



The Probus Letter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Beth Hickerson
President

The holiday season is now past and we in Probus are well into a new calendar year....and this year is a very special one to all of us. In March I will be attending at an important meeting of the Probus Club of Cambridge, Ont. to bring greetings on behalf of over 180 Probus Clubs and over 23,400 Members on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary as a Probus Club in Canada. It is also "our" anniversary as Cambridge was the first Probus Club chartered in Canada and we celebrate along with them. I expect to be accompanied by other Members of the national Board and, as an additional honor, our Founder and President Emeritus John Morris and his wife Doris are expected to be in attendance.

Later in the year I will be extending "Congratulations" on your behalf to three other Clubs who will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary. The Probus Club of White Rock / South Surrey, B.C. in September and the Probus Clubs of Burlington, Ont. and Collingwood, Ont. in October. A very special year indeed !

There are many anniversary celebrations and other special occasions to be noted at the various Clubs and unfortunately, space doesn't permit mentioning all. I enjoy very much the opportunity to peruse the many Club newsletters which are made available to me and I am constantly amazed at the glowing examples of events and fellowship that appear on a regular basis as well as the many individual accomplishments of Members of all ages. It is definitely an honor to be part of our organization.

Enclosed with this brief newsletter you will find a couple of very important documents. The first is an up to date copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc. As you will recall, Clubs across the country were asked to approve revisions to the Bylaws # 11 and #12 this past fall and with a vote of 97% in favour, the documents were sent on to the Government of Canada for approval and this has been granted and the enclosed is the result. These are the documents used as a guideline by the national Board of Directors in carrying out their various responsibilities on behalf of you, the Clubs who elected them.

With the changes to our national Constitution & Bylaws it was also time to review the Standard Constitution and the Suggested Bylaws for Local Probus Clubs in Canada and these documents are enclosed as well. The Constitution is based on the one mentioned above and you will recall that when your Club was formed you agreed to abide by the Constitution as provided to ensure that the aims and objectives for which Probus in Canada was incorporated are being met. At the same time, I want to stress to you that the Suggested Bylaws are just that..... a guideline for you to use when drafting your own Bylaws by which your Club will be governed and operated. They are provided for your use and as you peruse them, it may well be that you will have no changes to make to your Bylaws or you may see merit in adopting some of the suggestions included. As far as the Bylaw section is concerned, the choice is yours !

At this time you will have received the notification of Nominations and Elections to the national Board for the upcoming term and, if your Club is affected, I urge you to give the matter of submitting a nominee your serious consideration. Also, I should advise that you will shortly receive another mailing which will include your new copy of the Directory of Probus Clubs in Canada as well as the 2007 Renewal Certificate for the Probus Liability Insurance coverage. The insurance has been renewed and the coverage is in place but we have not yet received the renewal certificate, but it will be forwarded as soon as we do receive it.

I truly believe that one of our reasons for success is the opportunities we provide for good fellowship !



Doris Morris, Probus Pioneer ; John Morris, Founder and President Emeritus; June Crookes – Bud Crookes, Pioneer & Past Chairman ; Maureen Huismans, Past President, Probus Centre-Canada, Inc.

Recently our Founder and President Emeritus, John Morris had the pleasure of sharing with his wife Doris and Past President Maureen Huismans in presenting the **“JOHN R. MORRIS FOUNDERS AWARD”** to his long time friend and associate Bud Crookes for his twenty years of service and dedication to Probus in Canada. “Bud” was a Founding Member, Director, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board and Financial Manager of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc. as well as being instrumental in the formation of a number of new Probus Clubs in the Collingwood, Ont. area. He and his wife June are still active members and an excellent example of the meaning of membership in Probus .

“CONGRATULATIONS BUD” WELL DESERVED !!

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

By now all Clubs will have received the Notice of Nominations/Elections across the country and in those areas / districts where elections will be held we urge your attention to the notice. The persons nominated and elected by you are the ones who will guide Probus in Canada in the years ahead and your input to this process is important. Check the notice and if there is an election scheduled in your area give some thought to submitting a Nominee .

NEED PROBUS PINS

If you do please contact Managing Director Reg Whynott at .. rwhynott@nanaimo.ark.com ...or by mail to:
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CONGRATULATIONS PRESIDENT BETH !!

We have been advised that our national President, Beth Hickerson has been recognized for her ongoing contribution to Probus at both the local and national level with the presentation of a **“Life Membership”** in her home Probus Club **The Probus Women’s Club of Kitchener – Westmount.** This is a fine tribute to Beth’s efforts in so many ways over the years and we thank the Women’s Club for this very special designation.

CAN YOU TOP THIS !!

In the December, 2006 newsletter we printed an item from the Probus Club of Shuswap, B.C. under the above title and asked if your Club had an item to share. This time around we have two for your consideration.

Probus Club of Cambridge, Ont. In this Club where they have regular “Who Am I” presentations, Member Dennis Souder did the “Who Am I” for his father Merv who is also a Member of the same Club. Dennis talked about his Dad’s business career and included such things as his love for motorcycles, both Harley’s and Indian’s , and his second love of his life, his Cadillac with over 600,000 miles on it his Dad’s **first** love was his wife Marjorie and the Club also heard about Merv and Marjorie’s around the world travels and contribution through their volunteer work with CESO. Having met Dennis in the past I’m certain there was some humour in his presentation as well.

Probus Club of Airdrie, Ab this is our newest Probus Club in Canada and what better way to start your Club programs than to have the Hon. Ralph Klein, Premier of the Province, present his own retirement speech at the first meeting of your Club. Apparently the Premier was most complimentary about the value of Probus to the retired community and indicated that perhaps one day The meeting had several guest Members from the Probus Club of Calgary (their sponsors) and from the area media. As a result the Probus Club of Airdrie and Probus in general received some excellent media coverage, not only locally, but across the entire Province of Alberta. Welcome to Probus Canada Airdrie how will you top this ?



Have you returned your survey yet ? The hosts need your input !

WANT TO BUY A REEF

Key West, Florida (AP) ... an online auction is taking place for the right to name an artificial reef project organizers hope to establish off the Florida Keys. The artificial reef is to be created by sinking the retired U.S. Air Force missile-tracking ship General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, which monitored NASA space launches from 1963 to 1983. Leaving a legacy won’t come cheap though. Bidding begins at \$900,000.00 US with a reserve price of \$1.3 million US.

From the RCMP newsletter of the Coastal Watch program.