



# \*The Probust Letter\*

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**Gordon Springate**  
**President**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The recent meeting of Directors in Victoria resulted in some changes in the make-up of your Probust Canada management team. President Art Buck is now our immediate Past President and I am certain we can continue to call upon his wise counsel as the years unfold.

My personal thanks to Past President Beth Hickerson, who has now retired from the Board, for her guidance over the past few years. I think Congratulations are in order in appreciation for several years of dedicated service, not only to Probust Canada, but also to her own Club and District.

We owe a great deal to our to web site Publisher Bernie Nadeau who has served as the volunteer web page Publisher for the past 12 years and is now succeeded by Brian Kirkwood who has been his volunteer assistant for the past 8 years. A "thank you" to Bernie hardly seems enough.

Welcome to new Director Steve Campbell from the Probust Club of Greater Moncton and he will be the representative Director from Atlantic Canada for the next three years.

For the coming year the emphasis will continue to be on the promotion of new Probust Clubs and we look to the existing Clubs to play a major role in this task. Should you need any details on starting a new Club, do feel free to contact your District Director or the Managing Director at Probust Centre. (See Page 2 of this newsletter for a full listing of new Officers and Directors)

There was a great deal of discussion about a third Probust Rendezvous and, following the first one in Central Canada and the second in the Maritimes, I am pleased to announce that the Probust Club of North Shore Vancouver has agreed to head up the Committee responsible for the development of the next Rendezvous to be held in Vancouver in September 2011 .... lots of details and information to come as the committee finalizes plans. When thinking about your travels for 2011 think Vancouver in September for '**Rendezvous 2011**'.

It is most interesting to see the energy and enthusiasm resulting from those clubs who have recently participated in "Idea Exchange" sessions in Ontario, Dist.#6 and in the province of B.C. These are most worthwhile and provide great opportunities for socializing as well as information exchanges on both useful activities and successful meetings.

In closing I, and each of the Directors, wish you all a very pleasant and safe summer !

## **PROBUS CANADA ELECTIONS – 2010**

Earlier this year elections were conducted in various regions across Canada for positions on the Board of Directors for the months ahead. There were vacancies in all four of the regions of Canada and nominations were sought from the Clubs in each region.

In the Atlantic region there were two nominations in the persons of Steve Campbell, Probus Club of Greater Moncton and Moira Ducharme, Probus Club of Halifax, and in the election that followed Steve Campbell was elected for a three year term.

In Ontario District #1, there was one nomination received in the person of Peter Doyle, Probus Club of Kanata and, there being no election required, Peter was declared re-elected by acclamation for a second three year term.

In the Prairie region there was one nomination received in the person of James Bracken, Probus Club of Winnipeg and, there being no election required, James was declared re-elected by acclamation for a second three year term.

In British Columbia, District #2 there was one nomination received in the person of John Leonard, Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver and, there being no election required, John was declared re-elected for a second three year term.

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.

**Remember**, those on the national Board of Directors of Probus are Members nominated and elected by you to represent Probus, not just in your Club or district, but across Canada. They are the ones who promote, and are available to be directly involved in, the development of new Probus Clubs and provide guidelines and give support to Clubs already established. Contact information is listed on this page.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PROBUS CENTRE-CANADA, INC.**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc. the following Officers were elected for the 2010-2011 term:

**President** - Gordon Springate, Kelowna, B.C.

**Vice-President** - Keith Trail, Nanaimo, B.C.

**Treasurer** - Judith Saunders, Burlington, Ont.

**Secretary** - Peter Doyle, Kanata, Ont.

**Past President** – Arthur Buck, Moncton, N.B.

## **CURRENT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF PROBUS CENTRE – CANADA, INC.**

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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 please contact the Managing Director.**

**MEET OUR NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

**Dr. Gordon L. Springate, P.Eng., MBA, FEC**

Gordon was born in Montreal and after completing a degree in Engineering he transferred to Vancouver. A long time volunteer in many areas Gordon has served as Referee-in-Chief for the Pacific Coast Minor Hockey Association..... what else can you do with six children playing Hockey ?

As a Professional Engineer Gordon has served on the Provincial Council for several years including a term as President. For his work on the National Council Gordon received the Community Service Award, the Professional Service Award and recently was granted the title of Fellow of Engineers Canada {FEC}.

Along time boating enthusiast, Gordon has worked with the Canadian Power and Sail Organization {CPS} in many capacities both locally and nationally. He has served a term as the Chief Commander of CPS and continues to be very active in the Kelowna Power Squadron.

