



PROBUS CANADA

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Bill Sexsmith
PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am grateful for your support in my election as President of PROBUS Canada and look forward to a productive and engaging year ahead. We have an active Executive Committee comprised of the officers of the Board and a committed and involved Board of Directors with representation from across Canada.

Our **national mission is to enhance the PROBUS member experience and develop new Clubs**. We now have 240 clubs with 34,300 members, growing at an overall rate of 2.7% annually.

My special thanks to **Richard Furlong** who as President last year capably lead our Executive team and Board with new creative national programs accomplishing very positive results in the areas of national growth, adding an additional region in Ontario and improving District program reporting. We

will miss the special counsel of Past President **Muriel Dodge** retiring from the Board this year, who during her tenure as a Board member coordinated the most recent revision of our constitution and added several additional clubs to her District. We thank **Linda Clark**, our Treasurer for the past two years, who will step down from this position and will remain on the Board. Thanks to **Nancy Kedzierski** and **Margaret McKenzie** for their contributions and who will be leaving the Board. We welcome two new Board members **Bayard Reesor** representing Alberta and **Fred Duck** representing District 3 BC. Currently we are conducting elections for two Board member vacancies in Ontario. We are grateful for the continuing essential support of our permanent staff members **Reg Whynott**, Managing Director, **Brian Kirkwood**, Webmaster and **Gordon Hutton**, Financial Manager.

The most prestigious PROBUS honour for outstanding contributions to the organization is the John R Morris Award, named after the founder of PROBUS in Canada. This year's winner is **Maureen Huismans**, the first female President of PROBUS Canada, a key organizer for the first PROBUS Rendezvous in Canada and an inspiring leader in the development of new clubs. It will be a privilege to present this award to Maureen at a special ceremony at her Newmarket PROBUS Club on September 27th.

In keeping with our national mission, our program priorities this year will be;

- **increase female membership of our Board of Directors**
- **increase membership utilization of our national website, a source of valued information**
- **continue our national marketing and recruitment program**
- **continue our national PROBUS month celebrations**
- **re-examine a national rendezvous convention program**
- **encourage development of district meetings on a biannual basis**
- **increase communications and contacts with individual clubs**

Keep your ideas coming – together we will enhance the PROBUS member experience and develop new clubs.

GET CONNECTED - STAY CONNECTED

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(Note) There are presently vacancies for Directors in Ontario
Districts # 6 and #7 and elections are in progress !

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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, 20,25 and 30 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 233 Kenmuir Road, Qualicum Beach, B.C V9K 2E7 or by email at ...rwhynott@shaw.ca ... or by phone at (250) 757-8026.



SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PROBUS MEMBERS RE EXTENDED HEALTH CARE AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

**RE: NOTICE OF OPEN ENROLMENT FOR PROBUS
EXTENDED HEALTH CARE WITH "PRESTIGE"
TRAVEL PLAN: SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 – OCTOBER 31, 2017.**

For PROBUS Canada members in good standing, there is an **OPEN ENROLMENT PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 TO OCTOBER 31, 2017** for Extended Health Care (EHC) with Prestige Travel Plan (out-of-province/out-of-country emergency medical travel and trip cancellation insurance). During the open enrolment period, PROBUS members can apply for EHC with Prestige Travel Plan coverage without providing evidence of good health.

Following the open enrolment period, after October 31st, PROBUS members can still apply for coverage, but only members leaving an existing group health insurance plan can enrol without providing evidence of insurability within 60 days of losing coverage.

Additional information is available on Johnson Inc.'s website at **www.johnson.ca/probus**.

For answers to further questions, please contact PROBUS Canada's Plan Administrator, Johnson Inc., toll free at: 1-877-989-2600 or email **pbservicewest@johnson.ca**.



"CONGRATULATIONS" are most certainly due to this happy pair, **Agnes and Burton Kennedy**, members of the PROBUS Club of Winnipeg, who were in attendance as the Club celebrated Burton's 100th Birthday along with his special partner who was almost 102 years of age and both active in their PROBUS Club.... Burton being a Founding Member and the first Club Secretary. **Fantastic !!**

HAVE YOU CHECKED THE PROBUS CANADA WEB SITE LATELY ?

It's really easy and interesting !

www.probus.org/canada.htm

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LOTTERY SCAMS !!**

Known lottery and sweepstake companies will NEVER request money upfront in order to receive winnings. The only method of participating in a foreign lottery is to purchase a ticket, in person, in the country of origin. A ticket cannot be purchased on your behalf. Never give out personal information, no matter who the individual claims to represent !

