



# \*The Probud Letter\*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Arthur Buck  
President**

First of all, may I wish you a “warm and happy summer” and secondly, a very sincere “thank you” to your national Board of Directors for their vote of confidence in allowing me to serve as your National President for the term ahead. I will do my utmost to live up to the standards and input that all of my predecessors have set.

One of first requests to all of our Club Presidents is to make a true effort of sharing our newsletter with your Club Members and keep them up to date on happenings at the national level. Also, it would be great if all of our Clubs would share their own newsletters or bulletins with our Managing Director Reg Whynott and our web page Publisher Bernie Nadeau. From what I hear from some of the Clubs, not only is a lot of the “humor” just great, but many of the “activity” stories are of real interest as well. Although our slogan doesn't mention it, networking can include having fun and sharing fellowship as well. At the time of writing this message, our Treasurer Keith Trail and I are preparing to meet with the Organizing Committee for Rendezvous 2008 in Saint

John, N.B. to get an update on the status of their plans for the event in September and to review their budget projections based on registrations to date.

Speaking of Rendezvous 2008 .... “wow” ... have Bill Brydges and his Committee put together a real “down east” affair. As well, the facilities in the Harbour City should excite everyone as the function site (Convention Centre) is “smack dab” between the both major hotels (Delta and Hilton), all connected so we won't have to go outside to –learn–share–eat–drink–shop–or “make merry”–whatever you desire.

In other happenings, a very big celebration took place recently under the auspices of both the Men's and the Women's Probud Clubs of Alliston, Ont. where a fantastic celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Founder and President Emeritus John Morris took place. A very special “thank you” to all of the individual Clubs and Members across the country who sent best wishes and to the organizers who arranged the event as well as the many who attended. John and his wife Doris plan to attend at Rendezvous 2008 so perhaps those of you planning to attend as well should touch up your vocal chords for a chorus of Happy Birthday.

Keeping on the best wishes theme, I want to welcome our new Probud Clubs in Lakefield, Ont. and in Vernon and on Salt Spring Island, both in B.C., and a special thanks to those who motivated these new Clubs. We are now at 198 Clubs chartered in Canada and with your assistance we will continue to grow. I encourage you to, through all of your Club membership, “talk up” Probud to your friends, relatives and other organizational contacts you may have. If your Club has a long “waiting list” or if your neighbouring community doesn't have a Probud Club, please remember that there is a lot of assistance out there to help put a new Club into place so others can share in the fellowship and pleasures that we currently enjoy.

In closing, may I urge all of us in the Probud community, to share the fun and fellowship of Probud—“far and wide”—and, on behalf of all of our Officers and Directors .... “May the sun always be in your face – the wind be at your back – and the dandelions be removed from the endangered list.” .... Art .

**NOTE OF IMPORTANCE:** Having just returned from a “site visit” for Rendezvous 2008, I really must urge those of you who have yet to register, OR, had second thoughts... you should really get at it. It is a gorgeous site... all accessible without going outdoors from the two major hotels.... a “ton” of great eating spots (particularly sea food) and exciting shopping in Canada's oldest incorporated City ....AND ... right on the water. By the way.... we plan to have the “workshops” take the format of not just a question and answer session but an exchange of ideas and programs. So... come prepared to share your thoughts and ideas, constructive and otherwise, with your colleagues. Finally, how about paying a visit to your local tourist authority, or City Hall, or your favourite politician, for some lapel pins or other souvenirs that you can bring along for “trading” as a keep-sake of your Eastern experience.

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## PROBUS CANADA ELECTIONS – 2008

In keeping with the Constitution and Bylaws, elections were held to select persons to serve on the Board of Directors of Probus Centre-Canada for the next three years. There were calls for nominations to the Board with vacancies to be filled in three of the four regions of the country.

In Ontario, there were elections to be held in three Districts, # 1, #5 and # 6. In District #5, there was one nomination to the Board and Mr. John Flood of the Probus Club of Wasaga Beach was declared elected by acclamation for a three year term. In District #1, there were two candidates nominated in the persons of Ron Casselman, Probus Club of Gananoque and Peter Doyle, Probus Club of Kanata. An election was carried out and **Peter Doyle**, Probus Club of Kanata, was elected for a two year term to replace retiring Director Tim Haitsma, Probus Club of Belleville, who retired from the Board early for personal reasons. In District #6, there were two candidates nominated in the persons of Norm Grey, Probus Club of Dundas and Betty Van der Ree, Probus Club of Niagara North. An election was carried out and **Betty Van der Ree**, Probus Club of Niagara North was elected for a three year term.

