



# The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

## Hi-Lites – February 2017

**Monday, February 13  
10:00 PM**

**Speaker: Rick Goldring**

**“State of our City”**

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### **Don't forget Valentine's Day**

First, let me thank John Wishart for standing in my stead for the main meeting in January. I chaired the Management committee meeting before and made sure that John had what he needed. Farad Gharavy was already the acting Treasurer and the second Vice President was probably golfing or fishing in Florida. My efforts in the Hamilton and District Masters Curling Bonspiel ended in the finals of the 3<sup>rd</sup> event the following Saturday at Glendale. I want to congratulate the committees and the executives who continue to make the job easier for me.

My regret was in not being able to hear the speaker John Beeden on his adventures. I understand that he gave an interesting and informative talk. I can only admire him for rowing across the Atlantic followed by planning and completing rowing across the Pacific to Australia.

I have asked Bob Miller and John Wishart and Hal Kemp to be on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning committee (2018). They will be joined by Stan Orr and Rod McGrath, two charter members. Bob asked that Jim Gilleland be on the committee also and I have extended an invitation to him.

Gerald Laing and Mike Hoshoooley and the coordinating committee will have held the first Women and Mens New club information meeting by the time of our next meeting. To further the marketing of Probus and the New Club they arranged for Cogeco to do a story or stories which can result hopefully in cable 23 (community) spots as well as a link that our members and others can view. Continue the good work, gentlemen, as this new club we are sponsoring is our Probus project for, not only the Probus month of March, but also for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>.

Good Luck curlers (FEB. 8<sup>th</sup>). Bring back the Grummet trophy.

Come out with your questions and support our next speaker, the Mayor of Burlington. Maybe ask him what USA city mayor he will stay close to as the NAFTA agreement is renegotiated.

Accept this Valentine's Day greeting in advance, to you and your loved ones.

Ronald Luxon, President

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## Guest Speaker – Rick Goldring



Rick Goldring was elected Mayor of Burlington in 2010 after serving one term as City and Regional Councillor for Ward 5. He was re-elected as Mayor in 2014.

Prior to life in municipal government, Mayor

Goldring had a successful career in the financial services industry and was active with a number of community groups, including Rotary, the Burlington YMCA and the Burlington Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Goldring is a lifelong Burlington resident and an alumnus of Nelson High School and McMaster University. He and his wife, Cheryl, have a combined seven daughters.

In addition to his role as mayor, Mayor Goldring serves on the boards of directors of the Burlington Economic Development Corporation and Burlington Hydro.

Mayor Goldring is the Chair of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Large Urban Caucus. He is also a member of the Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario.

Lou Pennachetti, Speakers Committee

## Membership

Well, here we are powering through January, wondering what January 21 will look like!

As to membership, we now have 144 members and three unpaid.

We look forward to a good remainder of the 2016/17 Probus year and trust we will again be able to breach the 150-member number and more.

All the very best and thanks to all members for their assistance.

Peter Hughes, Membership

## Special Events

### 2017 Inter-club Grummet Trophy Curling Bonspiel



We are all set!! We have a full roster of curlers eager to win back the Grummett Trophy from the other Probus Club.

Come and cheer on our teams (although, they won't be able to hear your cheers from behind the glass). If you'd like to stay for lunch, you can purchase lunch directly from the club at the bar.

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 8th, 2017  
@11:00 AM

Location: Burlington Curling Club (New Street)

Dave McKenzie, Curling Coordinator

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## Special Events Committee February Report

It has become necessary to change the date for the Shaw Festival visit. Following discussions with the **Shaw Festival** Group Sales personnel it quickly became apparent that the play “**Me and My Girl**” is **extremely popular**. I suspect that the proximity of Niagara on the Lake to the US border and the weak “Loonie” has led to unprecedented ticket sales. I suspect the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Canada has had an effect on early sales as well.

The **only date** with a block of tickets to meet the club’s needs is **Tuesday, May 30, 2017** at 2:00 pm. This is not a “Senior Matinee” but as our group has been long time visitors to the Festival we were able to negotiate a ‘seniors’ price of **\$65.00 pp**. Our block of 40 tickets is in the centre orchestra blue section immediately behind the much costlier gold section.

On another note, details of the **Foster Play – “Old Love”** is set for **Wednesday, July 19, 2017** at 2 pm. Seats in the **First Ontario Performing Arts Centre - Cairns Theatre** are now “assigned seating”. A block of 40 tickets have been reserved at a ticket price of **\$30.00 pp**.

Sign-up sheets for both events will be available at the February meeting with cheques being accepted for both events.

With the trip to Shaw now occurring in May I am continuing to gather information on the cost of a possible trip by highway coach to Stratford for September/October, 2017. We hope to provide detailed costs no later than the March meeting. Once we have a firm price we can determine the level of interest for this Fall or a future year.

**Remember**, all the events we are currently planning are open. You are welcome to invite friends and family to join you for any of the events.

Bob Moulton, Events Chair

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## Spring Golf Tournament

We will return to the Cambridge Golf Club on May 26th. Shot gun start, cart, lunch, and prizes are all included in the \$65.00 entry fee.

We will have a sign-up sheet for the March meeting and get a committee together for prizes.

We have a good start for the tournament but there is more to come.

Dennis Colameco, Golf Co-ordinator

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## New Women’s and Men’s Probus Club of Burlington

Response to the new mixed club has been much greater than anticipated. Over 150 people have expressed interest in the attending the information meeting on January 25th at BG&CC. It appears that about 50% of responders are members of existing Burlington clubs while 50% appear to be aspiring new members. The meeting room booked is limited to about 150; additional names will go on a waiting list for another meeting being arranged.

Interested in seeing how Probus is making the news? Check out the YouTube video via this link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18nNuyUcyJz7wP8k1qzI\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC18nNuyUcyJz7wP8k1qzI_w) When you get to YouTube, find the video titled, “PROBUS of Burlington forms a new coed group”.

Mike Hoshoooley, New Club Co-ordinator; and  
Gerald Laing, Marketing Co-ordinator

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## Computer Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Appleby Place.



Remember to send Robert your questions via email to [rob-lalonde@me.com](mailto:rob-lalonde@me.com)

## 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](mailto:jt.pegg@sympatico.ca)  
John Hughes 905 333 4910  
[johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com](mailto:johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com)

John Pegg, Cheer Committee

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## Parking Passes Update

This is a final reminder: There are a few 2017 parking passes that have been bought and paid for which are still on file at the Art Gallery Reception Desk. Please pick them up as soon as possible.



Jim Gilleland, House Committee Chair

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## Meeting Schedule for 2017

March 13	April 10
May 8	June 12
July 10	August 14
September 18	October 16
November 13	December 11

Please note that the next regular monthly meeting of our Probus Club will be on

Monday, 13, 2017

Speaker: Prof. Robert Park  
The Franklin Expedition