



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites – September 2016

Monday, September 19

10:00 AM

Guest Speaker:
Marina Nemat
**“Life in an Iranian
Prison”**

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Co-Presidents' Message

The signs of Fall have arrived and the Club's fiscal year-end nears. Several items are on the table for the current Management Committee's attention before passing the gavel to the incoming Management Committee.

The Nominating Committee is still searching for a Golf Coordinator and an assistant to the Events Committee Chairman during the first quarter of the New Year. It is never too early to look for persons willing to assume management committee positions whether it be this year or next. We must however, thank all those who have stepped forward and agreed to administer the affairs of the Club this next year.

As the year-end draws to a close may we remind you that membership fee renewals become due on October 1, 2016. Payment in September is welcome and payment in October urged. Please, cheques are still the preferred form of payment. New members are welcome too.

As we have reported, the Club is preparing for its 25th anniversary in 2017. One of the initiatives celebrating this event is the formation of a combined women's and men's club. Recently a meeting of all six Burlington Clubs took place to discuss the formation and support for such a Combined PROBUS Club in Burlington. The result was positive. Each club agreed to name a club representative to an organizing committee. Further, it was agreed that The PROBUS Club of Burlington Lakeshore would be the sponsoring Club. In addition, each club agreed to determine the impact on its membership that such a Combined PROBUS Club might have.

PROBUS is a fellowship Club and meetings do not always end at the Art Gallery of Burlington. Members are welcome to join other members for lunch at either The Queen's Head Pub or the Legion where great food and conversation take place.

Finally, please note that the Annual General Meeting will take place at the October 17, 2016 meeting.

Bob Miller and John Wishart, Co-Presidents

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Guest Speaker – Marina Nemat



Marina Nemat, born 1965 Tehran, Iran and emigrated to Canada in 1991, will be our featured speaker September 19th. Her topic will be her experiences as a Christian waking up in Iran in 1979 to Islamist rule. As author of two books, "Prisoner of Tehran" and "After Tehran", she will discuss the cycle of violence in the Middle East. Marina has been acknowledged on many fronts including Human Dignity Award from European Parliament and Human Rights Award from UN Watch in Geneva. She is actively involved in Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, chair of Writers in Exile Committee of PEN Canada and is a board member of a Norwegian NGO that aids female prisoners of conscience all over the world.

For many of us who remember the role played by Ken Taylor, our Canadian embassy and Ambassador, in helping 6 American hostages escape Iran in 1979, this will be a golden opportunity to learn how it felt for a citizen of Iran to become a prisoner of Iran.

Gentlemen, suggest you mark September 19th Burlington Art Gallery as a must attend Probus event.

Rodney Devitt (for the Speaker's Committee)

Membership

Annual membership dues remain at \$35.00 and your payment will be accepted **by cheque only, please**, at the September 19th meeting, payable to The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore.

Otherwise please pay at the next meeting in October, or mail cheques to the Membership Chairman, Peter Hughes, 2129 Agincourt Cres., Burlington, ON, L7P 1P3.

Cheer Committee

Paul Crittenden is the coordinator of the "Cheer Committee" function. Members are asked to advise Paul when they learn about serious illness and/or hospitalization of fellow members or their spouses. In turn, Paul 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 Paul's on his cell phone at (905) 464-2210 or by email at dpaulcrittenden@gmail.com.

Special Events

Shaw Festival

There have been thirty-eight tickets sold for the Shaw Festival performance of "A Woman of No



Importance" by Oscar Wilde on Friday, September 30, 2016. Most tickets have been distributed, however there are four members who will need to pick up their tickets at the September 19th meeting. If you will not be at the meeting you will need to arrange to pick-up the tickets from Bob Moulton at 377 Bluebird Court, Burlington, ON, L7T2P6. Please call in advance at 905 634-3525

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Dundurn Castle



We have more information on the Dundurn Castle Christmas Tour, thanks to the newest member of our Events Team - Dick Hames. We will be polling the membership at the September meeting on which of the two options noted below that we should continue to pursue. The Christmas decorations are up from November 23 to January 1.

1. Regular 1-hour tours run daily from 9:00 am at a cost to Seniors 60+ of \$9.50 pp.
2. Specially designed 2-hour Christmas tours are held on specific dates including: December 2, 9,10,11,16,17,18,28 & 29.

The agenda for these 2-hour tours is:

- Singing Carols with musical accompaniment;
- Guided tour of the castle
- 30 minutes in the kitchen observing cooking of historical festive foods & tasting sample items.

Cost is \$27.00 per person. Tickets are available online in October.

For a group of thirty a special tour can be planned for our group for 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm. We will be determining if an afternoon tour around 1:00 or 2:00 pm can be arranged. Please be prepared to indicate your preference of Tour 1 or Tour 2 at the September meeting. There will be sign-up sheets at the back of the auditorium for members to register their interest and intention concerning the Dundurn Castle Christmas Tours.

We have had volunteers step up to assist with the events but we would welcome more help in particular from our newer members. There is no better way to get to know other members of your club. Thank you to Arn Folliott, Guido Steinnagel, Dick Hames for their assistance.

Your Events Committee
Bob Moulton, Events Chair

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Activities

Hiking Club



We finally made it to The Heritage on our August Hike. They have done a great job of rebuilding the ruins. It still looks like a ruins however it is now reinforced and will not fall down on hikers. What a treat we will have on September 22nd. Your Hiking Club will get to explore the Eramosa Karst in Upper Stoney Creek. Karsts are geological formations including underground drainage caves and passages caused by dissolving rock in limestone formations. The Eramosa Karst is believed to contain the largest number of unique Karst features of any area in Ontario. You will learn more about the Karst on your visit. Plan to carpool from behind **Milestones on Brant on Thursday, September 22nd leaving 9:30 am**. There are well marked trails, so poles are optional.

Jim Thurston, Hiking Coordinator

Computer Interest Group

Bob Lalonde is on vacation on Sep 8 and there will be no Computer Club meeting in September.

The next meeting will be held as usual on the second Thursday of October (October 13th).



Fishing For Whiskey

“Poor Old fool,” thought the well-dressed gentleman as he watched an old man fish in a puddle outside a pub. So he invited the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman thought he’d humor the old man and asked, “So how many have you caught today?” The old man replied, “You’re the eighth.”

You Need a Shorter Password

While he was visiting, my father asked for the password to our Wi-Fi.

“It’s taped under the modem,” I told him. After three failed attempts to log on, he asked, “Am I spelling this right? T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-E-M-O-D-E-M?”

Next regular monthly meeting will be on

Monday, October 17, 2016

Speaker: Thahn Campbell

Topic: Orphan 42