In the region of N.W.Ontario / Manitoba / Saskatchewan / Alberta there was one nomination to the Board and **Gordon Smith**, Probus Club of Regina was declared elected by acclamation for a second three year term.

In British Columbia, District # 3, there was one candidate nominated and **Gordon Springate**, Probus Club of Kelowna, was declared elected by acclamation for a second three year term.

President Beth Hickerson expressed appreciation to all who had allowed their names to stand and complimented them on their willingness to serve as representatives of Probus across Canada. She also praised those who had completed their terms on the Board and thanked them for their many hours of unselfish contribution to Probus and to our growth and development over these past years (**Maureen Huismans**, Women's Probus Club of Newmarket; **John Adams**, Probus Club of Wasaga Beach and **Tim Haitsma**, Probus Club of Belleville)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors on the 21st of April, 2008 the following Officers were elected for the year ahead:

**President:** Arthur Buck; **Vice-President:** Gordon Springate;  
**Treasurer:** Keith Trail ; **Secretary:** Judith Saunders ;  
**Past President** - (Appointed – Non-Voting) Beth Hickerson





National Past President Beth Hickerson presents a "Certificate of Congratulations" to our Founder and President Emeritus John Morris on the occasion of a birthday party hosted by the Women's and Men's Probus Clubs of Alliston in celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The certificate was presented on behalf of the Board of Directors of Probus Canada and all of the Probus Clubs across the country on this landmark occasion for the man who has done so much for Probus and its' development throughout Canada. The event, held at the Nottawasaga Inn, the regular meeting place of the two Probus Clubs, drew more than 200 Probus Members from the two Clubs as well as ten Members or former Members of the national Board. John, accompanied by his wife Doris who has worked along with him since the beginnings of Probus in Canada, was most pleased to be with his fellow Members and all of the assembled guests and he expressed his pleasure at the way in which Probus continues to grow and prosper and he stated his wish that it should continue until we do indeed have a "Probus Club in every community in Canada."



**Doris and John Morris – May 26, 2008**  
Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday John and may you enjoy many, many more !



#### Fellow Probus Members:

We are getting closer to counting the days until it's time to "Catch the Wave" at **Rendezvous 2008** in Saint John, New Brunswick this September. Some recent noteworthy events include the "Early Bird" draw for suite upgrades which was held at the May meeting of the Saint John Probus Club. The lucky winners are Margaret and Douglas Ferguson from Sunnybank Hills in Australia who will be enjoying the Royal Suite at the Hilton and Joyce and Gordon Springate from Kelowna, B.C. who will be staying in the VIP Premier Suite at the Delta.

While on the subject of hotel rooms, we wish to point out that as of June 15<sup>th</sup> we had to release a percentage of the "not booked rooms" at both the Hilton and the Delta for which we had negotiated special Rendezvous rates. If you are planning to "Catch the Wave" this fall and haven't yet reserved your room, please contact the hotel directly as soon as possible to ensure that you guarantee your room availability.

If you intend to tour the new Cruise Ship Welcome Centre mentioned in our last newsletter, the Port Authority will require two items... 1.) your name in advance of the tour (late August should be OK) and 2.) photo I.D. for presentation at the facility. This tour is a free additional item for us, but security rules must be followed.

Please share this news with all of your Club Members as we are running out of time for registrations to be forwarded to the Organizing Committee.

If more information is needed on accommodations, activities, brochures, registration forms, travel arrangements, etc. just send us an email at [tupss186@nb.aibn.com](mailto:tupss186@nb.aibn.com) or visit our web site at [www.sjprobus.ca](http://www.sjprobus.ca).

Bill Brydges & Fred Shillington, Co-Chairs, Rendezvous 2008

#### **FROM AROUND THE CLUBS:**

**The Probus Club of Central Edmonton** advises that the coldest day "on record" in Canada is -63C recorded at Snag, Yukon on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1947. There have been a couple of challenges to this title but the challenges showed temperatures which included the wind chill factor. No matter ... I think -63C is plenty cold enough. The same Club advises that the first diamond found in Canada was plucked from a glacial drift in Ontario in 1883... can't help but wonder what happened to the person who lost it !

