



The Probus Letter

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**Arthur Buck
President**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to "summer", at least for some parts of our great country..... for the rest of us , our forecasts keep promising that all the "wet" weather will soon come to an end.

On a more serious note, we in Canada's "Acadia", witnessed our first State Funeral for His Excellency Romeo LeBlanc, with the Official Ceremonies taking place in Memramcook, just outside of Moncton, N.B. Never has this small community (centre of Acadian culture & settlement) seen so many National and World leaders visit their Village. Being my first, it truly was a stirring experience.

Well-- our image across this country continues to grow and expand, thanks to the efforts of our members, and the growing curiosity about Probus. Some, like Regional Director Heinz Puersten just won't quit getting more new Clubs on his (gun) handle than "Wild Bill".

Now would be a good time to bring out your Club Directory and up-date it with the following new Clubs, (since the directory was printed) . Probus Club of Durham West; Women's Probus Club of Saugeen Shores; and the Probus Club of Muskoka Lakes. (see details on Page 3)

For those of you who have a contact for Stone Avery, a Past president of the Probus Club of Cobourg, Ont, and a former Member of the National Board of Directors, you may want to let him know how proud we are of him as his selection as the recipient of the John R. Morris Founders Award for 2009. Stone, and his "booming" voice contributed a great deal towards the development and promotion of Probus across Canada.

We also want to welcome our newest "Director", Maureen Irving of the Probus Women's Club of Waterloo, Ont., replacing retiring Director Len Rosenberg who not only did a super job of covering District #4 in Ontario, but whose quiet interventions helped keep our Board on a positive path. Our very best wishes go out to Len for a more relaxed retirement.

In other news , various Members of your Board are undertaking special investigative tasks in the areas of additional insurance coverage for Officers and Directors of local Probus Clubs, as well as a group Travel Insurance for Probus Members across Canada----for which we will keep "you-all" posted.

SO---this up-date would not be the same without my continuing "nudge" for you to keep us informed as to "what-s-up" in your neck of the woods, and to share your news letters with our web-site. AND---as there are still many localities across Canada deserving of enjoying the fellowship of Probus, AND, unless we want Director Heinz to retain that title of "the quickest gun in the Country"-- let's seek out some new Clubs before the year end.

May each and every Member of Probus, from coast to coast to coast enjoy a "warm, sunny, and less rainy" summer !

My very best regards to all, Art

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

PROBUS CANADA ELECTIONS – 2009

Earlier this year elections were conducted in various regions across Canada for positions on the Board of Directors for the months ahead. A Request for Nominations went out to all Clubs in Ontario Districts #2, 3 and 4 and in British Columbia in District # 1.

In Ontario, District #2 there were two nominations received in the persons of Don McCallum, Men's Probus Club of Newmarket and Heinz Puersten, Probus Club of Bracebridge and **Heinz Puersten** was re-elected for a second three year term. In District # 3 there was one nomination received in the person of Judith Saunders, Central Burlington Women's Probus Club and **Judith Saunders** was declared re-elected by acclamation for a second three year term. In District #4, there were two nominations received in the persons of Maureen Irving, Probus Women's Club of Waterloo and John Pawley, Probus Club of Guelph & District and **Maureen Irving** was elected for a three year term.

In British Columbia, District #1 there were two nomination received in the persons of Helen Dubas Probus Club of Saanich and Keith Trail, Probus Club of Lantzville and **Keith Trail** was re-elected for a second three year term.

Remember, those on the national Board of Probus are Members nominated and elected by you to represent your Club, Clubs in your specific district or region, and also to represent Probus across Canada. They are the ones who promote and are available to be directly involved in the development of new Probus Clubs and provide the guidelines and support for those already established so your input is important and appreciated.

Congratulations go out to those who were elected to serve on your national Board and also very sincere appreciation is extended to those who agreed to allow their names to stand in nomination. Probus Canada is pleased to have your support and active participation in this democratic process.

FROM AROUND THE CLUBS -- STRATFORD, ONT.

..... "Hello, whilst surfing the net I came across your very interesting newsletter. It was of particular interest because your club being the Probus Club, I live in the village of Probus, Cornwall, England. I realise the Clubs are not connected or named after the village, but it sort of makes you feel connected to the world wide Probus organisation. Out of interest, the village is very old, there have been settlements here since before the Romans, it is now a village of many old houses and the highest church tower in the whole of Cornwall, the church is Norman – 11th century. Keep up the good work and best regards, Yours sincerely, **Scott Hall, Probus, Cornwall.**"



Left to right: President Emeritus John R. Morris (Founder of Probus in Canada) ; Stone Avery, a Past President of the Probus Club of Cobourg, Ont. and a former Director of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc.; Judith Saunders, Director and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc.

