



PROBUS Global NEWSLETTER



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Editor's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter for PROBUS Global



Shirley Roberts

Membership



Greetings from all of our Future Team to
PROBUS Global members.

As we entered the Autumn season for some countries we saw the leaves turning a russet colour and cooler weather in the northern hemisphere whilst those in the southern hemisphere have enjoyed the warmth but hoping the temperatures do not get too high. As we now near the Winter season which starts on the 22nd of December there maybe some change.

Here in the UK there has been floods whilst snow has started early in Canada, and fires have affected New South Wales in Australia.

Is this due to climate change I wonder and can we help in any way. Well I have made a start by buying non glitter Christmas cards all recyclable and a few less as maybe some will be receiving greetings from Jacquii Lawson.

Future Team for PROBUS Global

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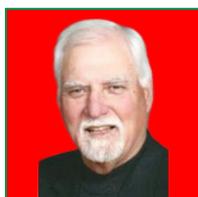
Richard Furlong

Dale Fawcett

Steve Campbell

Australia

Howard Massey



Tony Elliott from the Rutherford Probus Club in Nelson New Zealand has highlighted climate change with a article in the **Blog**. As he says “We will not be here to measure any success we may have but without positive action the life we have lived will not be available to our children and grandchildren”.

Where ever you are I am sure you can all when occasion permits turn on your computer and join us in our members section of PROBUS Global ,read the latest Probus news and pop in for a chat on our members chatroom. We would love to hear from you.

Membership Development

We started our development of the PROBUS Global network with the integration of the current members of the International Probus Network into the new PROBUS Global website.

With the website online it has given us the opportunity to increase our membership and make it more diverse covering more countries. In the short time we have had the website I am very pleased to say that we have been successful in gaining new members from many countries with now 189 members as the list below shows

Great Britain	106
Canada	43
Australia	21
South Africa	7
Ireland	2
France	4
India	2
Netherlands	1
Belgium	2
New Zealand	1

Total 189

Looking at the total so far and seeing what we have achieved in our first year it would be great if we could reach the 200 members but perhaps that is just wishful thinking, however you may be able to help by encouraging your probus club members to take a look and join.

Website Developments

Thanks for the good work by webmaster Peter, we have now got the probus club 'Contact a Probus club' with the new search facility and the text box to add any corrections which we both shall be constantly monitoring.

I say this because if the contact I say this because if the contact person suddenly becomes deceased becomes deceased his widow will not want to be receiving phone calls or emails, so please let us know.

I would ask all members to keep a check on club details especially after the AGM and jockey the new secretary to sending us the corrections with club name as quickly as possible. They do not need to sign in to do this.

If any member who asked to join the photo group and did not receive an invite from Flickr please contact me at strebors2@gmail.com. It might have got lost in Spam.

I would need to know whether you are already a Flickr member and if so the email address you use to determine what kind of invitation I send you from Flickr.

If you have any ideas which may help to build the website further please let us know as this is your probus website to enjoy at your leisure. Thanks to all clubs who have put a link to PROBUS Global on their club website.

That's all from me - **HAPPY**



CHRISTMAS



Ladies News

Well it looks as though the ladies have been a little reticent in sending some article for our newsletter but reading the involvement they have in their club newsletters maybe they are too busy organising trips social events, or writing newsletters like me.

One thing I picked up was about "Don't forget to wear your name badge" in the Pickering Lakeside pdf.

My club has resolved the issue of senior moments or lost badges, we have a Badge monitor and you collect your badge on arrival at speaker meetings and return to the monitor when leaving.

How do you prevent little cliques of ladies all wanting to sit together or saving spaces ?

Organised name places does not seem to work as they just replace them. The committee are encouraged to move around the various tables especially if a potential members are visiting us for the first time and make the introductions to the other ladies around the table. Perhaps the potential member and sponsor should be invited to sit at the top table which the President or Chairman decides on their first visit, just a thought to pursue.

Maybe I was a little premature about the ladies being reticent for today Mary from the Holland Park Central Probus Club a mixed gender club has sent me this info re ladies in probus in Australia.

