

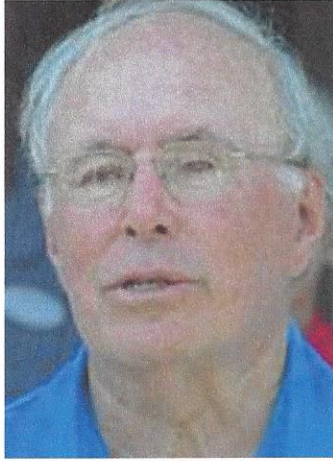


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**BOB BOONE
PRESIDENT**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow PROBUS Members ! It is truly an honour for me to serve as the President of PROBUS CANADA for the next year. I feel like I am a member of all 245 PROBUS clubs. Let me tell you a little bit about myself and how I joined PROBUS. I was born in Montreal and lived there until I was 19 except for 5 years during the 2nd WW when we lived in Winnipeg. I was in my second year in College in Montreal, when my Dad, who was from New Brunswick, was transferred to St. Mary's, Ontario, and a town of about 4,500. This was a great move for my mother as most of her family lived in Southern Ontario. After finishing College in Montreal, I relocated to London, Ontario where I started work to be a Chartered Accountant and where I met my wife Dianne. In 1964 we were married and moved to the Toronto area. We are still there but have lived most of the time in Mississauga. We have three children, 2 girls and 1 boy and now 6 grandchildren, 5 girls and 1 boy.

My retirement came in the year 2,000. A year later, at the continued encouragement of my neighbor Eardley, who lived across the street, I joined the Mississauga Men's PROBUS Club where I am still a member. Looking back, PROBUS and my 6 grandchildren have filled our retirement years beyond any expectations. My wife is a member of the Credit River PROBUS Club, which is a combined club and a club sponsored by my own club. After being on the executive of my club for 8 years, I wondered what else I could do in PROBUS. I had made more than 100 new friends through PROBUS with whom I spent a lot of enjoyable hours with doing the many different activities in my club. I had heard a little bit about PROBUS CANADA but it was not well known within our club. I heard that there was a vacancy in our District so I let my name stand to become a Director. One evening, Steve Campbell, a Past President of PROBUS CANADA called and said that I had been elected as a Director for District 3 in Ontario. My goal in joining PROBUS CANADA was to help as many people as I could enjoy the life of being a PROBUS member in their retirement. It remains my goal as I begin my 4th year as a Director of PROBUS CANADA. My focus in the coming year is to continue the growth of PROBUS membership and to encourage greater communication between the PROBUS clubs and PROBUS Directors as well as greater communications between Clubs and Directors.

Last November I started the process of trying to see how we could improve the PROBUS CANADA web site and how to make it a marketing tool to attract more PROBUS members. In December I was asked to take on the task of starting a new web site. I knew very little about web sites. In our PROBUS computer group, I am the one who asks the most questions which gets lots of laughs in the monthly computer class meetings. I always felt that there was a lot of talent within the PROBUS family and put my faith in finding experts who could help. Sure enough 5 wonderful PROBUS members with the special talents we needed came forward to offer to help. I am truly amazed at their dedication and hours they have given to creating a new web site. As you read this newsletter you will see part of the result. However, it is not finished as I see continued improvement in the coming years. I encourage each of you to take some time to thank this wonderful group of PROBUS members. They are :Bob Ashdown- Whitby PROBUS Club and starter of many clubs in Durham County; Paul Leduc- Fenelon Falls PROBUS Club which started last year; John Draper- PROBUS Club of Northshore-Cobourg ; Perry Bowker- Mississauga South PROBUS Club; Gord Zatylny-PROBUS Club of Brampton-Flowertown and a Director of PROBUS CANADA. Over the next year as your President, I will try to visit as many clubs as possible mainly through District meetings. I have already been to a District meeting in Grand Bend, Ontario, attended the 30th anniversary of the Oakville Club, #5 in our history and the opening of a new club in Uxbridge, Ont. I have committed to being at District meetings in Saint John, NB and Wasaga Beach and hope to see executives of the Charlottetown Clubs when we are in PEI in August doing a PROBUS bike ride and attending the openings of any new clubs that I can. You may wonder why I want to be at the openings of new clubs. I have been to 10 already. In my opinion, by helping to start a new PROBUS club we are enriching the retirement of new members, creating excitement in their lives and helping them to make new friends. I encourage all clubs with waiting lists to make their best efforts at starting a new club. **Your PROBUS CANADA Director will be pleased to help !**

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MEET YOUR NEWEST DIRECTORS



Brenda Andrews, Ont. #2 Gordon Zatylny, Ont. #4

Brenda and Gordon have been elected to the Board of Directors of PROBUS Canada for a three year term by the PROBUS Clubs in their respective Ontario Districts .

Brenda is a Past President of the PROBUS Club of Bradford, Ont. where she has been an active Member for a number of years. Gordon is a Past President of the PROBUS Club of Brampton Flowertown and also has been an active Member for a number of years. President Bob Boone expressed extreme pleasure at the addition of these two dedicated, long standing and willing workers who bring records of extreme excellence to share with their colleagues on the Board who welcomed them warmly and immediately outlined their duties to them.

