

# PROBUS



# HI-LITES

THE PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE  
556 Limerick Road, Burlington, ON, L7L 2K6

**Our Next Meeting is  
Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 10:00 am**



**All members are encouraged to come  
celebrate our Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary –  
arrive early and enjoy a light breakfast  
buffet at 9:30 !!**

**Our Guest Speaker will be**

**Tammy Kramar**

**“How residential real estate is valued  
for your property tax assessment”**

## **President's Message**

**Hal Kemp**

In May 2010, I attended my first Probus meeting as a guest of John Pegg, (Past President 2003/2004, past secretary, treasurer, etc., etc.). This was my first introduction to the Probus organization. John suggested that I consider joining the club, explaining that the purpose of the club is purely social and that it provided an opportunity to socialize with like-minded retired business men. So I joined.

At first I attended the monthly meetings and was surprised to meet some old friends. But while I enjoyed the monthly meetings, I didn't feel as connected as I would have liked. Then I found the secret about Probus. The reason I am telling you this is because we have new members joining our club, and I expect many more to be joining us through the year ahead. If you are a new member or a member who feels disconnected, maybe this secret is for you.

The secret is to get involved. First, I got involved by attending a few of the social events. We have a great special events committee this year consisting of Guido Steinnagel and Frank Buchanan. If you attended the January meeting, you've already seen examples of their endeavours.

Jim Thurston undertook to organize a hiking club. These folks embark on monthly treks through various parts of the Bruce Trail and Niagara Escarpment.

Ed Kearns and his committee are arranging two golf tournaments; the competition being the "Other" Burlington Probus Club. These events provide an opportunity to mingle with a new set of Probus members and share a variety of experiences. The curling tournament is also a popular event for both curlers and non-curlers. Dave McKenzie is the coordinator for this popular event, with the competition again being that "Other" Burlington Probus Club. For both of these competitions, we show no mercy and take no prisoners! So, these are some of the seniors 'extreme' sports that provide opportunities to get involved.

Secondly, I was privileged to join the Executive Committee. Each year, the committee membership changes and a number of opportunities to get involved in the management of the club open up. For the first couple of years, I was asked to be the speakers' chairman. I can tell you this was a wonderful, rewarding experience. The speakers' chair position led to the vice president's position and that has now led to the president's job.

Through all these involvements, I have had the privilege to meet some very special friends. These are people whose opinions I have learned to value and respect. And, most importantly, I felt like I was involved.

So I urge you to sign up for the special events, join special interest groups and offer to get involved in the management of our organization. Join. Join. Join. As we all know, the real blessings in life come from our relationships.

### **FEBRUARY BRAIN TEASER**

Anagram: A word, phrase, or name formed by rearranging the letters of another, such as cinema, formed from iceman.

These names may look unfamiliar, but they're actually anagrams of the names of famous people. Can you figure out who they are?

- a) Charlie J. Damon
- b) Dave Rio Larger
- c) Ana Mond
- d) Stella Big
- e) Tina Borly
- f) Uveka Serene

Answers can be found elsewhere in this Hi-Lites publication.

## **Guest Speaker – Tammy Kramer**

Tammy Kramer, Manager Valuation and Customer Relations for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, will explain how your residential assessed value was established, your options if you disagree, and the process for reconsideration and appeal.

## **Membership**

**Mike McInnis**

The 2013 Membership Directory will be available at the February 11, 2013 meeting. Contact Mike McInnis at [mcinnis1@bell.net](mailto:mcinnis1@bell.net) or 905-331-2346 if you have any last minute changes of address and/or phone numbers.

Our active and paid membership slipped to 158 as of the end of January, 2013 as a few members failed to renew their membership before the end of the month.

New members, Bob Ross and Malcolm Harris, will be introduced at the February 11, meeting.

As you will read elsewhere in this edition of “Hi-Lites”, we will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Burlington – Lakeshore Probus Club at the February meeting. We will also be saluting 18 of the founding members of the club still active with the group. Don’t miss it!

