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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

My neighbour has her artificial plants out now, standing guard over the garage doors in a sure and welcome sign of spring. It's up to the rest of us now to follow suit before this all too short summer season starts to disappear. Hopefully the outings that we have planned will help us enjoy this season and make some lasting memories. Hope you can join us.

Don't forget to invite your friends or neighbours to our May meeting.

Gerry Walker



APRIL 50/50

The fourth Probud North Battleford 50/50 draw in April was another hit!

Congratulations to our winner, Virginia Ford, who took home \$80. We appreciate everyone who participated and helped make the event a success.

The total cash entries amounted to \$160, with \$80 going to the club.



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gerry Walker
President

George Plews
Vice President

Deb Breiman
Secretary

Johanne Stolz
Treasurer

Becky Stroo
Membership Chair

Chris Pollard
Speaker Chair

Susan McLean Tady
Events and Activities

George Plews
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Webmasters

Vacant
Past President

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES BIO

The next introductions from our Management Committee will be Susan McLean Tady and Lane Jackson. Their bio's will also be available to view on our Probus Members webpage.



I was born in Prince Albert and raised in Prince Albert then Saskatoon. It was the later where I met my high school sweetheart. We married and moved to the Battlefords. Three years later when our son Dustin was two my husband Mark passed away.

I then bought and ran my own business. During that time, I met my second husband Doug. We had our second son Drew.

I began my municipal career which culminated in twenty-three years as an employee and 25 years in elected positions.

In my third year of retirement, we lost our oldest son Dustin in a vehicle accident.

I am enjoying engaging in our Probus club and look forward to new adventures.

Susan McLean Tady



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WEBMASTERS BIO



Before I turned 30, I lived at about 28 different addresses across Canada. Since then it has been about 21 different addresses. Before I turned 30, I had about 33 different jobs. Since then, it is about 11.

I graduated from the Library Technician program at Grant MacEwan Community College in 1986. Working in libraries has been my career ever since. I have worked in a couple of academic (college) libraries, a couple of short gigs in government libraries, 15 months in a corporate library, but mostly I worked for library regions, and public libraries.

My family moved to North Battleford in 2002 where I began a job with Lakeland Library Region. After retirement from there, I worked at Battleford Library for a couple of years. Now I am mostly retired.

I do have a part-time position doing "bank runs" for a lawyer's office in town. My family (at home) is Vivian, my lovely spouse, and Sage, the cat. Our two daughters graduated from NBCHS (both were valedictorians) three years apart. Both daughters are married. One has 3 grandchildren. One lives in Brandon, Manitoba. One lives in Richmond Hill, Ontario. I am into genealogy and I enjoy reading, word puzzles, Scrabble, bicycling. Also, Vivian and I have a pretty big Christmas village. We add to it mostly from summer garage sales.

Lane Jackson



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APRIL GUEST SPEAKER



Now serving his third term as Mayor of Battlefords, Chris Pollard introduced Aimes Leslie. Who brings nearly two decades of experience with the Battleford Fire Department, five years with the local chapter of the Canadian Ski Patrol, and several years coaching youth in the Battlefords. His long-standing dedication to community service speaks volumes about his passion for giving back. Aimes considers it a true privilege to serve the people of Battleford, and believes there is no better way to contribute than through active and committed leadership.



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APRIL MEETING

The Travel Group will not meet in April, but plans are underway for a lunch meeting on May 26 (location to be announced). With 30 members at the last event, Gerry suggested the possibility of splitting into two groups depending on future attendance. The Spades Card Group continues to thrive, meeting next on May 5 and 12 at the Pioneer Hall.

Mark your calendars for the Prairie Lily Cruise on June 19! Boarding begins at 3:30 p.m. with a 4:00 p.m. Departure. It looks like 33 Battlefords Probus members have signed up. A van has been rented and Rick Hertel has volunteered to drive himself and 14 other members.

Executive roles—including Vice President, Membership, and Social/Events—will need to be filled by September. Members are encouraged to consider volunteering. Additionally, the club is looking to appoint “Sunshine Ambassadors” to bring cheer and support to meetings and members in need. These persons would bring cheer to the club meeting in the form of happy stories or jokes. They also would be responsible to send get well cards etc. as required and report to the club. Gerry is asking members to consider volunteering to fill these positions.