At the recent "Spring Fling", a gathering of some 16 Probus Clubs in the north-east part of Ontario with over 600 Probus Members in attendance, Mr. Stone Avery was presented with the "John R. Morris Founders Award" for outstanding support and participation on behalf of Probus Canada over a period of several years. He received the award from John Morris, ably assisted by Judith Saunders, much to the pleasant surprise of "Stone" and many of his Probus colleagues who are very familiar with his dedication toward the growth of Probus in Canada over the years.

"CONGRATULATIONS STONE -- WELL DESERVED"

FROM AROUND THE CLUBS:

Probus Club of Shuswap, B.C. Why You Should Become A Good Probus Club Office Bearer !

"Probus has created ways for you to achieve personal fulfillment in retirement, make new friendships and charter new horizons which will involve fellowship and fun. Why not simultaneously improve the quality of your life and contribute to improving the well being and lifestyle of active retirees within your community. Take the opportunity to serve YOUR Club by accepting a position on your Management Committee if asked. As a Probus Club Office Bearer, you would be embracing new and exciting challenges and have the opportunity to participate in a management role performed in an atmosphere of fellowship, friendship and fun. Along with your new colleagues you would take on the responsibility for the management of the Club affairs including finance. For further information please discuss Management Committee positions with your President, Vice – President or any Past President of your Club."

AUSTRALIA BECKONS if you have plans to travel to Australia this fall, their Probus Rendezvous is planned for the City of Perth the week of September 13-18 and they would welcome your consideration of attending. For further information please go to www.probus.com.au to establish a contact.

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 203 charters and have over 27,000 individual Probus Members across Canada.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF DURHAM WEST ,ONT. (Combined.) #201
56 Gregory Road , Ajax, Ont. L1S 3B4

Email: valerie.marshall@rogers.com Fax: none
23 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Ajax)
Charter Members 23 2/09/09

DURHAM WEST MEET Ajax Comm.Centre, 2nd Thurs., 10:00 AM
President Valerie Marshall (905) 683-4588
Secretary Jean Kentish (905) 683-4642

THE WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF

SAUGEEN SHORES, ONT. (Women) #202

1004 Parkwood Drive, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C2

Email: goldsworthy@bmts.com Fax: none
79 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Saugeen Shores)
Charter Members 79 6/15/09

WOMEN'S SAUGEEN SHORES MEET Bruce County Museum,
4th Tues., 9:30 AM

President E. Jean Goldsworthy (519) 797-5076
Secretary Margaret Kraft (519) 389-4977

THE PROBUS CLUB OF

MUSKOKA LAKES, ONT. (Combined) # 203

P.O.Box 83, Bracebridge, Ont. P1L 1T5

Email: janden7@gmail.com Fax: none
108 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Central Muskoka)
Charter Members 108 7/2/09

MUSKOKA LAKES MEET Rotary Ctr.for Youth, 3rd Tues 10:00 AM
President Dennis Lawson (705) 646-0907
Secretary Cheryl Stott (705) 645-5102

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.

CAN YOU HELP ? ...

We have a member of a Probus Club who has just accepted the responsibility of assembling all of the Club's records and important files into a reasonable form of storage and he asks if anyone has a standard system which is reasonably simple and which can be applied to his computer to help make his task a bit simpler.

He has several years of compiling to do. If you have a suggestion which may help, please feel free to email your comment or contact information to our Managing Director and it will be passed along to the Probus member who is seeking your input.

Please use the email address ... rwhynott@nanaimo.ark.com if you are able to assist..... it will be appreciated I'm sure !

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 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.



PROBUS SUPPLIES

In addition to the information on the ordering of Probus lapel pins and Probus Pocket Crests, if you are looking to buy Probus identified gifts, clothing or other paraphernalia the following information will be of interest:

Go to the internet and enter the Probus web site ...

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 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. You doing business with them helps us to keep our costs down and such things as membership fees, etc. to a minimum.

SOME ADDITIONAL PHOTOS OF PROBUS MEMBERS HAVING FUN AT SPRING FLING !



The Gracious Hosts !



The Welcome Guests !



Who Cooked All Of This Food ??



Check These desserts !