



# PROBUS CANADA

## “NEWSLETTER”

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**Bill Sexsmith**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very happy to report that things are really happening across the country – truly a year of challenge and change. We are achieving a positive annual growth of our national membership, re-evaluating and modernizing our national website, increasing communications with our clubs and setting the groundwork to further enhance the membership experience within PROBUS.

### Six New Clubs and More on the Way

We have only two ways to grow the national membership – through the establishment of additional clubs and the indigenous growth of existing clubs. A recent marketing analysis has concluded that we require an annual growth rate of 2.5 – 3.5 % to be sustainable. In 2017 we achieved a national annual membership growth rate of 5.1%. Six new clubs were added – **Cobequid NS, Burlington, ON, Fenelon Falls, ON, Grand Prairie, AB, 4 Seasons (Collingwood) ON and Sheridan (Oakville), ON**. In the first quarter of this year two additional clubs were added – **East York, ON and Maple Ridge, B.C.** Several more clubs are in the early incubation stage of development. We now have over 36,000 members. Congratulations to the many creative PROBUS leaders who are making this happen.

### National Website Development

We have had a number of suggestions from the various clubs to evaluate and modernize the national website. **Vice President Bob Boone** is heading up a Steering Committee to include fellow PROBUS members **Bob Ashdown, John Draper, Paul Leduc and Perry Broker**, all experienced in website design to assess and coordinate the redevelopment of the site. This group will develop an Action Plan for Board approval and implementation. More on this later as the plan is finalized and put in place.

### Communication with the Membership

It is essential that we stimulate more effective communication and interaction among the clubs and between the national and local clubs. To this end the District Directors are encouraging and organizing district and regional one day management conferences across Canada to share success stories within the clubs and to address many of the common challenges such as management succession, development of local websites, membership recruitment, electronic payment systems, new club development and expectations from PROBUS Canada. **Check with your club management members as to what is being planned within your District.**

### Enhancing the Membership Experience

PROBUS is built on the pillars of fellowship (social contact), keeping abreast of the times (speakers) and participation (activities and leadership). Both the local club management teams and the national Board of Directors are pursuing the same mission. To continue with sustainable growth we need your ideas for improvement and your active participation at all levels of PROBUS.

**Keep in touch we need your suggestions!**

**GET CONNECTED - STAY CONNECTED**



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## **Nominations & Elections – Board of Directors PROBUS CANADA**

This spring, Past President Richard Furlong, as Chair of Nominations & Elections to the National Board issued a call for Nominations to three Districts in Ontario, #2; #3 & #4 .

There was one nomination received from each of the three Districts and thus there was no election called and the three candidates were declared as Elected by Acclamation for a three year term beginning with the Annual General Meeting of the Board in May, 2018.

In Ontario #2, Brenda Andrews, a Past President of The PROBUS Club of Bradford, was elected for a first three year term to replace retiring Director Richard Furlong. In Ontario #3, Robert Boone, a Past President of The PROBUS of Mississauga South, was elected for a second three year term and in Ontario #4, Gordon Zatylny, a Past President of The PROBUS Club of Brampton Flowertown , was elected for a first three year term to replace retiring Director Dennis Souder.

All of these PROBUS Members meet the necessary qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors and we thank them for their willingness to serve and look forward to their active participation commencing in May of this year. Details and photos of the new Directors will be shared in a later issue of the PROBUS Newsletter !

### **LOOKING FOR PROBUS PRODUCTS !!**

**STRATHCRAFT AWARDS** have been with PROBUS Canada for several years. For information, or to order, check out their latest site for Probus supplies ! [www.strathcraft.com/stores/probus](http://www.strathcraft.com/stores/probus) or Call and ask for Brianne at (519) 686-1891 .

### **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](mailto:rwhynott@shaw.ca) ... or by phone at (250) 757-8026.*





## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Our number of active PROBUS Clubs is now standing at 244 with approximately 36,161 individual Members, a number which changes daily. Since the last report to you by way of this newsletter we have added 4 new Clubs and the following details are for your information.

