



The Probud Letter

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Arthur Buck
Vice-President

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well now you say, who's photo is that ?---surely President Beth didn't have to have THAT much surgery with her operation---not to worry---it's just your Vice-President, pitching in for President Beth, who by now is coming along quite well---and---her smiling face should be highlighting our next Probud Letter.

Our Managing Director Reg has been posting a few new clubs in Kelowna and Comox Valley in B.C. and in Waterloo, Flesherton, Port Hope and Islington, Ontario, which brings our total Charters issued up to 193 and by the time you receive this newsletter we expect that number to be at least 194. Let's keep plugging Probud to all "retirees" out there so we can surpass that 200 mark.

Meanwhile, down here in the Eastern part of the country , things are really "buzzing" in Canada's oldest incorporated City--Saint John, N.B., with the final details for "**Rendezvous 2008**" being nailed down. The "**Catch The Wave**" team, headed by former National Board member, Bill Brydges, have really lined up a "terrific" and "tantalizing" agenda for this September's 25 to 28/08 "international get - together", as only fun-loving Maritimers can do.

Everything from "down east" kitchen parties to sea-food feasting should "loosen-up" the tensions in all of us. Just a few days ago I met with Bill's committee as they hosted Sue Grady, the official travel agent for Probud-South Pacific (Australia, New Zealand and Fiji) who was in Saint John to " do a site visit" & check out the facilities, AND book accommodations for the 50 expected delegates from "Down Under" These Probud members will be embarking on a 28 day tour of Canada following their attendance at R2008.

I've sent a copy of their brochure entitled---"2008 Canada Rendezvous Tour" along to our Managing Director for our files---it's really a "rigorous" tour for even the younger of us.

SO ...ladies and fellows, it looks like a truly "international" gathering which you will not want to miss... so I urge you to follow up with your registration... AND...should any of you be interested in doing an extended stay to take in other Maritime sites, drop us a line by email artsonbuck@yahoo.ca ... and we'll endeavour to find a Probud member in that area who could show you the sites.

In closing----on behalf of President Beth and all your Board Members and appointees I hope you all.....

HAVE A SAFE WARM HEALTHY.... AND HAPPY HOLIDAY !

Art Buck

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At the Probus Club of Cambridge summer BBQ they celebrated two occasions in one. The first was a continuation of the 20th anniversary of the club. The second was the 96th birthday (occurring as it happened on the exact day of the BBQ) of Mervyn Souder, a charter member of the club. Shown in the photo, left to right are: John Snelgrove, President; Dennis Souder, member; Mervyn Souder, Charter Member & Birthday Celebrant; and Marjorie Souder, Charter Member, Women's Probus Club of Cambridge.



By this time each and every Club should have received the excellent mailing from the "RENDEZVOUS 2008" Organizing Committee at the Probus Club of Saint John, New Brunswick. The program they have presented is an excellent one and most worthy of your attention and sharing with the total Membership of your Club. Review the events and note the indications of warm reception and hospitality which the Maritime Region is so famous for and plan now to forward your registration to ensure that you are part of this exciting event in September, 2008.

NOTE if for any reason you have not received your mailing contact the Committee at email: tupss186@nb.aibn.com or check their web site at www.sjprobus.ca

"SPEAKERS CORNER" Looking for an outstanding speaker has your Club had one recently that you would like to recommend to other Probus Clubs go to the Probus Canada website www.probus.org ... and click on "National Pages and Contacts" and then on "Canada" and when the page opens go to the column on the right headed "Club Information" and click on "Speakers Corner ...it could be interesting !

MESSAGE FROM THE PROBUS WEB PAGE PUBLISHERS

On-line publishing of Club Newsletters - Clubs are strongly encouraged to submit their newsletters to the Probus Publishers at probus@probus.org as an e-mail attachment in *MSWord*, *WordPerfect* format or as a *PDF* file. To prevent your message being inadvertently identified and deleted as SPAM, state clearly that it is a newsletter by putting the words **NEWSLETTER – CLUB NAME** in the **subject area** of your e-mail message. Please try to keep the newsletter file size to 500 KB or less. Larger files can be uploaded but it can take some considerable time for readers using dial-up Internet connections to open them and many people quickly lose patience and move on to something else.

