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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Probus Members,

Hi and Happy New Year to You and Yours!

On occasion, hopefully you think to yourself, "I wonder what's going on with Worcester Probus?" Thankfully there is a lot happening. Our big event, the Friendship Dinner, is coming up on Thursday, May 1 at Temple Emanuel. City Manager Michael O'Brien will be the guest of honor and will address us all about what is happening in our great city. Yes, I will repeat that, Great City!

In addition, we are instituting a new and exciting event. Some of our long term members may recall our Probus Auctions of the past which included a big dinner at a local country club. We are going to have a Probus Breakfast event to be held in June which will include a great speaker and some other surprises, yet to be thought of, but we'll think of something fun to do. Tentatively, we are thinking of doing this at Mt. Wachusett, so let your imagination run wild on the possibilities!

In the shorter term, there will be an event Wednesday, February 13 at the Clark Hillel. This event will include dinner. Our inspiration is to look at legacy: how can we get our young people interested in staying in Worcester and using Probus as a means of long-term connection? Worcester needs young and vibrant people, they need to see that they need us as well!

On the long term horizon, we are working on the Educator of the Year Award in conjunction with the Worcester Public Schools for next year. It is our belief that this can be a major fundraiser. It is working in Connecticut, and we all know that Massachusetts has Connecticut beat any day of the week (just don't tell them that, we need their input).

Last month our own Lawrence Strauss entertained us with his songs and his business, Strauss and Strauss, Art and design, was the business spotlight. We are going to recognize a member at each meeting in terms of what he is doing in business. There are many success stories in our club and there is much we can learn from each other. For example, did you know that Lenny Israel is one of Worcester's most successful businessmen? We all know how generous Lenny is and it is no surprise that he has much to share about his business ideas as well. Hopefully Lenny will agree to sharesome of his secrets at a future meeting when he is back from Florida!

Until we meet again, be safe and see you soon!

Mike Whitman, Probus President

Dinner Meeting with Clark Hillel, Wednesday, February 13, 6:30PM

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This event will include dinner. Please reserve by calling Pat at Israel Real Estate at Members – no charge. Seniors and guests – \$20. First time guests who are prospective members – no charge. RSVP to Pat at Israel Real Estate to reserve. Email paw324@aol.com or phone her at 508-853-2414.

Jim Nuzzo of the Colchester Group a political strategy firm March 13, 6:30 PM, O'Connor's

Dr. James L. J. Nuzzo, received his B.A. from Yale in History and his M.D. from Georgetown, where, in addition to his medical course, he studied philosophy with Daniel Robinson. He was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha and won the Upjohn Academic Achievement Award, the Georgetown Clinical Society Award, the Neurology Prize and the Georgetown Student Fellowship in Pathology. He was a Chief Resident in Neurology at the Longwood Area Training Program of Harvard Medical School. He studied behavioral neurology with Norman Geschwind and was a Research Fellow at the Kennedy School, where he wrote on science and the first amendment. Dr. Nuzzo won a White House Fellowship in 1987 and was Vice President George Bush's Deputy Director of Policy where he developed and analyzed economic, trade, regulatory and domestic policy. He was instrumental in promulgating the regulations for the 1987 Fair Housing Amendments Act. In 1989, he was Special Assistant in the Office of the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where he established the EPA's international finance expertise and created debt for nature swaps with innovative financing techniques for multinational development banks. He graduated with honors from the Harvard Law School in 1994 and was named a Kaufman Fellow. He has been a freelance journalist with Oregon Public Television and the Public Broadcasting System, which has awarded him a grant to write and develop the four-part documentary on the history of workers in the United States entitled, "America at Work". Dr. Nuzzo has been the on-air Chief GOP Political Analyst for New England Cable News and is presently the Republican commentator for WBUR.

Please join us for what promises to be a great evening at O'Connor's Restaurant, 1160 W. Boylston St in Worcester MA at 6:30 PM.