## **Activities and Special Events**

### **Curling Bonspiel – February 1**

**Dave McKenzie**



I have bad news and good news to report from the Curling Bonspiel today. The bad news is that the Grummet Trophy will stay in the hands of the Burlington Club for one more year. It was close – 100 to 96 points. The good news is that the team skipped by Derek Short won the high-point award. Most importantly, 44 curlers had a wonderful time of sport and fellowship and we look forward to taking to the ice again in 2014.

### **Spring Golf Tournament**

**Ed Kearns**

The Spring Golf Tournament will be held at the improved Flamborough Hills Golf Club, Thursday, May 23rd, with a shotgun start at 08:00. The tournament will be slightly more expensive after all the improvements, and, no increases for at least three years. Ed Kearns is

coordinating the event and can be contacted at [eskmts@cogeco.ca](mailto:eskmts@cogeco.ca). Further details will follow in subsequent issues of Hi-Lites.

## **Special Events**

**Guido Steinnagel**

We had some very good response to the questionnaire for events for 2013. Thanks to everyone for their input and suggestions. Questionnaires are still available for those who missed the opportunity at the last meeting.

May – Shaw Festival – “Guys and Dolls” – Forty-one tickets have been reserved so far.

June - trip to Port McNicoll with a tour of the S.S.. Keewatin - A good response has been received from members. The interest is there. We plan to go by coach if we have enough people .

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Stratford - 'Fiddler On The Roof'

July – Port Dover - 'First Name Basis'.

There has been some interest in attending a Blue Jays Baseball game this summer.



## **Special Events Questionnaire**

**Hal Kemp**

Our special events chairmen, Guido Steinnagel and Frank Buchanan, are anxious to provide you with interesting, enjoyable activities through the balance of 2013. They need your help! They need to know which events will be supported and which ones are not popular. Attached to this edition of Hi-Lites you will find a questionnaire. If you have not given your completed form to Guido and Frank, please take a few moments, complete the form and provide your input for your special events preferences.

A variety of events are listed but space is provided to add some that may not be on the form. Even 'Not Interested' is offered as an option as it may be that some members are just not interested, or are unable to attend special events. That's OK. We just need to know. This is your opportunity to have a say in the selection of special events. Once completed, please bring it with you to the next meeting. There will also be blank forms available at the February meeting.  
Hal Kemp

## **Hiking Club**

**Jim Thurston**



The hiking club did not have a hike in January. The picture you see was taken the day before our hike was planned. The writer has not been back to the woods since as he has been busy helping out his wife who slipped on black ice and broke her right arm. The

weather has not been kind to hikers this winter and I regret to inform you that I have **cancelled February's hike** as well. I will check the conditions in March to see if the conditions have improved. For those of you who are basking in the sunshine in Florida, you may have company next winter. On a brighter note, I have had talks with the other Burlington Probus Club's hiking director and they also do not hike in the winter. When they are back up and hiking we are planning to have a joint hike and luncheon.

## **New Hi-Lites Coming**

**Dave McKenzie**

Due to certain absences in January, we have chosen to delay the launch of the newly formatted newsletter until the March issue. Most of us receive the letter by email. In future, you will need to have Adobe Reader software installed on your computer in order to view and print Hi-Lites. If you don't have Adobe reader installed, Ctrl+click on the following link to download and install a free copy of Adobe Reader. Again, for practice, I have attached both Word and PDF versions of this February Letter.

<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

**We are sad to report the loss of our good friend and past president,  
Ian MacLean  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ian's family**

## **Cheer Committee**

**Ron Rodwell** is the coordinator of the "Cheer Committee" function. Members are asked to advise Ron when they learn about serious illness and/or hospitalization of fellow members or their spouses. In turn, Ron will follow up on developments; keep the management committee informed and send "well wishing" or "sympathy" cards on behalf of the Club, as appropriate.

You can reach Ron at 905-681-2366 or by email at [srodwell@cogico.ca](mailto:srodwell@cogico.ca).

### Answers to the Brain Teaser:

- a) Michael Jordan
- b) Geraldo Rivera
- c) Madonna
- d) Bill Gates
- e) Tony Blair
- f) Keanu Reeves

**Next meeting - March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

