

# **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:**

June 11th, 2009 @ 11:45am  
Calgary Elks Lodge and Golf Club  
2502 6<sup>th</sup> 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, and handed the podium to Faith who needed to make a special appeal to all members:

## **A Personal Appeal**

Faith spoke about a fundraising appeal she is starting on behalf of her identical twin sister, Fern. For six years Fern has been suffering from RSD, a disease which causes her to feel as though she has been doused in oil and set fire to – all the time.

After all other possible treatments have failed, Fern's only hope for relief from RSD is an experimental treatment in Mexico, in which she will be put into a coma for five days. The treatment is extremely dangerous, and will cost about \$75,000!

Faith appealed to her fellow members to give anything they could to help her with the daunting task of raising \$75,000 in just 120 days (that's \$35 an hour!).

Faith wishes to thank those members who quickly stepped up and donated, and was delighted to find out shortly after the meeting that two fundraising events are already in the works.

This is a great opportunity to step up and help one of our fellow members in her hour of intense need. Your support will make all the difference to Faith's sister, Fern.

More information can be found at [www.faithforfern.com](http://www.faithforfern.com) (should be live by the evening of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, June)

## **Speaker**

John Simmons was our speaker for the day, and he came to speak to us about 'how to find humour in the workplace without being fired'.

John described humour as a non-polluting, renewable, natural non-carbon based resource, and described some ways to help us find humour in even the most serious situations:

- a) Always be your best, most humorous self
- b) Look for the humour inherent in everything
- c) Laugh at the things that challenge you most
- d) Use humour to help put things in perspective.

Thanks to John for an extremely entertaining talk – and the reminder to stop and laugh from time to time.

## Present

Erin Bosch, Ed Brigden, Lani Donaldson, Mike Dowling, Sid Helischauer, Rick Hurley, Maureen Macdonald, Brenda Mahoney, Netty Palmer, Veralin Phillips-Michael, Beat Schmassmann, Paul Semadeni, Michael Setters, Rena St Clair, Vicky St Fort (for Carole), Tommy Tieu (for Heather), Peter Whalley, Faith Wood, Wendy Zak

## Guests

John Simmons  
Matt Olah  
Phil Rauzon

## Leads and Thank-you's

### Thank-You's

<b>To:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>For:</b>
Heather Sheppard Us Multiservices	Veralin Phillips-Michael CJ Campbell Insurance	The referral
Dave Koop Dave Koop Sales	Veralin Phillips-Michael CJ Campbell Insurance	The business
Netty Palmer CIR Realty	Veralin Phillips-Michael CJ Campbell Insurance	The referral
Sid Helischauer Dynamic Images	Veralin Phillips-Michael CJ Campbell Insurance	Getting pictures done in a rush for me
Veralin Phillips-Michael CJ Campbell Insurance	Sid Helischauer Dynamic Images	The work
Faith Wood	Sid Helischauer	The handwriting

Inspiring Minds

Dynamic Images

analysis

Maureen Macdonald  
Designs by Reen

Sid Helischauer  
Dynamic Images

Starting the spring clean-  
up at my property

**Leads**

**To:**

**From:**

Beat Schmassmann  
A Splendid Affair

Maureen Macdonald  
Designs by Reen

Beef on a Bun event  
event for Highland Games

## Existing Categories

Accounting Services  
Carpet Cleaning  
Computer Specialist  
Florist  
Health Foods  
Mortgage Broker  
Realtor  
Sign Printer

Business Coach  
Caterer  
Evaluator  
Gardener  
Marketing Consultant  
Print Broker  
Photographer

Book Keeper  
Chiropractor  
Financial Planner  
General Insurance  
Marketing Copywriter  
Reading Specialist  
Promotional Products

### 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.**

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### OUR WEBSITE

Our website can be viewed at:

[www.probusclubcalgary.org](http://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.**