

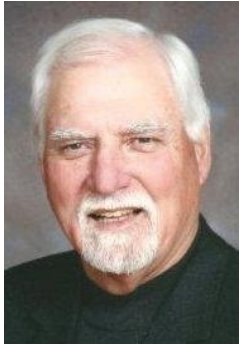


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**RICHARD
FURLONG**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The PROBUS Canada Board of Directors have warmly welcomed Keith McGregor, Director for District #1 in B.C. , as our newest Board Member, an excellent choice by the Clubs in his district. His commitment to PROBUS Canada was very obvious during our most recent Board meeting.

As we move from summer into fall, all our PROBUS clubs are once again back to full schedules, although some Clubs just never seem to slow down.

The fall months are also the period when many areas will schedule district meetings to discuss how to continue to offer and improve fellowship for all our members, and how we can learn from other club experiences. These meetings are very informative and each Director has agreed to have the minutes from their district published and inserted on the web page.

Although some Clubs may lessen their actives in the summer months, your Board has been quite active, with Executive and Board meetings, and Directors attending club meetings across Canada. We presented the JOHN R. Morris award to Terry Simms in Halifax, the driving force behind the start and growth of PROBUS in Nova Scotia (see page 4)

With club approval, PROBUS Canada will be expanding the number of Directors on the Board, A mailing is being sent to all clubs for your consideration and your approval. The new Director will have a district in Ontario, which will allow the Directors in Ontario to better serve the clubs.

Vice-President Bill Sexsmith continues to work on our National Marketing program, getting information out to the clubs, with the driving force behind this program being the desire to support the clubs in there recruitment programs for new members as well as new PROBUS Clubs.

We also are focusing on issuing guidelines on a "Recruitment Strategy for Clubs' Management Committees". These suggestions have come from Clubs and Directors from across the country. (See page 2)

Director Marlene Pearce, Atlantic Region, will chair our "NATIONAL PROBUS MONTH" in 2017 and our slogan for March, 2017 will be "BE A FRIEND - BRING A FRIEND".

Members from across the country also should start thinking about the 30th Anniversary of PROBUS in Canada. Suggestions are always welcome as to how we celebrate this in 2017. Please don't hesitate to share your idea on this with me and I'll ensure that it receives consideration.

Sincere Best Regards to all,

Richard

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WHERE ARE WE NOW

We have two new Clubs to introduce you to in this issue. We do apologize that we were unable to bring you information on our Club #247 in the last issue of the Newsletter but we hope the following file of information will keep all records intact as we extend a warm welcome to a new Combined Club (Atlantic)

THE PROBUS CLUB OF SHEDIAC SHORES, N.B. # 247
P.O. Box 9014, Shediac, N.B. E4P 8W5
Email: skcampbl@nb.sympatico.ca Fax: none
137 Members (Sponsor Women's PROBUS Club of S.E.N.B.)
Charter Members **137** 3/15/16

Shediac Shores Meet Shediac Multipurpose Ctr, 3rd Tues. 10:00 AM
President **Steve Campbell** (506) 532-5541
Secretary **Sandra Wallace** (506) 532-3232

Our most recent Club # 249 was also a Combined Club and was Chartered in July.... (Ont. District #3)

THE PROBUS CLUB OF PORT PERRY, ONT. (Comb.# 249)
22 Crescent Moon Lane, Seagrave, Ont. L0C 1G0
Email: judith.spring@outlook.com Fax: none
150 Members (Sponsor PROBUS Club of Whitby/Brooklin)
Charter Members 150 7/07/16

PORT PERRY MEET Hope Christian Reformed Church,
Port Perry, 3rd. Tues., 10:00 AM
President **Judith Spring** (905) 447-4557
Secretary **Barbara Faulkner** (905) 982-8843

We urge you to welcome these new Clubs and if you are going to be in their respective areas drop in and say hello or bring greetings from your Club ... it's nice to contact the Club in advance and let them know that you would like to visit.

If you and /or others in your Club would like to sponsor a new PROBUS Club in your community or in a neighboring community please contact your area or district Director (page 3.) and they will be most willing to provide support. It's how we will continue to meet the need for our valuable service !