Membership growth remains a priority. Our next May meeting is our membership drive and a presentation by a Probus Canada representative of our Charter Document. It will be at the Western Development Museum on May 22 at 10 AM. Our guest speaker will be Rob Rongve. Invitations have been handed out to members.

Member bio introductions were shared by Brian Wicks, Sharyn Bell, and Carol Walker. The meeting concluded with a guest address from Battleford Mayor Aimes Leslie.

A summer BBQ is being considered for July as a celebratory wrap-up to the club’s first year—possibly a potluck at a local campground. Evelyn Skotniski also proposed a volunteer initiative to help beautify the Rose Garden on 15th Avenue in Battleford.

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SISTER RITA & CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

A TRIBUTE TO DON WILLIAMS



Friday, May 2, 2025
7:00 pm
Saint André's Church
1301-112 Street
North Battleford, SK



Proceeds go to:
• Catholic Family
Services
• Battlefords District
Food & Resource
Centre

ADMISSION BY DONATION

Chris Pollard's guitar
group will perform a
"Tribute to Don Williams".

See poster for details.

As mentioned by Becky
Stroo, the Sizzler Art Show
& Sale is coming to the
Chapel Gallery on May 9th
& 10th.

Becky will be one of
many local artist who will
have some of their art on
display and for sale.

Everyone is welcome

SIZZLER

SHOW & SALE

Chapel Gallery
891 99th Street, North Battleford

Friday, May 9 4:00 to 8:00pm
Saturday, May 10 10:00 to 4:00

Enjoy a great selection of
unique art and craft
created by local artists!
painting... pottery... textiles... jewellery
Something for everyone!

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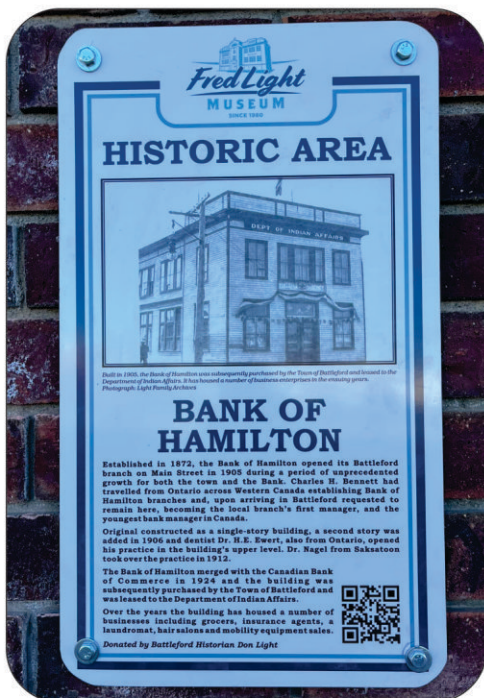


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Evelyn Skotniski told us how the Fred Light Museum is putting up Historical Plaques around Battleford.

The Battleford Memorial Rose Garden is a volunteer-led project supported by the Town of Battleford, this volunteer-led garden honors loved ones with engraved stones along a remembrance walk. For more information, please contact Town Hall in Battleford.

Catriona Winterholt shared that the Memorial Rose Garden is in urgent need of volunteers to help with maintenance and care.



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YOU'RE INVITED!

The Battlefords Probus Club OPEN HOUSE

Join us for coffee, cookies, and community at
our open house for retired and semi-retired adults!

We'll begin with club business, including:

- Presentation of our Charter Document by a Probus Canada Rep
- A short talk on the latest scams to watch for
- Why joining Probus might be right for you

Guest Speaker: Rob Rongve, well-known local figure

Probus is a social club focused on friendship and
shared interests—not fundraising or service projects.
Our current groups include travel discussions and card games,
with more forming based on member interests:
like book clubs, wine tasting, walking groups, and more.

Founded in Sep. 2024, we've grown
to 56 members—and there's room for more!
A modest annual fee covers club expenses.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Battlefords Probus Club
Open House
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Western Development Museum
Come and Check Us Out!

MAY
22ND
2025