

John R. Morris Founders Award: Nomination 2019

We present the following as a synopsis of the reasons why Lorraine Veroba, member of multiple PROBUS Clubs, is a very deserving candidate for this highly esteemed award.

Lorraine's initiation into the PROBUS family occurred as a member of the Ajax Club in 1998, where she immediately became involved by serving as Vice-President and subsequently President and Past President.

Lorraine was instrumental in forming a steering committee to initiate an Oshawa PROBUS Club. The club currently enjoys over 300 members. She held the positions of President, Past President, and member of the social committee. Her recommendation of special interest activities as a Special Interest Coordinator for the club has been highly embraced and provides a major attraction to the club. Since the formation of the Oshawa PROBUS Club in 2004, Lorraine has initiated the formation of steering committees to promote the formation of additional PROBUS Clubs in Whitby/Brooklin, Port Perry, Uxbridge, Clarington, and most recently the Durham Central PROBUS Club.

Lorraine is a dynamic individual who possesses exceptional leadership qualities. Her proposal, organization, and leadership of a steering committee to initiate the new clubs relied heavily on her expertise and knowledge in procedural, charter, bylaws, and constitutional matters in its formation, and she continues to lend her guidance thereby becoming a member of that club, while retaining her membership in the Oshawa Club.

Supporting PROBUS is second nature to Lorraine. She attends PROBUS events at all levels including "Spring Fling", district meetings, and the Rendezvous Convention. She also encourages partnership between the Durham Clubs for various events, such as theatre, bus tours, and cruises. As well, she is an advisor to the Durham Region PROBUS Club Committee.

In celebration of PROBUS month in March 2014, Lorraine contributed an article presenting a historical perspective of this organization to local newspapers in Oshawa.

Reinforcing the fact that PROBUS is always in her thoughts, Lorraine displays and orders PROBUS clothing for club members. She may be seen wearing her PROBUS clothes on her travels around the world.

Lorraine's ability to inspire those around her to embrace new challenges and ventures has been well documented in the above submission. She is always at the centre of the organizational aspects involved in running the clubs, and we would be remiss in not adding that all of her endeavours in the PROBUS Clubs are without imposition of her views, but are accomplished by her welcoming manner to all members, new and old.

In the community, Lorraine has been an active participant in the "Meals on Wheels" program, volunteering her time to deliver meals. In addition, Lorraine has taken leadership roles in the Canadian Federation of University Women Oshawa and District, the Retired Teachers' of Ontario, the Elementary Teachers of Ontario, and a major fundraising event for a local church.

In closing, it is a pleasure and honour for this ad hoc committee group to research this information for the Management Committee. We wholeheartedly endorse Lorraine as a most deserving candidate for the John R. Morris Founders' Award, and we look forward to a very positive response from the PROBUS Canada Central Board of Governors.

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