



Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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Second meeting of our Club, October 8, 2014. Membership grew from 101 to 137. Do you recognize anybody? You will soon get to know a lot of these folks through the monthly meeting and through your activity groups. Here is another shot.





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Bev Strucke and Pauline Illingworth are caught filling out their application forms.

Bev Hambly and Ed Pepler beat the rush and filled out their name tags by the entrance, neatly decorated in keeping with the season. Everybody (?) had read the proposed Constitution for the Hanover Area PROBUS Club as well as the By-laws, all of which were approved unanimously by a show of hands. Chairman Brian Ross was very pleased with this support, not having to answer any questions, and will now proceed to send our application papers to the Kincardine Men's PROBUS Club. Being our sponsor, Kincardine then will forward forms with their support to the PROBUS Centre for Canada so that we should soon receive accreditation as an official PROBUS Club.

Orders are under way to obtain personalized name tags and the official PROBUS Club pin for each member. Throughout the meeting, videographer Frank Salem filmed the entire proceedings which he then edited with the intention of posting



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it on the internet for members to watch on youtube. For a group of retirees and seniors, we are being challenged by the new technology. Pictures and videos of our proceedings will tie us together and allow us to recognize each other better. As you came into the Lions' Den, you were greeted by Dave Hocking, Diane Joyce, and Doug Abel who sorted through the cards to present you with your membership card. This card, as well as your PROBUS pin, will prove to others that you are a member of PROBUS, thus gaining you entrance to PROBUS meetings elsewhere. This is a world-wide Club for retirees.

During our social break / coffee break / washroom break, members took advantage not only of the beverages and fruit trays which some of the ladies had prepared, but also circulated around the periphery of the room to view the more than 40 activity groups which had been suggested. To judge by the long list of interested participants, especially for activities such as the outers' club, the wine tasting club, the trippers club, beginners' bridge, and the pickle ball club, some of you are going to be very busy if not overwhelmed with the social whirl. We shall look forward to hearing about outings and dining experiences which will be proposed. The challenge at first is for the Activity directors such as Jan Stocovaz,



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Marg Peckham, and Georgia Kreager, to input all your names with addresses and contact information onto computers, and e-mail this info back to those interested in each group. Marg Peckham pointed out at the meeting that waivers would have to be signed for insurance purposes before the clubs are under way. We do not want any participant put at risk of a law suit due to any unforeseen accident during an activity.



Parks Recreation and Culture rep Carly Karcher, Jan Stocovaz, Brian Ross, and Pat Butler man the refreshment counter while Doug Abel, Willi Wilson and Jeanne Lisenchuk sign up for activity groups during the social break.

Don Smith then introduced our keynote speaker for our second meeting, her worship the Mayor, with 8 years experience as Mayor of Hanover under her belt, Kathi Maskell. She spoke of the challenges she has faced, the personal rewards over the years, the challenges for her family being thrust into the town's limelight, and her top 10 favourite experiences and accomplishments. Savannah Schaus had prepared an excellent power point presentation to accompany Ms.



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Maskell's talk. In particular she spoke of her interest in youth, the creation of Youth Roots, and the coming Youth and Technology Centre. The Youth Roots had prepared their own video message for the retirees of the PROBUS Club, expressing their own wish to receive the benefits which some seniors might wish to offer the youth in some of their endeavours.

Bob Farrow thanked the Mayor for her timely presentation and presented her with a token gift of our appreciation.



Mary Norwood had already greeted Mayor Kathi Maskell upon her arrival.

Another Hanover Area Newsletter will be forthcoming regarding our November meeting on Wednesday November 12.

From your Communications Man, Allan Simpson