**The Probus Club of Saint John** reports on a bumper sticker seen on King Street reading "If you can see this, I've lost my trailer."

## Probus Pins & Pocket Crests

Regular Probus lapel pins are \$5.50 each in orders of less than 25 & 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 Whyntott by regular mail at :

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



## TIME IS RUNNING OUT

**HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR REGISTRATION FOR RENDEZVOUS YET. IT REALLY PROMISES TO BE A GOOD TIME AND WHAT A TRULY GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FRIENDS, NEW AND OF LONG STANDING (NOTE WE DID NOT SAY "OLD"). IF WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU BY NOW, WE WOULD LIKE TO WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AS WE NEED TO KNOW OUR NUMBERS IN ORDER TO FINALIZE ALL OF THE DETAILS FOR THIS TRULY FUN EVENT.**

**MAY WE HEAR FROM YOU NOW ... PLEASE !!!**



**FROM AROUND THE CLUBS ....** How about this ad from the **Probus Club of Cambridge** bulletin:

### **GOING BUT NOT GONE : OPPORTUNITIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

*The number of volunteer openings for 2008-2009 in the Probus Club of Cambridge is shrinking but there is still time to guarantee your participation. **Avoid the rush for these prized few remaining places.** Training available as required. For details on which positions are open and which one will best enhance your Probus experience, contact ..... ! (Says it all doesn't it ?)*

## WHERE ARE WE NOW !

Since the Directory of Probus Clubs in Canada was mailed to you in January we have added three new Probus Clubs to our roster and we draw your attention to the information below and ask that you add it to your Directory . We have now issued 198 charters and have over 26,400 individual Probus Members across Canada.

### **THE PROBUS CLUB OF LAKEFIELD AND AREA, ONT. (Comb.) # 196**

P.O.Box 422, Lakefield, Ont. K0L 2H0

Email: george@mosierintl.com Fax: (705) 652-9240

37 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Peterborough and District)

Charter Members 37 2/19/08

LAKEFIELD AND AREA MEET Lakefield Legion Hall , 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 10:00 AM

President George Mosier (705) 652-9238

Secretary Charles Murphy (705) 652-9756

### **THE PROBUS CLUB OF VERNON, B.C. (Combined) # 197**

8004 Kalview Drive, Coldstream, B.C. V1B 2R6

Email: vic\_nancy@uniserve.com Fax: none

36 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Shuswap)

Charter Members 36 5/29/08

VERNON MEET Knox Presbyterian Hall, Vernon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs., 10:00 AM

President Vic Vickers (250) 558-3074

Secretary Denis Marson (250) 550-3086

### **THE PROBUS CLUB OF SALT SPRING, B.C. (Combined) # 198**

155 Wildwood Crescent, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N7

Email: donarcher@telus.net Fax: none

69 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Cowichan Valley)

Charter Members 69 6/25/08

SALT SPRING MEET Canadian Legion, Ganges, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday , 10:00 AM

President Don Archer (250) 537-1872

Secretary Patsy Siemens (250) 538-1931

We welcome these new Clubs and we express our very sincere appreciation to their sponsoring Probus Clubs. 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. Please feel free to drop a note or an email to the new Presidents and let them know that you are pleased to have them with us. Better still, drop in at one of their meetings and say hello.

## PROBUS SUPPLIES

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information on the ordering of Probus lapel pins and Probus Pocket Crests. However, if you have ever wondered where to buy gifts or other paraphernalia of a Probus nature the following information will be of interest :

Go to the internet and enter the Probus web site ... [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org) ... when the site comes up, click on "National Pages and Contacts" and when the index comes up click on "Canada". This will take you to a really wide choice of listings, thanks to our web page Publishers, including down the left side a section on "PROBUS MERCHANDISE". As you scroll through these items note the variety of name badges, gifts and awards that are available through one of our key suppliers "Raycraft" who have been one of our key suppliers of Probus items for several years. Also with us for some time, you will find "Graphic i.d." who have a wide choice of jackets, shirts and caps, all adorned with the Probus logo as well as some gift items to select from for your various presentations. You are encouraged to make use of these suppliers and remember, these businesses are registered suppliers of products using our logo.