



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites – October 16

Monday, October 17

10:00 AM

Annual General Meeting

**Guest Speaker:
Thanh Campbell
"Orphan 32"**

Management Committee 2015-2016

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Co-Presidents' Message

Here we are close to the end of our term and ready to introduce the new Management Committee at our AGM on October 17. In preparation for that please review the Minutes of 2015 AGM found under the history tab on our Club website, and the preliminary year-end Financial Statements found on the last page herein.

You will also find the results to date for the Club's recent survey in this issue of Hi-Lites. This is the first time we have used a survey software program and we hope to have a good participation rate. Hard copy survey form is also available. If you have not yet replied, please do; your responses will help your Management Committee sort out all the issues regarding a new mixed Club for Burlington. Please have a look at page 7 for preliminary survey results.

One of the issues is the marketing of the PROBUS program nationally and locally. To this end your club is actively seeking a member/s to assist the club in getting our message out in the public arena. If you are interested, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas luncheon on December 12. Your tickets will be available for purchase starting at the October meeting. Also, a gentle reminder: annual membership renewal is due; please get your cheque into the Club as soon as possible.

It was our pleasure to work with such a strong Management Committee this past year. Your Club certainly has been well-served by this team. Just remember the truly outstanding Speakers, social and sporting Events; bringing many new faces into our Membership, the professional handling of the Financials, the Meeting Minutes, the House responsibilities, the Website and Newsletter, and the care for members in bereavement.

You will also find a very strong organization in place for the future. We thank all of the Chairs for their work, and hope you take the opportunity to say thanks too.

Bob Miller and John Wishart, Co-Presidents

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Guest Speaker – Thanh Campbell



In October we are indeed fortunate to have Thanh Campbell, author of the compelling and often heart rending book “Orphan 32”. Thanh was the 32nd Vietnamese orphan loaded onto a Canadian Forces plane on April 12, 1975. Beside him, there were 56 other babies who would become, possibly, the last infants flown from the country as part of Operation Babylift, a frantic effort to save lives before Saigon fell.

You will not want to miss this presentation of one man's journey from war torn Vietnam to Canada.

Rodney Devitt (for the Speaker's Committee)

Membership

The membership is now 154, with two new Probus members: Bob Bryant and Dennis Colameco. Please welcome our two newest members.

We continue to look for fresh faces, so if you know someone who you think might appreciate belonging to a great social group, likes golf or curling or hiking or theatre or any of the various events that Probus engages in - ask him. If we ask one person a month, between the 150+ of us, that would be almost 2,000 prospective attempts to get new members per year.

In sales, it is felt that to get one new client, you

need 35 tries. Maybe even suggest that a contact, friend, relative or acquaintance come and sample our speaker's presentation, we have had a great coterie of speakers well worth listening to.

Annual membership dues remain at \$35.00 and your payment will be accepted **by cheque only, please**, at the October 17 meeting, payable to The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore. Find Bob Winstanley or Bob Miller at the meeting. If you are unable to make this meeting, please mail your cheque to the Membership Chairman, Peter Hughes, 2129 Agincourt Cres., Burlington, ON, L7P 1P3.

Peter Hughes, Membership

Cheer Committee

John Pegg and John Hughes are sharing as Coordinators of the “Cheer Committee”. John Pegg will be away during the months of January, February and March.



Club members are asked to advise either of them or a member of the management committee when they learn of a serious illness or death of a fellow member or spouse.

In turn, arrangement will be made to contact or visit the member and follow up on developments. Our Management Committee will be informed and “Get Well” or “Sympathy” cards sent to the member of behalf of the Club.

You can reach either John by phone or e-mail.
John Pegg 905 637 9980 jt.pegg@sympatico.ca
John Hughes 905 333 4910
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Special Events

We have more information on the **Dundurn Castle Christmas Tour** and have twenty-two signed up already. The confirmed date and the final cost of the tour be known by the October general meeting. Sign-up sheets will be available again at the back of the auditorium. Payment at the November meeting please!

The performance of **“A Woman of No Importance”** at the **Shaw Festival** was enjoyed by 38 members on Friday, September 30. The line-up for the **2017 season** has been released. As this year, it is our plan to order tickets for a **Fall (September) performance** from that line-up, further details will be available at the November meeting.

The **First Ontario Performing Arts Centre** in St. Catharines has also released the schedule of the Norm Foster plays. We will be ordering tickets for a Norm Foster Play for late June or July. The theatre is continuing its **“Norm Foster Festival”** for the second year. Details will be available at the table at the rear of the auditorium in November and in future Hi-Lites.

We will be seeking the level of support for a trip to **Stratford** to the **Festival Theatre** during the 2017 season. It is expected we will be looking at as a package that will include your ticket to the performance, lunch prior to the performance and travel on a highway tour coach. Preliminary details will be available in future issues of Hi-Lites.

The **Shen Yun Performing Arts Company** has advised us that the group will be performing in the area in the near future. Dates and locations include December 29 in Kitchener and December 30-31 in Hamilton; January 18-22, 2017 in Mississauga; and February 28- March 2, 2017 in Toronto. Additional information has been printed and is available at the back of the auditorium.

If you have suggestions for other events we might consider please let us know. 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 Foliott, Guido Steinnagel, Dick Hames for their assistance.

