ONTARIO DISTRICT #3 – OCTOBER 2018

Hi everyone, I seem to be keeping busy as the President of PROBUS CANADA. However I cannot neglect my own district. I have listed the clubs that I should visit over the next 6 months since it is almost 3 years since my last visits. We will be staying home this winter. These clubs are Guildwood, Mississauga Centre, Applewood, Cooksville, Appeby, Burlington Women #17, and Old Oakville. I have received offers from 3 past presidents (or soon to be) in the district to help. Please let me know which of your meetings it would be best to visit

NEW BANNERS

The Guildwood club has a source for Probus Banners. I saw them when I was in Oshawa last month and they look great. The size is 33 inches by 79 inches and they are made of heavy vinyl with an aluminum stand. The cost including tax is \$254. If you are interested contact Fran Sancroft at 905-550-8823 or rransancroft@gmail.com

SPEAKERS

We had an interesting speaker at the Mississauga South club. His topic is the myths of 1492. We paid him \$150. Contact either Perry Bowker or myself if you are interested. Another source for speakers is become listed on the distribution lists of newsletters for other clubs in the district. In addition to speakers you will find information on events, activities or many other things that would interest you.

LICENSE FRAMES

I have a sample of the license frames with the Probus name. The cost is \$2 each and the minimum order is 200. To reach the minimum we can combine orders between clubs. Let me know if you are interested.

New CLUBS

Throughout Probus there is a lot of interest in starting new clubs. Since June 1st, we have started 5 new clubs and each of our 13 districts has activity going. I do my best to visit new clubs at their foundation meetings. We all know the benefits of Probus and it is a good feeling to share with others and help them enjoy the benefits. Close to us are new clubs starting in Picton and Owen Sound.

PROBUS CANADA WEB SITE

I am in close daily correspondence with the web team. Perry Bowker, a member of the Mississauga South club is a key part of that team. Perry is putting updates for the clubs in our district onto the web site. I have used the site to get the right names to send congratulations to clubs having anniversaries and to get the correct email addresses to send this district letter. It was nice to see that many clubs have taken the web team's recommendation and switched to impersonal addresses.

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

I prepare a PROBUS CANADA newsletter every 3 months which is placed on the web site. The past practice has been to send each club president a copy by postage. It usually does not get to all the club members. The next issue will be sent by email and my recommendation for each club president to suggest to his/her members to look at it on the web site. The web site is a new means of communication with all the members.

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BOB BOONE