



Probud Club of Central Edmonton

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Speaker: November 17– Dr. Marie D'lorio, National Institute of Nanotechnology (NINT)

A fascinating presentation about nanotechnology was provided by Dr. Marie D'lorio - Executive Director - National Institute of Nanotechnology (NINT). We learned that Alberta is deeply involved in the development of nanotechnology. NINT, located on the U of A campus, is the one of the leading institutions in the world. She took a highly technical topic and made it understandable to those present.

Tour: November 24– *National Institute of Nanotechnology*

This was followed by an extensive tour of the NINT facility. It was one of the first days that we had to contend with snowy roads this fall. However, this did not deter a significant number of members from attending. We toured the building from top to bottom. It is a remarkable facility with some rooms that are dust free, others that are vibration free, many varied laboratories, and an extensive array of highly technical and sensitive equipment. Both presenter and tour guide answered all questions providing great experiences. After the tour we enjoyed lunch at Tony Roma's Steakhouse.

2015 Year Review

Well it was quite an interesting year. I joined PROBUS earlier this year and found it excellent- with good people, good presentations and good tours. As best as we can recall, here is a list of the speakers and tours:

January: Speaker #1 – Margaret Mackenzie (Alberta Director of ProBus Canada)

Speaker #2 - Justin Cuffe from the Reynolds Alberta Museum

Tour - Yellowhead Brewery Co. with lunch in the brewery. We were provided with good food and beverages.

February: An excellent presentation from the Royal Alberta Museum, followed later in the month by a tour of the Museum.

March: Nadir Edbilgin from Dept of Renewable Resources at U of A speaking on mountain pine beetles. The presentation was followed by a tour of his lab.

April: Edmonton Transportation Department presentation with a later tour of the ETS Control Centre, which is a remarkable facility.

May: Speaker - Noel Summerville speaking on Seniors Care

Tour- Reynolds Museum tour of the collection including the part not normally seen by the public.

June: Speaker - Lou Birch presented wood Carving

Tour - Fort Saskatchewan RCMP Barracks, Gaol, Court Room and Historic Village (some old, some new premises well-worth the visit)

September: Presentation - Vicki Kaminski: CEO Alberta Health Service

Tour - Uni Select Company Warehouse [Bumper to Bumper]

October: Edmonton International Airport- Commercial Division presentation and tour. EIA plans for development were explained. We will see a great deal of change over the next few years.

November: National Institute of Nanotechnology presentation and tour