Gordon's other activities include years with Scouts Canada including a term as Provincial President, some time on the National Council and with the Canadian Red Cross as a team leader in Disaster Management activities. For his work in these areas he received the Canada 125 Medal.

Following the graduation of his youngest child Gordon was introduced to Probus and shortly thereafter became President of the Kelowna Probus Club. He was elected as a Director of Probus Canada five years ago and has worked establishing clubs in Salmon Arm, Kelowna Westside, Vernon, Kelowna Ogoogo and Kamloops.

Gordon's lovely wife Joyce is also an active Member of Probus and has attended at a number of local, provincial and national events. **Another great team at the helm of Probus Canada !**

**FROM AROUND THE CLUBS: Grand Bend, Ont. Men's Club**

A letter to President Emeritus John R. Morris .....

Hi John: Back in the '80s, when you set up the first Probus Club in Cambridge, Ont. you began a chain of events that created a special event at our meeting today. I want to share that with you. One of the members of that first Probus Club had a son named Don White. The father has since passed away, but while he was alive he often told his son Don about how much he enjoyed Probus. A few months ago, Don and his wife Karen decided to retire in Grand Bend, even though they were total strangers to this area. One of the first things they did was look up Probus on the internet.

Karen was first to join the Women's Club a while ago and today Don was inducted into our Men's Club.

I am grateful that Probus was here to help welcome this fine couple into our community. None of this would have been possible if John Morris had not brought Probus to life in Canada and pursued it vigorously. Thanks again John !!

W.H. (Bill) Metcalfe, Past President

Men's Probus Club of Grand Bend and Area (#53)

**WHERE ARE WE NOW !**

Since the Directory of Probus Clubs in Canada was mailed to you in January we have added one new Probus Club 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 208 charters and have over 28,300 individual Probus Members across Canada.

**THE PROBUS CLUB OF ANCASTER, ONT. (Comb.)# 208**  
 Box 81133, Fiddlers Green P.O., Ancaster, Ont. L9G 4X2  
 Email: john@babcock.ca Fax: (866) 776-7025  
 148 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Dundas)  
 Charter Members 148 4/29/10  
 ANCASTER MEET Marshall Memorial United Church Hall,  
 4<sup>th</sup> Wed., 10:00 AM  
 President John Babcock (905) 304-6210  
 Secretary Barbara Smibert (905) 304-3100

We welcome this new Club and we express our very sincere appreciation to their sponsoring Probus Club. 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. We are pleased to report that there are several additional new Clubs under various stages of development across the country and would appreciate hearing from you if you have suggestions for a new Club in your area.

**FROM AROUND THE CLUBS.**

**WASAGA BEACH, ONT.** ... "Congratulations" are in order to long time Bulletin Editor and Club photographer **Gordon Barnes**, who was selected for Citizen of the Year Honors for his many years of community service, including his work with his Probus Club.

**PROBUS CLUB OF "OLD OAKVILLE"**..... this Club provides members with Probus business cards with a space for their names and phone numbers and encourages their distribution to potential new Members of Probus.

**PROBUS CLUB OF GRIMSBY**.... This Club provides a table at their monthly meetings for members to bring their recently read magazines for other members to take away for their leisurely reading.

**CENTRAL BRANT WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB** .....

Who says that Probus Clubs don't have fun.

How about this for a hat of distinction ?

Congratulations to **Marion LaSalle !!!**





At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Board of Probus Centre-Canada new President Gordon Springgate extends sincere appreciation to retiring Past President Beth Hickerson .



Retiring web page Publisher Bernie Nadeau seems surprised to be called to receive well deserved accolades after announcing that he is retiring after 12 years of volunteer service to Probus Members across Canada.



Retiring Probus web page Publisher Bernie Nadeau exchanges pleasantries with outgoing President Art Buck as he (Art) steps down after two years of dedicated service as President of Probus Canada.



Brian Kirkwood, Secretary. Probus Club of Wasaga Beach, will now assume the duties of Probus Canada volunteer web site Publisher after having served as Assistant Publisher to Bernie Nadeau for the past eight (8) years.

**Thanks Brian !!**

**PROBUS TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Planning to travel in the near future ? Need special insurance coverage ? Ask your Club President for details on coverage now available to all Probus Clubs and Members across Canada.

Need more information ... call one of the special representatives at Johnson Inc. ....

**Lisa Hansen --- 1-888- 412-8822 or  
Gary Sawatzky --- 1-800 – 661-1973**

**Probus Pins**

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, 15 and 20 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 Whycott by regular mail at :

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