Bob Moulton, Events Chair

PROBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER

WITH RED CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS AND GREEN HOLLY AND IVY TO DECORATE THE WHITE LINENED TABLES, A DELICIOUS FRESH TURKEY DINNER WILL BE PRESENTED FOR ALL TO ENJOY, ON DECEMBER 12.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PROBUS MEMBERS, GET YOUR GROUPS TOGETHER AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS (\$30.00 P/P) AT THE **OCT** AND **NOV** MONTHLY MEETINGS. COME EARLY, ENJOY A CHRISTMAS CHEER AND REMEMBER,

“TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY.”

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED INVITATION IN TODAY'S HI-LITES FOR ALL DETAILS. FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT GERRY WRIGHT OR JIM GILLILAND

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Activities Hiking Club



We had a very enjoyable hike around the Eramosa Karst in Upper Stoney Creek. The highlight of the hike was watching the Monarch Butterflies as they made their way south to Mexico. The Park was well signed and we all learned a lot about Karsts. Sad to say, but October's Hike will be the last one for this year. We will be taking the Chedoke Rail Trail up the escarpment to look at the Fall Leaves and then have our final Luncheon over on Lock Street. Please be sure and join this easy Fall Hike. We will car pool from behind **Milestones on Brant/QEW, leaving at 9:30 am Thursday October 20th.**

Jim Thurston, Hiking Coordinator

Computer Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on October 13th at 10 am at Appleby Place.

Remember to send Robert your Questions via email to rob-lalonde@me.com



This month we will be looking at the latest update

of Windows 10.

Parking

Annual parking passes for 2017 are now on sale at the October meeting. Cheques in the amount of \$33.00 are to be made out to the Club.



Parking passes will be available at the back AGB desk from mid-December on. An envelope with your name on it will be held there.



The November meeting will be on
Monday, November 14, 2016
Speaker: Peter Jennings
Topic: "Shark Assault"

Annual General Meeting This Month

Our 2016 AGM will be held on October 17 along with the regular monthly meeting.

Members are asked to visit the Probus website to review last year's minutes, as you will be asked to approve them at this year's AGM. You will find the minutes under the "History" tab on the website.

A draft financial statement for the 2015/16 year follows this newsletter on Page 6.

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AN INVITATION

It's that time of year again!
The Burlington Lakeshore Probus

CHRISTMAS DINNER BUFFET

Monday, Dec 12th at 12:30 pm
Where?...The Canadian Legion
"Decked Out For Christmas"

The Menu: *SALAD
*FRESH ROASTED TURKEY * ALL THE TRIMMINGS
*DESERT *COFFEE OR TEA

Seating is 8 per table, so make up your table.

Cost....Just \$30.00 per person.

Tickets will be available at our Oct & Nov meetings

Wine or Beer at the Bar....Just \$4.00

AND: A WELCOME ROSE FOR OUR LADIES

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Without Audit

(Draft) Prepared by Mike Ashkooley, TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET-PROBUS CLUB OF BURLINGTON LAKESHORE
As At Sept 30, 2016

ASSETS			
Current	Bank General		\$2,993.35
	Prepaid Expenses	Tfts	\$0.00
	Bank GIC & Acc'd Int		\$5,038.00
	Total Assets		\$8,031.35

LIABILITIES & MEMBERS SURPLUS

Current			
	Accounts Payable		\$0.00
	Deferred Revenue	Dues	\$1,820.00
	Total Liabilities		\$1,820.00

Members Surplus			
	UnRestricted Surplus	Sept 30/15	\$4,233.77
	Less deficit FY2016		22.42-
	Less Trf to Special Reserve		
	Unrestricted Surplus	Sept 20/16	\$4,211.35
	Restricted-25th Anniversary Event		\$2,000.00
	Total Surplus		\$6,211.35

TOTAL LIABILITIES & MEMBERS SURPLUS **\$8,031.35**

*STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED SEPT. 30, 2016*

	<u>Actual FY2016</u>	<u>BUDGET FY 2017</u>	
REVENUE			
Membership fees Net	\$5,380.00	\$5,400.00	based on no new net m
50/50 Draw	\$622.00	\$600.00	
Interest	\$67.00	\$71.00	
Club events-Net	\$351.00	\$204.00	lower as exceptional ev amount is 7;
Total Revenue	\$6,420.00	\$6,275.00	

EXPENSES

Administration	\$553.00	\$500.00	lower as 2016 includes
House Committee	\$177.00	\$200.00	
Meeting Hall Rental	\$2,704.00	\$2,750.00	
Membership Exp's	\$313.00	\$0.00	lower as adequate sup
Membership Marketing	\$253.00	\$150.00	
New Club Promotion		\$350.00	new initiative in 2017
Newsletter/Website	\$320.00	\$425.00	higher expenses foreca
Probus Canada Fee	\$422.00	\$400.00	
Speakers Fees	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
In Memorium	\$200.00		decided not to budget e
Total Expenses	\$6,442.00	\$6,275.00	
SURPLUS/ DEFICIT	\$22.00-	\$0	

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Preliminary Results of Survey regarding the creation of a Combined Club

Survey emailed to 133 members and sent by paper mail to 14 members.

Percent of members responding to the survey: 63%

Question 1 Would you be interested in joining a new combined Club?

	Count	Percent
Yes	27	29%
No	52	57%
Indifferent	13	14%
Total	92	100%

Question 2 If you joined a new Club, would you keep your membership in our Club too?

	Count	Percent
Yes	24	26%
No	30	33%
N/A	37	41%
Total	91	100%

Question 3 If our Club voted to be a combined (both men and women) Club, would you keep your membership?

	Count	Percent
Yes	56	60%
No	16	17%
Indifferent	21	23%
Total	93	100%