HAVE YOU CHECKED THE PROBUS CANADA WEBSITE LATELY ? ARE YOU TAKING AVANTAGE OF THE SPACE AVAILABLE TO YOU ON THE SITE ? IF YOU NEED MORE INFO ON HOW YOU CAN DO IT PLEASE CONTACT OUR WEBMASTER BRIAN AT PROBUS CANADA ----- probus@probus.org

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

HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING CANDIDATES FOR YOUR CLUB'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

If you are, you may not be alone perhaps some of the following tips which have been put together by the PROBUS Canada Board of Directors will be helpful as you set your plans for the next change over:

Establish a nominating committee (Past Presidents/Vice President, etc). Suggest committee start 6 months prior to Club AGM . Job Description should be available for all management positions as orientation tool Job sharing should be considered. Management committee members should recruit back-ups during their term, a candidate to fill their slot when travelling, etc. This support is a key strategy in recruitment of Management . Current management committee members should take the opportunity to address club members re job function/benefits of being on the management committee-(formally or one on one as required) Stress the benefits of fellowship by being a club member. Also stress increased fellowship and Personal Growth by being on the club management committee.

NEW MEMBERS who are social and ambitious and potential leaders. By being on the management committee they get an opportunity to grow and establish friendships more quickly.

get acceptance for volunteer job.

is NOT TIME CONSUMING: You will get something out of what you put in.

We are all here because of the Fellowship PROBUS offers, do not allow the risk of having the club not being as effective as it should be, or at the worst, not be able to function. Over the years we have seen 10 clubs return their charter and one of the most common reasons is they do not have the Management Teams to carry on.

For more information go to the PROBUS Canada website www.probus.org/canada.htm and look for the section entitled "Assistance for Management Committees" and click on "Operations Guide and Working Manual" a publication which you may already have in your working files.

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PROBUS Canada President Richard Furlong presented a special "Congratulations" certificate to outgoing **President Nancy Thompson, Bracebridge PROBUS Club**, on the occasion of their 20th Anniversary Celebrations on Wed., Sept. 7th.

Coverage by the Bracebridge Examiner helps tell the story:

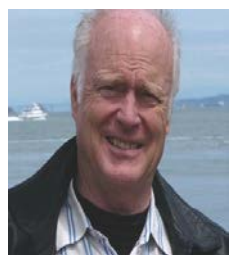
"The PROBUS Club of Bracebridge, the oldest PROBUS club in all of Muskoka, is celebrating a landmark year. Outgoing President Nancy Thompson has been with the club for the past 19 years, beginning only one year after the club's inception. On Sept.7th the group celebrated their 20th anniversary and 11 of its original members were celebrated with 20-year pins, including a special posthumous award for Bill Nodwell who died recently, handed to them by their special guest, PROBUS Canada President Richard Furlong. "We must be doing something right if we can hold onto members for 20 years," said Thompson. "Very few clubs, as we're aware, in Canada have had the opportunity to celebrate their 20th," said Furlong. Furlong, who also swore in new President Peter Sale, travelled from Newmarket to "bring the club up to date with PROBUS Canada, swear in the new executive and enjoy the lunch and the fellowship." "You have unwisely allowed me to proceed from Vice-president to President," joked Sale, shortly after he was sworn in. The club is 140 members strong but Thompson said it isn't as big as it once was. Four Clubs from the District were in attendance to help with the celebrations.

Over the years Probus has grown strong in Muskoka with the Bracebridge club being the first. Now there are seven clubs and about 1,200 members in Muskoka. It was September of 1976 when a group of Rotarians chaired the first Probus meeting in Bracebridge. "It could have been for men only, but they decided to make it a mixed club," said Thompson. There are about 4,000 clubs worldwide with about 400,000 members. Furlong emphasized during his presentation to the full crowd at the Rotary Club for Youth building that Probus is not a service club but a social club. Even their national conventions are called rendezvous. "If we have people out there looking for social contacts in our community, we're not doing our job," said Furlong, who added at the national level they are working on a plan to grow Probus across the country to make people more aware of their clubs.

