



The Probus Letter

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STEVE CAMPBELL
PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE GREETINGS FROM PROBUS CENTRE !

PROBUS is growing. In the past an average of ten new clubs per year has been accredited. That average has already been met this year with news of more possibly being ready before the end of the year. A hearty welcome and congratulations to the new clubs; and a hearty appreciation to all those who were instrumental in guiding new clubs to certification. The spirit of PROBUS is alive and well!

The response to the Revised Standard Constitution was quite positive. As anticipated, some clubs found difficulty with the clause under MANAGEMENT: 111.3, a clause that was meant to respond to concerns from some clubs about renewing and refreshing representation on the Management Committee. The "feedback", much appreciated, suggested opposing responses from acceptance to concerns the clause would be too constrictive for progression through offices to the Presidency, and that some smaller clubs would be put under difficulty. After much discussion, the Constitution Committee, guided by Secretary Muriel Dodge, felt the issue of terms of service should remain a bylaw item and left to the discretion of individual clubs, but with the strong recommendation that the issue, being a serious one, should be considered for inclusion as a bylaw by every club in light of its own circumstances and concerns. *At its most recent meeting the Board of Directors voted to rescind item MANAGEMENT 111.3. Attached is a copy of the Constitution as amended, i.e., with item MANAGEMENT III.3 as revised. Again, many thanks to all involved!*

Recently, PROBUS Centre-Canada discussed the idea of a National PROBUS Month, a specific month to be declared nationally to celebrate PROBUS, enrich its meaning among members, and enhance its visibility throughout each community. The idea is for each club to dedicate its regular meeting of the designated month, or part thereof, to celebrating PROBUS. Special events within a club, (luncheon, special speaker, awards, development of a new club, etc.), municipal designation, a special presentation from PROBUS Centre, are just a few of the possibilities. Enhanced visibility within PROBUS and in the community will be a major rationale. In its discussion of an appropriate month, it was noted that the first club in Canada, Cambridge, Ont., was certified on March 17. *Though somewhat of a short notice but with reasonable expectations, it was decided that March 2014 be designated National PROBUS Month. Announcements and suggested guidelines will be sent out early in the New Year.*

You will notice I've been spelling PROBUS in uppercase letters. The term, an acronym for Professional and Business, like that of many other organizations and businesses stands out more in print when it's capitalized. For promotional and recognition reasons, *and just plain pride in our organization*, the Board of Directors respectfully requests that from now on any reference to our organization in any written or printed form that our name be capitalized. As you use PROBUS as such, the value will become more apparent and comfortable.

Regarding the Rendezvous, though much stellar work had been done, because some members of the Board still had residual misgivings, it was decided by secret ballot not to proceed with the plans. The Board will discuss the notion of a rendezvous at its AGM in April.

In a free and open society, Canada, I can wish someone a Merry Christmas, and I can say "Happy Hanukkah" to others without imposing my personal beliefs on one or the other, rather acknowledging the recipient's persuasion, and certainly meaning no offense when I mistake another's orientation. In this spirit, I hope Hanukkah was special and happy for those who celebrated, and I wish the joy and blessings of the Christmas season on us all!

S.C. Campbell, President

HAVE YOU CHECKED THE PROBUS WEB SITE LATELY www.probus.org/canada.htm
(A copy of this newsletter, in full color, can be found there)

WHERE ARE WE NOW !!

There have been seven new PROBUS Clubs Chartered since the June Newsletter and we have welcomed them warmly to the Probus family. Please note the following information on the newest Clubs and we invite you to say hello to them !

THE GLACIER PROBUS CLUB (Comox) B.C. (Comb.) # 228

P. O. Box 3592, Comox , B. C. V9N 6Z8
 Email: michelemorton@gmail.com Fax: none
 34 Members (Sponsor: Probus Club of Comox - Strathcona)
 Charter Members 34 7/16/13
 GLACIER PROBUS MEET St. George's Hall, 1st Thurs., 2:00 PM
 President Michele Morton (250) 331-0158
 Secretary John McIsaac (250) 334-0471

THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BAY & DIST. (Comb) # 229

c/o Richard Tafel, 283 Mirimishi Road, Corbeil, Ont. P0H 1K0
 Email: rtafel@sympatico.ca Fax: none
 38 Members (Sponsor Rotary Club of North Bay, District 7010)
 Charter Members 38 19/10/13
 NORTH BAY & DISTRICT MEET North Bay Library, 1st Wed., 10:00 AM
 President Richard Tafel (705) 472-7907
 Secretary Sue Legate (705) 475-9225

THE PROBUS CLUB OF WHITBY/BROOKLIN (Comb) # 230

10 Wilson House Drive, Ashburn, Ont. L0B 1A0
 Email: ashdownbob@gmail.com Fax: none
 181 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Oshawa)
 Charter Members 181 10/23/13
 WHITBY/BROOKLIN MEET Westminster Church, 4th Wed., 10:00 AM
 President Robert Ashdown (905) 655-0693
 Secretary Dorothy Ferguson (905) 655-7607

THE ESCARPMENT PROBUS CLUB OF MILTON (Comb) # 231

303 Monaghan Crescent, Milton, Ont. L9T 8C2
 Email: jmillichamp@hotmail.com Fax: none
 64 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Milton)
 Charter Members 64 10/30/13
 ESCARPMENT MEET Hugh Foster Hall, 3rd Wed., 9:30 AM
 President Joanne Millichamp (289) 878-2969
 Secretary Michelle Tschirhart (905) 875-0859

