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## OUTGOING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our first year is now behind us and I think it was a very good one for the Battlefords Probus Club. Within two months we had a complete management team and we were scheduling our first guest speakers. In short order we were talking about a field trip and planning our Christmas Party. Special interest groups were formed and thanks to a more face to face seating arrangement table talk was evident everywhere.

Now that we have held our first general meeting and voted for our new management team I see a great future for our club.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for your invaluable support and to all our members who stuck around as we tried to figure things out in year one.

*Gerry Walker*



## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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*President*

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## INCOMING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to year two! Let me begin by thanking you for the opportunity to serve as President of the Battlefords Probus Club. Since last September, I've had the pleasure of watching our club grow into a vibrant, engaging, and active social community.

This year, we welcome two new members to our management committee: Evelyn Skotniski, who will serve as Vice President, and Sharon Spence, our new Membership Chair. It's the commitment and involvement of volunteers like them that make our club successful.



I'm excited about the year ahead with Probus. One of the highlights of our monthly meetings continues to be our guest speakers. Chris Pollard, our Speaker Chair, has done an outstanding job organizing a wide range of interesting and informative presentations — and there's more to come! If you have any speaker suggestions, Chris would love to hear from you.

Our club continues to thrive and expand. With field trips, special interest groups, and a Christmas lunch already planned for December, there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved. The more we participate, the stronger and more dynamic our club becomes.

Finally, I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Gerry Walker, our founding president. His experience with other Probus clubs, along with his dedication and guidance, laid the foundation for what we've built today. Thank you, Gerry.

*George Plews*

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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all Probud members as many of our clubs have taken a summer break from meetings. As the Clubs start back into full swing, I wish each of you an opportunity

for fun, fellowship and friendship. I also hope that your committees are able to provide you with the activates you enjoy and the continued fellowship each of these bring. I encourage each of you to visit the PROBUS CANADA Web site to discover more information about PROBUS.

A gentle reminder to ensure you meet the regulations around intellectual property as the unauthorized use of photos by PROBUS members last year (none from my District) resulted in several costly insurance claims, which has significantly impacted our insurance premiums and coverage options going forward.

*Roland Nordick*

*District Director: SK, MB, N.W. ONT*

**PROBUS Canada**

## SEPT 50/50

At our Sept 16th meeting, the Battlefords Probud Club held another 50/50 draw. Diane presented winner Virginia Ford with her winnings of \$92.50 and the other \$92.50 went to the club from the total entries of \$185.





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## SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

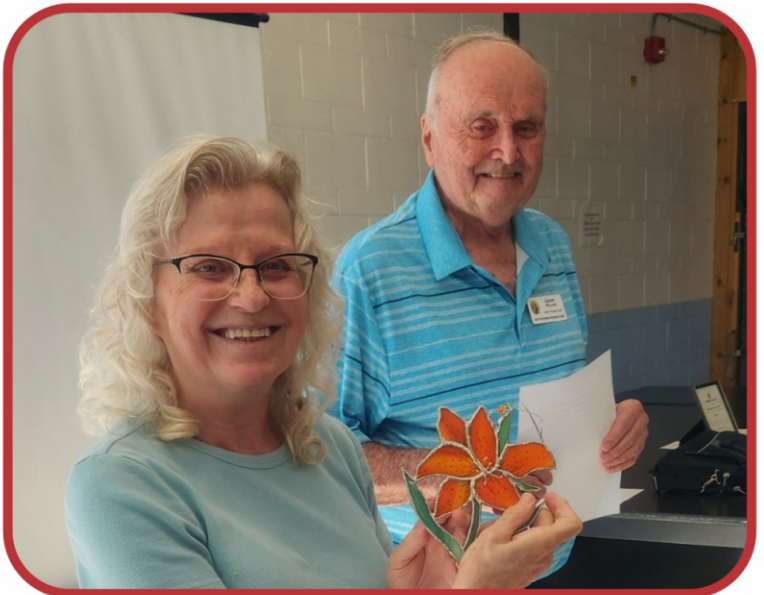
Bernadette Leslie with her many years at the Fred Light Museum showed her passion about the museum and gave an excellent talk.

Bernadette's time at the museum started in 1979, when she was hired as a summer student. Bernadette worked alongside Fred Light for many years. He had a reputation for being stubborn, very meticulous with his work, and having a dry sense of humour. It became obvious that the two of them had a connection and a shared passion for Battlefords history.

Having set up exhibits with Fred, Bernadette gained a vast knowledge of the artifacts contained in the Fred Light Museum. As Fred slowly began to step back from the museum, Bernadette very capably filled his shoes, becoming the museum curator and manager.

It is through her dedication and passion for local history that Fred Light Museum continues to exist, bringing visitors and tourism to the town. With Bernadette's leadership, the museum has continued to expand; with new artifacts, new buildings, kids activities and events.

Gerry then presented Bernadette with a custom gift, made by Deb, at the end of her presentation.





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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our regular meeting place had to moved to the foyer by the auditorium, but it worked out fine with about 40 members and guests showing up. This was our Annual General Meeting.

Gerry opened the meeting with a brief introduction to the club and a review of our activities last year. This ranged from monthly speakers, field trips and sub groups that have started up. There is a 50/50 draw at every meeting and it's done well and is helping with club's finances. So well that there is a possibility of reducing fees, or maybe subsidizing our Christmas lunch. The financial statement was presented and copies were printed so members could have a look.

There was a call for nominations of candidates for elected and non-elected positions. After the dust settled we have George Plews as President, Evelyn Skotniski as Vice President, Deb Breiman as Secretary, Johanne Stolz as Treasurer, Sharon Spence as Membership Chair, Chris Pollard as Speaker Chair, Susan McLean Tady as Events and Activities, George Plews and Lane Jackson as Webmasters and Gerry Walker as Past President. Josie Sander Kunkel and Diane Szyda handle the 50/50 draws.

George spoke about liability and how it could affect Probus. George also talked about how personal information is protected with the Battlefords Probus Club.

Rick Hertel talked about the walking group. The travel club meets the third Mondays of the month. Spades/Cards club meet in the Pioneer Hall two Mondays each month.

Becky spoke briefly about her year as Membership Chair. She reminded everyone that fees are \$45 and name tags are \$15. Tags are ordered when there are about 15 to be made as that saves us money in set up costs. She reminded new members that there are forms for them to fill out and George stressed that they make sure their e-mail address can be clearly read.

As the meeting was coming to an end, George's daughter Aidan Plews arrived and was presented with a gift certificate as a thank you for all the time and effort she has put into the newsletter making it look great as they do.



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## Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome our new members: Deborah Jackson, Shannon Lindgren, Heather Patterson and Sharon Sogz.



## NEXT MEETING

**Location:** Don Ross, Room 101

**Date:** October 21st, 2025

**Time:** 10am

## NEXT SPEAKER

Loralie Raiche, CPA, CA, CFP from  
HRO Holm Raiche Oberg Chartered  
Profession Accountants P.C. Ltd.

