



The *PROBUS* Letter !

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**MAUREEN IRVING
PRESIDENT**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the seasons turn, we enjoy fine weather and gorgeous colours that lift our spirits as we prepare for the winter months ahead. Most of us have donned warmer jackets and gloves, and readied our cars for the snow soon to come. There is always the option to seek warmer climes, as many of our members do.

This month, we also take time to thank those men and women, many in our clubs, who have served to protect our freedom in the past. Many more continue to stand against injustice on our behalf at home and abroad. We owe them so much.

I wish a warm welcome to the new PROBUS clubs that have joined us this year, and offer a big thank you to their sponsors. All of the information on the new clubs can be found on Page 2 of this edition. Currently, we have 243 clubs chartered nationally, of which, 235 are active. Currently, our members count more than 32,000

across Canada. As the formation of new clubs is a primary purpose for PROBUS, every club is encouraged to consider sponsoring a new club by promoting this opportunity in their community or beyond. A guide to the Formation of a New PROBUS Club is available on our website, www.probus.org/canada.htm .

In other good news, we are pleased to announce that Reg Whynott, our Managing Director, and past President of PROBUS Canada has received the title of President Emeritus in recognition of his leadership during the foundational years. Furthermore, Heinz Puersten has been granted the title of Director Emeritus, in recognition of the persistent passion he demonstrated throughout his time as director on the national PROBUS Board. Both men provide a fine example of the fellowship that PROBUS strives to promote.

Now is the time when every club is asked to renew their charter without delay, by sending notice to Reg Whynott, Managing Director, and providing current names and contact information for club president and secretary, as well as a cheque for the annual fee of \$2.50 per member. Thanks to all those who have already accomplished this important task. The necessary forms have been sent to every club by post, in early October, but the change in management teams often makes delivery a challenge. Anyone who has received this correspondence in error is asked to please forward it to their club president.

A recent request has come to the Board of Directors regarding the possibility of providing funds to support regional or district meetings. In lengthy discussion, it was noted that PROBUS is a not-for-profit organization. Rendezvous conferences have been organized on a cost recovery basis. Many meetings for fellowship and learning have been and continue to be successfully planned without advance of funds. The Board of Directors has agreed that current and past practice of no national funding for regional conferences will continue. Your Director from PROBUS Canada can be helpful in connecting you to others who have succeeded and may provide suggestions or strategies.

I am hopeful that you will continue to enjoy fellowship and to promote it actively in your clubs. Do make good use of our website to share good speakers, and successful outings and trips, and to learn all that is available for you there.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE PROBUS WEBSITE LATELY.... www.probus.org FOR INTERESTING NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. FOR CANADA ITEMS OF INTEREST PLEASE GO TO www.probus.org/canada.htm .

WHERE ARE WE NOW !!

There have been three new PROBUS Clubs Chartered in Canada since the newsletter of June and the PROBUS family continues to grow. Please note the following information on the newest Clubs and we welcome them most warmly.

PROBUS CLUB OF MARIPOSA, ONT. (Combined) # 241
Suite 341, 3 – 200 Memorial Avenue, Orillia, Ont. L3V 5X6
Email: tbrianpounder@gmail.com Fax: none
94 Members (Sponsor PROBUS Club of Twin Lakes)
Charter Members 94 10/10/14
MARIPOSA MEET Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 34, Orillia,
2nd Mon., 10:00 AM

President Brian Pounder (705) 325-5756
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PROBUS CLUB OF HANOVER AREA (Combined) #242
c/o 526 – 5th Street Close, Hanover, Ont. N4N 3K5
Email: boomrdoc@wightman.ca Fax: none
137 Members (Sponsor PROBUS Club of Kincardine)
Charter Members 137 20/10/2014
HANOVER AREA MEET Lion's Den, P&H Centre,
2nd Wed., 10:00 AM

President Brian Ross (519) 364-1990
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PROBUS CLUB OF PRESQU'ILE, ONT. (Combined) #243
P.O.Box 941, Brighton, Ont. K0K 1H0
Email: rielco@sympatico.ca Fax: none
96 Members (Sponsor PROBUS Club of Northumberland)
Charter Members 96 10/24/14
PRESQU'ILE MEET Prince Edward Comm. Ctr.,
3rd Wed., 10:00 AM
President Elizabeth Riel (613) 475-4904
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Maureen Irving (R) President of PROBUS Centre-Canada, Inc. is accompanied by Joanna Golson, (Ctr) President of the Qualicum Beach PROBUS Club as she presents Managing Director Reg Whynott with a plaque certifying his appointment as "PRESIDENT EMERITUS" of PROBUS Canada. The award is in recognition of his outstanding service during his 3 year term as President of the National Board of Directors. Reg is a Member of the Qualicum Beach PROBUS Club and was their Founding President in 1997.

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If your Club is in need of assistance 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. Much information on PROBUS in Canada, and elsewhere , can be found on the PROBUS Canada website www.probus.org/canada.htm .



