



Probus has a vital Purpose

To stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time in life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred.

Probus Clubs worldwide

In order to provide regular gatherings to those who, in retirement, appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and of a similar level of interest, Rotary Clubs sponsor Probus Clubs. Retired or semi-retired professional, business or like responsible persons, become a Probus Club.

Each Probus Club is autonomous. A system is organized through Probus Centre so that the clubs themselves, through regional representatives on a national board, agree to minimal measure of conformity through e.g. [***a standard constitution and recommended by-laws***](#), to preserve the integrity and reputation of these clubs. This has proved a successful basis for serving the needs of retirees in the many countries in which Probus Clubs are now flourishing.

The Probus Club

The emphasis is that the club be simple in structure, be free of the constraints and obligations of service clubs, involve members in a minimal cost. The club is directed primarily to providing fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and the opportunity for development of acquaintance. Clubs can be all men, all women, or combined men and women, decided usually at the first interest meeting by those attending. (The spouses of club members are often included in the club social activities).

Activities usually fall into two categories:

- A MEETING on a set day of each month, usually from 10 am to 12 noon comprising about 30 minutes business, 30 minutes coffee break and 60 minutes to hear a guest speaker as well as have discussion
- VISITS (between meetings) to organizations or places, sports and social activities of every conceivable nature. Arising out of their membership activities there is a self-generating goodwill, a sense of belonging, a diverse background of interests, ensuring for Probus a highly successful future as a firmly established part of the

community. Indeed the general public often recognize that although the club itself is not involved in service work or fundraising, the persons in the Probus clubs, are perceived to be collectively but separately involved in a wide range of volunteer pursuits, even greater than most service clubs

Probus Clubs are to:

- **be non-political and non-sectarian**
- **be non-profit making and non-fundraising**
- **be initially sponsored by a Rotary club, using a HOW TO manual**
- **not only for retired service club members**
- **use a distinctive lapel pin, and name badges to assist in friendship**
- **keep membership fees low about \$30.00 Cdn., an initiation fee of about \$20.00 Cdn. for initial costs**

Probus Clubs are not to:

- **impose a restriction on the number of members from one former vocation**
- **require compulsory attendance at meetings**
- **place any restrictions on members belonging to other clubs or organizations**

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