



March 2015

The Telescope

News for the Greater Hartford PROBUS Club

President's Message

Dear friends in Probus,

At our last meeting Michael Croll made a great presentation for the upcoming Raffle this Spring. Please consider asking business people you may know to make a contribution. They will be most likely be able to help us. Today I walked around West Hartford Center and called on a number of business there who seemed interested in being of assistance by donating to the raffle. Although my feet were freezing because it was so cold the receptions I received made it worthwhile. So please pick up the phone or go and see someone who might donate a gift or prize. Please call me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

David Hoff, President

Probus Meeting Minutes: February 18, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Brief presentation by our historian, Alexandra Flowers, of the club history Introduction of members and guests.
(M) (S) to approve the Secretary's report – passed.
(M) (S) to approve the treasurer's report – passed.

Committee Reports:

Raffle: Michael Croll – new concept of \$10/ticket with anticipated gross income of \$4,000 with net of \$3,500;

Crown Fundraiser: Hal levy–has people for Sunday, March 29th @ Crown from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00.

Memorial Day Parade Balloon Sale: Mark Goldberg – May 25th @ 7:00 a.m. to start blowing up balloons with 20+ people needed.

New Business:

Probus Social (?) – TBD

Horizons Cleanup: June?

Horizons – Probus at intake day – TBD

Web Site – Mark Roffer to begin to prepare new & better web page

New Member Mentor program

Upcoming meetings: March 18th (speaker); April 15th (speaker); June 3rd –

Installation

-Presentation on Special Educator Award project by David Maslin

(M) (S) to support a Special Needs educator Awards project and approve the organization phase of the project – passed with 1 abstention

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Sydney W. Elkin, acting Secretary

GREATER HARTFORD PROBUS BOARD 2014-2015:

President: David Hoff
1ST Vice-President: David Maslan
2ND Vice-President: Michael Croll
Secretary: Charles Dobrow
Treasurer: Meyer Frankel
Probus National Rep: Steve Blotner
Member at Large: Bob Goldberg



Probus Club's Website:

Web Maintenance Agreement

1. Authorization. Probus Club of Greater Hartford (PROBUS) (hartfordprobus.org) is engaging Mark Roffer d/b/a eBiz Kingdom LLC, located at 20 Jillian Circle, West Hartford, CT. 06107 for the specific project of website development and maintenance.

2. Services. eBiz Kingdom LLC will perform the following services for \$500.00:

- Develop the website hartfordprobus.org from both content provided by PROBUS and research performed by eBiz Kingdom LLC.
- 1 year of website maintenance for hartfordprobus.org.
- 1 year of domain name registration and website hosting.
- Weekly Google Analytics tracking and reporting; 24/7/365 availability upon request.

3. Copyrights and Trademarks. PROBUS represents to eBiz Kingdom LLC and unconditionally guarantees that any elements of text, graphics, photos, designs, trademarks, or other artwork furnished to eBiz Kingdom LLC for inclusion in graphic design are owned by PROBUS, or that PROBUS has permission from the rightful owner to use each of these elements, and will hold harmless, protect, and defend eBiz Kingdom LLC and its subcontractors from any claim or suit arising from the use of such elements furnished by PROBUS.

4. Payment and Ownership. The total amount of this contract is \$500.00; Payment to eBiz Kingdom LLC is payable on the following schedule: \$500.00 non-refundable payment upon signing this agreement. All files and work performed by eBiz Kingdom LLC will be owned by PROBUS with rights to share, sell or operate once the total amount of \$500.00 is received.

Regardless of the place of signing of this agreement the client agrees that for purposes of venue, this contract was entered into Hartford County, Connecticut, and any dispute will be litigated or arbitrated in Hartford County, Connecticut.

PROBUS, at any time once full payment of \$500.00 is received, may request websitesource files, passwords, and all additional information related to PROBUS web and marketing development by eBiz Kingdom LLC. at no additional charge.

Contract expires March 1st, 2016.

Probus Club of Greater Hartford (PROBUS) Date: Feb. 19th, 2015

Special Needs Educator Project: Presented by David Maslan
Please see the PowerPoint Attachment (email);

Reminder: Next Probus Meeting (Speaker):

(Please note the new time)

Date: Wednesday March 18, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: American School for the Deaf
139 N Main St, West Hartford, CT 06107
(860) 570-2300

Speaker: West Hartford Police Department. Originally our guest was going to speak on Identity Theft but just recently, there has been a major rise in crimes due to Scams.

Subject: Scams.

Thank You Probus Club of Greater Hartford:

“Many thanks for the wonderful Fruit Basket with so many goodies – We will certainly enjoy.”

Carol & Warren Webber

Marvin L. Smernoff

Obituary



Marvin L. Smernoff of Bloomfield, formerly of New Haven, died on February 3, 2015 at the age of 71 after a courageous battle with cancer. Marvin was the beloved husband of 46 years and best friend of Ina Kaplan Smernoff. He was the son of the late Robert and Ida (Goldblatt) Smernoff. He was a graduate of the UCONN School of Business and was currently the Chief Administrative Officer of Workers Compensation of the State of CT. He leaves his son Robert Smernoff and his fiancé Carrie Flannery and his beloved grandson Ian. He also leaves his brother-in-law Mark and Sandy Kaplan as well as many special relatives, friends and co-workers. Marvin was an avid sports fan who particularly loved his UCONN Huskies and NY Giants. We would like to thank all the medical and service staff who helped Marvin over this past year. Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of the Weinstein Mortuary, 640 Farmington Avenue, Hartford with Rabbi Dena Shaffer officiating. Interment will follow at the Hartford Mutual Society Cemetery, 15 Wolcott Road, East Granby. Following the Internment, the family will receive guests at the Clubhouse at Gillette Ridge, 1360 Hall Blvd., Bloomfield until 7:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to [Smilow Cancer Hospital](#) at Yale-New Haven, Closer to Free Fund, PO Box 7611, New Haven, CT 06519-0611. For further information, directions, or to sign the guest book for Marvin, please visit online at www.weinsteinmortuary.com/funerals.cfm.

An Easy Fund Raiser

Occasion Cards

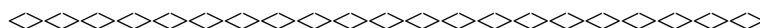
As you know, the Probus Club is 100% committed to helping those that, for no fault of their own, cannot help themselves. One of our fund raising events that we sponsor is the ability for us to be able to accept contributions to honor, praise, memorialize or make a special acknowledgement to someone who is either in our presence or in our memory.

By you making a contribution to the Probus Club, our very own Bruce Stanger will process your contribution; inform the donee that a contribution was made to Probus to recognize him or her and for the event that is being recognized. Also, an acknowledgement will be sent to you, the donor, to thank you for your charitable contribution to the Probus Club. As always, 100% of donations to the Probus Club are used exclusively for charitable purposes.

Consider the Probus Club when honoring or remembering someone special.

Bruce Stanger can be reached at:
Attorney Bruce Stanger
433 South Main Street
Suite 112
West Hartford, CT 06110

The check should be made payable to The Probus Club and forwarded to Bruce along with the information necessary for a proper acknowledgement. Thank you for supporting The Probus Club.



2015 COMING EVENTS FOR GREATER HARTFORD PROBUS CLUB

Schedule of Dinner Meetings at the American School for the Deaf:

March 18—Speaker: **West Hartford Police Department.**

April 15--Speaker: TBA

Installation Dinner ---June 3, 2015 ---

Meyer Frankel, Editor

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