

Probus Club of Calgary

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Probus Club is a group of enthusiastic, concerned business associates, striving to develop positive business relationships that will benefit all members.

NEXT MEETING:

January 22nd, 2009 @ 11:45am
Calgary Elks Lodge and Golf Club
2502 6th St. N.E.

FEES: Prospective members attending under an available category will attend their first meeting free of charge. Visitors who are not prospective members - \$26.00

- 1) Lani opened the meeting, which was a business meeting.
- 2) She passed on apologies from Erin, Sid, Paul, Heather and Chris who were unable to attend.
- 3) Lani read out a thank-you card from Vi Traptow, for the flowers she received while in hospital.
- 4) Lani asked her fellow members to ponder this: 'there is no reason to ever quit unless you had no plans to ever succeed'.
- 5) Netty said the Probus prayer.

Board Member Inductions

Veralin inducted the following board members:

- Lani Donaldson, President
- Peter Whalley, Director
- Maureen Macdonald, Director
- Rick Hurley, Director
- Brenda Mahoney, Director

Lani informed members that the new board has already met for their first meeting of the year. The responsibilities of the board have been shifted slightly in order to maximize its effectiveness. Responsibilities have been allocated as follows:

- Social – Peter, with Rick assisting
- Speakers – Maureen, with Rick assisting
- Membership – Brenda
- Leads and Thank-you's – Wendy

Board Member Introductions

Brenda announced that she is working towards a 35% growth in 2009, to a new membership of 35. She plans to help us all focus on specific industries to cover, and will constantly remind members to bring guests.

Maureen informed us that she has some exciting prospects for speakers, including those who will provide new ideas for us to use in growing our businesses, and speakers who will inspire and energize us. If you have any ideas for speakers, please talk to Maureen.

Peter said that he wants to use social events as an opportunity for us to celebrate and share our achievements. He has lots of ideas, but would love to hear if members have their own ideas.

Rick said that he is pleased he will get the opportunity to assist on the social and speakers committees, and is looking forward to helping the club benefit and grow.

Wendy said that she will be taking over responsibility for leads and thank-you's as this seems to be a logical task for the secretary. She also thanked everyone for reading the newsletter.

Veralin thanked Lani for doing such a great job as President in 2008, and welcomed the new board. She urged us all to keep up with the great attendance, and to keep bringing guests.

Other Business

Lani announced that Dawn has regretfully decided to resign from the club as she is doing more and more book-keeping in her business. As this is a side of her business she has decided to actively grow, she is aware that this poses a conflict.

Members gave their 30-second introductions, and said what they were thankful for.

Peter asked where he could obtain card holder refills for the binders. These are usually available from Staples, but Lani promised to bring some to the next meeting.

Maureen asked if copies could be made available of missing notes from previous meetings.

Ralph said thanks to all for his induction as a lifetime member, and for twenty five years of personal and business support. He thanked Lani for her kind words at the Christmas banquet – and said that for a long time he didn't know who she was highlighting!

Pushing the Line in 2009

Lani handed out an article she had written entitled 'Crossing the Line in 2009'.

She said that to cross the line, you have to have goals.

Everyone listed ten great things that had happened last year, and five lessons that they learned last year.

Present

Lani Donaldson, Mike Dowling, Richard Hook, Rick Hurley, Michelle Johnston, Ralph Jorgensen, Maureen Macdonald, Brenda Mahoney, Netty Palmer, Veralin Phillips-Michael, Rena St Clair, Vicky St Four, Beat Schmassmann, Lloyd Traptow, Peter Whalley, Faith Wood, Wendy Zak

Thank-You's

To:

Beat Schmassmann
A Splendid Affair

From:

Michelle Johnston
Michelle's Floral Boutique

For:

The referral

Existing Categories

Accounting Services
Book Keeper
Chiropractor
Financial Planner
General Insurance
Marketing Consultant
Reading Specialist
Promotional Products

Administrative Services
Carpet Cleaning
Computer Specialist
Florist
Health Foods
Marketing Copywriter
Realtor
Sign Printer

Business Coach
Caterer
Evaluator
Gardener
ImageConsultant
Mortgage Broker
Photographer

NEW MEMBERS:

Be sure to bring your business associates to the next open meeting and show them the advantages of belonging to the Club. If you have contacts that you would like to have invited to a meeting, pass their name and telephone number to the Membership Director, and he will follow up on all leads.

**Remember, if someone you recommend joins Probus
you will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Probus to use as dues on Social Events.**

Probus Club of Calgary Calgary's Networking Club BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2007

President	Lani Donaldson
Past President	Veralin Phillips-Michael
Vice President	Sid Helischauer
Treasurer	Ed Brigden
Secretary	Wendy Zak
Guest Speakers	Ralph Jorgensen
Membership	Mike Dowling
Social	Paul Semadeni
Leads & Thank you's	Netty Palmer

OUR WEBSITE

Our website can be viewed at:

www.probusclubcalgary.org

If you have any changes that need to be made to your company or personal information please contact Rick Hurley at AZtech Consulting right away.

Before contacting a member either by phone or by mail be sure to check the membership listing on the website for possible address changes.