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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WHERE ARE WE NOW

Our number of active PROBUS Clubs is now standing at 245 with approximately 36,500 individual Members, a number which changes daily. Since the last report to you by way of this newsletter we have added 1 new Club in Ontario District# 2 and the following details are for your information:

The Combined PROBUS Club of Uxbridge, Ont.# 259

5 Deerfoot Drive, Sunderland , Ont. L0C 1H0

Email: www.uxbridgeprobus.com Fax. None

100 Members (Sponsor PROBUS Club of Port Perry)

Charter Members 100 6/4/2018

UXBRIDGE Meets Goodwood Community Centre,
2nd Wed. 10:00 AM

President Brenda McGowan (416) 356-9243

Secretary Linda Abate (905) 852-9217

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Should you be in the area of the Uxbridge Club do drop in and say hello and enjoy one of their meetings. We're sure you'll find a warm welcome waiting for you !

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We appreciate the effort of the Organizing Committee and especially the PROBUS Club of Port Perry, the sponsors of this latest new Club. If your Club has a waiting list and you would like to consider a new Club in your community, or in a neighboring community, please contact your Director from the list of Officers / Directors on Page 2 of this newsletter

You will find they can be most helpful !



When the PROBUS Club of Kitchener / Waterloo gathered to celebrate their 30th Anniversary recently it was no surprise to anyone that the three gentlemen above were in attendance . After all, they were all Charter Members when the Club was formed 30 years ago and all three are still regular attendees at meetings as well as at the various activities and special events. The smiles add to the enthusiasm shown by (l-r) Dick Bryden, Don Foell & Bob Jones. A true endorsement for the Club !

CONGRATULATIONS GUYS & TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE KITCHENER /WATERLOO CLUB !!



When the PROBUS Club of Winnipeg holds a function such as their 20th Anniversary Luncheon, a truly notable Guest Speaker such as the Her Excellency, The Honorable Lt. Governor, Janice Filmon , is a must . Her Excellency took time to say a special "Hello" to PROBUS Members Burton & Agnes Kennedy, both of whom are over 100 Years of age. Yet another **FANTASTIC PROBUS EXPERIENCE !**

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PROBUS CLUBS across Canada took time to celebrate "PROBUS MONTH" in a variety of ways. Many found a popular way which included baked and decorated edible goods to help the Members remember the special occasion. We are told that many of the Guests at the meetings thought it was a great idea !

Thanks to all for your support !

JOHN R. MORRIS AWARD

The **John R. Morris Founders Award** was established to recognize major contributors toward the ongoing development of PROBUS in Canada. It is the highest honor which can be bestowed upon individual Members of PROBUS and recognizes truly outstanding contributions toward our successful and sustained activity in keeping with our primary objectives. Following a nomination by the PROBUS Club of Shediac Shores, with support from the PROBUS Club of Greater Moncton and the Women's PROBUS Club of South East New Brunswick , a presentation of the Award to **Steve Campbell**, Founding President of the PROBUS Club of Shediac Shores as well as a Past President of the PROBUS Club of Greater Moncton and a Past President of PROBUS Canada , was approved by the Board of Directors of PROBUS Canada .

On April 17th, 2018, Steve was surrounded by fellow Members of the PROBUS Club of Shediac Shores and a large group of Distinguished Guests from surrounding PROBUS Clubs as well as local, provincial and federal dignitaries, elected and from the general public, all in attendance at the Shediac Shores Club to witness and recognize the presentation of the Award by PROBUS Canada Secretary Marlene Pearce (on behalf of National President Bill Sexsmith) with assistance from Sandra Wallace, President of the PROBUS Club of Shediac Shores and Richard Furlong, Past President of PROBUS Canada. The nomination and support materials are much too lengthy for presentation here but the portions of the letter from President Bill Sexsmith, shown below, sum up the feelings of so many.

Excerpt: Dear Stephen: Your nomination by the PROBUS Club of Shediac Shores as a candidate for the John R. Morris Award was presented and discussed at our recent Board Meeting. We recognize your many contributions to PROBUS as outstanding. Contributing to the continuing development of our organization through your leadership as President, your guidance in the recent revision of our constitution, establishing the national celebration of our founding month of March and introducing our national phrase of Get Connected – Stay Connected. You have championed the growth of PROBUS in the Atlantic Region by introducing the Annual Atlantic Regional Meeting and assisting in the development of 4 new Clubs. You have extended your leadership skills beyond PROBUS to include serving as a Councilor for the City of Moncton, Chair of the English Department at Universite de Moncton and contributing to many community projects. It is my pleasure, on behalf of PROBUS Canada to convey to you the unanimous decision of our Board of Directors that you have been elected to receive the John R. Morris Founders Award !

Yours in PROBUS, W.R. (Bill) Sexsmith, President.

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE ON THIS MOST OUTSTANDING, AND MOST DESERVED AWARD !!



Steve with his proud #1 supporter, wife Janetwhat a beautiful smile ! Additional recognition !



Marlene Pearce, Vice. Pres. PROBUS CANADA, presents the J.R.M. Founders Award.



Janet & Steve thank Sandra Wallace, President, Shediac Shores PROBUS for the nomination .



While dealing with Awards, one of the main features of the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors of PROBUS CANADA is recognizing the contribution of dedicated volunteers from our local Clubs who are the key to our successes. On the right, Past President Bill Sexsmith is shown with retiring Director Richard Furlong after six years as a Member of the Board, including a year as National President. On the left incoming President Bob Boone recognizes Director Dennis Souder for three years of service as a Director and is now moving on to other challenges.

THANKS VERY MUCH GENTLEMEN

