



PROBUS CANADA

“NEWSLETTER”

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is absolutely my honor and privilege to serve as PROBUS CANADA'S 30th President for my term 2022 – 2023. There have only been 5 Women Presidents before me. I am grateful to all Past Presidents and I hope that I can live up to each and everyone. With a great team of 13 Directors, our Managing Director Reg Whynott and our Financial Manager Doug Cucheron, I know our “Clubs Will Soar “.

Brenda Andrews- President

Let me tell you a little about myself, and my journey in PROBUS. We moved to Bradford, (my husband's birthplace) from Toronto and coincidentally that same year I retired. A few years later there was an ad in the local paper that a PROBUS Club was opening and I was intrigued as I had not heard of PROBUS and wanted to find out what it was all about. I became the first president of The PROBUS Club of Bradford. Our club is now 12 years old and thriving. After a few years we had quite a waiting list so we started a second club in Bradford, which is also thriving. I became District Director in 2018 and was elected to the PROBUS board a year later as treasurer. I held that position for 2 years, and then was elected to Vice President, and here I am today your President.

What a year! We have replaced 4 Directors, 2 of which were former Presidents of PROBUS CANADA. They have each served with pride to our great organization. I would be remiss if I didn't give them each a PROBUS send off.

- Marlene Pearce President 2019 – 2020 and District Director for the district of Atlantic and Maine.
(Marlene has gone on to PROBUS Global as their Canadian liaison)
- Jamie Doolittle President 2020 – 2021 and District Director Ontario #3
- Keith McGregor District Director BC#1 served as Secretary for PROBUS CANADA board for 2 years.
- David Scott District Director BC#2 spent 3 years on the board.

I wish the fab 4 (as I see them) a new beginning, for the next journey of their lives and congratulations to all of you.

I am humbled to walk in their shoes. They have all left quite a legacy.

My hope for the next year is to see all of our clubs across Canada meet again in person and to enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow PROBUS members.

2022 HERE WE COME; OUR CLUBS WILL SOAR!

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COVID-19 --Re-opening PROBUS Clubs

Suggested Guidelines for Re-Opening PROBUS Clubs:

Guiding Principles used: Keep abreast of changes to Guidelines/Club's autonomy vs. Guidelines/Keep brief/general. **Note:** These are Guidelines only and do not in any way minimize the important responsibility of Management Committees and individual members to do all that is necessary to reduce risk to themselves and to their fellow members

Startup Strategies:

- Each Club's plans should adhere to current and changing Federal, Provincial and Municipal Location Guidelines and Health Authorities and satisfy each Club's needs.
- Health and Safety of our Members is Paramount-Personal Hygiene and Social Distancing.
- All Club members have a responsibility to follow their appropriate guidelines in a caring manner.
- We are a Togetherness/Social Organization.
- Provide confidence to Members that returning is low risk. They have been apprehensive-common sense dictates.
- Priority should be Stability/Retention- Then Growth (be prepared for reduction in Membership in some cases).
- Crisis has provided opportunities to learn and to improve communications to members is a high priority e.g. newsletters etc.

Be Open To:

- Reducing numbers attending meetings--changing to larger venue, split clubs, etc.? Consider using Zoom or equivalent for those unwilling or unable to attend physical meeting.
- Social distancing. Change format/layout/seating.
- Hand sanitizers available at entrance of meeting venue. Clean or sanitize hands before and after meeting.
- Consider requiring members to wear masks to protect others.
- Sanitize microphone and any other equipment that you used.
- Re-evaluating food serving practices at meetings for coffee/celebrations or group activities. Should allow for physical distancing for as long as may be required.
- Flexibility re: Club's AGM (Timing/Nominations/Reschedule/Virtual or E- mail voting for AGM process works as an option. By laws flexible in these times. NOTE: AGM's may be postponed and some Management Committee Teams could remain in place for more than a one year.
- Hugs/handshakes- out for now.
- Sick members must stay at home (to protect others).
- Greeter could ask each member how they are feeling.
- Committee Meetings and a few General Meetings may revert to in-person Meetings (togetherness) as per updated guidelines.
- Acknowledge that we were in a "pause" for Celebrations and that we will re-schedule in the future. Examples, Anniversaries/PROBUS Month etc.
- If Club's annual dues are extended, please Note: Each Probus Club is still responsible for Membership Renewals to PROBUS CANADA by Dec. 31st, 2022 for Liability insurance / PROBUS CANADA funding.
- Special Interest/Activity groups- Some may start up soon-but go slowly.
- Venue guidelines should be consistent with Club's guidelines - cleanliness requirements, etc.
- Community Thank-you... Each Club might want to brainstorm ways to say thank-you to the community.
- **Remember**--Each Director is here to support each District Club.

RECRUITING

Pictured below is an advertisement posted in a local/regional newspaper. This ad is intended to promote membership, generate interest and provide brief information of **PROBUS** to potential members who may not be aware of a **PROBUS** club in their area.

A great idea for clubs to get the word out and garner interest in our wonderful **PROBUS** fellowship.



A delegation, with Probus Canada Past President Jamie Doolittle and former Secretary Keith McGregor attended a gathering with Gordon Hutton, a **PROBUS** volunteer as **PROBUS** Financial Manager.

Gordon was the recipient of a beautifully inscribed desk clock and a handmade charcuterie board commemorating over 15 years of service to **PROBUS CANADA**.

Gordon and Jamie set the time on the clock properly and both will enjoy the hours with fond memories.

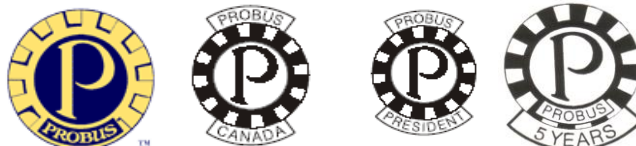
PROBUS PINS

Regular PROBUS lapel pins are \$5.50 each in orders of less than 25, \$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.

President pins and/or 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 Box 292, Qualicum Beach, BC, V9K 1S8, by email at: rwhynott@shaw.ca, ... or by phone: (250) 757-8026.



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To access the various suppliers and to view the products available go to the website www.probus.org and on the "Club Operations" column see the block entitled "Merchandise" and click on the supplier of choice depending on your particular requirements.
You will also find instructions for ordering.

A lyrical group of happy PROBUS members laughing it up at their Spring Fling celebration



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A happy and safe summer to all!!