



BEAVER VALLEY PROBUS CLUB

P.O. Box 148, Clarksburg, Ontario. N0H 1J0

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

The word Probus is an abbreviation of the words PROfessional and BUSiness; however, membership is not restricted to these two groups.

The basic purpose of a Probus Club is to provide regular gatherings for those who, in (or approaching) retirement, appreciate and value opportunities to meet others to pursue similar areas of interest.

The emphasis is that Probus Clubs are simple in structure; are free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs, and are primarily directed to providing fellowship and the opportunity for the development of acquaintances.

Club Meetings

- Unless members are notified of a change in arrangements, all meetings are held at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Alfred St. West and Victoria St., Thornbury from 1:30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on the fourth (not necessarily the last) Tuesday of each month from January to June and from September to November. A celebration of the festive season is held in December, although not on the regular meeting date. The meetings generally start at 1:30 and include 3 components. Twenty minutes is taken up by club business followed by a break time for coffee, socializing and to purchase tickets to upcoming social events etc. Approximately sixty minutes is devoted to a guest speaker. Members may bring guests to the monthly meetings, provided that any one guest attends only on an occasional basis.
- Within the Club, almost thirty Activity Groups have been established which meet to pursue various activities (e.g. Canoeing, Cycling, Scrabble, Book Clubs, Photography, Hiking, amongst others). Members are invited to participate in as many of these groups as they wish. The participation (on an occasional basis) of a member's guest in any Activity Group is at the discretion of the coordinator of that Activity Group. The Events Committee organizes social events that are open to all members and, on occasion, their spouses or guests. (Check out details of our activities on our web site www.beavervalleyprobus.com.) Occasionally, we join other Probus Clubs in the area for events and activities, for example, the Legends Ski Club is composed of members from several Probus Clubs.

Cost of Membership

- The initial membership fee is \$50.00, which includes \$20.00 initiation fee and an annual fee of \$30.00. These fees cover the cost of members' badges, refreshments, room rental fees, insurance, gifts and honorariums for guest speakers and other related expenses.

Some Important Features of Probus Clubs:

- The clubs are non-political and non-sectarian.
- They are non-profit and non-fundraising.
- New clubs are sponsored by Rotary or by an existing Probus Club, but on formation become autonomous, independent of their sponsor and independent of each other. There is no central governing body.
- Past membership in Rotary, or any service club, is not a requirement for potential members of Probus. Although Probus is not a service club, many individual members give their time to other volunteer organizations.

A Little History

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. The first Probus Club in North America was the Probus Club of Cambridge, Ontario which was formed in 1987. There are now over 200 clubs in Canada. For more information about Probus clubs in general, check out www.probus.org/canada.htm

Please retain this page for your reference.



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Please do not include your fees when returning this application. You will be advised as soon as we are able to accept new members

Application for Membership

Membership Fees

There is a one-time initiation or joining fee of \$20.00 per person together with an annual membership fee of \$30.00 per person: e.g. applicant \$50.00 plus \$50.00 for spouse (or significant other) for the first year. (Note these amounts are subject to change).

Please do not make payment of these fees until you are sent an invitation to join the Beaver Valley Probus Club.

Note: The names of current applicants for membership will be placed on a wait list.

The **earliest** date for membership for applicants on such list will be next February 1.

I/we hereby apply for membership in the Beaver Valley Probus Club (BVPC) mixed, men's and women's club:

(PLEASE PRINT) **Name:** _____

Name of spouse/partner (if wishing to join at the same time): _____

Important: Please specify first and last names (for both above) **exactly** as you wish them to appear on membership badge(s).

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address [if different]: _____

Town/City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone No: (____) _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Alternate No: (____) _____ **Email for spouse/partner (if different)** _____

The BVPC is operated by the Members and all Members are strongly encouraged to contribute. Please indicate in which area(s) you are able to assist: Social Activities___ Coffee Prep___ Computer Skills___ Activity Leadership___ Management Committee___ Newsletter ___

IMPORTANT! To enable the Club to abide by the provisions of the Protection of Information and Privacy of Electronic Documents Act, before returning your Application for Membership we ask that each applicant indicate if they do not wish their contact information listed. **If you initial 'NO' we will not be able to publish your contact information in the Club's annual Membership Directory.**

Please initial this box, if applicable	NO - I/we do not wish, upon acceptance of my/our application for membership, to have my/our address, telephone number, and e-mail address published in the Club's annual membership directory. I/we understand that communications from the Club and activity coordinators will be limited.
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Signature(s) of Applicant(s):

_____ **Date:** _____

Sponsor (must be a Beaver Valley Probus Club Member):	
Name: _____ PLEASE PRINT	Telephone: _____
Address: _____	Postal Code: _____
Date: _____	Signature of Sponsor _____

When signed by the applicant(s) and the sponsor, please return this form to:
Membership, BVPC, Box 148, Clarksburg, ON N0H1J0