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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Summer is upon us and somewhat sadly that also marks the final meeting of our Probud Club until September. Summer is a busy time for most if not all of us so it makes sense to take a break and enjoy the best two months of the year. Weatherwise September is a time for renewal for our club, a new President, and new Vice President.



We also will need a new Membership Chairperson and even though this is not an elected position is it a vital part of our management team. (please let us know if you are interested in helping out by managing this important function - it's not a difficult position and most of the 'groundwork' has already been done by Becky - who has committed to mentor). Our first meeting in September will begin with our Annual General Meeting where each Chairperson will submit their report and we will hold elections for the three positions that require a vote, President, Vice President and Secretary. Each will require a nomination but in reality, only one will require a consequential vote - Vice President. if you are interested in joining the management team, let us know.

I have really enjoyed our first year as your President and the steps we took to become a viable social club. I look forward to building on our success and enjoying many months of camaraderie with all of you. Have a great summer.

Gerry Walker

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
Lane Jackson
Webmasters

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Past President

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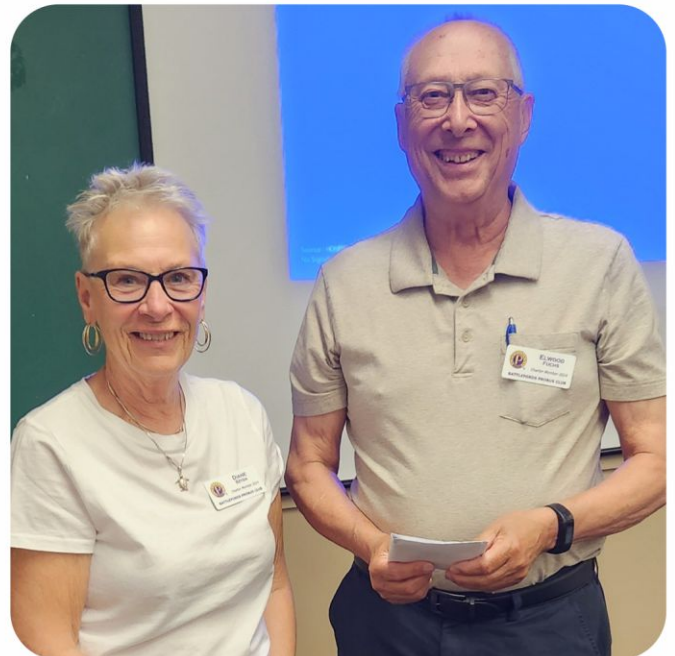


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JUNE 50/50

At our June 17 meeting, the Battlefords Probus Club held another 50/50 draw. Diane presented winner Elwood Fuchs with his winnings of \$90 and the other \$90 went to the club from the total entries of \$180.

\$20 was left in the cash box for a float and \$90 was given to our treasurer Johanne.



The next Battlefords Probus Club meeting will be at the Don Ross Centre Room 101 on September 16, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Doors will be open at 9:30 am.

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JUNE GUEST SPEAKER



Taryn Kotchorek from Battlefords Landscape Supply grew up in North Battleford and started landscaping when he was 17 years old, with Prairie Edge Landscapes. Eventually he started working with Brett Rumpf at Rumpf Landscapes.

Taryn took a full ride scholarship to Portage College where he began his business degree. At the end of his school year, Brett had approached him with the idea of opening Battlefords Landscape Supply and asked Taryn to manage it during the summers when he was home, which he did.

With the first season of Battlefords Landscape Supply doing so well, Brett purchased the present building for his landscaping business and wanted Taryn to stay on full time managing it. The two of them then decided to continue to grow the business and that's when they opened the greenhouse. A beautiful greenhouse that has been extremely busy this spring.

Taryn gave an excellent presentation on landscaping. How to plan your yard, which involves hardscaping, soft scaping, what flowers, shrubs, trees to plant and how to take care of them.

Chris then presented Taryn a custom gift, made by Deb, at the end of his presentation.

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JUNE MEETING

Gerry opened the meeting with a thankyou to the administration team, in particular George. He then gave a presentation on the latest scams. He welcomed all guests and new members. He then emphasized that there will be no more moving the dates for the meetings – they will be the third Tuesday of every month.

Gerry mentioned that there will be positions opening in the next Probud year. We will be looking for a Vice President and Events and Activities person.

There was an update on the groups. Walking, cards, travel, and gardening groups are active and with good attendance. Anyone can start a group and encouraged to do so.



Virginia compiled a list of events and activities in Saskatchewan that our members might want to attend. An email has been sent to all members.

Lilies in Bloom trip on July 20 is being organized by Dorothy Manegre and there is some interest in this activity.

Catriona talked about the Rose Memorial Garden in Battleford and how it needs some nurturing and looking for volunteers to help.

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JUNE MEETING - CONT.

Barb and Terry Mitchell have a haskap farm and have invited people to see their harvesting. This will be a short notice invite as they harvest when the berries are ready and the weather cooperates.

Our Treasurer, Johanne reported we have \$1151.56. This is after \$990 being returned from the Prairie Lily deposits and putting towards members next year membership. \$30 will be refunded to members by request. Overall, this is healthy sum and this enables our club to maintain the yearly fee for members to \$45. Just a reminder too, for new members there is a one-time fee of \$15 for a name tag.



Gerry Walker, the founding president of the Battlefords Probus Club, receives a gift from Chris in appreciation of his volunteer service as our first president.

Welcome
New Members

A big welcome to our new members: Linda Brebner, Joan Andersen, Lorraine Belak, Dorothy Caldwell, Ida Dillabough Cecilia Dunn, Larry Dunn, Susan Galvin, Peg Gilchrist, Diana Griffiths, Leonard Katerynych, Joanne Lucarz Simpson, Bonnie Millard, Louise O'Driscoll, Sharron Russell, Mary Scherman, Joanne Stirton, Pat Welford, and Mary-Ann Wilson. Our membership numbers are now 77.

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MEET OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Pictured clock-wise: George Plews (Vice President), Deb Breiman (Secretary), Chris Pollard (Speaker Chair), Susan McLean Tady (Events and Activities), Becky Stroo (Membership Chair), Gerry Walker (President), and Johanne Stolz (Treasurer).

We gather every Thursday, prior to the monthly meeting, with purpose and passion to plan each month's Battlefords Probus Club meeting. It's through our collective dedication, thoughtful collaboration, and unwavering commitment that the Battlefords Probus Club proudly celebrated a successful first year. We're not just a team—we're the heart behind the club's momentum and growth.

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Probus members got together on Thursday June 19th for a tour of the Armoury Brewing Company.



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Battlefords Probus Members were active in the walking and garden groups this month. Our walking group has started to walk on Wednesdays with Rick organizing the routes.



George and Becky hosted the first gardening group at their house. They had a total of 10 members, who enjoyed talking about their gardens and plans for the summer over a glass of lemonade.