

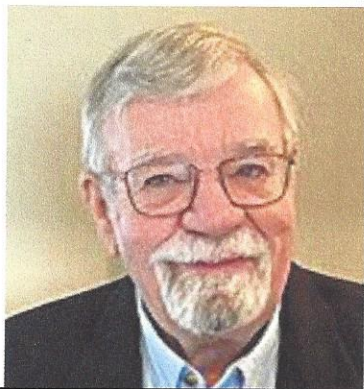


# PROBUS CANADA

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**ROBERT “BOB”  
MACNAIR , PRESIDENT**

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I congratulate our Management Committees throughout the country that continue to provide opportunities for fellowship during the fourth Wave of the Covid -19 Pandemic. Some Clubs were able to hold their meetings outdoors and some Clubs have begun to hold Hybrid Meetings. I would like to briefly describe the origin of our Zoom Support Program.

The PROBUS CANADA Zoom Support Program was the brainchild of **Dan Clements** of the Cambridge Men’s Club. Dan and **Rad Bazzul** the then

President of the Cambridge Men’s Club, had put together a Zoom workshop on Zooming through the Covid-19 in early June 2020. Just under 70 PROBUS Members from across Canada attended that first workshop and the recording of that meeting has since had over 700 views and the help it offers is still useful today over a year later.

Recognising the interest throughout Canada in using Zoom to keep Probus members engaged Dan developed a proposal to offer Zoom support to all interested clubs across Canada. **Martin Capper** took Dan’s proposal to the Board in August and got unanimous support for it.

Recognising that the demand was far greater than he alone could serve, Dan started to source and select extremely competent and personable Probus members to form a nucleus of mentors. Where possible mentors operated in their own Districts but many of the mentors assisted Clubs outside their own District.

This team of Mentors was given a head start in that they had available to them a significant number of documents, largely authored by Dan himself, on various procedures for running a Zoom Meeting. Thank you to the following people who have volunteered their time and offered their knowledge and expertise to serve as “Mentors” to Clubs across Canada in our Zoom Support Program:

**Bob Robinson** (Leduc Region PROBUS Club); **Craig Brown** (Hanover and Area PROBUS Club); **Darryl Stodalka** (PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver); **Don Van Wyck** (PROBUS Club of Central Muskoka); **Geoffrey Curtis** (PROBUS Club of Grimsby); **Helen Pepler** (Hanover and Area PROBUS Club) **Inga Thomas Hilton, BC District 3 Director** (Thompson Rivers PROBUS Club Kamloops) ; **Inge Ford** (Waterloo Sunshine PROBUS Club); **Jack Zaleski** (PROBUS Club of Vancouver); **Leanne Lamoureux** (PROBUS Club of Central Muskoka); **Lorette Shermet** (Escarpment PROBUS Club); **Martin Buscher** (Beaver Valley PROBUS Club); **Nancy White** (Women’s PROBUS Club of Saugeen Shores); **Richard Lamoureux** (PROBUS Club of Central Muskoka); **Ted Stark** (Grimsby PROBUS Club and PROBUS Club of Pelham); **Yves Forte** (PROBUS Club of Central Edmonton); **Helen Stark** (PROBUS Club of Pelham); **Peter Green** (PROBUS Club of Pickering Lakeside); **Dale Tasker** (PROBUS Club of Bradford).

**(EDITOR’S NOTE)** The individuals mentioned above are complimented and sincerely thanked by President Bob for their contribution to the PROBUS CANADA programs mentioned above.





# CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE BULLETIN

COVID-19 Phishing Text Message Alert

2021-07-19

FRAUD: RECOGNIZE, REJECT, REPORT

Unfortunately, scammers continue to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has received reports of phishing text message scams tied to COVID-19 vaccines. The text messages claim to be from the Government of Canada and will say that due to a recent vaccination, Canadians are eligible for a Vaccine Relief Fund. The message then tells you to claim your funds by clicking on a link.

Phishing messages will ask you to click on a link for various reasons. The goal is to steal your personal and/or financial information, which can be used for identity fraud.

Don't click the link and don't provide any personal information!

## Warning Signs and How to Protect Yourself

- Beware of unsolicited text messages and emails from individuals or organizations asking you to click on a link or attachment
- Watch for spelling mistakes in unsolicited messages
- Verify the hyperlink behind the link's text or button by hovering over the text with your mouse
- Do not click on links or attachments in unsolicited messages; they can contain viruses or spyware
- The Government of Canada will never send funds by email or text message
- Learn [more tips and tricks for protecting yourself from fraud](#).

If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, please report it to your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's [online reporting system](#) or by phone toll-free at 1-888-495-8501.

**Editor's Note** ..... some may wonder why we are publishing this particular item in our PROBUS Newsletter. The reason for so doing is quite understandable. Many clear minded people can be tricked, one way or another, into providing what is supposed to be "private" information. Should you receive a call from a stranger that is seeking information or offering you special prizes or advising you that your account has been tampered with, etc. ... **BE CAUTIOUS !**  
If you don't know the person calling or they choose not to identify themselves .... **BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS !**



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**A VERY VALUABLE  
RECOMMENDATION IS SHARED**

Clare Westheuser, Vice-President of the PROBUS Club of Belleville, Ontario, recently relayed a story to her District Director, Jamie Doolittle which concluded with a very good recommendation. One of their Members during a Club function became ill and was rushed to hospital. Clare attempted to let the children of the subject member know what had occurred.

