrier to change the name of the policy holder to read "**Probud Centre-Canada, Inc. and Probud Clubs in Canada and Probud Members and Volunteers**". Your Board has been advised that this change has indeed taken place and when you renew your coverage you will note this change on your renewal certificate. This should alleviate any doubt as to who is covered under the liability policy. Please read the insurance form included with this newsletter to better understand why we recommend that you carry liability insurance. It is your choice as to whether you participate in the policy offered but whatever you choose to do, please do not do without . We also ask that you remember that it is not travel or medical insurance it is designed to protect you and your Club in the event of an incident leading to an action against you.