THE PROBUS CLUB OF SASKATOON BRIDGES (Comb) # 232

11 644 Heritage Lane, Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 5P8
 Email: mandlmckee@shaw.ca Fax: none
 106 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Saskatoon)
 Charter Members 106 11/12/13
 SASKATOON BRIDGES MEET Nutana Legion, 2nd Wed., 9:00 AM
 President: Mervin David McKee (306) 374-9688
 Secretary: Peter Rempel (306) 374-3372

THE PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS (Comb) # 233

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 125 Members (Sponsors Rotary Club of Campbellford;
 Probus Club of Brighton; Probus Club of Ganaraska Valley)
 Charter Members 125 11/14/13
 TRENT HILLS MEET St. John's Church, 2nd Wed. 10:00 AM
 President W.J. (Bill) Hogle (705) 632-0010
 Secretary Alan Appleby (705) 653-4739

THE PROBUS CLUB OF PICKERING (Comb) # 234

c/o 46 - 1555 Finch Avenue , Pickering, Ont. L1V 6K9
 Email: green1796@rogers.com Fax: none
 60 Members (Sponsor Probus Club of Durham West)
 Charter Members 60 11/18/13
 PICKERING MEET Pickering Rec.Centre, 4th Wed., 10:00 AM
 President Frank Green (905) 831-7963
 Secretary Fran Sancroft (905) 831-0492

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP & LIABILITY INSURANCE

In the first week of October a request for renewal of Club Dues and Liability Insurance premium was mailed to all PROBUS Clubs in Canada. Many have responded but several Clubs are still outstanding. If you have not already done so, please give this item your immediate attention as the deadline for action is December 31st. Thanks for your co-operation !

HEALTH & TRAVEL INSURANCE

A number of our Members have enrolled in their choice of programs available through our working partners, Johnson Inc. Check out their special web site which can be found at www.johnson.ca/probus or call toll free to their office at **1-888-412-8822** and identify yourself as a Probus Member and give the name of your Probus Club as well. Let them know of your needs and they will provide the information to you.

**HAVE YOU CHECKED THE PROBUS CANADA
WEB SITE LATELY ? LOTS OF VALUABLE
INFORMATION FOR YOU TO SEE AND TO
SHARE ! www.probus.org/canada.htm**

Probus Pins & Other Supplies

Regular Probus 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, 20 and 25 year pins are \$5.50 each regardless of number ordered and the President pin, the Past President pin and the Probus 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.



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 "Probus Merchandise" and click on the supplier of choice depending on your particular requirements. You will also find instructions for ordering .

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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.



PROBUS CANADA Director Nancy Kedzierski made a visit to the PROBUS Club of St. Catharines, Ont. and presented a Club “**25th Anniversary Certificate**” to two Founding Members of the Club, Stuart Glass and Bud Walsh, both of whom are very active Members .



Also at the very special luncheon of the St. Catharines PROBUS Club, PROBUS CANADA President Steve Campbell was in attendance to happily present the “**John R. Morris Founders Award**” to a Past President and dedicated supporter of PROBUS in Canada, Jim Cameron. The photo above shows (l →r) then St. Catharines President **Bruce Knicley**; **Mr. Rick Morris** – son of our Founder John Morris; **Steve Campbell**, and **Jim Cameron**, award recipient.

The award is presented in recognition of a PROBUS Member who has made an outstanding contribution to the growth and development of PROBUS in Canada over and above normal participation in a local Club.

Excerpts from the nomination for Jim Cameron included such things as “25 years of constant active participation in his local Club” including 5 years on the Management Committee, sponsoring more than 15 new Members to his Club and at the same time being the catalyst for the development of three new PROBUS Clubs in the area. A fitting testimonial to Jim’s active role came from a fellow Member who described him as “**Jim Cameron, who lives and breathes the PROBUS spirit**”. **Congratulations Jim !**



HAVE YOU HAD A GOOD SPEAKER OR A SPECIAL CLUB PROGRAM LATELY ?

Would you like to recommend the experience to other PROBUS Clubs ? If the answer is yes, you can use email to advise the other Clubs or go to the PROBUS Canada web site (www.probus.org/canada.htm) and click on **Speakers Corner** to tell your story or see other items or information on various Club experiences that you might wish to explore. Another example of Clubs working together in the best interests of PROBUS in Canada !

NATIONAL PROBUS MONTH

In his remarks on Page 1 President Steve comments on the idea of setting aside the month of March each year during which it is hoped that every PROBUS Club in Canada will find their own special way of recognizing PROBUS as their organization and encourage others in their community to learn more about us. Think about it and watch for more news in the weeks ahead ... your ideas are welcomed !

Recently one hundred and forty-four representatives from twenty-nine PROBUS Clubs in Ontario District # 2 attended at an idea exchange as well as an opportunity for fine hospitality and fellowship hosted by the PROBUS Club of Bradford.

A number of awards were presented with the feature being recognition of sponsorship of new PROBUS Clubs in the District during the calendar year 2013.

Attendees pictured left to right are President Brenda Andrews, BRADFORD PROBUS; President Glenn Fraser, SCARBOROUGH CENTRE PROBUS; President Barbara Saunders, MUSKOKA NORTH PROBUS; President Richard Tafel, NORTH BAY PROBUS,... also representing NORTH BAY ROTARY; PROBUS CANADA President Steve Campbell and PROBUS CANADA Director Richard Furlong, Ontario District #2.



Orca PROBUS – Courtenay/Comox, B.C. ...Having fun and yes, they do have talent at least it appears so !!



PROBUS Saskatoon, Sask. a happy group waiting patiently for lunch.



PROBUS St. John's, Nfld. Charter Members on the occasion of their 10th Anniversary Celebrations ...



From the newsletter of Probus Edmonton South .. a reminder of a 20" snowfall on Nov. 15, 1942 looks like a beautiful day !