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BATTLEFORDS PROBUS CLUB

Official Newsletter of the Battlefords Probus Club



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Battlefords Probus Club members.

That's a wrap! We have another Battlefords Probus club year in the books. We are two years old and getting ready for our third year this coming September.



Unfortunately, Becky and I were unable to make June's meeting, but by all accounts, it was another good meeting. Thanks to Evelyn for moderating and to Lane for taking over the membership chair and handing out the name tags and Probus pins.

Speaking of Probus pins, congratulations to Gerry for receiving his past president pin. Another milestone for Gerry!

The September meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and elections will be held. Our club will be seeking a vice president so please consider this position.

This is also a reminder that September will be our +1 meeting membership drive to try and get new members. Please bring along a friend or two and introduce them to our Probus club. There will be prizes to current members who brings someone to our meeting.

I have enjoyed being President of the Battlefords Probus club for the past year. Our club has really grown and matured, and I am glad I was part this success. Evelyn will be taking over as the new president and I wish her the best in the coming year.

Have a great summer everyone. See you in September.

Next Probus meeting is September 15, 10:00 AM, Don Ross Centre in Room 102.

George Plews

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

George Plews
President

Evelyn Skotniski
Vice President

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Events and Activities

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George Plews
Lane Jackson
Webmasters

Gerry Walker
Past President

JUNE MEETING

The Battlefords Probus club meeting on June 16, 2026, marked the last gathering before the summer break and provided members with an enjoyable morning of information, fellowship, and anticipation for upcoming activities.

Evelyn opened the meeting by introducing herself and welcoming everyone. She explained the significance of the club pins, reminding members that each person receives one, and expressed appreciation to Leela and Louise for their work preparing coffee and greeting members as they arrived.

A special welcome was extended to new members when Lane presented name tags. Larry Dunn was the only new member in attendance and was warmly welcomed by the group.

As summer approached, members were reminded that there would be no meetings during July and August. Evelyn announced that the next gathering would take place in September and would feature a “Bring a Friend” membership drive. She also encouraged anyone interested in taking on a management position to speak with a committee member about becoming involved.

The meeting then turned to recent club outings. Chris shared highlights from the trip to the Power Plant, describing it as both informative and interesting. Susan followed with a report on the Prairie Lily excursion. Although the weather had been a little chilly, participants thoroughly enjoyed the experience and capped off the day with a delicious meal at the Berry Barn.

Attention then shifted to summer activities. Members learned that the haskap berries would likely be ready for picking by mid-July. Terry explained the picking process and advised everyone to bring a pail if they planned to harvest their own berries. Due to significant winter kill, the crop would be smaller than usual this year. Gerry helped everyone prepare by providing maps to the berry farm and assured members they would be notified when the berries were ready.

Diane shared information about the SaskPower Energy Plan, highlighting the many free resources, practical tips, and helpful information available through the program. Members were encouraged to visit the SaskPower website to learn more.

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Jo-Anne then updated everyone on the popular “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” group. Another dinner gathering may be organized during the second or third week of July, and a sign-up sheet circulated among those interested in participating.

Members also received updates on the club’s activity groups. The Card Group had completed its season, while the Walking Group would continue throughout the summer. Members were invited to think about ideas for new groups to discuss when meetings resume in the fall.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was Gerry’s fascinating presentation on outer space. His talk sparked interest and discussion among members. Following the presentation, Evelyn recognized Gerry’s service to the organization by presenting him with his Past President pin. She also reviewed the various management positions and encouraged members to consider stepping forward to help lead our club in the future.

After a welcome coffee break and an opportunity to socialize, members settled in for another engaging presentation by Lyndsay Holm. As always, his presentation was both informative and entertaining. To show their appreciation, members presented him with a gift and thanked him for his contribution.

As the meeting drew to a close, Evelyn thanked everyone for their participation throughout the year and wished members a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer. With that, the final meeting before the summer break came to an end, leaving members looking forward to reconnecting in September.



JUNE GUEST SPEAKER



Lindsay Holm has served as Director of Protective services for the City of North Battleford since 2019. Within his role he holds the positions of Fire Chief and Chief of Police. Lindsay has an extensive emergency services background with a total of 33 years of service.

Lindsay began his career as an Emergency Medical Technician in 1992 and served in that capacity until 1997 where he attended the Manitoba Emergency services college graduating from the Public Fire Protection Program in 1998.

Lindsay joined the North Battleford Fire Department as a probationary Fire Fighter in 2000, was promoted to Captain in 2015, Deputy Chief of Operations in 2017 and promoted to Chief in 2019. Lindsay gave an excellent presentation on the Community Safety Officers in our community.



YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT JUNE 2026



PROBUS Canada is hard at work, developing new strategies for getting our word out to the public. We continue to help our clubs develop marketing materials to encourage new memberships in our clubs.

I encourage each Probus member to become an active advocate for your club, and to help by asking permission to put up posters about our clubs and contact information. Keep aware of the materials available at our Probus National Web. www.ProbusCanada.ca This Web page has information for all levels of membership in Probus.

As we move into summer and a break from our PROBUS meetings I bring to you, as your District Director, and on behalf of PROBUS Canada, sincere wishes for these next two months, that the contacts you have enjoyed through your Probus club, carry forward this summer bringing continued fellowship, friendship and fun.

I look very much forward to connecting with all of you again in September.

Roland Nordick



The next Battlefords Probus Club meeting will be at the Don Ross Centre Room 102 on September 15, 2026 at 10:00 am.

Doors will be open at 9:30 am.

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**VOLUNTEER
OF THE MONTH**
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Leela & Louise *

Thank you, Leela and Louise, for making coffee, greeting members, and cleaning up afterwards.

Aidan was very disappointed to find out that no photos were taken. Tsk tsk.



Evelyn presenting Gerry with his Past President Probus Pin.



Northland Power Field Trip



Prairie Lily & Berry Barn Field Trip





THANK YOU

Thank you to Aidan, our designer, for the time and effort you put into every newsletter.

*You're Very
Welcome! :) Aidan*



NEXT MEETING

Location: Don Ross, Room 102

Date: September 15th, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

NEXT SPEAKER

Our next speaker will be Doug Fehr who is the chairperson of The Battlefords Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP)