JOHN R. MORRIS FOUNDERS AWARD

JOHN R. MORRIS: Founder of PROBUS Clubs in Canada, First President and Managing Director and President Emeritus of PROBUS Center-Canada, Inc.

DESCRIPTION: PROBUS Canada established the **JOHN R. MORRIS FOUNDERS AWARD** to honour its founder and to recognize his lasting legacy of extraordinary contribution, achievement, and commitment, together with the excellence of character which permeated all his activities both within PROBUS and within the community at large.

AWARD: this exclusive conferment, **THE JOHN R. MORRIS FOUNDERS AWARD**, will recognize a member of PROBUS who has demonstrated the spirit of PROBUS beyond meritorious service through outstanding extended and extensive service in the advancement of PROBUS reminiscent of John R. Morris, and brings positive recognition to PROBUS from the community at large.

This award recognizes one who inspires a high level of commitment, sets a benchmark for others, and has made a lasting impact on PROBUS, and demonstrates a compelling vision of the future.

This title will be awarded only after considerable study of the character, participation, and achievement of a candidate by PROBUS Canada through documented support from the candidate's Club, the District Director, and at least one knowledgeable officer of an adjacent club.

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Please note that this prestigious award is presented to those who have made an outstanding, over and above the norm, contribution to the development and enhancement of PROBUS locally, regionally or nationally. As is obvious in the information above, the focus is on service to PROBUS ! Using the above information as guidelines, nominations for consideration may be submitted by letter through the PROBUS Canada Director responsible for your District or Region as shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

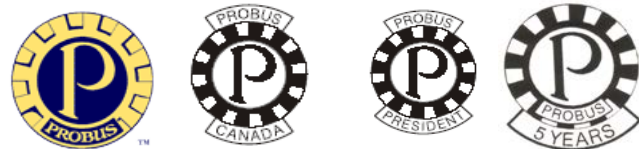
Have you remitted your Membership Fees and your Liability Insurance premium for 2015. A mailing went out to all Clubs in early October and if yours is missing please contact our Managing Director by email at rwbynott@shaw.ca and a new copy will be forwarded to you.

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



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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 .



At a special meeting of the PROBUS Club of Bracebridge PROBUS Centre-Canada Director Richard Furlong (right) presented former national Director Heinz Puersten with a plaque certifying his appointment as "Director Emeritus" of PROBUS Canada in recognition of his outstanding service to PROBUS in Canada during six years on the national Board. Heinz is a Past President of the PROBUS Club of Bracebridge and he and his wife Judy are still active members of the Club.



The PROBUS Club of Forest, Ont. celebrated their 5th Birthday recently and PROBUS Canada President Maureen Irving was on hand to present a certificate to their Founding President Don Coates while new President Murray Kemp and V. P. Peter Jensen looked on. **“Congratulations” to the Forest PROBUS Club !**



The PROBUS Club of Cambridge #1 hosted their annual Veterans' Luncheon again this year and invited the neighboring Clubs to attend. On behalf of Veterans and their families everywhere **“We Salute You Once Again Cambridge” !!**



While visiting family on Vancouver Island recently PROBUS Centre-Canada President Maureen Irving (Ctr-red) met with representatives of a number of Clubs for discussion on a variety of subjects of interest to all. Pictured above are some of those in attendance at the event Chaired by PROBUS Director and Treasurer John Howarth (far right). Clubs represented included Bastion City Nanaimo; Comox - Strathcona ; Comox Valley; Glacier (Courtenay); Orca (Courtenay/Comox); Parksville; Qualicum Beach.

SAD..YET GLAD..TO BE CANADIAN !

I went and stood on a bridge spanning the 401 for a couple of hours yesterday, so I could pay my respect to the soldier murdered in Ottawa two days earlier. He was the second soldier to be killed this week, thanks to the ugly side of extremism gaining a foothold in my country.

There weren't too many people on the bridge when I arrived but there were hundreds by the time the motorcade finally roared by. People were mostly quiet, everyone lost in their own thoughts. A legion member walked by with a box of poppies, handing them out to anyone who noticed him. When I apologized for not having money on me, he leaned in and said, "It's not about money today, my dear."

We passed the time staring down into the fast flowing traffic. I was totally surprised and eventually moved to tears by the unexpected. So many trucks - of all sizes - and some cars - honking their horns, somehow becoming part of the mournful wait, refusing to pass by without doing something, anything, to let the watchers know they felt moved to do something too.

The horns - the hand and arm waving - so many flags, the people there beside me, and on all the bridges and roadsides between Ottawa and Hamilton - the blinking lights on the O.P.P. motorcycles, and the speeding by of a hearse, reluctantly carrying a dead soldier home - all of it together - made me sad - yet glad - to be there - to be Canadian.

I always look for a lesson to be learned from an experience. This time I discovered that, even in death, these two soldiers, taught us about love of country and to get up and do something about it - or face a lot more of this heart aching. (submitted by Ms. Pat Sawyer, a Past President of PROBUS Guildwood (Scarborough) and obviously a true Canadian in every sense of the word.)