



## PROBUS ONTARIO DISTRICT 3 UPDATE –NOVEMBER. 2019

Hope you had a great summer as we certainly had nice weather. Everything was good for me until late August when I fell while biking with my PROBUS club. The result was two broken bones at the top of my left shoulder and my left arm in a sling for six weeks waiting for the shoulder to heal and the pain to go away. Not much fun and no driving. I now am taking weekly physio and doing daily exercises at home. I was allowed to start driving again two weeks ago.

My term as President of PROBUS Canada finished last May so now I am past president and continuing as liaison between the web team and the PROBUS Canada directors. Two months ago we increased the web team to 5 members with the new member being Fred Oille who is a member of the Sheridan club which is in our district. The new president is Marlene Pearce, who lives in Moncton, NB We encourage all your members to look at the national web site. The web team continues to make changes with the biggest changes being the addition of the map of Canada showing the locations of all clubs and removing the International section as this group now have their own web site. There is also a tutorial on how to use the map. The map is an addition to the listing of clubs by district which had a lot of information on each club including personal information that many of the club presidents did not want to be seen. We have now shortened the amount of information shown on the clubs. The map is also a better set up for people wishing to join PROBUS.

**NEW CLUBS** The north York club was added to our district at the beginning of this year and is already full with a waiting list. Such is the popularity of PROBUS with people wanting to join. In our district many clubs have waiting lists and some lists are very long. I continue to get calls from people wanting to join PROBUS and I feel badly when I tell them you will need to go on a waiting list first. I encourage those clubs with long waiting lists to consider forming a new club. You will be surprised how short the process is to do so. There are areas where clubs are needed, example north parts of Burlington, Oakville and Mississauga, south Etobicoke, the Beaches, Don Valley and Richmond Hill. I am here to help.

**MY TERM AS A DIRECTOR** My term as a director will finish at the end of April 2021. The sooner we start looking for my successor, the better. The requirement to qualify for the position is to be a past president of a PROBUS club in Canada. Please mention this at your club meetings and if you find any interest I will be pleased to explain the position. With 2/3RDS of our members being women, the desire is to have more women as directors.

**NEAR FUTURE** During the rest of my term it is my desire to visit all the clubs in the district over the next 19 months especially at the time of club anniversaries. There are 8 clubs with anniversaries in that period. We will plan to have another district meeting in April 2020 similar to the previous meetings as you requested and at the same location in Mississauga. I need a host club to help and there is no requirement that the host club be located in Mississauga. I will go to the host club to explain what is required well before the meeting. I am looking for some club to step forward to help.

**INSURANCE** We have again made a change in the coverage for insurance. Effective January 1, 2020, all clubs will be covered for \$1 million Director's and officer's insurance. The extra expense of \$150 to go from 500,000 to 1 million will be eliminated. We have agreed with the insurance company to send out the insurance certificates for all clubs needing the name of their meeting place on the certificate.