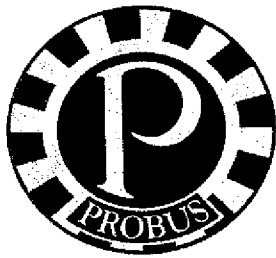


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January, 2014 To: All PROBUS Clubs in Canada

From: Steven Campbell, President, PROBUS CENTRE-CANADA, INC.

MARCH IS NATIONAL PROBUS MONTH

PROBUS is a local, national, and international association of retired people who come together in non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit, non fund raising autonomous clubs which provide regular opportunities for members to meet others in similar circumstances and similar levels of interest, make new friends, and maintain and expand their interests.

Members join together in clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities to keep their minds active, expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends. The basic purpose of a PROBUS club is to provide regular gatherings of persons, who, in their retirement appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and similar levels of interest; i.e., to provide options for members to maintain a path of fellowship and learning.

Presently, there are over 4,000 clubs the world over comprising more than 400,000 members. In Canada, we have 226 active clubs accounting for over 31,000 members.

Recently, PROBUS Canada approved the idea of a National PROBUS Month, a specific month to be declared nationally to celebrate PROBUS, enrich its meaning among members, and enhance its visibility throughout each community; that PROBUS recognition and visibility will be enhanced municipally, provincially, and nationally.

The idea is for each club to dedicate its regular meeting of the designated month, or part thereof, to celebrating PROBUS. Special events within a club (luncheon, special speaker, awards, development of a new club, reading of Constitution and Bylaws, a discussion of the PROBUS Website, etc.), municipal declaration of PROBUS Month, news release, etc., are just a few of the possibilities.

In the discussion of an appropriate month, it was noted that the first club in Canada, Cambridge, Ont., was certified on March 17, 1987. Appropriately, *March has been designated the first National PROBUS Month.*

Fully realizing National PROBUS Month is a very recent idea and the month of March is rapidly approaching, it is hoped that each club will find some way to note the event with some activity possible in the short time available. Some of the ideas suggested above might be possible on short notice to formally recognize the event, even if it is the appointment of a committee to begin preparing for next year's National PROBUS Month. PROBUS Canada looks forward to this event growing into a major one in future years.

Yours in PROBUS,

Steve

S. C. Campbell, President