

The PROBIAN



October 2006

Our October get-together was...

The Probos Perth 10th Anniversary Celebration

~written by Bob Black

On October 4, close to 100 Probians and guests gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our club. Held at the Perth golf club, the party began with a fellowship hour, followed by a delightful lunch and entertainment. President Keith Brown said the grace.

President Keith extended a warm welcome to all and introduced Bob Black as MC. Bob first made sure all had a copy of the anniversary booklet, *Probos Perth: The First Ten Years*. He noted the club has had 105 speakers and 49 special events. He thanked Carol Trischuk for producing a great souvenir history booklet. Bob asked for a show of hands and found that nearly 25 Probians in the room were 10-year Probos members.

Bob introduced the 10 past presidents, welcoming Bob McMahon and his wife Barbara who traveled up from Orangeville for the occasion. Bob (Black) highlighted some of the

presidential styles, personalities, humour and "achievements" each brought to the podium during his or her reign. Following a great round of applause in recognition of all of their achievements, Bob presented Denise Mullins, President #5, with a bottle of French wine in recognition of serving on the management team for 8 years.

President Keith presented immediate Past President Ian Doig with his past president pin and a liquid gift in recognition of his service to the club.

Grover Lightford enlightened us with an informative overview of the background development and formation of our club which is registered as Probos Canada, Club Number 64. Grover paid a special tribute to Wilf Parry who was the catalyst in bringing our club quickly to fruition. Wilf received a well deserved standing ovation and was duly toasted (but not roasted).

The role of the Perth Rotary Club in

sponsoring and seed-funding our club was described by Ralph Fish who, with John Matheson, were the key Rotary links and signatories to our Charter. In addition, Judge Matheson was our first speaker. Our framed charter was circulated for all to view.

Ralph gave a very interesting overview of the history of Rotary and its world-wide organization and activities. He pointed out that Rotary had its beginning in 1905 when a Chicagoan, Paul Harris, organized a group of persons for companionship and they 'rotated' to each others' homes. Currently there are over 31,000 Rotary clubs with membership in excess of 1,000,000 worldwide.

Rounding out the program, we were delightfully entertained by The Capital Lettermen, an Ottawa quartet which will be performing in the Perth Community Choir's upcoming production of *The Music Man*.



THE PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH

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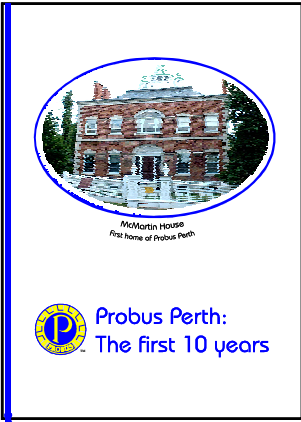
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Ten years may not be very long in geological time, but at our stage of life it is an achievement to celebrate! Our club was formed in 1996, and Bob Black has produced an excellent short history of all that Probus has provided to its members since Wilf Parry took the initiative to bring a group of Perth seniors together that year. As MC at the luncheon, Bob could not very well tell you how much effort he poured into compiling this volume.

Instead he very generously thanked me (Carol) for my production help. I appreciate the thanks, but assure you it was Bob's time-consuming and meticulous work as historian and author that deserve our most heartfelt appreciation.

The history was distributed at the 10th anniversary luncheon, but fear not if you did not attend—there are (free) copies for every Probus household and they will be available at future Probus meetings.



Don't worry—we all do it!

In a recent seminar in Ottawa called *Train Your Brain* by Brian Thwait, he quotes the following age-independent statistics:

- ⊖ 83% of us forget names
- ⊖ 60% of us forget where we put things
- ⊖ 57% of us forget phone numbers
- ⊖ 53% of us forget words “on the tip of the tongue”
- ⊖ 41% of us forget what we've just started to do
- ⊖ 41% of us forget what we were just saying
- ⊖ 38% of us forget if we let the cat out, turned off the lights, locked the door, etc....

The current issue of the **Probian** can be viewed on the Web at

<http://www.probus.org/6perth.htm>

Check out the news from other Probus clubs in Canada and around the world at <http://www.probus.org>

Help (still!) Wanted

We still need a volunteer to take on the job of making coffee for Probus meetings. President Keith says he will make the coffee in November, but after that you'd better buy your own from Tim's on your way to the meeting. Don't let this happen! Please step up to the plate (or the perk) and make our coffee — and our day.

Speaker's Corner

In **November**, our speaker will be a representative from **Fair Vote Canada**. The electoral system is always controversial and makes for a spirited discussion.

In **December**, our speaker will be **David Jacklin**, President of Barndoor Productions, the resident company of the Studio Theatre.

Our Program Coordinator, Ian Doig, is always open to your suggestions for future topics and speakers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 14: Annual Probus Christmas Dinner at Links o'Tay. The cost is \$37.50/person, with a choice of prime rib, chicken or salmon. This is a very popular event with limited seating, so sign up and pay at the November meeting or you might find yourself on the fairway, looking in.

May 30 - June 2, 2007: A spring getaway to Auberge Memphre Inn in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. The trip has a 'Gold Rush' theme; you are the prospector and appropriate

activities and entertainment are provided. The bus is almost full, so call Denise if you'd like to join the group. Cost is \$420/person, which includes transportation, three nights, all meals and entertainment. A \$100 deposit is required by the November Probus meeting.

If you have ideas for new events or trips, talk to Denise Mullins (267-3479).

Please note that all bus trips begin and end at the Legion parking lot. There is a \$5/day charge for overnight parking.