### **THE SHERIDAN PROBUS CLUB, ONT. (Combined) # 255**

125 Digby Road , Oakville, Ont. L6J 6A8  
 Email: christine.shain@hotmail.com Fax: none  
 220 Members (Sponsor Credit River Probud Club)  
 Charter Members 180 11/ 6 / 2017

SHERIDAN MEETS The Meeting House, 2700 Bristol Centre,  
 Oakville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. 10:00 AM

President Christine Shain (416) 887-0382  
 Secretary Fred Oille (416) 816-7447

### **THE 4 SEASONS PROBUS CLUB**

**(COLLINGWOOD, ONT.) (Combined) # 256**

60 Hickory Street, Collingwood, Ont. L9Y 3E6  
 Email: sofficer@bell.net Fax: none  
 204 Members (Sponsor Mountain View – Collingwood)  
 Charter Members 137 11 / 28 / 17

4 SEASONS MEET Royal Cdn. Legion, 490 Ontario St.,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. , 1:00 PM

President Steve Officer (519) 281-7207  
 Secretary Mary Ferguson (647) 640-7875

### **THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF EAST YORK , ONT.**

**(Combined) # 257**

310 – 123 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto, Ont. M4P 1J2  
 Email: grracine@bell.net Fax: none  
 172 Members (Sponsor PROBUS Club of Toronto)  
 Charter Members 172 1/30/18

EAST YORK MEET St. Cuthberts Anglican Church,  
 1399 Bayview Ave. Toronto, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 1:15 PM

President Dina Papadopoulos (416) 904-3351  
 Secretary Bertha Knox (416) 425-6613

### **THE PROBUS CLUB OF MAPLE RIDGE, B.C.**

**(Combined) # 258**

c/o 12292 -216 Street, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 5J9  
 Email: theorr@aol.com Fax: none  
 44 Members ( Sponsor PROBUS Club of Vancouver West)  
 Charter Members 44 2/15/18

MAPLE RIDGE MEET Meadow Gardens Golf Club ,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 10:00 AM

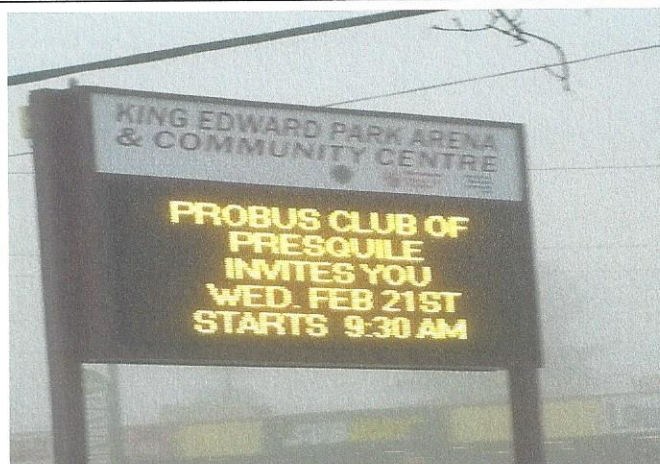
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## IS IT YOUR TURN TO SPONSOR

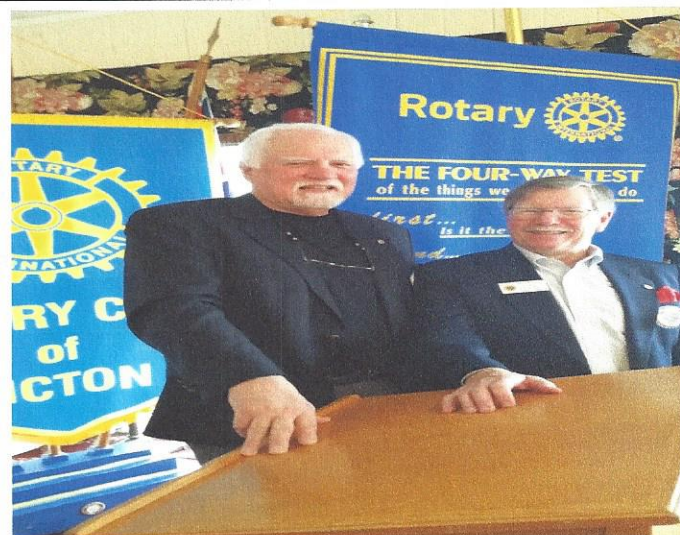
### A NEW PROBUS CLUB ?

Ask your PROBUS CANADA Director how to start the process of considering establishing a new Club ..... you will find it to be an interesting challenge and you'll be doing the same favour for someone that was done for you by the founders of your Club. The Directors' list is on page two (2) of this newsletter.

**YOU'LL BE GLAD THAT YOU DID !!**



This is an example of a Landlord who appreciates their tenants and shows it by support. On behalf of the **PROBUS Club of Presqu'ile**, (David Crouch, President), we say "Thank You" to the King Edward Community Centre.



