



The Probust Letter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ken Leaney
President

As the summer begins to slowly fade, I hope everyone has had an enjoyable season and you are looking forward to your individual Probust Club getting back into full swing with the usual choices of activities for your participation and enjoyment.

Over these past several weeks your national Board of Directors have been extremely busy working on such things as proposed revisions to the Constitution & Bylaws to ensure that we are up to date and in keeping with the needs of our organization and day to day operations. You will receive a separate mailing on these proposals and we hope you will peruse them with care and return your thoughts and your position on the changes within the established time frame.

We have also been working closely with the Muskoka Clubs who are already spending considerable time and effort on the proposed plans for a national gathering of Probust Clubs in the fall of 2005. By the time you receive this newsletter, you may also have received your copy of the survey from the Muskoka Clubs seeking your input and your indication of interest in the event. **It is extremely important** that you respond to this survey as to whether your Club may or may not participate in the event in order that the Host Clubs may finalize their plans, and us ours, if the event is to proceed. From what we have seen so far from the Host Clubs, this could most certainly be a Probust event "not to be missed".

A primary responsibility of the Board of Directors of Probust Canada is working with Rotary Clubs, and Probust Clubs, across Canada to stimulate the growth of Probust in order that more and more may have to opportunity to share in the benefits of membership in a Probust Club. I am pleased to say that our growth pattern has continued to be amazing with twelve new Probust Clubs being chartered so far this calendar year, an average of one and one half new Clubs per month. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all Members of our Board, as well as those of you out there who have been so helpful to us in the very important role you play in making this happen. If you have reached the point where you would like to see a new Probust Club in your community, or any community, please don't hesitate to contact our national office and find out how simple it really is to get a new Club established. We are eager to assist !

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a request for renewal of your liability insurance and your ongoing membership and support of Probust Centre.... You will quickly note that, once again, there is no increase from last year's requirements. In fact, the membership dues portion to Probust Canada has not increased from the time it was established several years ago. Please give this item your immediate attention as we hope, once again, for a 100% renewal of support and participation from all of the Clubs across Canada and the State of Maine.

I look forward to the months ahead and the ongoing satisfaction and enjoyment of my activities with Probust Canada and with my own local Club ! **May you have the same feeling toward our organization.**

PROBUS LAPEL PINS



We have been most pleased with the number of Clubs who have responded to our notice and have ordered special 5, 10 and 15 year pins for presentation to those Members who have served with their respective Clubs for these periods of time. Many of the Clubs have been celebrating "anniversaries" and as part of the proceedings have recognized those who have been involved from the beginning. Remember that Probust pins (regular lapel, Past President or special 5,10 or 15 year) are ordered through Probust Centre. Lapel pins are \$4.00 each in orders of 25 or more, past President pins are \$7.50 and the special term pins are \$5.00. Order from Probust Centre by regular mail to:
2855 Olympic Road, Qualicum Beach, B.C. V9K 2L8 or by email ... rwhynott@nanaimo.ark.com.

WELCOME TO NEW PROBUS CLUBS

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed the following new Probud Clubs in Canada. These are your new associates across the country and we hope you will enjoy an active and sharing relationship with all. Please add these Clubs to your Probud Directory

THE CENTRAL BURLINGTON

WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB (Women) # 149
P.O.Box 62092, Burlington Mall P.O., Burlington, Ont. L7R 3N2
Email: papanashat@aol.com Fax: none
121 Members (Sponsor Women's Probud Club of Burlington)
Charter Members 121 6/18/03
BURLINGTON CENTRAL MEET Burlington Art Ctre, 4th Thurs., 10:00 AM
President Elizabeth Hamid (905) 639-2434
Secretary Patricia Howard (905) 315-8714

THE PROBUS CLUB OF SHUSWAP, B.C. (Combined) # 150

P.O.Box 1154, Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4P3
Email: bpriest@jetstream.net Fax: (250) 833-5834
29 Members (Sponsor Rotary Salmon Arm Shuswap, District 5060)
Charter members 29 7/24/03
SHUSWAP MEET First United Church, Salmon Arm, 3rd Thurs., 9:30 AM
President Bob Priest (250) 833-4246
Secretary Rosalie Spargo (250) 833-5814

THE PROBUS CLUB OF ETOBICOKE, ONT. (Combined) # 151

201 Lloyd Manor Road, Box 356, Etobicoke, Ont. M9B 6H6
Email: d.j.dehaas@sympatico.ca Fax: (416) 236-2114
61 Members (Sponsor Probud Club of Mississauga Centre)
Charter Members 61 7/24/03
ETOBICOKE MEET Markland Wood Ctry Club, 245 Markland Dr., 3rd Thurs. 10:00 AM
President Joe Karabinos (905) 629-9430
Secretary Kathy Corken (416) 247-2886
New Club Development Officer Joseph DeHaas (416) 236-2263

THE BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS – WASAGA BEACH, ONT. (Combined) # 152

39 St. James Place, Wasaga Beach, Ont. L0L 2P0
Email: nagelr@look.ca Fax: none
133 Members (Sponsor Wasaga Sunbirds Probud Club)
Charter Members 133 7/25/03
BEACHCOMBERS PROBUS MEET Wasaga Stars Arena, 1st Tues., 10:00 AM
President Diane Nagel (705) 428-3209
Secretary Doris Willis (705) 429-7835

THE PROBUS CLUB OF ST. CLAIR STREET AND DISTRICT, COLLINGWOOD, ONT. (Combined) # 153

Box 2217, RR # 2, Collingwood, Ont. L9Y 3Z1
Email: budjunec@georgian.net Fax: none
25 members (Sponsor Rotary Collingwood, District 7010)
Charter Members 25 7/31/03
ST. CLAIR ST. & DISTRICT MEET Cdn Legion Br. 63, Last Friday, 9:30 AM
President Chuck Elliott (705) 445-1061
Secretary June Crookes (705) 445-4152
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If you or your Club are in need of assistance, advice or guidance at any time, please feel free to contact the nearest Board Member, or the Managing Director, at the numbers or email addresses listed above.

FROM THE PROBUS CENTRE-CANADA, INC. newsletter of April, 1995 "ABOUT THE COFFEE BREAK" Here is where PROBUS shines. Fellowship is the prime purpose of this period in each Club meeting. How can it be improved? Do your Members bunch up while putting cream and sugar in the cup? Why not separate the coffee urn from the cream and sugar by five to ten feet (another table). One Club has the Vice-President pour several cups just as the break is called and he continues to do so until all are served. This way Members get to know who is to be their leader for the following term. He also gets used to the pouring process and can do it faster than individual Members. Do the members of your Management Committee make it their concern to seek out newcomers or shy persons to get them involved with others. Break up "cliques" by assigning these responsibilities. Make the most of this opportunity to foster fellowship. That's why your Members belong to Probud !