One comment I would like to make is that as the editor of our newsletter (since inception), I have strictly avoided "blonde" and anti-female jokes.

Another is that Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL) our "corporate" body, to date has had just one female on its Board at any one time, (over the last 15 years) and I have regularly stirred about that. It now has two (of 12), one of them in the Chair. However, while I don't believe them, PSPL claims it has no figures on the male/female ratio of the 130,000-odd Probians it represents. My bet is, that in the last few years, female members far outnumber the men. Here in Oz, mixed clubs are the norm, and many like ours has a gender ratio in its by-laws to ensure they have enough men. We have a 30:70 minimum mix in our by-laws. Currently we have 32% men and 68% women. Mary also sent her newsletter which will be available to read in PROBUS Global newsletters and I would encourage you to read it with all the fascinating topics she has raised.

Thoughts for today or should I say something to smile about.



To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it, even when pouring.

I don't remember much from last night, but the fact that I needed sunglasses to open the fridge this morning tells me it was awesome



Dear Tech Support. Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as: Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail. What can I do?
Signed,Desperate

Dear Desperate,

"First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very badprogram that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all yoursystem resources.)In addition, please, do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program.These are unsupported application and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend: Cooking 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.7.**Good Luck!**

Brexit to The Great Southern Land with Probus Global



Christmas Day is celebrated across Australia on 25 December and is one of the most actively celebrated holidays in the country with peculiarities like South Australia and Northern Territory that have a part-day public holiday

for Christmas Eve from 7 pm to 12 midnight. And, of course since December is the height of summer, so Christmas occurs during the school summer holidays. It would be a great escape for a Probian from the northern hemisphere.



Bondi is the magnet for many visitors. However, there's a few things you should keep in mind. Bondi is one of the best places to hang about over summer in Australia, but it goes without saying that you won't be the only one with this idea, so some preparation and local tips will help you navigate the silly season like a pro. Talk to a Probian on PROBUS Global



Some things you may not know - you can be assured of is no shortage of shopping options. A variety of stores litter the streets near Bondi Beach and Bondi Junction and it seems like every other shop is a café or restaurant.



There's huge array of department stores to choose from but be warned there will be a lot of shoppers. Food

shopping will always be hectic, but you have several options in stores to choose from in and around Bondi.

The photo on the left is Kiama a short 100 ks south of Bondi.

Bondi Beach has some of its busiest beach days of the year on Christmas and Boxing day and so do the surrounding beaches but no matter where you choose for a BBQ on Christmas day, any public spaces will be full of friendly revellers and their pets. It is prudent not to body surf near board riders and particularly their pets when riding boards since they have little regard for interlopers and cause you to ... come a gutser. (eng. nasty fall).



Socially the Aussies are a very friendly lot. Everybody knows that Aussies like a beer but they are also are great animal lovers and while in Bondi you will come across the locals and their pets. The wombat is a particular favourite of the up-and-coming techy in Sydney.



For the adventurous visitor hire a car and koala and take a trip due west, beyond the black stump, to the "bush" but make sure to take water and some food. Preferably take Probus friends and two vehicles since fuel and shops are a bit far apart. If you see anybody they will be friendly but probably working.

Bon Voyage





Across the pond

PROBUS District 2 Meeting, Ontario, Canada

The District 2 PROBUS Area Meeting was held at the **Stouffville PROBUS Club** on October 21, 2019. Members from 33 of the District 2 Clubs attended – a total of 118 participants.

New **President PROBUS Canada, Marlene Pearce** and her husband Winston visited from New Brunswick as part of their Ontario Tour. Marlene and District 2 President, Brenda Andrews, presented information and current PROBUS updates to those assembled. There are approximately 38,500 PROBUS members across Canada, about 6,000 of whom are in District 2.

There were three objectives of the day:

- * Enable PROBUS principles of fellowship, self-development and participation.
- * Generate ideas for Club leaders to pursue at their home Clubs.
- * Support a forum to **"Get Connected and Stay Connected"**!