Club Presidents' Photographs – Many Clubs have their president's photos already posted on their Club web site. However, any Club not presently having a President's photo on their web page should submit one, in digital format, as an e-mail attachment addressed to (probus@probus.org) - The style, format or size of the photo doesn't matter as the Publishers will crop the photo to a suitably sized head shot for conversion and uploading.

Club Information Updates – At the end of September of every year, Probus Centre-Canada sends a **MEMBERSHIP LISTING FORM** to every Canadian Probus club. This form should be completed by the Club Secretary and returned to Probus Centre-Canada, complete with a membership fee cheque in an amount appropriate to the size of the Club's membership, at the very earliest opportunity. It is very important that all areas of the form are completed in a legible and accurate manner, including Club contact e-mail address and fax number. Updating 187 Canadian Probus Club web pages is a monumental task. This task becomes even more time consuming and frustrating for the Publishers when it becomes necessary to update the Club information three or four times after Club executives realize that the information submitted on the original completed Membership Listing Form was either incomplete, inaccurate or illegible to the Publishers. Some clubs submit their update information to the Publishers by e-mail before receiving the Membership Listing Forms. In an attempt to reduce the complexity of the Publishers' updating workload it is preferred that Clubs submit their update information once only, on the Membership Listing Forms.

Suggestions and Comments - The Probus Publishers have expended countless hours at their keyboards attempting to make the Probus web site as user friendly as possible and admit that much of their work has been an exercise in trial and error. However, they realize that there is always room for improvement and encourage a courteous dialogue with members offering suggestions for further improvement. All such suggestions will be reviewed and if considered appropriate will be incorporated where possible.

Bernard Nadeau, Publisher

Brian Kirkwood, Co-Publisher

IMPORTANT REMINDER !!

A few weeks ago all Clubs should have received a "Request for Renewal" of Membership and Insurance Premiums for the calendar year 2008. Many of the Clubs have responded and we appreciate that very much. However, a number of Clubs are still outstanding and we would respectfully ask that you give this matter your serious attention. The deadline for receipt of your renewal is Dec. 31st to ensure that your Club is listed in the new Membership Directory of Probus Clubs in Canada and to ensure that you receive the Liability Insurance coverage for the year ahead. If for any reason you have not received your copy of the mailing please advise the Managing Director, Reg Whynott immediately and a copy can be sent to you. (See contact information below).

Once again we urge you to give this very important matter your immediate attention !

Managing Director, Reg Whynott Email: rwhynott@nanaimo.ark.com Tel: (250) 757-8026

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROBUS CENTRE-CANADA , Inc.

In the near future Probus Centre-Canada, Inc. will be circulating notices regarding the nomination and election of Directors to serve on the Board of Directors effective at the Annual General Meeting to be held in April 2008.

There will be elections held in British Columbia, District # 3; in the Region of North West Ontario-Manitoba-Saskatchewan-Alberta; and two Districts of Ontario - # 5 and # 6 with a special call for nominations in Ontario District # 1. (see below)

The "Notice of Nominations" will include all of the details of the nominations required, current Directors eligible to seek re-election for a second term and deadlines for mailings to the Chair of Nominations / Elections. Please watch for this mailing and give the matter your serious consideration.

It is your privilege and we encourage you to exercise it to ensure representation on the national Board.

Explanation: Last year the Clubs in Ontario District #1 elected Mr. Tim Haitzma of Belleville to a three year term on the Board of Directors. Unfortunately, part way through his term, Tim, who had been serving diligently had to step down from the Board for personal reasons (not Probus related) and steps were taken, unsuccessfully, to find an elected replacement to fill the balance of his term of office. Mr. Stone Avery, former Director, agreed to serve until a person is elected to fill the balance of Tim's term and thus a request for Nominations will also be made in Ontario, District # 1.

Probus Pins & Pocket Crests

Regular Probus lapel pins are \$5.50 each in orders of less than 25 but only \$4.50 each in orders of 25 or more.