Thinking of another long time sponsor of PROBUS in Canada, this month our Past President Richard Furlong and the Director for Ont. Dist. #1, Jamie Doolittle visited with Rotary Clubs in their area to bring them up to date on our programs and our objectives. Once again, a sincere "Thank You" to a well respected long time friend and supporter.

## MEDOC Travel Insurance Plan

MEDOC is designed to combine all of the travel insurance needs of PROBUS Members in one convenient package, with plan options to suit the coverage you require as well as your budget. MEDOC balances the needs of travelers regardless of age or health status. It is important that you carry the coverage that gives you peace of mind while traveling. Call **Toll Free- 1- 866- 60Medoc** or on line at [www.johnson.ca/medoc](http://www.johnson.ca/medoc)





Nobody told these Ladies of the **Womens' PROBUS Club of White Rock & South Surrey, B.C.** that it was going to be a windy day but we don't think it mattered .... the company was great! **PROBUS** at it's best !

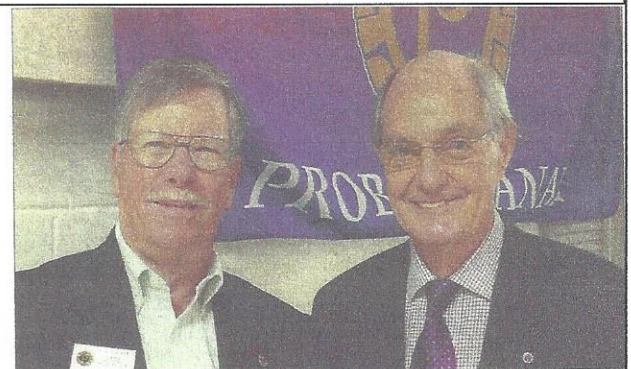
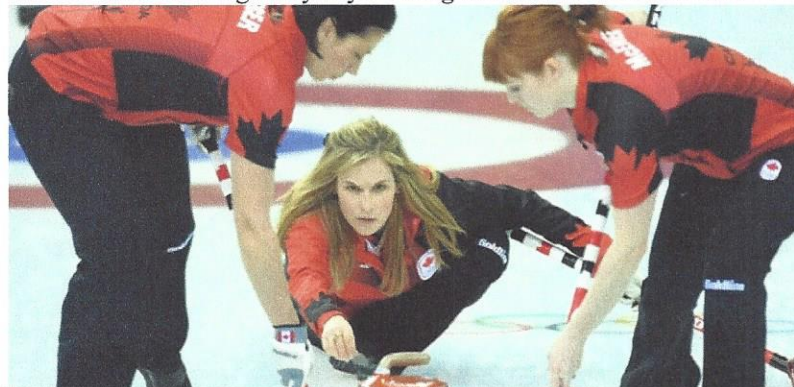
**THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING**

According to the late psychologist Abraham Maslow's "Hierarchy of Needs", a sense of belonging is an important need that must be met to reach one's full potential. Belonging to a community group such as a PROBUS Club can have a significant impact on an individual's sense of well being. Within the PROBUS Clubs individuals and couples can meet their need to belong. Within PROBUS Clubs, four essential elements are found. Meeting locations house all members needs safely, securely, and in comfort. No Member is any less important than another and all voices are heard and respected. Members are supported and help is readily available. Successes are applauded. Members in Canada share in a proud thirty-one year history. For people new to an area, joining PROBUS is a great way to make new friends and be connected in their new community !

Contributed by Jamie Doolittle, Treasurer 2018,  
PROBUS CANADA

**CONGRATULATIONS CITY OF NORTH BAY !!**

There were those who had doubts but the City of North Bay is to be "Congratulated" on an excellent task "well done" as they hosted the "World Women's Curling Championship" for 2018. Over 400 volunteers made it a truly great success" Can't help but wonder how many PROBUS Members were among the list of volunteers ..... I'm sure I saw familiar faces working every day. "Congratulations Team Canada" !



**PROBUS CANADA President Bill Sexsmith** recently paid a visit to the Northumberland Ontario PROBUS Club after being invited by District Director Jamie Doolittle to attend and take part in the unveiling of the new sign at the entrance to Cobourg Gateway advising that PROBUS is active in their community and extending a welcome to all retirees to visit with them.



If you're a Member of PROBUS you don't have to be Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's special day. All you do is join your fellow Members, wear something green and enjoy a Pub Lunch and a glass of something refreshing, like these folks from PROBUS Qualicum Beach, B.C. Note that the Pub (Roy's Place) joins in the fun as well ... Green menu and decorations for all.

**PROBUS can be Fun !**  
( Photo by Barbara D.)