Alas, the Club only had a residential telephone number for the Member and were unable to notify the family of her illness. As a result of this incident, the Club has redesigned their Member Application Form to include an Emergency Contact and telephone number and/or e-mail address **THINK ABOUT IT !**

**WITTY DEFINITIONS**

- EXPERIENCE** – name people give to their mistakes .  
**SMILE** – a curve that can set a lot of things straight .  
**DICTIONERY** – a place where success comes before work.  
**CLASSIC** – a book which people praise but seldom read.  
**OFFICE** – a place to relax after your strenuous home life.  
**COMPROMISE** – the art of dividing a cake so that everyone believes that she / he got the biggest piece.  
**CONFERENCE ROOM** – a place where everybody talks, nobody listens, and everybody disagrees later on.

.... with thanks to PROBUS Pickering Lakeside !!

**PROBUS LAPEL PINS**

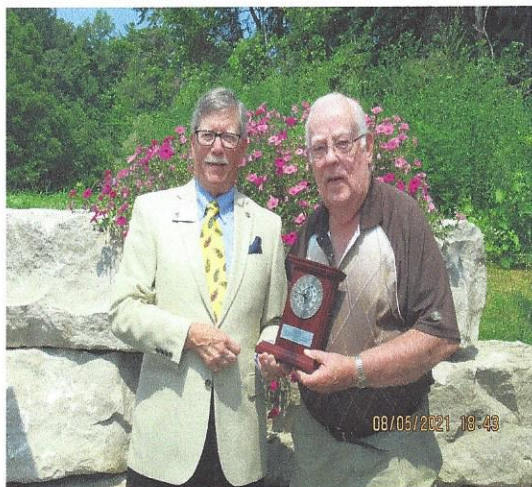
Regular PROBUS lapel pins are \$5.50 each in orders of less than 25 but only \$4.50 each in orders of 25 or more.

The 5, 10, 15, 20,25 and 30 year pins are \$5.50 each regardless of number ordered and the President pin, the Past President pin and the PROBUS Canada pin are \$8.00 each regardless of the number ordered. The price includes taxes and shipping cost. Pins are shipped with an invoice and return envelope.

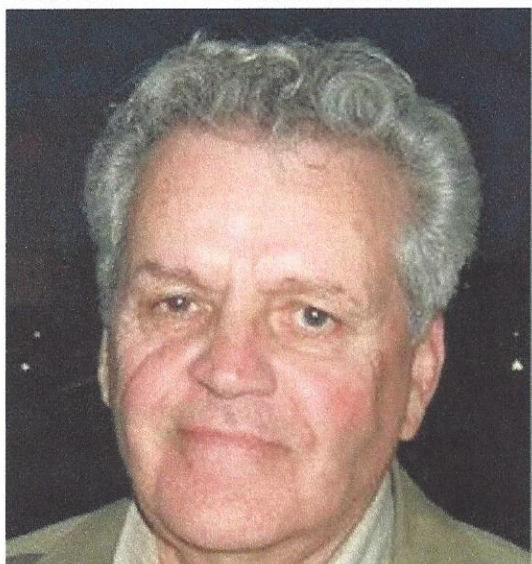
To order your pins, or for more information, please contact our Managing Director Reg Whynott by regular mail at P.O.Box 292, Qualicum Beach, B.C V9K 1S8 or by email at ...rwhynott@shaw.ca ... or by phone at (250) 757-8026.

( Your order will be shipped within 48 hours )  
(Weekends are excluded)





Past President Jamie (left) is shown presenting a token gift to former Director Jim DeZorzi for six years of dedicated service to PROBUS across Canada ending in May 2020. Sincere thanks to Jim who remains an active PROBUS Member.



**PROBUS CANADA & PROBUS** in general lost another extremely active member and strong supporter over the past years and there were many heavy hearts at the passing of one of our Past Presidents, **Steve Campbell**. who was a perfect example of 100% dedication and matching involvement including several years as a Director and also President of PROBUS Canada in 2013-14 and his dedication was totally unbelievable. We extend our sympathy to Steve's wife, Karen, and the family who were his best supporters and we loved all of them .

**OCTOBER 1, 2021 ( 8:00 am (EST)**

**PROBUS Global**

**PROBUS Global invites everyone to a ZOOM meeting celebrating **PROBUS Day** around the world.**

**OCTOBER 1 HAS BEEN DECLARED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS:  
"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS"**

**PROBUS Clubs around the world have chosen this day to celebrate PROBUS and to promote activities and events in their communities.**

**AUSTRALIA led this initiative with success in 2020 and is continuing to do so in 2021.**

**Rob Neary, President of PROBUS Queensland will tell us about the events of the day.**

**To sign up for this event contact the Acting President of PROBUS Global, Richard Furlong, at**

**[furlongrj@rogers.com](mailto:furlongrj@rogers.com)**



**PROBUS Everlasting ....** Members of the Northumberland PROBUS join P.P. Jamie Doolittle as they "plant a tree" as a reminder of "better things to come" (L.to R) Carol Petter, Mary Dunphy; Marcia MacLeod, Past Pres. Jamie ; Russ Donaldson;