



The Beacon



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From the Vice-President:

Harold Miller, the Director of Ontario District 1 of PROBUS Centre–Canada, will be speaking at the general meeting Wednesday, February 25th. For those unfamiliar with this umbrella organization to which the Club pays \$2.50 per member annually, here are some interesting facts that may help place what Harold is going to say in context. They may also raise questions for our guest speaker.

The name PROBUS is an acronym for PROfessional and BUSiness. The first clubs were formed in the early 1920's in Saskatchewan and in New Haven, Connecticut. Unlike these predecessors, current mainstream Clubs are not restricted to retired Professional and Business leaders and have different objectives. The current generation PROBUS Clubs started in England in 1965, initially as a meeting over coffee of several retired men with similar business and professional backgrounds. This evolved into a luncheon Club, organized by the local Rotarians, and ultimately an organization specifically for active retirees. As of 2012 there were over 4,000 clubs worldwide.

PROBUS was introduced to Canada in 1987 with the first women's Club following in 1990. By 2012 there were more than 30,000 PROBUS members in 217 Clubs. On August 1st 1995, PROBUS Centre-Canada – was incorporated. Its objectives include

- the accreditation of new and existing Clubs
- promoting the formation of new Clubs
- providing support to Clubs in the form of news bulletins, annual Club directory, etc.
- collecting and disbursing royalties related to the PROBUS logo
- managing PROBUS regalia and other supplies and services

Of the 217 Canadian Clubs in 2012, there were 34 women's Clubs and 47 men's Clubs. These are far outweighed by the 99 combined Clubs.

You have heard about the new Club bylaws on a number of occasions. They will be made available to all members at the first General Meeting in April. At the May 13th meeting there will be no guest speaker, that time being reserved for discussion of the bylaws. We are asking that comments and concerns be provided by either email or in written form to the executive prior to the meeting. There will be reminders and more information forthcoming in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, let us enjoy this old fashioned winter, either outside or from the warmth of our homes!

Ken

PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

Friday, March 13, 2015. St. Patrick's Night at the Legion – sign up available.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Anniversary Lunch. Cost \$3 – sign up and pay now!

Thursday, May 7, 2015. Under investigation - the Empire in Belleville to see John McDermott.

Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Spring Extravaganza at the Keeler Centre in Colbourne with Lieutenant-General, The Honourable Romeo Dallaire. Tickets will be on sale at today's meeting. Cost of \$35 per person includes a full lunch. Get yours early! 65 tickets already sold, 15 more available.

June 23/24, 2015. We have been invited by the PROBUS Club of Belleville to join them on a bus trip to Stratford to see *Carousel* and *The Diary of Ann Frank*. Cost is \$350 per person. For more information and/or to book please call Clare Westhauser at 613-968-3172.

Wednesday, July 8, 2015. Picnic & Golf Day at Pine Ridge.

Sunday, August 9, 2015. *Singing in the Rain* at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope with lunch at the Railside Restaurant. Lunch and Show \$55.

August 1/2, 2015. Highland Games in Maxville – sign up sheet available to determine interest.

September. Applefest Parade – a chance to wear your newly purchased Probus shirt! Also Possible cruise from Peterborough.

Friday, September 25, 2015. Car Rally.

Wednesday, October 7, 2015. Oktoberfest.

November. Loyalist lunches – dates and cost to be determined.

Friday, December 4, 2015. Christmas Party at Timber Ridge Golf & Country Club with the *Reasons*.

Wednesday, December 10, 2015. Christmas Social.

PROGRAM

TODAY

Wednesday, February 25, 2015.
Harold Miller, PROBUS Centre Canada
– Director of Ontario District 1
will speak to us *plus* Canadiana Quiz!

Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Just in time for Easter you will enjoy Mrs. B talking to us about chocolate.

Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Gina Gillespie will be returning to complete her story as a photo journalist in Afghanistan.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Jeremy Bertrand from the Ministry of Finance will talk to us about tax breaks.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Anniversary Lunch and Spring Parade! Come in a hat – old, new, home made – whatever. There will be prizes for the best hat – man and woman.



BRIGHTON PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

Bid Euchre

New Members welcome
Every 1st and 3rd Monday 1:30pm
Anglican Church Hall
Diane Frye 905-355-2307

Scrabble Club (new members welcome)
1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 2:00pm
Call for location.
Betty Edmunds 613-475-0525

Ladies Poker Club

1st Wednesday each month at 1:00-3:00pm
Downstairs at the Legion
Betty McGill-Down 613-475-0999

Single Diners* (New members welcome. Must be single and a member of the Brighton PROBUS Club.)

Please contact *Helen Anthony* 613-475-1304 or *Marion McIlveen* 613-475-2202 if you are interested in joining the group for a social time and a meal.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome new Member Pat Smith.

PROBUS CLOTHING ON SALE

Please note that the next opportunity to buy clothing will be at the May 13 meeting.

BOWLING

Unfortunately bad weather prevented our bowling team from defending their title in Cobourg at the beginning of February.

IN MEMORIUM

At the Anniversary Lunch on April 22 we will honor those members we have lost in the past. If you know of a deceased member, please put their name in the box that will be at the front desk. It does not matter if there are duplications. We are trying not to forget anyone. Thank you.

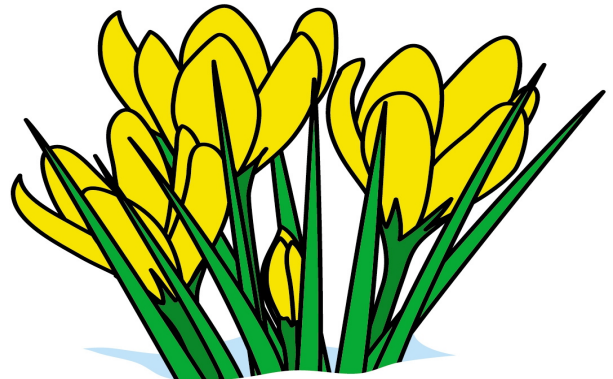
We remember former member (2004-2011) Carol Webster who died on Friday, February 13, 2015. Carol was the sister of Lynda Van Dusen and a regular with the Single Diners.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you have a community event that you wish to be announced at PROBUS meetings, please contact Rose ahead of time at 475-2665.

Lenten Lunches 2015

February 25	St. Pauls Anglican
March 4	Christian Reformed
March 11	Trinity St. Andrews United
March 18	Evangel Pentecostal
March 25	Smithfield United
April 1	Holy Angels Roman Catholic



March, 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 Bid Euchre 1:30pm	3	4 Ladies Poker 1:00pm Scrabble 2:00pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Probus General Meeting 10:00am <i>Mrs. B - chocolatier</i>	12	13	14
15	16 Bid Euchre 1:30pm	17	18 Scrabble 2:00pm	19 Management Meeting 9:30am	20	21
22	23	24	25 Probus General Meeting 10:00am <i>Gina Gillespie returns</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31				