



The Probus Letter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ken Leaney
President

As I express my sincere "greetings" to all Probus Members across Canada, let me say how excited and honoured I am to be selected as President of our national organization, one which I feel very strongly about and which I believe, like you do, has a very important role to play in the every day lives of so many.

The success of Probus is dependent on the commitment of so many volunteers and I can assure you that a number of them are the representatives serving on the Board of Directors of Probus Canada. Each and every one of the Members of the Board take their responsibilities very seriously and they have no hesitation in volunteering their time and energy where needed. Needless to say, this type of support will make my role more enjoyable in the months ahead.

Our organization continues to grow at a rate of more than a new Club each month and I will continue to support the efforts of our now Past President Carl Ingebertson to have a steady growth of Clubs across the country. If your Club has a large waiting list, or if you have the feeling of a need for another Club in your community, or in a neighbouring community, contact our Probus Canada office and we will be there to assist. If your Club has not appointed a New Club Development Officer, please give the matter your serious consideration. At the same time, should you have a desire to have one of the Directors of Probus Canada visit your Club to update you on our various activities you can also contact the office and our Managing Director, Reg Whynott, will either provide you with details on contacting the appropriate Director or will make a contact for you.

Over the past few months the national newsletter has contained an article about our efforts to interest a local Club, or Clubs, in the idea of hosting a national fellowship "get-together" of Probus people (**Probus Canada Rendezvous**) and I am pleased to say that the Board has accepted an offer from a group of Clubs in the Muskoka area of Ontario to host the first ever event of this type in the fall of 2005. This is a very preliminary notification and there are many details to be put into place. You will hear much more about it in the weeks and months ahead so please watch for special mailings and think about a holiday in late September, 2005 where you will have the opportunity to meet and share experiences with many fellow Probus Members.

I am truly excited about the year ahead as your national President and I promise to do my best to support and extend the aims and objects of Probus which is essentially "fellowship and learning" and I encourage you to work with me as we share our good fortune with others who have the same interests and desires as we do.

ELECTIONS- BOARD of DIRECTORS - PROBUS CENTRE-CANADA, INC.

On December 10, 2002, a mailing was forwarded to each and every Member Club of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc. advising of the "Call for Nominations" to the Board of Directors of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc. There were three (3) positions open for nomination in Ontario and one (1) position in British Columbia. In B.C. there were two nominations received for the one position and in Ontario, there were twelve nominations received for the three positions open. In the subsequent elections, in B.C., Ken Leaney of the Parksville Club was re-elected for a second three year term on the Board and in Ontario, Maureen Huisman of Women's Newmarket was re-elected for a second three year term, while Nancy Troyak of Women's Kitchener and Eric W. Van Allen of "Old" Oakville were elected for a first three year term. Our compliments to all of the successful candidates as well as our appreciation to all who allowed their names to stand in nomination! We hope this interest in serving on the national Board will continue in the years ahead. The response to the election call was excellent from the Clubs in both regions. Ballots were returned from over 90% of the Clubs in Ontario and close to 80% in British Columbia and the newly elected representatives have already participated in their first meeting.

At the same time as we elect new Members to the Board, we must pay tribute to those who retire and our sincere appreciation goes to Jim Coombs, Ottawa-Rideau and to Beverley Miller, Women's Waterloo for their dedication and outstanding service on the national Board and to the Probus Clubs across Canada.

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If you or your Club are in need of assistance, advice or guidance at any time, please feel free to contact the nearest Board Member or the Managing Director at the numbers or email addresses listed above.

"FROM AROUND THE CLUBS"

Probus Club of Vancouver recently hosted the annual Conference of Probus Clubs in B.C with representation from 25 of 27 Clubs in the province and from Probus Canada. The conference had a mixture of business and fellowship with an excellent idea exchange. Because of the recognized value of getting together periodically there was a unanimous vote to continue to hold the conference on an annual basis.

Probus Club of Central Edmonton from their advice column -
.... "In order to maintain a good balance, a man who has a dog to worship him should also have a cat to ignore him." There is also reference to a sign in a church parking lot which reads ... "Private Parking. Trespassers Will Be Baptized."

Probus Club of Kingston from this Club's newsletter an item which may or may not apply to Probus members... "Those who think the competitive spirit is dead, should watch the customers in a supermarket when a cashier opens a new checkout lane."