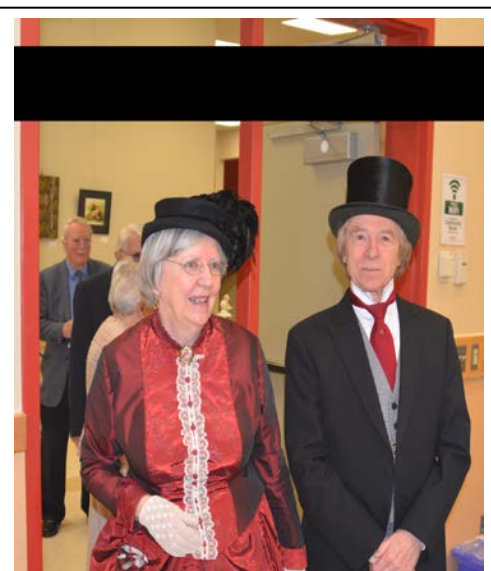
**IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
.. IT PROBABLY IS A FRAUD !**

DISTRICT MEETINGS OF PROBUS CLUBS IN CANADA -- A POPULAR ITEM

Lots of Fellowship in Ontario District # 1

May was an active month for our Probians in this District. Early in May the Western Club of Ottawa hosted a Canada 150 Spring Fling luncheon. Past President of PROBUS Canada Peter Doyle was the M.C. Lots of time for mingling and seeing friends from the eleven Clubs represented. After lunch we were addressed and heard memories from Sir John A. Macdonald and Lady Macdonald (as portrayed by Brian and Renee Porter).

At the end of May the eight Clubs in Northumberland hosted a May Extravaganza. Proceedings started with our Probian Piper leading in the Head Table including the local Mayor. Lots of time for mingling with Probian Fiddlers playing in the background. A delicious lunch followed by speeches from a Health Counsellor from Alderville First Nations and then a very amusing talk by noted Canadian author Terry Fallis. In all over 20% of Probians in District #1 attended these two very successful events. (Jamie Doolittle , PROBUS CANADA Director -- Ont. District #1)



VERY SPECIAL GUESTS INDEED !

30th Anniversary Celebrations

The Ontario Directors of PROBUS Canada, supported by the PROBUS Club (#1) of Cambridge, hosted a celebration of our thirty year Anniversary in Canada in Cambridge, Ontario, the home of our first club.

The event was well attended by 200 PROBUS members from across Ontario and by PROBUS Directors and staff from New Brunswick to British Columbia. A special handout was arranged for all attendees, which included a special note of congratulations from the Prime Minister and Premier of Ontario, pins from Canada and Ontario and a PROBUS Brochure.

The President reviewed the history and current status of PROBUS in Canada, the Vice President updated our national marketing plan and our Managing Director reviewed the history from our pioneer days in Cambridge when John R Morris had the idea of starting a social club for new retirees based on fellowship and some of the key players that made it happen. One of those pioneers was Maureen Huismans, our first woman president, who at the AGM meeting the following day was unanimously awarded the JOHN R Morris Founders award. Reg followed up his history lesson with a detailed review of his function as Managing Director, the glue that keeps our clubs functioning across Canada.

The highlight of the meeting was when our four founding clubs were piped to the front to be introduced along with attending directors. The founding clubs, # 1 Cambridge, #2 White Rock and S. Surrey, #3 Burlington and #4 Collingwood all received special certificates honouring their 30 years in PROBUS. Current Management teams, including some charter members, were there to receive the certificates for Ontario clubs and Bill Sexsmith, Director and VP of PROBUS Canada was there to represent White Rock and SW Surrey.

Special thanks to the Ontario Directors for making this very significant and enjoyable event happen, especially to District 4 Director, Dennis Souder, who with the Cambridge Club, made all the local arrangements. (Richard Furlong, Past President and Director, Ontario District #2)



At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors of PROBUS CANADA, three of our truly dedicated volunteers who have served as Directors / Officers of our organization at the national level were honored for a combined total of fifteen years of service to the PROBUS Clubs across Canada .

2017-18 President Bill Sexsmith (left) and Past President Richard Furlong (right).. shared in the presentation of token gifts to retiring Director Margaret McKenzie (3 years - Alberta) ; Director Nancy Kedzierski (6 years Ontario Dist. #6) ; and Director and Past President Muriel Dodge (6 years - B.C. Dist. #3) . **Thanks very much Ladies !**