To achieve the objectives and ensure relevance for participants, organizers requested ideas and issues when invitations were first sent out. From the close to 60 ideas received, 9 themes emerged. During the day long meeting - with mixed-roles participation – over 200 ideas/solutions were generated related to these themes. Participants achieved two main outcomes: ideas and suggestions – new, currently in place and those tried and discarded for potential follow up at home Clubs. Secondly, the activity allowed for a high level of interaction as different roles from various Clubs worked together to share and build on each others' ideas.

Of high interest to attendees was having the opportunity to interact with same-role members from other Clubs. To this end each participant was assigned seating by their role. Each role was then tasked to generate ideas on: **Best Practice** (*what worked well in the role*), **Inefficiencies** (*what gets in the way*) and **Potential/Solutions** (*things tried or learnings*).

Results from both the ideas generation and best practices sessions were sent to Presidents of each Club. **This information can also be found on the PROBUSGLOBAL website. In ABOUT - Making your club successful**

Another area of interest for many attending Clubs was a panel discussion on the creation and usage of the web for Club-related activities such as events sign-up, electronic newsletters, registration, on-line payments, etc. **Webmaster Trina MacKenzie** of the Stouffville Club who recently created the Club's website spoke about the challenges in creating the website and the subsequent push to encourage member usage. **Peter Green, Webmaster Pickering-Lakeside** spoke about a purchased package to handle all administration on-line including payments. Both individuals presented the pros and cons of each approach, and while it was agreed that the latter package was efficient and very attractive in its versatility, several Clubs cited cost as a prohibitive factor based on their current membership-numbers. As well, **Richard Furlong, Newmarket Mens Probus** introduced the **PROBUSGLOBAL** website to attendees and encouraged usage and introduction of the site to all members.

It was an excellent occasion for members from many PROBUS clubs to interact, to meet and to discuss challenges and issues facing all of us moving forward. We continue to **"Get Connected-Stay Connected."**

For more information contact: Tara Seon, VP PROBUS Club of Stouffville (2019).



**THE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF
NEWMARKET**



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO
HIS CLUB AND HIS COMMUNITY**

JAY FANCIE

NOVEMBER 2019

President

Secretary

1. Long time member
2. Has contributed significantly to the Club
3. Has made significant contributions to the community at large
4. Is not currently a member of the Management Team
5. Decision made by management, with suggestions from members welcomed.

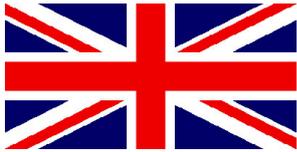
This award is presented at the Newmarket Men's Christmas lunch each year

Does this happen in other Probus clubs around the world?

Pop into the 'Chat Box' if you have a similar award to let us know.

I know other organisations in the USA especially tend to do this.

Nice early Christmas present for some deserving Probus member.



For a little UK humour I suggest you read the Kiama November newsletter. Keith Banks from the Frinton Probus club has added some very amusing tales which will make you laugh.

Keith has been sending me email humour for many years suitable for ladies.

Are there any more UK clubs who would like to send their club newsletters to add to the wide collection of newsletters we have on site.

The probus club of Dunmow in Essex have started the ball rolling, perhaps some other counties would like to follow suit.

When you send in an amendment to your club contact details please would you add the name of your club as this would help when I come to edit.

If any probus global member has a birthday in December may we wish you a very

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I am currently writing articles for an on-line military magazine about National Servicemen who served overseas and were awarded the General Service Medal. I would like to hear from ex N.S.who served (unwillingly!) in Palestine: Korea: Aden: Canal Zone;Malaya ; Kenya and Cyprus (where I served).

Thank you.

Roger R Brown

ex Royal Signals (Cyprus 1958)

Roger Brown

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Woodbridge Probus Club

So. Merry Christmas everybody,
Let's finish well this year,
With peace, good-will to everyone
And to all of us, good cheer.

There is no snow at Christmas
in Australia's sunny days
but the atmosphere is friendly
in oh, so many ways.

Merry
Christmas



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