Probus Club of Niagara North everyone knows that the Niagara area, and its residents, know all about wines... and some of theirs are excellent. But they also apparently know about beer as well. Did you ever wonder about the difference between "ale" and "lager". According to this Club's newsletter... Ale is traditionally a beer fermented with a top fermenting yeast. Usually fermented at "room temperature" (15 - 20 degrees C). Lager, on the other hand, is traditionally a "stored" (aged) beer fermented with a bottom-fermenting yeast at cold temperatures (below 10 degrees C). Crisp, clean taste; fruity character is a fault. (*Good to know when your out with your Club at a pub lunch! In case you think nobody is interested, many of the Probus Clubs have sub groups on "wine or beer making"*)

Probus Club of Woodstock - Oxford this Club recently had an excellent speaker on the subject of weather and weather forecasting... reference is made to some good weather sites on the internet... weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca www.noaa.gov (maps, charts, lightening photos, tornados, etc.) and (for excellent radar) www.intellicast.com

Probus Club of Beaver Valley once again this Club has held its "Activities Fair" where sub group co-ordinators have the opportunity to outline the activities of their groups and inform members of what takes place in each one in order that they might decide which sub-group(s) they might be interested in. The last Activities Day had twenty sub-groups participating.



PROBUS LAPEL PINS

Remember that Probus lapel pins of various descriptions can be ordered from Probus Canada through our Managing Director. Regular lapel pins are only \$4.00 each (all inclusive) in orders of 25 or more. Past President pins are \$7.50 each regardless of number ordered. Probus Canada also has pins, as pictured on the left, for those who have 5, 10 or 15 years of service to Probus and they are \$5.00 each regardless of number ordered. To order call (250) 757-8026 or email rwhynott@nanaimo.ark.com .



The Probus Club of Wasaga Beach has chosen to present their 3rd Life Membership in the eight year history of the Club. Pictured in the middle of the photo left is **Charter Member Jethro Crang** who was recognized for his contribution of many hours of time and energy to the betterment of the Probus Club of Wasaga Beach and to Probus in general. It seems that Jethro was even hesitant about taking time out for the photo as he had "other things to do" at the special Membership Meeting where he was aptly honored. **"Well Done Jethro !"** Joining Jethro in his souvenir photo are the other two Life Members of the Club on the far left of the photo is **Bernie Nadeau**, (who is also Publisher of the Probus Canada Website) and on the right side of the photo is **Karl Fuhre, Sr.**

Our "Congratulations" to these outstanding Probus Members !

MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT !!

At the recent meeting of the national Board of Directors, **Ken Leaney** was elected to the office of President of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc.

Ken is the Charter President of the **Probus Club of Parksville, B.C.** and has just been elected to serve his second three year term on the Board. Over the past three years he has served on the Board as a Director, Secretary and Vice-President, and the election by his peers to the office of President is a recognition of how well he has carried out all of these responsibilities in the past. This dedication to our organization is not new to Ken as he has been a constantly active member of the Parksville Probus Club for almost ten years and he continues to carry his share of responsibilities with his local Club at the present time.



Ken and his wife Marlene, a staunch Probus supporter, retired from 35 years of operating their own jewelry store in Langley, B.C. for over 35 years. Ken has always been active as a community volunteer and was presented with a "Life Membership" in Kinsmen after holding many offices in that organization throughout B.C.

Over the years Ken has maintained the position of being "approachable" in both business and his volunteer work, is dedicated to the aims and objects of **Probus**, and welcomes the opportunity to be of service to all Clubs across Canada in the year ahead.

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Probus Club of Saint John, N.B. David Lester, an active Member of the Management Committee, is also a marathon runner who has participated in fund raising marathon events around the world. In September of this year David will be running in the Flanders Field Marathon in Belgium. There is a contingent of 30 going to this event from Saint John and David asks if any other Probus Members plan to participate please contact him by email at ... dlester@nb.sympatico.ca .. or through his Club Secretary at (506) 652-5915 .

Probus Club of Chilliwack, B.C. this Club has just held a truly fun filled event for their Members enjoyment under the title "The Hillbilly Wedding" complete with a mock wedding ceremony, pot luck dinner and entertainment by none other than "Cousin Clyde and his Corn Crowers" a great event with lots of fellowship. Is it OK for another Club to steal an idea and get pleasure from it absolutely for info contact their Club Secretary, Maureen Pitts at (604) 824-4046.

Probus Club of Stratford, Ont. this Club, in an effort to stimulate interest and share their programs and events with non-members held a "Bring a Friend Day" with refreshments and fellowship in the beautiful garden of one of their Members. What a great way to make new friends and introduce them to Probus. For info contact their Secretary Marg Steel at (519) 271-9000.

Do you have an unusual event you might be willing to share with others across the country ? Please pass the information to the Managing Director of Probus Centre-Canada at the address on the masthead of this newsletter.

WHERE ARE WE NOW ?

As of the end of May ,2003, Probus Centre-Canada,Inc. has issued 148 Club Charters and we have over 18,000 Members and we are still growing. We have Clubs in 8 provinces and one State in the U.S.A., and the prospects for a new Club in Newfoundland in the near future are extremely good. There is some work going on in Quebec and we may have good news from that Province before year end. If you have some suggestions for a new Club, please let the President or the Managing Director know. They will be pleased to assist.

