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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I am very happy to have our management team in place. You can tell already that there is a lot of detail work that has to be done to keep the club running smoothly and there is no possibility that one person or two can do that by themselves.

A special thanks to George who has not only volunteered to be our webmaster together with Lane but is also (for now) putting together our newsletter and has taken on the position of Vice President.

I hope some more of you will join us for the Christmas Luncheon at the Beaver Grill on December 10th. This will be a great opportunity to get to know other members better even if it is only at the table where you will be sitting. Speaking of getting to know others, there were quite a few sign-ups for the special interest groups. If you didn't sign up for anything yet remember it's not too late. Some groups will fill up sooner than others if the group is meeting in someone's home but others like the walking group will be able to take as many as are interested.

I'll see you on January 21 and if you are not attending the luncheon, in the meantime, have a happy holiday.

Gerry Walker



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gerry Walker
President

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Vice President

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MONTHLY MEETING

Our November meeting was on the 19th and some signing up for the special interest groups began. The groups that were started included, wine tasting, travel, walking, skiing, book club, cards, and astronomy. Additional groups that were mentioned was gardening and calligraphy. There will be group emails going out to members so that they can start organizing.

There was a small break and Gerry gave a presentation about a fighter pilot from the second world war, Rocky Gordon, the grandfather of a local man, Jeff Gibson. Rocky joined the RCAF near the outbreak of the war and flew combat missions almost daily for the next four years.

We would like to acknowledge five new members: Linda Jackson, Leela Rambally, Di Kufeldt, Jean Desmarais, and Albert Huys. We now have 54 charter members! Welcome to the Battlefords Probus Club.

There was a call for Vice President and George Plews volunteered for this position.

A discussion was about whether members should get their own personal name tags and the consensus was that members would.

Our president Gerry mentioned that relevant to our RCMP speaker on scams at the last meeting, there is a Government of Canada website for finding information on the latest scams. This can be found at Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:

<https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>

There will be no Probus meeting in December, but instead there will be a Christmas luncheon on December 10 at Beaver Grill Express Asian Restaurant which is located above the curling rink at 11:30 am. Cost is \$32. If you haven't signed up to attend and would like to go, please call Susan Mclean Tady. She can be reached at 306-441-7006.

Lastly, on page 3 of this newsletter, there is a description of "What does PROBUS Canada DO for its Clubs".

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WHAT DOES PROBUS CANADA DO FOR ITS CLUBS?

- Provides the structure from which all clubs can operate autonomously.
- Provides club representation on the PROBUS Canada board of directors through Directors elected from each District.
- Provides a Standard Constitution for Probus Clubs and Suggested Bylaws.
- Provides an online Club Reference Guide (CRG) where clubs can access information, resources, and support.
- Maintains a national website, which includes the CRG, as well as a Knowledge Base, a Speakers Catalogue, and contact information for clubs.
- Manages compliance with Corporations Canada regulations and requirements for non-profit organizations.
- Provides Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance and Management (formerly Directors and Officers) Insurance for members, directors, officers, and volunteers.
- Negotiates group rates for optional insurance plans, including Health and Travel, Auto and Home.
- Retains and oversees three part-time contractors (General Manager, Financial Manager, and Webmaster) who manage PROBUS Canada's routine operations.
- Engages in strategic planning for PROBUS Canada's and clubs' future success.
- Develops marketing tools to be used at the national, district, and club levels.
- Trains Directors in concrete ways to support their District clubs.
- Provides funds to support District Director visits to clubs and District meetings.
- Offers interest-free short-term loans to support the founding of new Probus clubs.
- Provides several national awards and provides certificate templates for District and club use.
- Provides free access to PROBUS Canada's SurveyMonkey account for clubs to conduct their own membership surveys.
- Provides a simple website page, on request, to clubs who do not have a website.
- Provides free access to Google Meet as an alternative to Zoom through Google Workspace for Non-profits.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas lunch at the Beaver Grill Express Asian Restaurant on December 10 At 11:30 am.

Please let Susan Mclean Tady, our Events and Activities person, know that you can attend.