



The Probud Letter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Keith Trail
President**

“RENDEZVOUS 2011” has come and gone in Vancouver, B.C. and Probud Members from across Canada have gone home with many new thoughts and ideas about the various programs and activities of their fellow Clubs. Fellowship and sharing were dominant themes as representatives from Clubs as far east as Moncton and as far west as Vancouver Island gathered to hear some very dynamic speakers and exchange information for the “good of the cause”. What an opportunity to meet so many with similar goals in mind and we owe a great debt of gratitude to **Esio Marzotto**, the Conference Chair and his Committee from the Probud Club of North Shore Vancouver with support from a variety of Clubs across the Vancouver area. I’m certain that many of those in attendance went home having learned, shared, and made many new friends ...perhaps even from the Australia delegation in attendance. “Exuberance” is definitely a word that applies to those folks.

It is intended that there will be a summary of the various recommendations from the well attended Probud Canada Workshops that took place during the event and this will be forwarded to all Clubs for their perusal and perhaps some action. One area in particular that I look forward to is recommendations as to how the local Clubs can resolve the issue of “waiting lists” of those who wish to join Probud. I do know that there are in excess of 2,000 people across the country, many of whom have been waiting for several months to join our organization, and there simply has to be a way for us to accommodate them. Having an additional Probud Club in your community does not mean that you have competition what you really have is a complimentary group helping to provide the opportunity for fellowship to others with similar desires to your own. I look forward to other suggestions that may come forward for our consideration. It’s something we should not ignore !

On the subject of “fellowship” I had the occasion a few months back to attend in St. John’s, Newfoundland on a business trip and, although it could not be worked out that I attend at the Probud Club meeting while there, I did make contact with their Club President and my wife Berta and I were able to meet with the President, Doris Mills and some of the Officers of their Club and what a venture that was. Without going into a lot of detail, we did learn about some very interesting food dishes with names that are not only unusual but can also make your mind wander down a variety of paths. What wonderful people and what a beautiful part of our country. Thank you so much Probud Club of St. John’s Region..... you enhanced our visit tremendously.

Why do I share this with you perhaps as my way of suggesting that when you are visiting other parts of our country ... or the world.... take a minute to check and, if there is a Probud Club near where you may be visiting, make a contact and drop in at their meeting if you can. I’m sure you’ll be made to feel welcome and you may even find an idea or two to take back to your own Club.

Over the past few weeks your Club should have received a “**Request for Renewal**” of your Club’s membership in Probud Centre-Canada, Inc. as well as participation in the “Third Party Liability Insurance Program” and I hope you will give this matter your immediate attention. The annual fee is the same as it has been for several years now and thanks to the diligence of your elected Members of the national Board of Directors, and their ongoing volunteer contribution of time and energy, we have been able to keep our costs of operation well under control but we do need your support. As well, the liability insurance is protection that you truly need for your operations on a day to day basis.

Affected Clubs in Ontario Districts #2, 3, 4 as well as Clubs in District #1 of British Columbia will have received a notification of elections to the national Board of Directors and Clubs in those areas mentioned are asked to give the matter of nominations to the Board your serious consideration. Although many of the day to day decisions on subjects related to the activities of your Club are determined at the local level, we still need a dedicated group of representatives, selected by you, to oversee our operations and continued growth across Canada. Many have contributed over the years and the need for this dedication has to continue if we are to grow and prosper.

In the meantime, my very best regards to all and best wishes for continued success in your various programs and activities.

Sincerely, **Keith**

SPEAKERS CORNER !!

Has your Club had a speaker lately that you think would be of interest to other Probud Clubs across the country? Are you looking for speakers of interest that you would like to invite to your Club ?

Are you aware that the Probud Canada website has a special location entitled "**Speaker's Corner**" and it is available for your use and sharing with other Clubs. Check us out at www.probus.org/spkrcrn.htm . Send your info in or check on the availability of those listed. Even though the speaker may be localized their company may have other good speakers in your area.

It's your website and it's for your use !

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

In case you have not noted it earlier, our Managing Director Reg Whynott has a new email address for Probud contact, ordering pins, etc. ... please note the following : rwynott@shaw.ca

PROBUS CLUB NEWSLETTERS

Many Probud Clubs submit their Club newsletters to the Probud Canada website for publication in order that other Clubs across the country may share in their information and details about their Club activities. You can read these on the Probud Club listing by going to www.probus.org/canada.htm and when the Probud page comes up click on the top item in the centre column - Probud Clubs in Canada - and when the list comes up click on the Club you're interested in and when their page comes up click on the block which says NEWSLETTER and if they submit their publication it will then show for your perusal. If you want to know how to put your Club newsletter on the website go to www.probus.org/newspub.htm and follow the instructions. If all else fails, go to the website Publisher at brian.kirkwood@sympatico.ca.

CHANGE OF CLUB STATUS

The Probud Club of Dundas (#16), in Ontario District #6, has changed their Club status from MEN to COMBINED and is now welcoming women into membership and active participation in the Club.

HEALTH & TRAVEL INSURANCE

Interested in more information on this program. See the updated website created by the carrier, Johnson Inc. We have been advised that on the Medoc plan there will be a 2% rate decrease at renewal and the addition of a 17-day Annual Base Plan or a 35-day Base Plan based on member travel patterns and choices. Check their website at www.johnson.ca/probus or call Lisa at 1-888-412-8822 or Gary at 1-800-661-1973.

