

Probus Centres, organized by Rotary, encourage and advise on the formation of further Clubs, distribute lapel pins and other regalia as may be found necessary, and publish a Newsletter regularly, giving ideas and information on the activities of local Probus Clubs.

A small annual contribution per member helps to fund the operations of Probus Centre-Canada, Inc.

Questions and Answers

Q Is there a Probus Club in my area?

A If you have access to the internet we suggest you go to <www.probus.org/canada.htm> and you will find an abundance of information.

Look in the centre column and click on 'Probus Clubs in Canada' which will take you to the page where you can then go to your specific area.

When you get to your province or area click on the Club name for further information.

Q What do I do if there is no Club listed in my community?

A If you would like to see a Club in your area we suggest you talk to some of your friends and if there is enough interest, contact the Director for your area. Also you can also get information from the Managing Director listed on the website or in this brochure.

Q Is it true that some Clubs have all kinds of activities in addition to the monthly meetings?

A This is indeed quite correct. The decision as to how many activities any one Club may offer is entirely up to members of the Club. Some focus on the monthly meeting only, while others have a wide variety to choose from. Activities including:

- bridge group, poker
- hiking group
- photography club

- luncheon group
- discussion group
- bowling
- travel
- golf group
- book club

are just a few of the many choices available.

Q Is it compulsory to participate in the sub groups?

A Absolutely not, nor is attendance compulsory. The choice is entirely up to you!

Q How much are the annual dues?

A This amount is set by each Club, and is dependent on a several items, for example, the rental of a meeting place, and whether it includes refreshments at the meetings and liability insurance payment to Probus-Canada.

Annual dues can be as low as \$30 per year (or higher) depending solely on the Club's operating expenses.



For more information, concerning the proposed Probus Club of Maple Ridge, please visit:
<ProbusClubofMapleRidge.org>

For general information about Probus, please visit:
<<https://www.probus.org/>>

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PROBUS CLUB of MAPLE RIDGE



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What is a Probus Club?

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired persons who join together in autonomous clubs throughout the world.

The name Probus is a contraction of the words **(Pro)**fessional and **(Bus)**iness, but membership is not restricted to these two groups. It can also include former executives of industry and government and other organizations. In fact, anyone who has had some measure of responsibility in any field of endeavour.

The basic purpose of a Probus Club is to provide regular gatherings for those who, in retirement, appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and of similar levels of interest.

Probus Club criteria

Typically, Probus Clubs are based on:

- Being free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs.
- Being simple in structure.
- Involving members at minimum cost.
- Being directed, primarily, to provide fellowship and acquaintance.
- Seeking members who are compatible with one another.

Probus Club activities

Club activities normally fall into two parts:

- A meeting on a set day of each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, comprising about 30 minutes of business, 30 minutes coffee break and 60 minutes for a speaker and discussion.
- Visits (between meetings) to organizations places of particular interest to members and occasional social and sports activities.

These visits provide members with an opportunity to experience production, organization and service facilities, that may not be available for visitation on an individual basis.

The following list provides examples of visits that have been undertaken by a Probus club:

- A broadcasting centre
- A cement production facility
- An Air Traffic Control tower
- A start-up company information cooperative
- A Municipal Garden production resource

Important Features

Rising out of their membership and activities, there is self-generating goodwill, a sense of feeling and cordiality evident within the Clubs, ensuring for Probus, a highly successful future as a firmly established part of the community.

To preserve the integrity and reputation of these autonomous Clubs, they are encouraged to adhere to the standard constitution provided. This has proved to be a very successful basis for serving the needs of retirees in the many countries in which the Probus movement is now flourishing.

Probus Clubs are non-political and non-sectarian, non-profit and non-fund raising.

- All Clubs are sponsored by Rotary or by an existing Probus Club, but on formation are autonomous, independent of their sponsor and independent of each other. There is no central governing body but Rotary, or the sponsoring Probus Club, maintains contact and an ongoing interest in the Club's progress.
- Past membership in Rotary, or any service club is not a requirement for potential members of Probus.

- There is no restriction on the number of members from any one vocation.
- There is no compulsion to attend a mandatory number of meetings.
- Probus members may be active members of any other organization.
- Membership fees are unlikely to exceed \$40 per year.
- A one-time initiation fee of approximately \$40 is charged to cover initial expenses, including Probus lapel pins, name badges and related items.
- Members' spouses and guests are invited to take part in most external visits and special functions.

History of Probus Clubs

The Clubs spring from two main roots: the 'Campus Club' founded by the Rotary Club of Welwyn Garden City and the Probus Club Founded by the Rotary Club of Caterham in England in 1965 and 1966 respectively. Since then they have spread worldwide and continue to be established at a rapidly increasing rate, as former professional and business persons and executives, invited to join, recognize the value of participation and observe the enthusiasm of existing members and the manner in which Probus enriches their lives.

Probus moved to New Zealand in 1974 and to Australia in 1979. There are now over 2,200 Clubs and over 190,000 members in the Pacific Region.

The U.K. has also expanded tremendously. The first Probus Club in North America was the Probus Club of Cambridge, On. sponsored in 1987 by the Rotary Club of Galt, Rotary District 7080.

240 Probus Clubs have now been chartered in Canada with a membership of approximately 33,400 persons.