The 5, 10 and 15 year pins are \$5.50 each regardless of number ordered and the President pin, the Probus Canada pin and the Past President pin are \$8.00 each regardless of the number ordered.

To order your pins, or for more information, please contact our Managing Director Reg Whynott by regular mail at :

2855 Olympic Road, Qualicum Beach, B.C V9K 2L8 or by email at rwhynott@nanaimo.ark.com or by phone at (250) 757-8026.



WHERE ARE WE NOW !

Since the last national newsletter we have added six new Probus Clubs to our roster and we draw your attention to the information below and ask that you add it to your Directory .

THE PROBUS CLUB OF KELOWNA – OGOPOGO, B.C. (Combined) #188
c/o # 135 – 550 Yates Road, Kelowna , B.C. V1V 1Z4
Email: comben@telus.net Fax: (250) 764 – 0920
36 Members (Sponsor Rotary Club of Kelowna – Ogoopogo, District 5060)
Charter Members 36 8/22/07
KELOWNA – OGOPOGO MEET (TBA) Last Mon. 9:30 AM
President Catharine Comben (250) 764- 4545
Secretary A. Patricia Fennell (250) 762- 5965

THE TWIN CITY WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB , ONT. (Women) #189
3 – 498 Beechwood Drive, Waterloo, Ont. N2T 2C5
Email: margiewarren@rogers.com Fax: none
175 Members (Sponsor Probus Women's Club of Waterloo)
Charter Members 175 8/27/07
TWIN CITY WOMEN MEET Sunshine Ctr. Luther Village, 1st Wed. 9:30 AM
(exc. July/August)
President Margie Warren (519) 888-6908
Secretary Barbara Diemert (519) 744- 8955

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COMOX-STRATHCONA, B.C. (Combined) #190
P.O.Box 1471, Comox, B.C. V9M 8A2
Email: georgest@shaw.ca Fax: none
123 Members (Sponsors – Probus Comox Valley / Orca Probus)
Charter Members 123 9/26/2007
COMOX–STRATHCONA MEET– Comox Royal Cdn Legion, 4th Thurs, 1:30 PM
President George Turner (250) 331-0079
Secretary Curtis Usherwood (250) 897-3611
New Club Development Officer Dave Kelly (250) 338-8234

THE PROBUS CLUB OF GREY – HIGHLANDS, ONT. (Combined) #191
P.O.Box 133 , Flesherton , Ont. N0C 1E0
Email: rmrw96@cablerocket.com Fax: (519) 924-3333 (Call first)
106 Members (Sponsor Rotary Club of Markdale, District 6330)
Charter Members 106 10/02/2007
GREY – HIGHLANDS MEET Kinplex Bldg., Flesherton, 1st Thurs. 1:00 PM
President Rosemarie Wickens (519) 924-3333
Secretary Judy Stevens (519) 924-9931

THE PROBUS CLUB OF GANARASKA VALLEY, ONT. (Combined) #192
48 Bramley Street South, Port Hope, Ont. L1A 3K2
Email: cdrholme@eagle.ca Fax: None
120 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Port Hope & District)
Charter Members 120 10/23/07
GANARASKA VALLEY MEET Town Park Rec Ctr., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 9:30 AM
President Hugh J. Parker (905) 885-1564
Secretary Susan Gaudion (905) 797-9696

THE PROBUS CLUB OF KINGSWAY/ISLINGTON (Combined) #193
P.O.Box 301, Station "D", Etobicoke, Ont. M9A 4X3
Email: Vera.Laing@sympatico.ca fax: none
276 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Etobicoke)
Charter Members 276 11/20/07
KINGSWAY/ISLINGTON MEET Islington Golf and Ctry Club, 4th Tues. 9:30AM
President Vera Laing (905) 823-7859
Secretary Joyce Dalrymple (905) 608-0737

We welcome all of these new Clubs and we express our sincere appreciation to their sponsoring Clubs, both Rotary and Probus . As well, there are always a number of dedicated individuals who have worked diligently behind the scenes to make this growth happen and we compliment them on their very special efforts. The new **Directory of Probus Clubs in Canada** will be mailed to all Clubs in January and we expect to add at least two more Clubs to our records by that time. Thanks again to all !