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

WHERE ARE WE NOW

The following new Clubs have been chartered since your last notice and we welcome them into the Probus family:

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BASTION CITY

NANAIMO, B.C. (Comb.) #214 (B.C. Dist. #1)

5958 Sunset Road, Nanaimo, B.C. V9V 1K4
 Email: sherstone@shaw.ca Fax: (250) 758-1412
 76 Members (Sponsor Probud Club of Harbour City Nanaimo)
 Charter Members 76 7/13/2011

BASTION CITY MEET Beban Park Social Centre,
 2300 Bowen Rd., 2nd Wed., 10:00 AM
 President Barbara Sherstone (250) 758-1414
 Secretary Judy Karlson (250) 933-5839

THE CREDIT RIVER PROBUS CLUB, ONT. (Comb.) #215 (Ont. Dist. #3)

503 – 1900 The Collegeway, Mississauga, Ont. L5L 5Y8
 Email: roymorley@rogers.com Fax: (905) 828-4518
 75 Members (Sponsor Probud Club of Mississauga South)

Charter Members 75 7/28/11
 CREDIT RIVER MEET Credit Valley Golf & Country Club, 3rd Tues., 10:00 AM
 President Roy Morley (905) 828-8658
 Secretary Earl Cochrane (905) 822-5866

THE APPLEBY WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF

BURLINGTON (Women) #216 (Ont. Dist. #3)

Box 80042, Appleby Postal Outlet, Burlington, Ont. L7L 6B1
 Email: rustb@hdsb.ca Fax: none
 150 Members (Sponsor North Burlington Women's Probud Club)
 Charter Members 150 10/07/11

APPLEBY WOMEN'S MEET Burlington Art Centre, 1st Mon. 10:00 AM
 President Barbara Rust (905) 637-3270
 Secretary Diane Schincariol (905) 336-2042

We welcome these new Clubs and we thank their sponsors for working to develop them and get them started. Please add their information to your Directory and perhaps even visit them in the weeks ahead. Probud Canada has now chartered 216 Clubs with over 29,300 individual Members, an accomplishment of which we can all be proud.

At the same time, we regret to advise that one of our long standing Probud Clubs has chosen to suspend their Charter and their day to day operations after 23 years as an active Club in Ontario District #4. The Probud Club of Preston-Hespeler went through much effort and serious thought & deliberation before the Club made this unfortunate decision and we are pleased to note that a number of the Members who wished to continue their Probud experience have been able to join other Clubs in their area. We thank those members of the Club who contributed so much over the years and we wish them well.

In the President's Message in this newsletter, a mention is made of the discussions that have taken place on the subject of "waiting lists" for membership in a Club. An informal review indicates that there may be over 2,000 qualified individuals waiting to be permitted membership in a Probud Club in their area. Do you have a 'waiting list' and, if so, how long have people been waiting and is it fair to them. It's not that difficult to start a new Club for these persons and we can help. Let us know if you wish to meet with your area Director and we'll start the ball rolling.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE

Recently a mailing went out to all Probud Clubs in Canada with a "Request for Renewal" of Membership and Third Party Liability Insurance for the year 2012.

Many Clubs will be familiar with the fact that a Committee of the Board is looking at the possibility of providing Officers & Directors Insurance for those Clubs who feel the need for this type of coverage. To this point it has been a major undertaking to find an insurance company that has this coverage available at a reasonable cost and the work of the Committee continues.

In the meantime, it is important that each Club continues with the current "third party liability" coverage which has been made available and carried by all Clubs for these past years.

This coverage is to protect your Club, and your Members in the event that there is an unfortunate incident and an action is taken against you or your Club, or both, to recover damages. On the back of the insurance renewal form you will have received, you will find some examples of where this might occur and we draw your attention to this information and ask you to keep in mind that this insurance is essential and the cost to your Club is only \$0.60 per year per member and should not be confused with the additional coverage which is being investigated and which you should hear more about in the near future.

Probud Pins

Regular Probud 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, 15 and 20 year pins are \$5.50 each regardless of number ordered and the President pin, the Past President pin and the Probud Canada pin are \$8.00 each regardless of the number ordered. The price includes taxes and shipping cost. Pins are shipped with an invoice and return envelope.

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@shaw.ca or by phone at (250) 757-8026.



Probud Canada also has licensed suppliers of a variety of items utilizing the official Probud logo. Clothing or gifts for a variety of presentations are available to all local Clubs.

To access the various suppliers and to view the products available go to the website www.probus.org/canada.htm and on the bottom left side of the Canada page see the block entitled "Probud Merchandise" and click on the supplier of choice depending on your particular requirements. You will also find instructions for ordering.

PROBUS CANADA RENDEZVOUS 2011 hosted by the **Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver**, with support from Clubs in the surrounding area, this event involved representatives from Probus Clubs all across Canada. It was most exciting to see the various Members in the Probus Canada Workshops sharing ideas and looking for new ones to take back to their Clubs. Comments like ... “I didn’t know that” ... or... “Can you give me more details on how you make that work” “ What do you do if” “That’s fantastic, I hope I can get my Club to try that” were heard throughout the room in both of these idea exchanges everyone most willing to tell their tale and how it can be implemented. The photos below are just a few of many showing the attention and the diligence of your representatives as they took part in these exciting sessions co-ordinated by Probus Canada Board Member, Director Muriel Dodge.