They will also be launching a recruitment campaign for new members.



Newly elected President Peter Sale joins outgoing President Nancy Thompson to "cut the cake" to celebrate the Club's 20th birthday.



D.Keith McGregor, Director

With apology for the small photo, we Welcome the newest Member of the Board of Directors of PROBUS Canada.

Keith McGregor, a Past President of the PROBUS Club of Lantzville, B. C. on Vancouver Island, **Keith** was elected to replace retired John Howarth as the representative of District #1, B.C.

Keith has been a PROBUS Member for eight years and says he wants to continue to serve PROBUS to return all of the good times and things PROBUS has done for him over the years.



In late June of this year, representatives of PROBUS CANADA attended at a very special meeting of the PROBUS Club of Halifax, N.S., supported by other area Clubs, to participate in the presentation of a JOHN R. MORRIS FOUNDERS AWARD to Terry Simms, Founding President, PROBUS Club of Halifax. Above, Left to Right: **Terry Simms**, Award Recipient: **Marlene Pearce**, Director, PROBUS Canada, Atlantic Region; **Stephen Campbell**, Past President, PROBUS Canada : **Richard Furlong**, **President, PROBUS Canada**; **Clinton Edmonds**, **President, PROBUS Club of Halifax**.

The following article by Carol Dobson, in the Halifax Chronicle Herald sums up the event very nicely:

Probus member honoured (Carol Dobson, Halifax Chronicle Herald)

"One thing people often miss when they retire is the camaraderie they enjoyed with their colleagues. Fortunately, there's a club designed to meet these needs for those about to retire or who are already retired. It's called PROBUS. Rotary International formed PROBUS (the name coming from the first three letters of "professional" and "business") as one of it's community service initiatives in 1966. Here in Nova Scotia, the first of four PROBUS Clubs was founded in 2000.

" I was visiting in England when my brother-in-law asked me if I knew about the organization", says Terry Simms, one of the key PROBUS boosters in the province. "Then when I went to Australia I found out more about it, I came home and the first PROBUS Club in Halifax was formed in November, 2000 with 30 participants at the officers mess at Windsor Park. Now we meet at the Royal Canadian Legion on Main Street in Fairview with 178 members at last count, usually with 90 in attendance at the meetings."

Belonging to PROBUS has many advantages: a low annual membership fee; no obligation to attend every meeting (as with some service clubs); you can be as active or inactive as you wish; and there is absolutely no fundraising involved. In addition to the monthly meeting, there are sub groups who meet on their own for a number of activities, including a book club, a hiking club, a dining club and a bridge club. Other Clubs have banded together to go on river cruises in Europe or safaris in Africa under their Club's banner. "We bring in very qualified speakers for each meeting", Simms says. "The first part of the meeting is their presentation, then we stay behind for coffee, soup, sandwiches and fellowship. That's actually the most important part of the meeting". There are four PROBUS Clubs in Nova Scotia, located in Halifax, the Annapolis Valley, Truro/Colchester and Dartmouth.

Richard Furlong, President of PROBUS Canada, says there are 240 Clubs with 33,000 members across Canada, with 1,000 members here in Nova Scotia. On Thursday, June 23, 140 Members from all four Nova Scotian Clubs gathered at Dartmouth's Brightwood Golf Course for a special event honouring Terry Simms for his work founding the clubs in the province. "He was awarded the **JOHN R. MORRIS FOUNDERS AWARD**", Furlong says, "This award has rarely been given and I can only remember seven times in recent years. Terry received it for his hard work in promoting PROBUS across this region". Simms himself is not going to rest on his laurels ; he is already looking at starting a new Club in the Bedford Sackville area. "We sent out notices for an introductory meeting and 80 people showed up -- four times what we expected", he says. We needed a nucleus of 20 people and a new Club will blossom from there".

(Carol Dobson is a Halifax based freelance writer and PROBUS CANADA thanks her for this excellent article).

A most sincere "CONGRATULATIONS" and a big vote of thanks go out to Terry on this very special occasion !