

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:

Oct 15th, 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, and passed on apologies from Richard, Michelle, Rick, Tommy, Heather and Erin.
- 2) Lani congratulated Sid on his presentation at the last meeting, especially in the light of the technical difficulties.
- 3) Sid said the Probus prayer.
- 4) Members gave their 30-second introductions.
- 5) Ed asked if anyone knows a travel agent who might be a prospective member.
- 6) Netty suggested that members use 'Equifax' from time to time to check their credit. It is a great idea to make sure that there are no errors or causes for concern.

Announcements

- 1) Lani announced that the club would need to start looking for a new web designer, as Rick has sold that section of his business. Congratulations to Rick, and let's all have a think about finding a great web designer to join us.
- 2) Sid mentioned that he has some exciting new products including calendars and hardcover or softcover books, all of which have now become more affordable and better quality due to the advancements in digital technology. Talk to Sid for some great gift ideas.

Speaker

Today's speaker had been forced to cancel at the last minute, so Lani and Faith stepped in and gave a wonderful presentation on the power of asking for help.

Faith used, as an example, the incredible outpouring of support she received when she asked for help in raising funds for her sister, Fern's treatment in Mexico. As an update on that, Faith reported that Fern has now had the ketamine treatment, is awake and free from RSD pain and expected to return home shortly. What great news!

The campaign raised \$52,000 in three months, and has generated such interest among the media, the public and RSD sufferers across the world, that Faith is considering starting an RSD Foundation using the momentum of that movement.

Within that context, Faith talked about the power of being able to ask for help, and the importance of being specific in what you would like people to do for you. The Faith for Fern campaign could not have worked without the time and efforts of a big group of people, and one of the starting points was the incredible energy and support found from among Probus members.

Lani reminded us that people really do want to help each other. It can be difficult to ask - for many reasons, not least of which are that we are afraid to admit vulnerability and we are reluctant to impose on our colleagues' time and talents. Often, though, people would actually be offended to think that we felt unable to ask for help. Remember that!

So, the moral of the presentation was ASK FOR HELP! Ask for ideas, opinions or action, but always be specific about what you need and what you are hoping for.

Present

Chris Alves, Ed Brigden, Lani Donaldson, Sid Helischauer, Ralph Jorgensen, Dave Koop, Brenda Mahoney, Maureen McDonald, Netty Palmer, Veralin Phillips-Michael, Beat Schmassmann, Paul Semadeni, Michael Setters, Rena St Clair, Peter Whalley, Faith Wood, Wendy Zak

Leads and Thank-you's

Thank-You's

To:	From:	For:
Mike Dowling Com-Pro Services	Ed Brigden	Excellent job of carpet cleaning
Lani Donaldson Beacon Literacy	Netty Palmer CIR Realty	The lead
Veralin Phillips-Michael CJ Campbell Insurance	Netty Palmer CIR Realty	The lead

Leads

To:	From	For
Veralin Phillips-Michael CJ Campbell Insurance	Faith Wood Inspiring Minds	Call Terri Miller about business insurance

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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www.probusclubcalgary.org

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