"RENDEZVOUS CANADA"

In the last newsletter we reported that Probus Canada Vice-President Ken Leaney had been corresponding with a few Probus Clubs who have expressed an interest in this project or have requested more information as to what is involved in hosting such an event. Just prior to the recent Probus Centre-Canada Annual Board Meeting, an excellent presentation was made by representatives of a number of Clubs in the Muskoka holiday area of Ontario and subsequently their proposal to host such an event in September, 2005 was accepted by the National Board of Directors. There is much work to be done by the Host Area Probus Clubs, jointly with Probus Canada, and you will be receiving a great deal of information on this event in the weeks and months ahead. Please be prepared to share this information with all of your Club Members.

NEW PROBUS CLUBS IN CANADA

The Probus Clubs listed below are the Clubs which have been chartered since the latest Membership Directory of Probus Clubs in Canada was issued. Please add these Clubs to your roster !

THE PROBUS CLUB OF GRAVENHURST, ONT. (Combined) # 142
 P.O.Box 822, Gravenhurst, Ont. PIP 1V2
 Email: marbar@muskoka.com Fax: none
 35 Members (Sponsor Rotary Gravenhurst, District 7010)
 Charter Members 35 3/18/03
 GRAVENHURST MEET Gravenhurst Opera House, 3rd Tues., 10:00 AM
 President: Jack Young (705) 687-9324
 Secretary: Marv McCabe (705) 684-8333
 New Club Development Officer William Kinghorn (705) 689-1310

THE WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. (Women) # 143
 2 Foxwood Lane, Stratford, P.E.I. C1B 1L9
 Email: none Fax: none
 57 Members (Sponsor Rotary Club of Charlottetown, District 7820)
 Charter Members 57 04/03/03
 CHARLOTTETOWN WOMEN'S MEET (T.B.A.), 3rd Wed. 10:00 AM
 President E. Anne Smith (902) 894-9346
 Secretary Nancy J. Canham (902) 892-7314

THE WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER, B.C. (Women) # 144
 5959 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 4J5
 Email - none Fax - (604) 261-5858 (Phone first)
 46 members (Sponsor - Probud Club of Vancouver)
 Charter Members 46 4/16/03
 WOMEN'S VANCOUVER MEET Point Grey Golf Club, 1st Tues., 10:00 AM
 President Robbie McKenzie (604) 261-5858
 Secretary Dorothy Ryan (604) 688-6428

THE PROBUS CLUB OF WESTSIDE, B.C. (Westbank) (Combined) # 145
 2475 Dobbin Road, Unit 22 - 183, Westbank, B.C. V4T 2G9
 Email - gemed@telus.net Fax - none
 72 Members (Sponsor - Rotary Club of Westbank, District 5060)
 Charter Members 72 4/16/03
 WESTSIDE MEET Holiday Inn, Westbank, 4th Wed., 9:30 AM
 President Gerald V. Schuler (250) 707-1367
 Secretary Jon Conradi (250) 764-6085

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BRIGHTON, ONT. (Combined) #146
 P.O.Box 1605, Brighton, Ont. K0K 1H0
 Email: g-king@sympatico.ca Fax - none
 117 members (Sponsor Rotary Brighton, District 7070)
 Charter Members 103 4/24/03
 BRIGHTON MEET Masonic Temple, Main St., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 10:00 AM
 President Gordon J. King (613) 475-4101
 Secretary Marilyn Ziller (613) 475-4347

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BRIGHTON, ONT. (Combined) #146
 P.O.Box 1605, Brighton, Ont. K0K 1H0
 Email: g-king@sympatico.ca Fax - none
 117 members (Sponsor Rotary Brighton, District 7070)
 Charter Members 103 4/24/03
 BRIGHTON MEET Masonic Temple, Main St., 2nd / 4th Thu., 10:00AM
 President Gordon J. King (613) 475-4101
 Secretary Marilyn Ziller (613) 475-4347

THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTHWEST BAY, B.C. (Combined) # 147
 P.O.Box 249, Nanoose Bay, B.C. V9P 9J9
 Email: mcaru@bcsupernet.com Fax: none
 159 Members (Sponsor Probud Club of Nanoose Bay)
 Charter Members 159 4/30/03
 NORTHWEST BAY MEET St. Mary's Church Hall, 1st Wed., 9:30 am
 President Gabrielle Carlidge (250) 468-9388
 Secretary Jane Fuhman (250) 468-7130

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE, ONT. (Combined) # 148
 P.O.Box 856, Colborne, Ont. K0K 1S0
 Email: rossp@eagle.ca Fax: (905) 355-5904
 24 Members (Sponsor Rotary Club of Colborne)
 Charter Members 24 05/20/03
 COLBORNE MEET Keeler Centre, 1st & 4th Wed., 10:00 AM
 President Paul Ross (905) 355-2156
 Secretary Eileen Milley (905) 355-1035

NOTE: This space is reserved for the next Club(s) to be chartered. The current average is over one new Club per month. Will the next Club be the one sponsored by you ? Wouldn't you like to share the enjoyment of Probud with others in your community or the neighbouring community ?